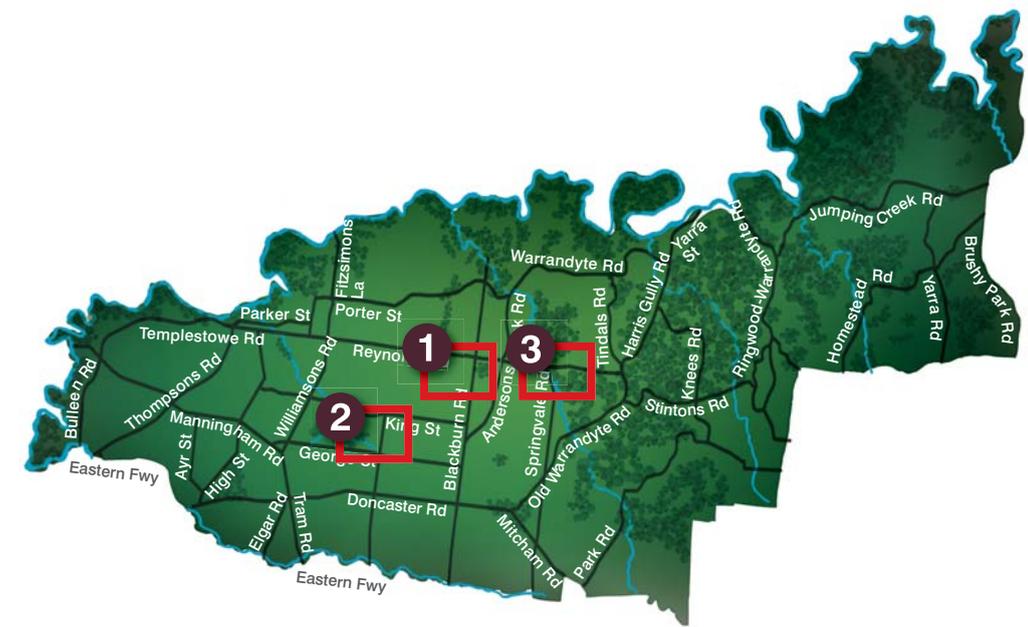




Suitable for

Active Families	✓
Seniors & Strollers	✓
Pleasure Walkers	✓
Super Striders	
Circuit	✓
Seating	✓
Dogs Welcome	✓



A Wheel Pleasure Three Great Wheel-walks

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Walk Overview

The wheel-walks are located in picturesque Manningham surrounded by native vegetation following greenbelts on generally flat paths. All are short with optional longer trails.

Time

See individual wheel-walk profiles

Distance

See individual wheel-walk profiles

Difficulty

Easy

Accessibility

Easy

Location

See individual wheel-walk profiles.

Melway Reference

See individual wheel-walk profiles.

Public Transport

Metlink: t 131 638
www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

Ventura Buses: t 9488 2100
www.venturabus.com.au

Parking

See individual wheel-walk profiles.

1. Green Gully Wheel-walk:

Well-maintained, sealed path along green habitat corridor: 2.2 kms return.

2. Ruffey Lake Park:

Mostly well-maintained, sealed path along wetlands and lake: 1.5 kms return.

3. Mullum Mullum Trail:

Well-maintained, sealed path through creek side bushland: 2.5 kms return.



Facilities

See individual wheel-walk profiles.

Hazards

See individual wheel-walk profiles
Snakes in the summer.



Be Prepared

Sun protection recommended
Carry water
All offer picnic opportunities.

Days of total fire ban

Check the fire risk warning before embarking on this walk:
www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Additional Walks

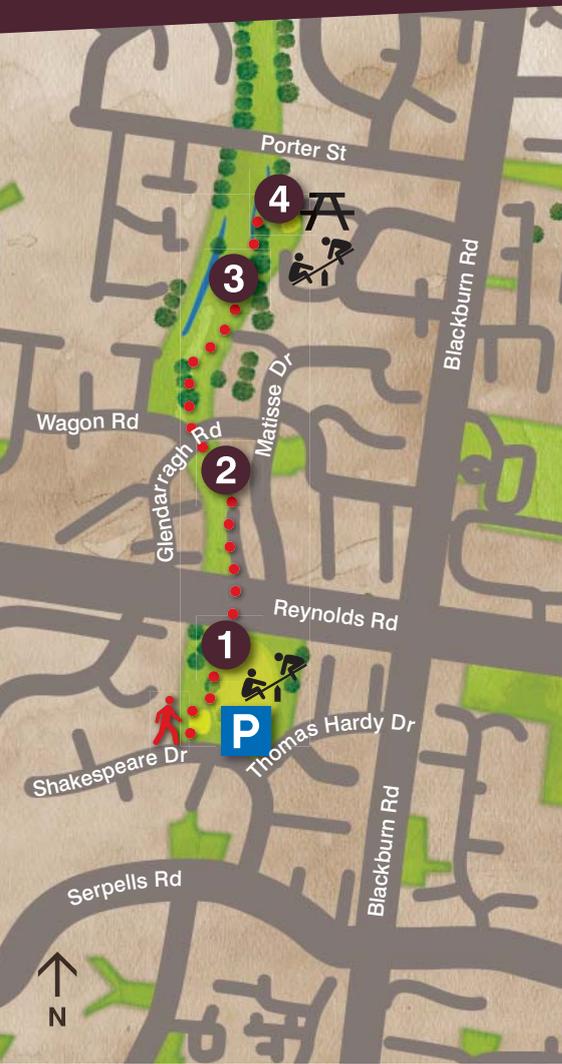
There are 20 walks in the series to choose from.



Map Key

- Parking (incl. disabled parking)
- Public toilets
- Picnic area
- Playground

1. Green Gully



Length 2.2 kms

Time 40–60 minutes

Walk Description This is a flat sealed path along a green belt. Green Gully is a wetland habitat supporting frogs and birds. The wheel-walk follows a habitat corridor between houses.

Facilities Seating, picnic shelter, playgrounds. There are no toilets.

Hazards One road crossing of a residential street. One road underpass.

Location Start and finish at Jenkins Park, Shakespeare Drive, Templestowe.

Melway Reference 34 C7

Parking Jenkins Park, Shakespeare Drive, Templestowe.

The wheel-walk begins at Jenkins Park on Shakespeare Drive. There is a parking bay and a playground. Head straight towards Reynolds Road.

1 The path divides here in three directions. Left will take you up to Reynolds Road, and right will take you around Jenkins Park. The park is lovely with a sharp incline on the far side that might be difficult for those in non-motorised wheelchairs.

2. Ruffey Lake Park



Length 1.5 kms

Time 30–40 minutes

Walk Description This is a sealed wheel-walk that gently undulates around wetlands and the lake.

Facilities Toilets, drinking fountains, barbecue, picnic shelters, playground, seating.

Hazards Track prone to flooding in places.

Location Start and finish at The Boulevard carpark, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster.

Melway Reference 33 F10

Parking The Boulevard carpark, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster.

The wheel-walk begins at the end of the Ruffey Lake Park The Boulevard car park. Take one of the gravel tracks to the sealed path.

1 At the crossroads you will see a straight line of trees that remind us of how this area looked with rows upon rows of fruit trees. Almost half of Doncaster and Templestowe were covered in orchards. Today very few remain.

Stick to the centre path and wheel-walk through the Reynolds Road underpass.

2 This short green belt is often accompanied by the calls of Rainbow Lorikeets. Listen out for them.

Carefully cross Glendarragh Road.

3 This is part of the wetlands area that is important frog habitat. It can be a bit muddy here after rains, but the payoff is hearing local frogs calling and perhaps seeing native ducks or galahs.

Take the path to your right that crosses a little tributary that flows into the local wetlands.

4 The picnic shelter is off to your left and playground to your right. The shelter is a good place to rest and prepare for your return trip.

Wheel-Walk Extension

If you wish for a longer wheel-walk, continue along Green Gully, crossing Porter Street towards Warrandyte Road. Return once the path begins to rise. Add 1.5 km for the return section of this extension.

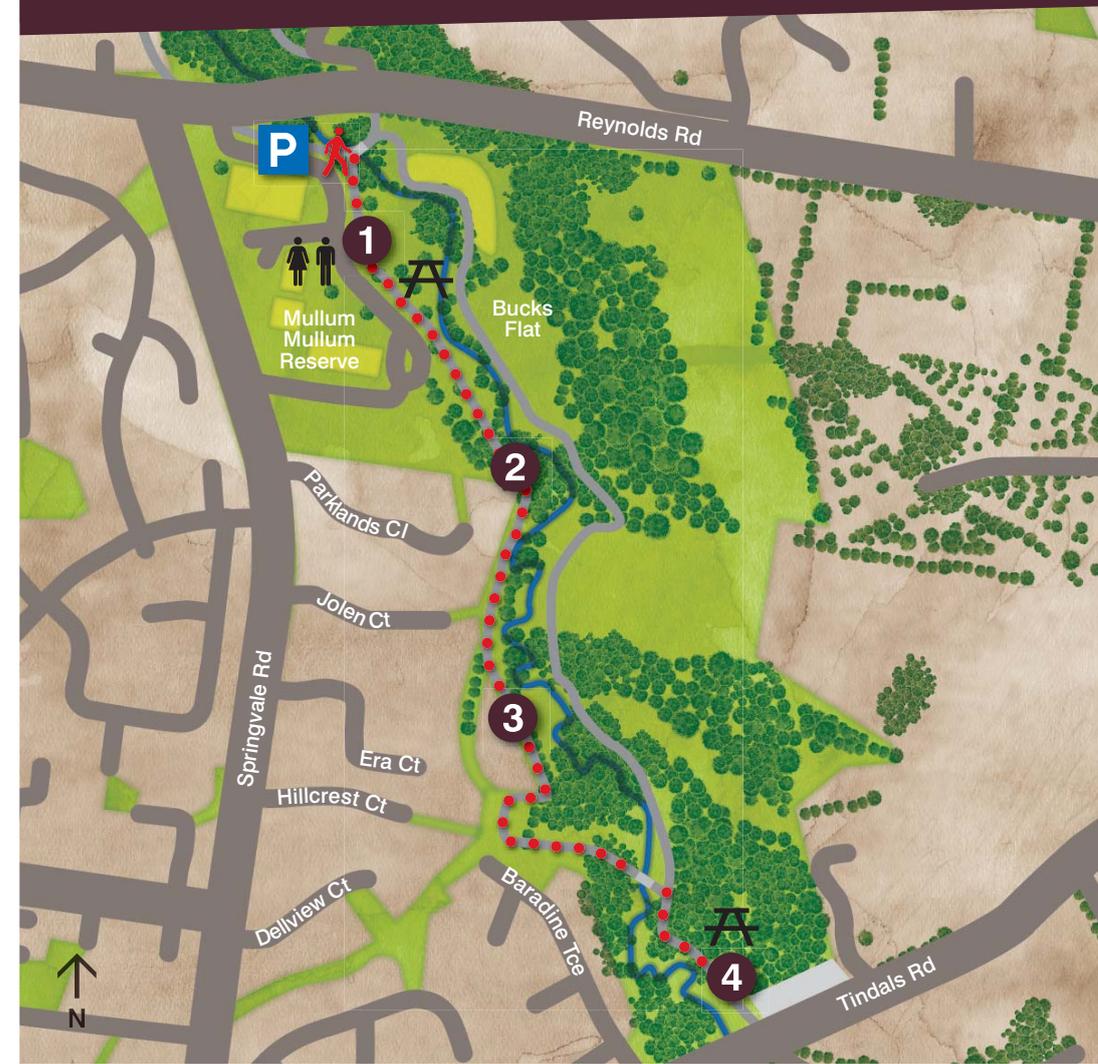
2 The wetlands on your left are a protected sanctuary for birds, frogs and turtles. Wetlands are vital habitat for many of our native animals. Several species of native plants filter toxins from the water helping maintain a healthy ecosystem.

3 Begin your wetland bird watch here. Look for Dusky Moorhens, Purple Swamphens, Australian Wood Ducks and the occasional pelican. There is a bird identification chart at the observation deck.

4 Wheel-Walk Extension

Instead of retracing your steps you can veer to your right and continue circumnavigating the lake. Beware—there is one small section that is a downhill gradient and is unsealed with small tree roots penetrating the track. If you are careful and have a suitable chair then circumnavigating the lake is a lovely extension.

3. Mullum Mullum Trail



Length 2.5 kms

Time 1+ hr

Walk Description This is a sealed wheel-walk that follows the Mullum Mullum Creek.

Facilities Toilets, drinking fountains, picnic shelters, barbecue, playground.

Hazards Track prone to flooding in places.

Location Start and finish at Mullum Mullum Reserve sporting precinct at the corner of Springvale and Reynolds roads, Donvale.

Melway Reference 34 G7

Parking Springvale and Reynolds roads, Donvale.

Your wheel-walk begins at the sporting precinct. There are toilets, picnic and barbecue facilities.

Follow the path until it takes you to the creek's edge.

1 Here you will notice Manna Gums line the path. These are the tall smooth barked trees with their bark peeling off in long ribbons. Manna Gum forests have provided food and shelter for generations of Wurundjeri—the Indigenous custodians of this area.

They remain significant trees and forests for both spiritual and heritage reasons.

2 Manna Gums provide important habitat for gliders, possums and parrots. Hollows take years to form so prime habitat hollows are hotly contested. Council will purposely leave dead trees to ensure enough hollows for everyone.

3 The hillside building, now Carey Baptist Grammar School was built in the early seventies as one of Melbourne's first 'alternative education' schools. The school was 'Era', and its six forested hectares were bordered by orchards, the creek and a dirt track called Springvale Road. The open space before you was their oval—complete with resident trees.

Cross the bridge ahead and stay on the sealed path.

4 The picnic shelter is a nice spot to relax before your return.

Wheel-walk Extension

The Mullum Mullum Trail walk continues to Warrandyte Road. Cross at the Springvale Road intersection and add 4 kms for the return journey.