

Dandenong Ranges: Sherbrooke Forest / Grant's Picnic Ground IVV Permanent Trail, 13 km (rated 3C)

There are also two shorter 7km out and back options for the walk:

- walk the first part of the route to Sherbrooke falls and return the same way, or
- walk the route in reverse to Grant's Picnic Ground and return the same way.

The instructions below are for the complete 13km walk. The walk starts and finishes at Belgrave Station. If using public transport, the train trip is 1hr 10mins from Flinders St Station to Belgrave Station (on the Belgrave line).

If driving to the start there is free parking at the Woolworths Belgrave car park (via Reynolds Lane, off Terrys Ave). 3 hour parking restrictions apply on weekdays and Saturday mornings – make sure you check the parking signage.

Please note:

By downloading this document you acknowledge that you participate entirely at your own risk.

Where possible, road crossings are at designated pedestrian crossing or traffic lights. At times parts of routes will be closed for maintenance and other reasons. Detours may or may not be offered. Walkers are advised to exercise caution and commonsense when participating in any walking activity. Motor vehicles, cyclists, other pedestrians, wildlife, weather conditions and uneven surfaces may all present risks to walkers, and care needs to be exercised at all times. The trails may include terrain which may be unsuitable or dangerous for certain persons. Before undertaking any walk, you are responsible for first satisfying yourself as to the suitability of the walk.

If using an accompanying GPX file, note that the data is derived from a hand-held GPS unit and is therefore NOT accurate enough for navigation, but will provide assistance to walkers to choose the correct path.

Directions:

Exit Belgrave Station using the ramp to the pedestrian overpass. Turn Right onto the overpass. At the end, walk forward (and veer Right) to walk up Blacksmith's Way, leading to Burwood Highway (Main street of Belgrave). Turn Right and cross Burwood Highway at Pedestrian Traffic lights. Turn Right and walk towards the roundabout.

Turn Left at Terrys Ave. Terrys Ave is a very steep climb. The footpath on Terrys Ave starts on the Left hand side then ends. Cross to the Right hand side of Terrys Ave, and follow the pathway all the way to where it runs next to the forest. The worst of the hill climbing is over when the pathway changes to a gravel/dirt track.

Continue to walk alongside Terrys Ave, cross over Pound Creek Track (and small car park) until you reach Ridge Track. Veer Right and pass through the gate.



After 1.2km, take the steps on the Right leading to Sherbrooke Falls. Sherbrooke Falls are series of small cascades. Cross the bridge and climb the steps on the other side. (Distance 3.5km)

At the top of the steps there is a 'Friends of Sherbrooke Forest Memorial' Seat
Question: How many names are on the Seat?



(If you are only walking 7km turn around at this point and return to the starting point. If walking the full 13km loop, continue with the directions below.)

Turn Left along Hillclimb Track. Pass through the gate (ignore the track to the hard right) and continue a short distance (20m) straight ahead to reach junction with Ridge Track & Sherbrooke Track. Turn Right

Soon there will be signs to Sherbrooke P Grd. Follow these to Sherbrooke Picnic Grounds, continuing straight ahead when passing Edgebrook Track, Wattle Track (both on the left) and Link Track on right.



Pass through the gate to reach BBQs. (There are toilets located on the right hand side of the BBQ area). At the car park turn Left, and locate a dirt path/trail at the end of the car park.

Follow the path around (with the road on your right hand side) until another car park is reached. Walk to the end of this car park and turn Right and carefully cross the road. Enter the Alfred Nicholas Memorial Gardens.



Walk along the bitumen path, then veer Right onto the gravel road (signposted Lake via main drive 700m).

After 20m, take the descending road to the Left. Stay on this road. (Do not take any paths unless you wish to explore the gardens).

Continue downwards around a hairpin bend and past the garden waterfall until you reach the gate at the base of the gardens (located in the bottom right hand corner of the gardens). Exit through the gate.



Cross Sassafras Creek Road, locate and follow the Sassafras Creek trail as it descends towards the Right. This trail can be very difficult, it has lots of tree roots, it can be very muddy and slippery, it has steep drop-offs to the creek below and could have trees that have fallen across the trail. Stay on the main trail, after a small bridge, take the Left fork (ignoring the right fork which leads to the road) and short distance later, take the Right fork (ignore the left hand fork to the creek) cross over a second small bridge and the trail emerges onto a gravel road, Boucher Lane.

Turn Right and follow the Lane until it meets Perrins Creek Road. Turn Right and walk beside the road. At Sassafras Creek road, cross the road, turn Right and cross Creek to reach Wembley Road on the opposite side of the bridge.

Cross Wembley Road and follow sign 'Footpath to Beagley St'.

At the second 'Footpath to Beagley St' sign, locate the trail to the Left of the Power pole.



Continue straight ahead onto Beagley St, then straight ahead onto Wembley Road. At the end of Wembley Road, continue straight ahead on the grass (between Number 5 and Number 20), which soon narrows to a walking trail.



At the end of walking trail, turn Left. At the T Junction, turn Left heading down. Turn Right into Rivington Ave. Just before reaching Monbulk Road (main road) take the 'Stairway to Tea Rooms' on the Right.

Turn Right at the Kallista Tea Rooms, and walk along footpath following Monbulk Road into Kallista. Turn Left at the school crossing (marked with red and white poles) and carefully cross Monbulk Road. Turn Right and continue walking along Monbulk Road. Cross Kallista Emerald Road (at the roundabout) and walk past the school.

Follow gravel footpath to reach Grant's Picnic Ground. Walk around to the Right, past the toilets to the Bird Feeding area. (Distance 9.3km)

Question: What native birds regularly visit the Bird Feeding area?

Cross roadway to Café and Souvenir shop. There are more toilets after the Shop. Walk past the Café and Souvenir Shop to the end of the carpark to reach Coles Ridge Track.

Follow Coles Ridge track to Belgrave, walking straight ahead, passing Tregellas Track, Pole Plot Track, Lipscombe Track, all on the right.



At Old Monbulk Road, turn Right towards Belgrave 1km. Carefully follow Old Monbulk road downwards, around a corner (very steep), be careful of cars using this road.

Cross over a railway crossing, which is used by the Puffing Billy Steam trains. Climb upwards past the Puffing Billy Railway Station, follow the Pedestrian (adult & child) signs to enter walkway. Follow sign to 'MET Station' to reach Belgrave Station. (Distance 13km)

We hope you enjoyed the walk.

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