

Melbourne City & Gardens IVV Permanent Trail: 11km (rated 2B)

The Melbourne IVV walk has been revised in 2108 to improve the route and offer shorter walking options:

- 6km Melbourne City Highlights
- 5km Botanic Gardens

The nominal starting point is “under the clocks” at the Flinders Street Railway Station, on the corner of Flinders St and Swanston St/ St Kilda Rd, but you are welcome to start your walk from any point along the trail. The route description supplements the map.

This is also the starting point for the new Melbourne River Walk (see separate instructions).

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.

Walk Route Description

- Start at the corner of Flinders St and Swanson St outside the Flinders St Station. Cross Flinders St and L along Flinders St.
- R at Degraes St. You are now entering a maze of shopping arcades and lanes.
- Cross next street (Flinders Lane) and continue through Centre Place (a little to the R on the opposite side) to Collins St.
- Cross Collins St and L a short distance, then R into Block Arcade, one of Melbourne's finest. (The arcade has a L-R dog-leg in the middle.) Exit Block Arcade on Little Collins St and cross.
- R for a short distance and then L into Royal Arcade (Melbourne's oldest surviving arcade) and continue to Burke Street Mall.
- R into the Mall and continue to the end (Swanston St). Note the Myer Christmas Windows from mid November each year.
- L at Swanston St and continue to La Trobe St, crossing Little Bourke, Lonsdale and Little Lonsdale. Prior to Latrobe St cross to the other side of Swanston St to see the State Library.
- Cross La Trobe St and turn R in front of RMIT University. After a short distance L into Bowen St (at Francis Ormond sculpture), through the campus to end (Franklin St).
- R on Franklin St, then R again on Russell St, passing Old Melbourne Gaol on R. Continue back to Little Bourke St.
- L at Little Bourke St into “Chinatown” and continue to end (Spring St).
- L at Spring St for a short distance to Lonsdale St. Turn R and Cross Spring St and Nicholson St, and continue on Albert St (Parliament Gardens on R).
- Cross Gisborne St and turn R (Cathedral on L). Turn L into Cathedral Place , and continue to Landsdowne St.
- Carefully cross Landsdowne St, and enter Fitzroy Gardens, proceed straight ahead.
- R at 2nd path intersection towards Sinclair's Cottage then R at 2nd path intersection to Cook's Cottage. If necessary, consult garden maps beside paths. **Question 1**

- Continue past the Conservatory building (free) to Landsdowne St. Carefully cross Landsdowne St into the Treasury Gardens to Spring St. (John F. Kennedy memorial water garden on R).
- R into Spring St, then L at next traffic lights to cross Spring St and continue on Collins St to Swanston St, crossing Exhibition St and Russell St.
- L on Swanston St, staying on L side. Continue back to Flinders St and cross to Federation Square.

Cross again to start point at Flinders Street Railway Station IF choosing the 6km route.

Cross to Federation Square IF choosing the 5km route.

Stay on Federation Square side IF continuing on the 11km route (note toilets available).

- Swanston St becomes St Kilda Rd, crossing 2 bridges over Yarra River AND Alexandra Av.
- L down to Queen Victoria Gardens, staying parallel with St Kilda Road on R (floral clock and King Edward VII on horse behind on L).
- Cross Linlithgow Ave (Victorian Police Memorial and “Weary” Dunlop on L).
- Cross Government House Drive (Marquis of Linlithgow sculpture on L).
- Cross Anzac Avenue and walk up the boulevard to the Shrine of Remembrance (free entry).
- Go around L side of Shrine then veer L to cross Birdwood Ave, then turn R.
- Continue along L side of Birdwood Ave (Melbourne Observatory, Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium on L).
- Enter the Botanic Gardens through Gate “F”.
- Go through the Gardens, towards the Fern Gully then Tea Rooms. Just past the Tea Rooms you will pass a small shelter on R. **Question 2**
- Continue L towards Gate “A”. Turn L just before you get to Gate “A”, and follow the path to exit the Gardens through Gate “H”.
- L on sandy jogging path along Alexandra Ave, which continues on Linlithgow Ave, for approx 1km until you see a rotunda across the road (Sydney Myer Music Bowl on L).
- Cross Linlithgow Ave at lights to Lady Janet Clarke Rotunda.
- Head straight ahead and veer L between the ponds and continue to the steps up to St Kilda Rd (do not go under the bridge).
- L at the top of the steps to cross St Kilda Rd at the lights. Then R on St Kilda Rd all the way back to Flinders Street Station and the end of the walk.

We hope you enjoyed the walk.

See aussiewalk.com.au/pt/ for information on how to claim IVV credit.

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Q1: When was the Captain Cook’s Cottage moved here?  
(on the sign board alongside the path after passing the cottage)

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Q2: What colour is the historic Separation Tree Rest House?  
(the shelter on the path after passing the Tea Rooms)

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