

Melbourne River IVV Permanent Trail: 10km (rated 1A)

The Melbourne River IVV walk can be separated into two 5km loops:

- 5km Southbank, South Wharf and Beyond
- 5km Sports Precinct and Federation Square

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 Melbourne City & Gardens 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. Facing the intersection, with the station behind you, turn right and follow the outside of the station to the end of the station. Go down the narrow steps before the bridge and go down to the river bank.
- Straight ahead along the river, keeping the river on your left until you reach the first pedestrian bridge across the river.
- Cross river and turn right to walk complete 10km route. 5km walkers see option in bold below.

Note: if choosing to only walk 5km, you have the choice to either turn right for the Southbank and South Wharf walk or turn left to complete the second half of the 10km route through the Sports Precinct and Federation Square (if completing the second half of the route, skip to directions on next page).

- Continue along the river bank, keeping river on your right. You will pass many restaurants, and may also see street performers.
- After the second road crossing (Clarendon St), veer right and continue along the boardwalk (South Wharf Promenade) beside the river.
- After passing under the road bridge, you will see the unusual domed entrance to the Webb (pedestrian) Bridge.

[Question 1]

- Cross the river using this bridge.
- After crossing the river, turn right, cross the road and turn right again, to enter Jim Stynes Bridge/boardwalk and continue along the river, keeping river on right.
- The river walk ends at Spencer St. Veer left, away from river a short distance to cross road at lights.
- Walk through Batman Park, and cross King St carefully at lights.
- Right around outside of Aquarium and continue along river side (river on right).
- At William St carefully cross (3 crossings) to continue along a cobbled alleyway for a short distance until you reach the Sandridge (pedestrian) Bridge.
- Cross Sandridge Bridge. This is a disused railway bridge and now includes information about Melbourne's immigrant history.
- Left at end of bridge to repeat a short section of the river walk at Southbank.
- Continue to St Kilda Rd.

Note:

5km walkers completing the first half of the 10km route (Southbank & South Wharf) will take the steps up to St Kilda Rd and turn left to return to the start location at Flinders Street Station.

5km walkers completing the second half of the 10km route (Sports Precinct and Federation Square) will continue to follow the directions below.

- Proceed under St Kilda Rd and follow the river (on your left) for approximately 2km until you reach the Morell (pedestrian) Bridge.
- Cross river and over roadway, leaving river to proceed into sports precinct.
- After crossing road, veer left towards car park at corner of sports oval. Follow path at edge of oval to end.
- Left at road a short distance to cross road (right) at lights.
- Left then immediate right to take path with tennis courts on right.
- Path continues with a pedestrian bridge over train tracks to Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).
- Continue anticlockwise around MCG (MCG on left) until you get to light tower 6 (look up), between gates 1&2. **[Question 2]**
- Veer right on pedestrian walkway parallel to Jolimont St. The walkway becomes a pedestrian bridge (William Barak Bridge) that crosses the railway tracks. Ignore any stairs or lifts/elevators that exit the bridge.
- At the end of the bridge you can either proceed straight ahead on the Princes Walk to Federation Square, or veer left through the bell installation before looping back to Princes Walk. Note that if you stay too close to the river (on Flinders Walk) you will end up at the wrong elevation to easily access Federation Square.
- Before reaching the St Kilda Rd, turn right up the wide stairs to Federation Square.
- Proceed through Federation Square and cross St Kilda Rd at the lights. Then left on St Kilda Rd a short distance to your starting location at 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.

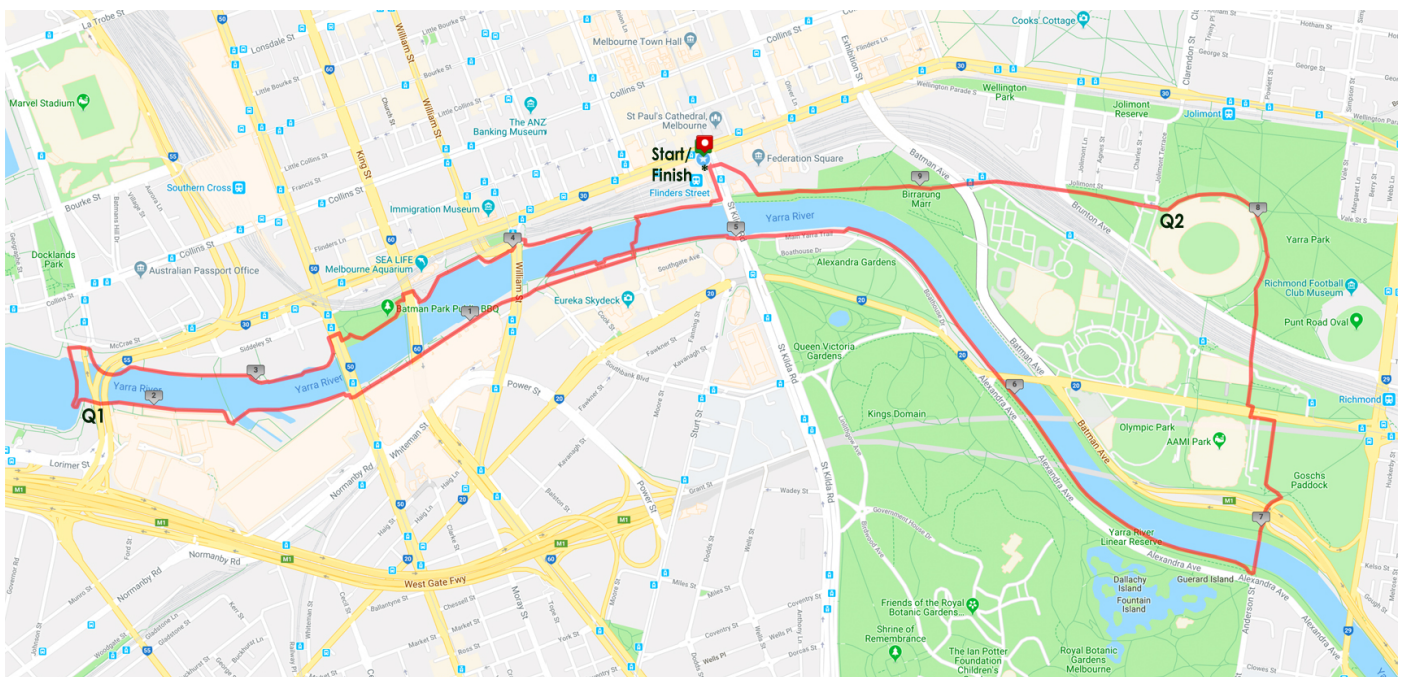
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Q1: How far is it to cycle to Port Melbourne?  
(look at signage before crossing the river)

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Q2: Who is on the sculpture closest to Light Tower 6?

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