

A Walk in the Park

Magnificent cathedrals, lush parklands and delightful Flinders Lane.

Walking time 2 hours

Distance 3.75 Kilometres



Begin your walk by taking the 10-minute tour of **St Paul's Cathedral** (1). Pick up a brochure inside the entrance to guide you.

Near the Swanston Street entrance, notice the statue of **Matthew Flinders** (2) who bravely circumnavigated the continent from 1801-03.

Continue back along Flinders Street to **Hosier Lane** (3). As you walk up the cobblestones to **Flinders Lane** (4), take in the dramatic street art and funky bars. Once the home of the city's rag trade, today the old warehouses and factories hide apartments, artisans and galleries and some of the city's grooviest bars.

At 129-131 Flinders Lane, look out for **Levy and Robinson's Warehouse** (5) that dates back to 1857. Near Spring Street you'll pass **Milton House** (6), built as a hospital in 1901.

At the top of Spring Street the view widens to an expanse of green. Cross Spring Street and enter the **Treasury Gardens** (7). With their beautiful avenues

of Moreton Bay Figs, the gardens are full of history - dating back to the early period of European settlement. As you stroll through them, look for the monuments to Scottish poet **Robert Burns** (8) and the assassinated American president **John F. Kennedy** (9).

Cross Lansdowne Street into **Fitzroy Gardens** (10), and discover more historic and botanic treasures. Fitzroy Gardens was laid out in the 1850s and named after Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy, Governor of New South Wales and Governor General of the Australian Colonies. Today, more than two million local, interstate and international visitors come to enjoy the gardens every year.

Follow the green signs to the graceful **Conservatory** (11) built in 1930. Go in and see what's in bloom (it's free!) and walk around to admire the statues outside. Five major flower displays are staged each year, attracting large crowds of garden lovers.

Head to the **Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre** (12) for information services, merchandise and to speak with our friendly team.

Your next stop is **Cooks' Cottage** (13), which was shipped from Great Ayton in Yorkshire and re-erected in Fitzroy Gardens in 1934 as a Victorian centenary gift. The cottage was the home of Captain James Cook's parents, though the famous explorer never lived there himself. For a small fee, you can go inside the cottage and see the reconstruction of a modest English home of the mid 1700s. Tickets are available from the Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre.

Just up the small path to the east, a **Scarred Tree** (14) is a reminder that Aboriginal people were here long before Europeans arrived.

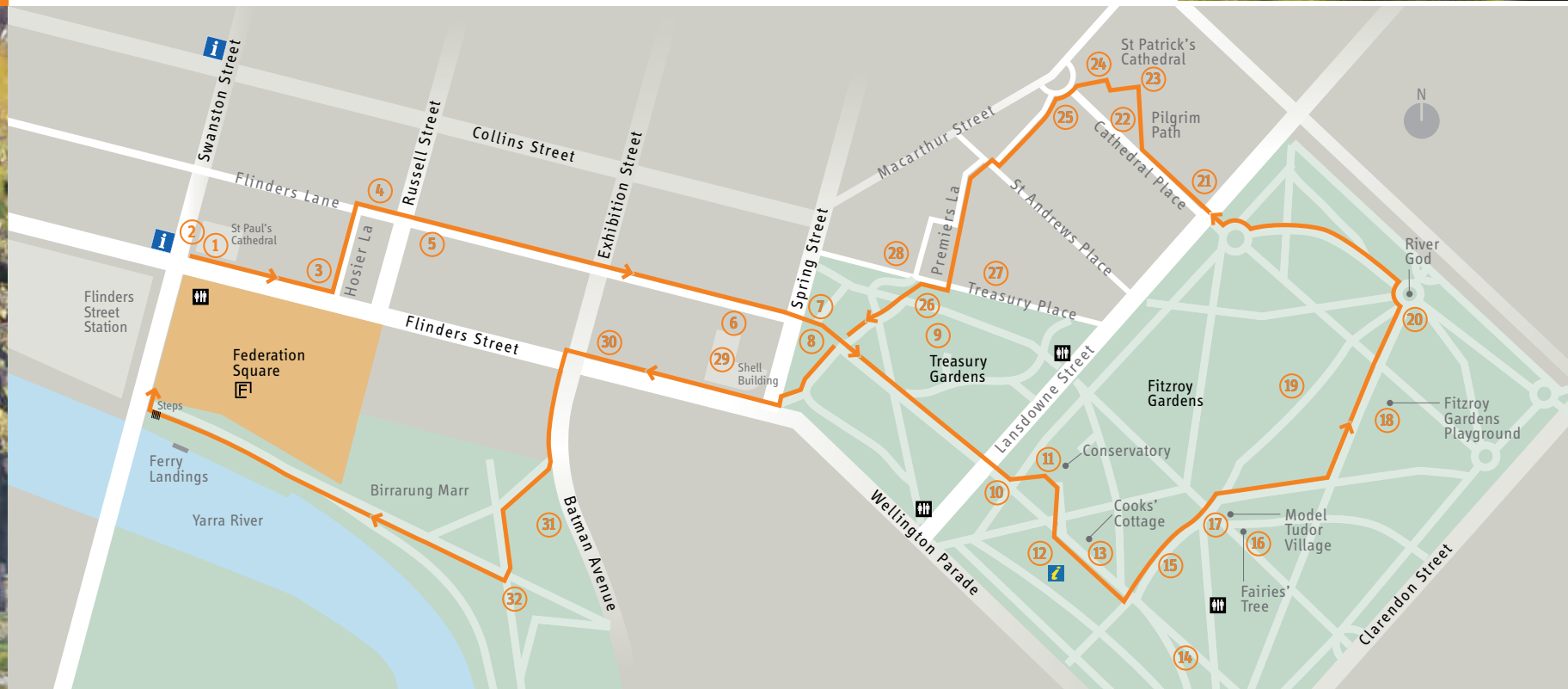
You continue this walk past **Sinclair's Cottage** (15). Built in 1866, it was the home to James Sinclair and his family. Sinclair was a renowned horticulturalist who established the Fitzroy Gardens in the 1860s.



Hosier Lane



Cooks' Cottage





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Birrarung Marr



Pilgrim Path and St Patrick's Cathedral

The nearby carved **Fairies' Tree** (16) and **Model Tudor Village** (17) are popular with young children, while adults enjoy the elegant fountains and rotundas.

Don't miss the **children's playground** (18) - slide down the dragon's tail, swing on the giraffe's ears, see how the dragon glows in the dark!

If you look carefully, maybe you'll spot a possum or two in the trees overhead.

The English Elms (19) in Fitzroy Gardens are among the oldest and finest in the world. Along a glorious avenue, climb to the **River God** (20) fountain and walk west towards the cathedral spires at Lansdowne Street.

Cross Lansdowne Street to Cathedral Place, where a lonely tower is all that remains of **St Patrick's College** (21). Then take the serene **Pilgrim Path** (22) to **St Patrick's Cathedral** (23), the architectural triumph of William Wardell.

The cathedral was built between 1858 and 1897, with spires added in the 1930s. During restoration work in the 1990s, a stonemason secretly carved a gargoyle in the image of recent Victorian Premier

Jeffrey Kennett. You can spot 'Jeff' on high, to the right of the South Transept Door.

From the forecourt, where Aboriginal and Christian spiritual symbols are depicted in the **Stone Inlay** (24), enter the Great West Doors and walk through to the seven beautiful chapels surrounding the sanctuary.

Leaving the cathedral, walk down Macarthur Street, towards the towering city buildings, passing the **Lutheran Church** (25) built in 1853.

Cut through Treasury Reserve to see John Cain, Sir Henry Bolte and other premiers of Victoria at the end of Premiers' Way. The Kennett State Government introduced **Premiers' Statues** (26) for premiers serving 3000 days or more in office.

Look along Treasury Place to some of Victoria's finest **Government Buildings** (27). The current Premier's Office is **1 Treasury Place** (28).

Cross Treasury Gardens and turn right into Flinders Street. Stop for coffee or a snack at the **Hotel Lindrum** (29), formerly the Lindrum Billiard Rooms. All-time billiards champion Walter Lindrum made a world record break of 4137 on an English tour in 1932!

Walk past the old **Herald Building** (30) built in the 1920s, and turn left into Batman Avenue that leads down to **Birrarung Marr** (31), the city's newest park by the river. It's also an important meeting place for the Aboriginal community and celebrates their connection to the land and the Yarra River. 'Birrarung' (river of mists) is the Wurrundjeri name for the river and 'Marr' relates to 'side of the river'. The 21st century parkscape is a popular outdoor venue for Melbourne's many festivals and performances.

Cross the bridge to the **Federation Bells** (32) sound sculpture where 39 electronic bells chime three times daily (currently 8am to 9am, 12.30pm to 1.30pm and 5pm to 6pm). The bells range in sizes from a small handbell, to a bell that stands 1.8 metres high and weighs 3.5 tonnes. Go down the steps and follow the river to the image of recent Victorian Premier **Federation Square**, enjoying fabulous city views on the way.

Federation Square



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- Artplay
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artplay.com.au
Telephone: 03 9658 7880
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)
Daily
10am to 5pm
- Koorie Heritage Trust
Daily
10am to 5pm
- NGV Studio
Daily
10am to 5pm
Closed Christmas
- No Vacancy Project Space
Tue to Sat
11am to 5pm
Sunday
noon to 5pm
- The lan Potter Centre: NGV Australia
Daily
10am to 5pm

Restaurants, Cafes and Bars

- ACMI Cafe and Bar
Mon to Fri
8.30am to late
Sat and Sun
9am to late
- Arintji
Sun to Thu
10.30am to 10pm
Fri and Sat
10.30am to late
- Beer Deluxe
Daily
11.30am to late
- Chocolate Buddha
Sun to Thur
12pm to 10 pm
Fri and Sat
12pm to 11pm
- Il Pom Italian
Daily
11am to late
- In a Rush Espresso
Daily
7am to 5pm
- Pilgrim Bar
Daily
12pm to late
- Riverland Bar and Cafe
Daily
11am to 1am
- Taxi Kitchen
Daily
12pm to late
- Taxi Riverside
Daily
12pm to late
- Time Out Cafe
Daily
8am to late
- Transit Rooftop Bar
Daily
12pm to late
- Transport
Daily
11am to late

Shops and retail

- ACMI Shop
Mon to Fri
10am to 5pm
Sat and Sun
9.30am to 5.30pm
- NGV Design Store
Daily
10am to 5pm
- Popstic Ice cream
Daily
12pm to 5pm
- 7-Eleven
Daily
early to late

Visitor Information

- Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall**
Located within one of the city's most iconic landmarks, the Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall is a place for free visitor information and maps, along with recommendations for the latest things to see to make the most of your experience. Open daily 9am to 6pm (excluding Christmas Day)
- Melbourne Visitor Booth in the Bourke Street Mall**
Volunteers at the Melbourne Visitor Booth provide maps and information on shopping, attractions, events, and more. Open daily 9am to 5pm (excluding Good Friday and Christmas Day)
- Queen Victoria Market Visitor Hub**
City Ambassadors and a Visitor Hub are located at the iconic Queen Victoria Market to support both locals and visitors alike who flock to Melbourne's favourite destination. Open Tue and Thu 9am to 2pm and Fri to Sun 9am to 3pm
- Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre**
Located within the heritage-listed Fitzroy Gardens, this centre provides information services, free wifi and café facilities. Visit the surrounding attractions including Cook's Cottage or take part in a guided garden walk. Open daily 9am to 5pm (excluding Christmas Day)
- City Ambassadors mobile information service**
Keep an eye out for our City Ambassadors in their distinctive red uniforms and get personal assistance with directions, events and more. Mon to Sat 10am to 4pm, Sun 11.30am to 3pm (excluding Good Friday and Christmas Day).

Melbourne Greeter Service Discover what locals love about Melbourne by taking a free walking orientation of the city. Orientations in languages other than English available on request. To book visit whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/visitors or phone 03 9658 9658 on weekdays and 03 9658 9942 on weekends.

Useful Numbers

Public transport queries	1800 800 007
Travellers' Aid Flinders Street Station	03 9068 8187
Travellers' Aid Southern Cross Station	03 9670 2072
Airport Bus Skybus	03 9335 2811
Ticketmaster	13 6100
Ticketek	13 2849
Directory Assistance	1223
Emergency police, fire and ambulance	000
City of Melbourne Hotline	03 9658 9658

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