

Weston Creek Pond to Molonglo River Lookout

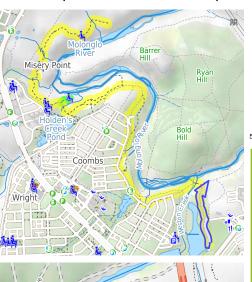


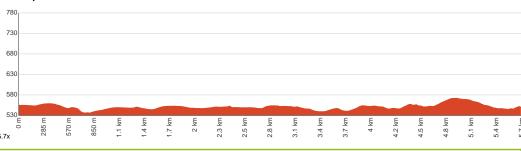


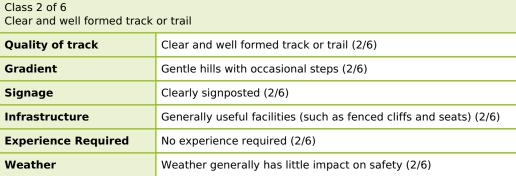


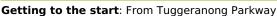


Starting from the car park at the end of Kirkpatrick Street, Weston, this walk explores the foreshore of Weston Creek Pond, then takes you to a riverside lookout in Molonglo Valley and back. Convenient to reach and navigate, this walk can make for a great family trip, including your dog. With plenty of seating areas near the pond and the river, you can have a peaceful picnic listening to the burbling of the water. Additionally, the hike provides you with distinct views of the city and the three hills across the river: Barrer, Bold and Ryan. Remember to make way for horse riders near the pond, and keep an eye on your kids and companion just in case. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.









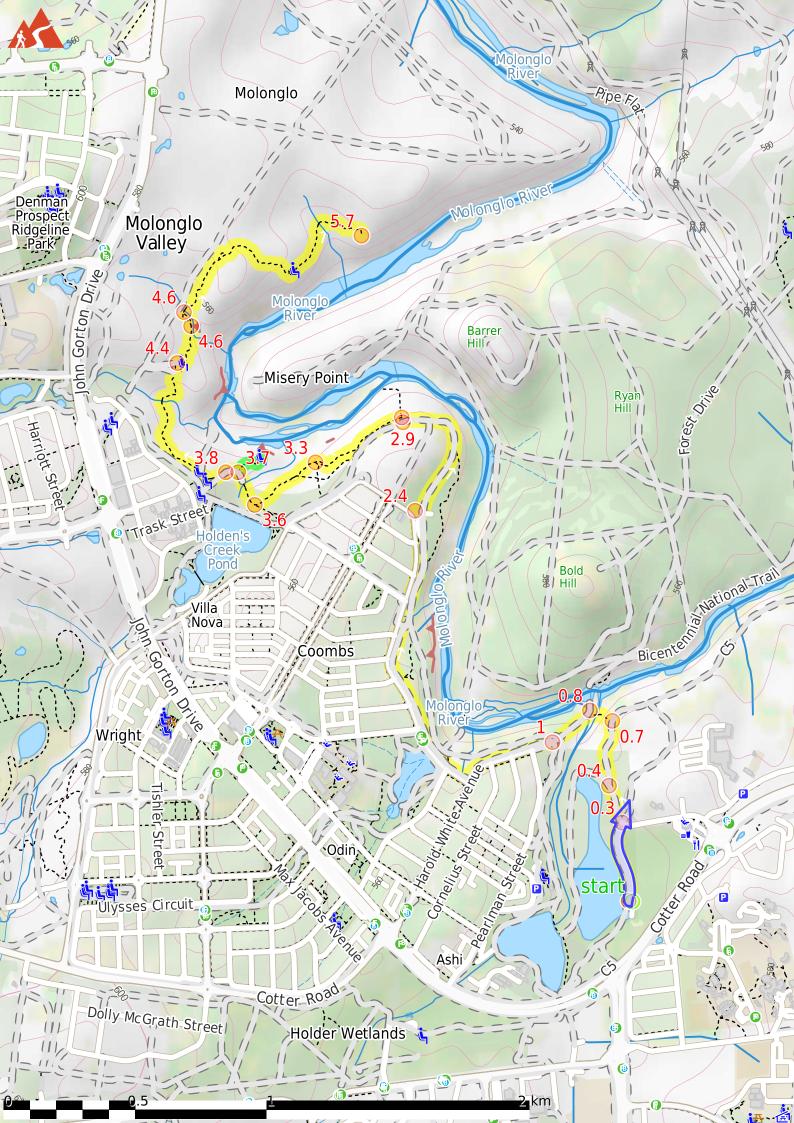
- Turn on to Cotter Road Offramp then drive for 450 m
- Keep right onto Cotter Road Offramp and drive for another 70 m
- Turn right onto Cotter Road and drive for another 740 m
- Turn right onto Kirkpatrick Street and drive for another 400 m
- Turn left and drive for another 270 m
- Turn right and drive for another 6 m

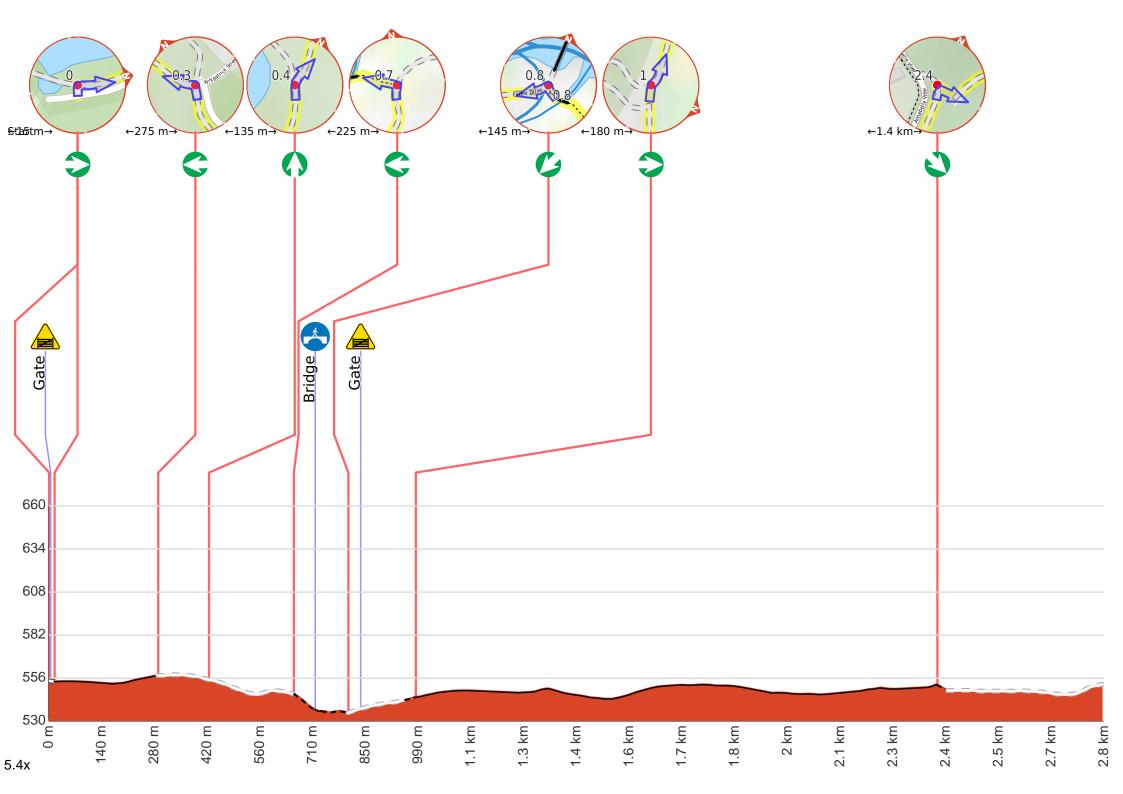
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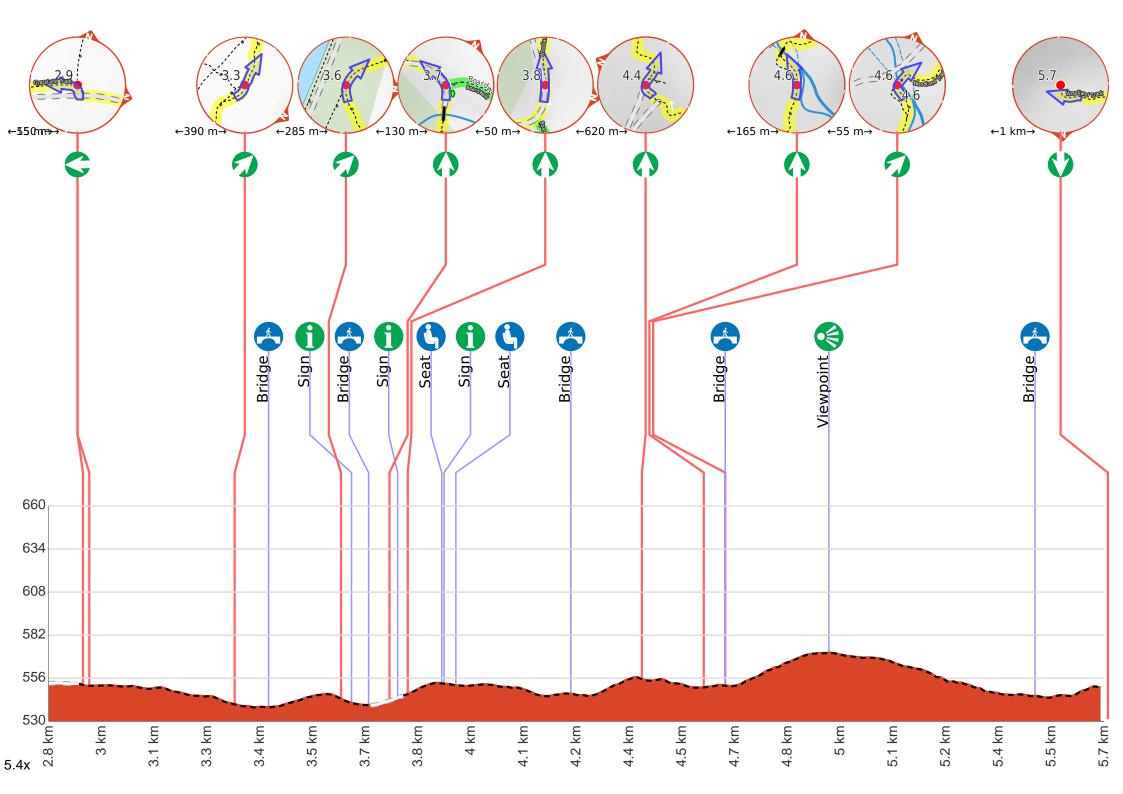
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- · Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- · Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- · Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.









Getting started: From the end of the car park near Weston Creek Pond, head towards the pond and pass through the bollard next to the metal gate. Turn right and follow the formed concrete track, keeping the pond to your left. Stay on the concrete path as you pass by Kirkpatrick Street to your right to continue along Weston Creek Pond to Molonglo River Lookout Track.



Start.



Find the gate at the start.



After another 10 m turn right.



After another 275 m turn left.



After another 135 m continue straight.



After another 225 m **turn left**.



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 70 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Forest Drive.



After another 35 m head through/around the gate.



After another 120 m continue straight.



After another 30 m turn right.



After another 1.4 km turn sharp right.



After another 280 m continue straight.



After another 165 m continue straight.



After another 100 m turn right.



After another 15 m **turn left**, to head along Grassland Track.



After another 390 m **veer right**, to head along Grassland Track.



After another 90 m **continue straight**.



Then cross the bridge (about 20 m long)



After another 200 m pass the sign (on your right).



Veer right, to head along Grassland Track.



After another 75 m cross the bridge (about 20 m long)



After another 55 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional little side trip taking you to a lookout, for better views over Molonglo River.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start**.



Continue another 115 m to find Lookout at the end.



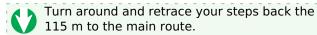
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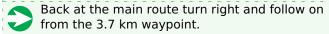


A sign.



A seat.

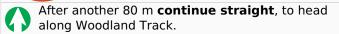




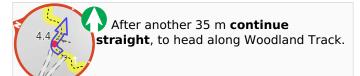


Continue straight.

After another 50 m continue straight, to head along Grassland Track.



- After another 10 m pass a seat (8 m on your left).
- After another 6 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).
- After another 30 m pass a seat (on your right).
- After another 305 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)
- After another 145 m **continue straight**, to head along Woodland Track.



After another 165 m continue straight, to head along Woodland Track.



After another 55 m veer right.



Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 265 m come to the "Rest area" (10 m on your right).



After another 550 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



(Lookout) Continue another 190 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 5.7 km to get back to the start.



"Lookout".