

This relaxing four kilometre trail through the streets of Brighton East includes some of Bayside's most popular parkland and streetscapes. Landcox Park, in particular, is renowned for its ornamental lake surrounded by serene sweeping gardens and exotic native plants. After walking this trail once, you will return again and again to experience the wonder and delights of Brighton East and its magnificent parklands.

Benefits of Walking

Social – builds friendships when you walk and talk with a friend

Physical – strengthens bones, reduces risk of cardiovascular disease and reduces body fat

Psychological – helps us relax, aids concentration and promotes “well-being”

Educational – learn about the heritage and environment of this beautiful area.

Remember to

- Avoid walking immediately after meals
- Wear light, loose, comfortable clothing and comfortable flat sole shoes
- Avoid the hottest part of the day and always wear a hat and apply sunscreen
- Slow down or take a break if you become breathless or feel discomfort
- Don't walk when you are feeling ill
- Try to make time for gentle stretching exercises before and after you walk
- Be visible by wearing light coloured clothing when walking in the dark
- Drink liquids before, during and after walking
- “Walk with Care” especially when crossing roads. Look, listen and think!

Walking in Bayside

The City of Bayside has produced a series of brochures to encourage people to walk and gain the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while experiencing the sights and beauty of Bayside.

Thank you to the Brighton Historical Society for its contribution.



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LANDCOX WALK, BRIGHTON EAST



Time	1 hour
Distance	4 kilometres
Difficulty	moderate, hilly in sections
Seats	Landcox Park, Union Street, Hurlingham Park, Hawthorn Road

Melway Reference 67 J9

Bus Routes - 627, 703

Wheelchair access - accessible entire trail,
gravel and grassed surfaces in parks

Parking - Mavis Avenue or near Landcox Park

Tram Route - 64



Walk

Trail directions

Landcox Walk - Brighton East

- 1 Commence your journey at the picturesque Landcox Park where, if you have the time, you might like to enter the parkland and take a look around. The park was originally cleared for vineyards, orchards and farmland and was leased out in 1910 for grazing. Luckily for us the trail also ends at this location, so you can continue walking the path for now!
- 2 Not only is Landcox Park filled with exotic native plants and trees, but it is also surrounded on its outskirts by several historic homes dating back to the 1870's. In particular is the Tara Institute, which houses a buddhist temple and is situated on the corner of Mavis Avenue opposite Landcox Park. It was built in 1870 for the MacMillan family. The architect was Charles Webb who also designed the Windsor Hotel in Melbourne. The house was later home to Sir Thomas Bent who became the Premier of Victoria in 1904. Originally called Landcox, the house was a private hospital before it was purchased by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul in 1942 for use as a special school for girls with disabilities.
- 3 Continue walking the streets of Brighton East until you reach the corner of Wairoa Avenue and Landcox Street. At this point you can view the concrete Elster Canal. The canal was formed around 1900 to drain the swamps and prevent flooding in the area.
- 4 Hawthorn Road is the only place in Bayside where you can take a tram ride. When crossing Hawthorn Road, make sure you use the pedestrian lights.
- 5 When you reach the corner of Hawthorn Road and Union Street, glance across Elster Canal where you will notice the ironstone Anglican church "St John the Less". The church was originally built by 1850 as a church and school room.

- 6 Follow the linear park along Union Street to Caramar Avenue. In the park you will find seats and a playground. Elster Canal is still close by, in fact it runs beneath this linear parkland.
- 7 Make sure you take a look at the Italianate Villa which is located at 1 Clive Street. This historic home was built in 1887 by Elizabeth Brownscombe and was originally called "Otley". Note the three storey tower.
- 8 We have now reached our third park along the Trail, which could have just as easily been named the Walk of Parklands. The multi purpose Hurlingham Park provides a wonderful resting place with plenty of shade, drinking taps, barbecue facilities and a playground. This is a great location for children to play!

Hurlingham Park was originally used as a paddock for pigeon shooting and polo. Later in the 19th Century, the parkland hosted picnic horse race meetings, ploughing competitions, football and cricket. In 1880, over 4,000 people attended a horse racing carnival at the parkland, testing the local public transport network at the time. After 1900, the park was mainly used for football and cricket.

It is now time to return to the beauty of Landcox Park. After this walk, you deserve a well earned rest and this is the ideal location to sit back and soak up the sunshine. Landcox Park boasts an ornamental lake, native plants and trees, bird life and barbecue facilities. It's a great place to enjoy a get together with family and friends.

