

Discover the hidden treasures of Bayside during this 4.3 kilometre walk through the suburbs of Highett and Hampton East. Highett was named after William Highett who purchased more than 200 acres in the area in the 1850s. This area of Bayside was originally part of the former City of Moorabbin. This walk will take you through some of the municipality's most beautiful and tranquil parkland, including the picturesque G.L. Basterfield Park. A large lake, open gardens and a huge range of trees and shrubs are key features of the park. For walkers who want to leave the hustle and bustle of the City far behind them and get back to nature, this is the ideal walk.



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 Sandringham Historical Society for its contribution.



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G.L. BASTERFIELD WALK HIGHETT & HAMPTON EAST



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| Time | 70 minutes |
| Distance | 4.3 kilometres |
| Difficulty | moderate, a few small hills |
| Seats | Peterson Reserve, GL Basterfield Park |

Melway Reference 77 E8
Bus Routes - 708, 825, 6, 7, 8
Wheelchair access - Accessible entire trail, gravel and grassed surfaces around parks
Parking - Livingston Street Highett



Walk

Trail directions

G.L. Basterfield Walk - Highett & Hampton East

- 1 The trail commences at the Highett Senior Citizens Centre in Livingston Street. Two local Senior Citizens Clubs operate out of the centre, each running a number of interesting activities including dancing, bowls, table tennis, concerts and dinners. Take the time to call into the centre and discover the variety of activities on offer. The Highett Youth Club, Neighbourhood Community House, Maternal and Child Health Centre and the Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre are key community facilities to note while walking in Livingston Street.
- 2 Continue walking the trail until you reach Peterson Reserve, home to a number of sporting clubs and Bayside's Peterson Youth Centre. Take the time to relax and enjoy the wide open spaces and green leafy surrounds. The park features a basketball half court, tennis hit up wall, skate ramp and a wonderful playground located near Danson Street. It is a great place for children.

Many houses west of Spring Road are former commission homes which have subsequently been sold to individual owners.

- 3 As you turn into Little Avenue, be sure to cross the road if you prefer a sealed footpath! When you reach the corner of Summit and Crest Avenues, walk through the park, past the baseball diamonds and towards the car park and the Jack Levy Pavilion. The pavilion was named after Jack Levy who was a Mayor and Councillor of the former City of Moorabbin.

- 4 We have now reached the highlight of our walk, and a place that is not easily forgotten. G.L. Basterfield Park is a peaceful and tranquil location that is also named after a Mayor and Councillor of the former City of Moorabbin. G.L. Basterfield Park boasts open gardens, lush greenery, a picturesque lake, barbecues, playgrounds and plenty of shade. It is an ideal place to relax and take in the beautiful surroundings. After visiting G.L. Basterfield Park, you will certainly want to come back again! You might consider returning with your family and friends for a picnic. When it's time to go, leave by the rear of the park, which takes you into Kelsall Court.

- 5 Continue walking through the residential streets and taking in the sights and sounds of Highett. The house at 124 Wickham Road was built in 1918 and has heritage value, as it is the only remaining house in the area built in the Edwardian style. Before the residential building boom which followed World War II, most of the area we are walking today was comprised of market gardens. The suburb was considered perfect for this purpose, as it is close to metropolitan Melbourne and situated along a train line. Of course, the train still runs through Highett today and the station is nearby if you need to catch a train.

Remember, if you take your dog with you on this walk, you must keep it on a leash for the entire length of the trail. There are several off leash parks located in the City of Bayside, however the parks featured in this trail require dogs to be on lead. More information about off leash parks for dogs is available from Council.

