

Walkers will enjoy the beauty and history of this section of Sandringham during a leisurely 3.7 kilometre walk. The trail will take you through parts of the historic "Gipsy Village" precinct and the old Trafalgar Estate, with its many streets named after the Battle of Trafalgar. The Trafalgar Estate was first offered for sale in 1888 and then again in 1906.

A true highlight of this walk is AJ Steele Reserve, named after a former Councillor and Mayor of the Sandringham Council, with its avenue of oak trees providing serenity and calm. This walk is especially beautiful during the autumn months, when the rich autumn leaves add to the colour and vibrancy of the trail.



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 and experience the sights and suburbs.

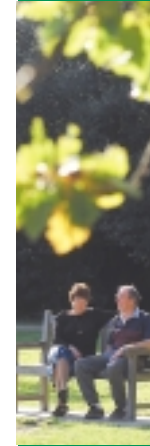
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BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR



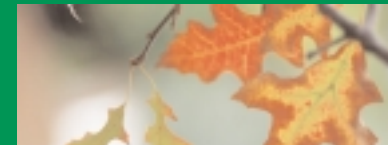
Time	1 hour
Distance	3.7 kilometres
Difficulty	moderate (hilly in parts)
Seats	AJ Steele Reserve

Melway Reference 76 G9

Bus Routes - 600, 822, 825-6-7-8

Wheelchair access - Sealed footpath
entire walk except within AJ Steele Reserve

Parking - Abbott Street, Sandringham



Walk

Trail directions

Battle of Trafalgar Sandringham

The trail commences at Sandringham Railway Station, in Station Street Sandringham. The station is adjacent to the newly refurbished Sandringham Village Square, with its vibrant palm trees. It was over eighty years ago in 1919 that the original square was lost to Sandringham with the commencement of the now defunct tram service.

- 1 Bamfield Street is part of the picturesque and historic Gipsy Village precinct. This precinct was established in 1852 and when the railway line was extended in 1887, Gipsy Village was bisected. Eventually the precinct became known as Sandringham. The Sandringham Historical Society runs guided walks of the area and can provide further insight into its historical significance. The original Gipsy Village school, now the Sandringham Primary School is still located on its original site within the Village.
- 2 Continue to walk along the trail until you reach Grange Road, where you will discover one of the true highlights of this trail. An avenue of Oak trees in AJ Steele Reserve creates a peaceful and serene setting to enjoy a break. There are seats where you can sit and relax in the calm atmosphere. This walk is a must during autumn when the rich colours of the falling leaves are enchanting.
- 3 As you pass through AJ Steele Reserve, turn right into Moorabbin Street and then left into Vincent Street. You will notice that Vincent Street widens after Codrington Street and has very large nature strips. These spacious strips complement the inviting avenue of Pin Oak trees in the street. Once again, these trees look brilliant during the autumn months with the leaves changing colour. Vincent Street was named after the Earl of Vincent, who was Nelson's chief commander in the Battle of Trafalgar.

- 4 The final segment of the walk takes you along Abbott Street, where you can observe the various streets named after the Battle of Trafalgar. The Battle of Trafalgar was fought in 1805 off the coast of southern Spain, near the Straits of Gibraltar. The British Fleet under Nelson achieved victory over the combined fleets of France and Spain. However, it came with the loss of Admiral Nelson who was killed in action.

As you walk along Abbott Street, you will notice Neptune and Dreadnought Streets, which are named after ships which fought in the Battle of Trafalgar. Codrington Street is the name of the Admiral in charge of the HMS ORION, a ship which also participated in the battle. Pellew Street is also named after an Admiral in the fleet. While Collingwood Street is not named after the famous football team, and instead refers to the man second in charge to Admiral Nelson. HMS VICTORY was the name of Admiral Nelson's ship. And, of course, Nelson Street was named after the famous Admiral Nelson himself, who presided over the entire British fleet.

- 5 On the corner of Nelson and Abbott Street at No.s 72-74 Abbott Street, was the former Brighton Gas Company. The original manager's residence can still be seen at No. 70 Abbott Street.
- 6 The conclusion of the walk brings you back to the Sandringham Shopping Centre, a great place to meet up with friends for a coffee and a chat. The shopping centre boasts a variety of coffee shops, art galleries and eating locations. You might like to continue your walk across Beach Road and soak up the sights of Port Phillip Bay or link up with the Bayside Coastal Art Trail. Contact Council for more details.

