

Battle of Trafalgar

Sandringham



time	1 hour
distance	3.7 kilometres
difficulty	moderate; hilly in parts
seats	AJ Steele Reserve
melway ref	76 G9
bus routes	600, 822, 825-6-7-8, 922-3
train station	Sandringham
wheelchair access	sealed footpath entire walk, except within AJ Steele Reserve
parking	Abbott Street, Sandringham
toilets	Sandringham Railway Station

Trail directions

The trail commences at Sandringham Railway Station in Station Street which is adjacent to the Sandringham Village Square.

- 1** Walk east along Bamfield Street and pass the picturesque and historic Gipsy Village precinct, established in 1852. Eventually the precinct became known as Sandringham. The Sandringham Historical Society runs guided walks through the area and can provide further insight into its historical significance. The original Gipsy Village School is still located on its original site within the Village.
- 2** Continue along the trail until you reach Grange Road, where you'll discover one of the true highlights of this trail, an avenue of Oak trees in AJ Steele Reserve. This walk is a must during Autumn when the rich colours of the falling leaves are enchanting.
- 3** As you pass through the Reserve, turn right into Moorabbin Street and then left into Vincent Street. The avenue of Pin Oak trees looks brilliant during the Autumn months. Vincent Street was named after the Earl of Vincent, who was Nelson's chief commander in the Battle of Trafalgar.

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- 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 which 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.
- 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 village which boasts a variety of coffee shops, art galleries and eating establishments. 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 trails.

Trail map

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