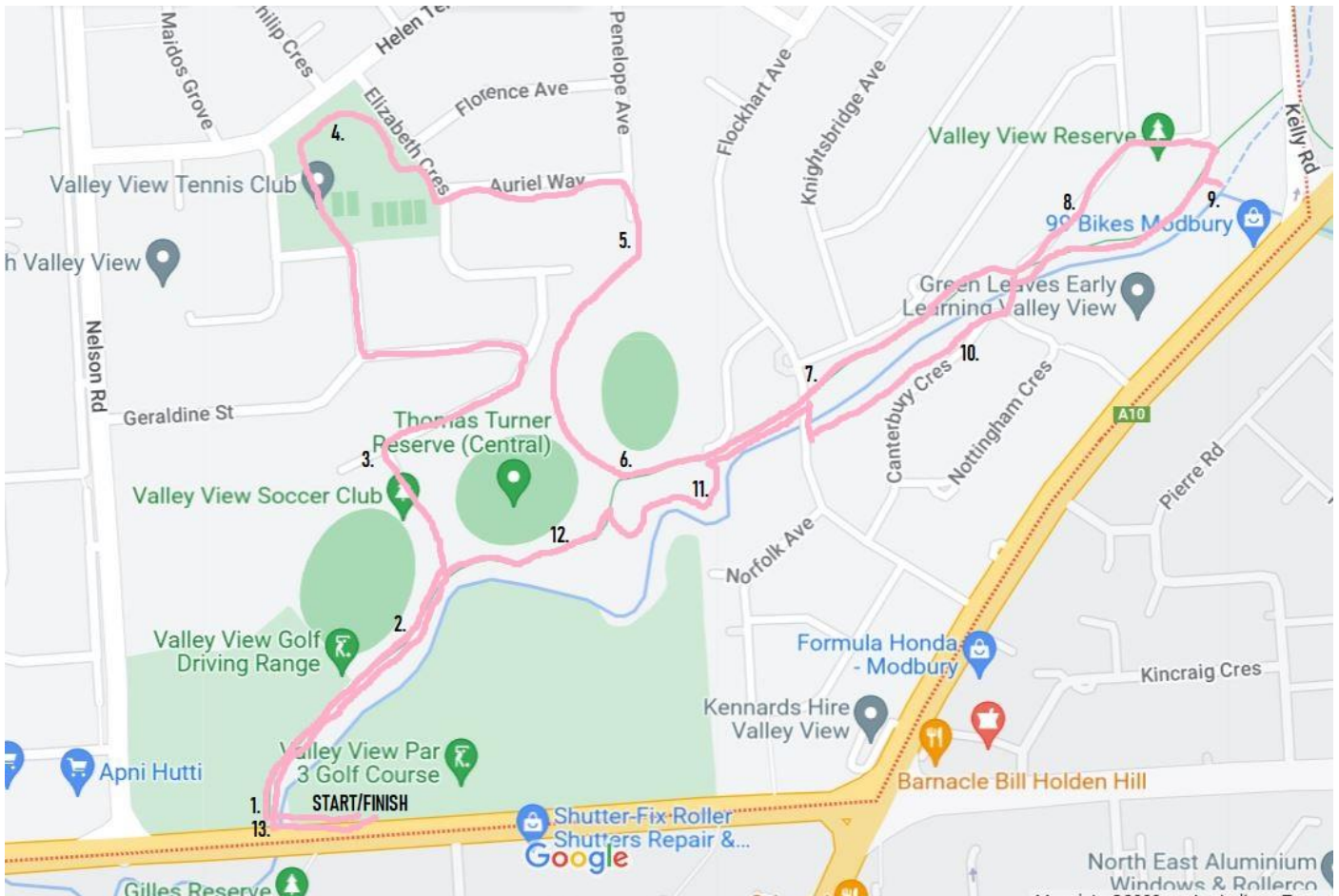


U3A Thomas Turner Reserve Monday Stroll - Directions and information (3.8km)



Park in the west part of the Valley View 18 Hole Par 3 Golf Course carpark (but not at the Driving Range Carpark), 935 Grand Junction Rd, Holden Hill

START

1. Walk west along Grand Junction Road and turn right into a little carpark. From here take the asphalt path going east. You will see the high cyclone fence of the Valley View Golf Driving Range on your left
2. Soon there will be an oval on your left and a bridge leading to the golf course on right. Continue straight ahead
3. When you come to a toilet block turn left and walk through the car park. You are in the **Thomas Turner Reserve *1**. Continue to the T-intersection with Derwent Terrace and turn right. Note the sign: Best Street 1992, then cross the street to walk on the footpath.
4. Turn left into Geraldine Street and take the first right into Snowy Drive. When you see Valley View tennis courts go to the little carpark and cross it to follow a path that circles the reserve. When the path gets to the playground leave the reserve and walk on the Elizabeth Crescent footpath
5. Take the first left into Auriel Way and then the first right into Penelope Avenue. At the end of that street enter a park on an asphalt path. Follow the path around the

field. The path will change from asphalt to an earthen path and soon on your right you will see some ruins, possibly an old water tank?

6. At a toilet/clubrooms block turn left into an asphalt path which soon will become a cement path
7. Just before you cross Flockhart Avenue notice an oak tree on your left. There are approximately 500 extant species of oaks. Can you spot acorns? There are no true oak trees native to Australia. Although one native Australian tree goes by the name of oak, it does not belong to the Quercus genus. This is the Australian oak, also called the Tasmanian oak. It is a hardwood eucalyptus tree used in construction and flooring. In Australia the most common species are the English Oak (*Quercus robur*), Sherry Oak (*Quercus suber*) and the Turkey Oak (*Quercus cerris*). All three are deciduous trees that lose their leaves in winter. Oaks are widely planted in Australia for their ornamental value and also for their usefulness as shade and street trees. They are also planted for their timber, which is hard, strong and durable. Australia's warm, hot summers are ideal for the proliferation of acorn-bearing oak trees. Continue on the cement path on the other side of Flockhart Ave keeping the creek on your right
8. Ignore the bridge on your right and take a gentle left into Conway Crescent to walk on a path around Valley View Reserve clockwise. Stop at the foundation stone for the reserve.
9. Pass the toilet and look behind it at the junction of creeks and the **Conway Crescent gauging station *2**. Return to continue on the path
10. After you finish the loop of the reserve take the bridge on your left and then turn right into Canterbury Crescent. Walk on the wild path parallel to the street with the creek on your right. Continue along the creek until you get to Flockhart Ave. Turn right to go over the bridge and as soon as you cross it take the path on the other side of the street on your left. You were on this path earlier.
11. When you get to Vaucluse Avenue (at its cul-de-sac) go through the bollards and take the path on your left; it goes through a playground and then joins the main path
12. After you leave the playground turn left into the main path. Soon there will be an outdoor gym on your left. Pass the tall soccer field nets on your right.
13. Continue on the path until you get back to the little carpark off Grand Junction Road. Look at graffiti under the bridge, an **artistic interpretation of a skull *3**. Turn left into Grand Junction Road and walk back to the cars

FINISH

Annotations

*1 Thomas Turner Reserve

Thomas Turner Reserve is the largest in Valley View. Valley View is a suburb that interestingly spans three separate local government areas: City of Salisbury, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, and the City of Tea Tree Gully.

The currently fenced off area of the Thomas Turner Reserve has a heritage house on a large block. The house is best seen from Nelson Road. It is rented since 2018 at \$385pw (3brs, 1 bath room, 2 cars)



Who was Thomas Turner? He was born in approximately 1826. We do not know if he is of Australian birth or from overseas. A 'Mr. Turner' arrived in Adelaide on the PETREL, a cutter from Pt. Lincoln on 3rd March 1848. Another 'Mr. Turner' arrived on the JANE & EMMA, a cutter from Pt. Lincoln on 31st January 1849, this time described in both the South Australian and Register newspapers. There are approximately two other potential 'Thomas Turners' that could be our Thomas. Wherever he may have come from, we know Thomas was in South Australia by May 1850. Thomas's trade was a sawyer, so a new colony with a lot of land to clear must have appealed to him. It was his trade when he married on 5th December 1850, at Holy Trinity Church in Adelaide. This is our first official record of his existence. He was aged 24 and his bride, Elizabeth Rowe, was aged 21. At the time of his son's birth, Thomas was a farmer at Little Para, possibly working on land given by or belonging to his father-in-law. Little Para is located on a fertile strip of foothills watered by natural springs and the Little Para River. Golden Grove farmers were engaged in harvesting grain and hay, running sheep and dairy herds and working extensive orchards and vineyards. As primary producers they were vitally involved in the supply of food to city dwellers, since their lands were located only 18kms north east of Adelaide, and their produce was sold through the Adelaide East End Markets or the Gepps Cross Abattoirs. Thomas and Elizabeth had their farm at the time the local township was just being established. It appears that Thomas and family may have moved back to the Salisbury area by 1860.

***2 Conway Crescent gauging station**

Gauging Stations are set up to measure streamflow. Streamflow is generated from local rainfall events, as well as significant inputs from urban run-off e.g. stormwater. The majority of streamflow is generated between April and September, with most streams drying up during the summer months, and having intermittent streamflow following rain events.

***3 An artistic interpretation of a skull**

The artist "Pech Vandals" left his/her mark in Anstey Hill Park as well...

