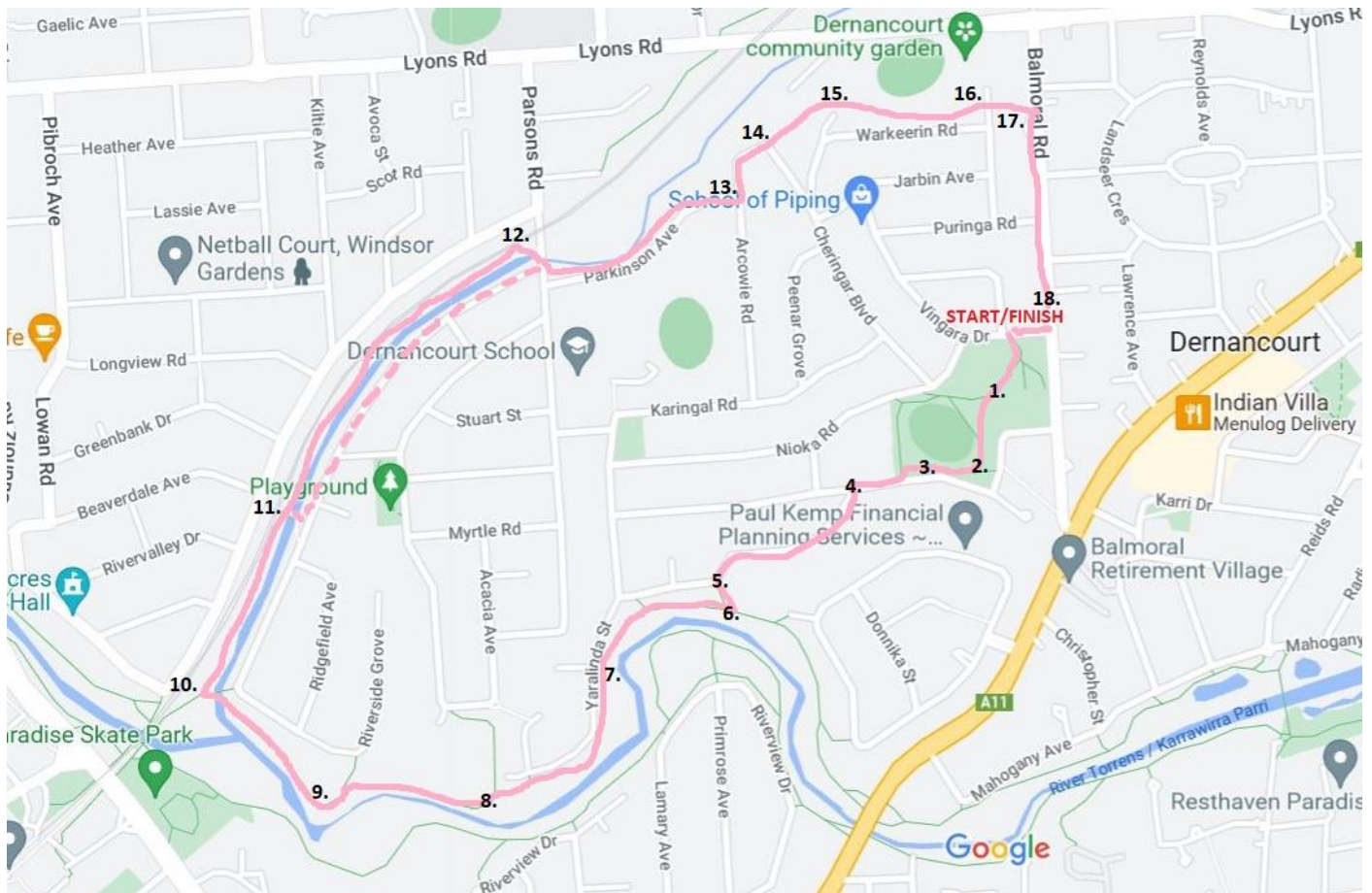


U3A Balmoral Reserve Monday Stroll - directions and information

(4.3km, 1h15)



Park on the edge of Balmoral Reserve, in Vingara Drive, Dernancourt. There is a public toilet by the tennis courts.

Meet in Vingara Drive carpark

START

1. Cross the reserve on a path that goes between the tennis courts and playground. Note a Tiny Library next to the playground
2. The path leads to the edge of the reserve, turn right here. Walk along impressive Black Gums
3. You will encounter a sign and surprisingly a row of **Grenache vines *1**
4. Leave the reserve and continue on Kanangra Rd and then take first left into Lutana Grove
5. When Lutana bears to the right you will see an entry to Linear Park, take it. Turn back to look at a mansion on the corner.
6. At the T-intersection turn right and also look to your left at an impressive row of "swampy pines"
7. The path will merge with Yeralinda St. Walk along the street briefly and when it bends to the right you will see re-entry to the park by a rather fancy house
8. Follow the path and when you reach a fork take the left path

9. Ignore another path on your right and continue with the river on your left
10. At an intersection of multiple paths take the dirt path on the right and walk between Riverside Grove and the O-bahn tracks.
11. After a while on your left you will see a pedestrian tunnel under the O-bahn and on your right a pedestrian bridge. Don't take the tunnel or the bridge but continue straight ahead. From here the path becomes narrow and uneven. People who find this difficult can take the bridge on the right and continue walking along Willowbrook Rd to meet the group at the intersection with Parsons Rd. Others continue on the earthen path which for a while runs close to the O-bahn fence and requires walking in single file
12. When you see the three pipe outlet turn right to walk above it to get to Parsons Rd and safely cross the road to enter a footpath on Parkinson Avenue
13. At the T-intersection take a left into Arcowie Rd
14. At the second bend Arcowie Rd becomes Kurno Way; here take a wild path on the left along the edge of the reserve and walk along the fences
15. Turn right just before the oval (seen through the trees) into a path that skirts the oval keeping the oval on your left
16. At fork of paths keep left. On your left you will see a community garden, a log community house, also a shed which is the home of **SARMA *2**
17. At the end of the path turn right into Balmoral Rd. (alternatively you can take Tandee Rd at its dead end on your right and walk parallel to Balmoral Rd and turn left when you reach the T intersection to join Balmoral by turning right into it. At that T intersection note an unusual topiary tree in someone's garden on your right) At the top of the hill there is a wide view of the Adelaide Hills
18. Take Vingara Drive on your right and walk to the cars. Here on the corner you will see a log cross and an "observation tower" house

FINISH

Annotations

*1 Grenache vines



Grenache vines, originally from Spain, were first brought to South Australia in 1840.

The first vines were grown in the Tea Tree Gully area by the Angove family to produce wine for medical purposes.

TTG was once covered with vineyards until the government compulsorily claimed the land for housing.

These vines were grown from cuttings taken from the old homestead (next to Drumminor Wetland)

Wynn's used this area as a productive vineyard from early 1940s

*2 SARMA - South Australian Railway Modellers Association

Visitors are welcome to attend the club's work/modelling nights which are held on every Wednesday evening from 7pm. Check out some of the incredibly real miniature work this club has produced: <http://www.sarma.asn.au/>

