

# ADVENTURE TRAIL

45 min



## Discover the Maribyrnong River at Brimbank Park

Follow the trail to find each marker and discover amazing plants and animals that call the Maribyrnong River home. This adventure will start and finish outside the park office. Before you set off, get to know the Junior Ranger Way.

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Find out about the park and what fun activities you can do there.

Check the weather and make sure you have the right clothes and footwear with you.

Take plenty of food, water and sun protection.

### KEEP OUR PARKS WILD

Respect animals' homes by leaving logs and rocks as you find them.

Never walk up to wildlife. It might become frightened and try to protect itself.

Animals are healthiest eating their natural foods.

### LEAVE NO TRACE

The best souvenirs of your adventure are your memories.

Respect any evidence of the past that you find. Parks protect our history.

Keep yourself safe and protect the park by staying on tracks.



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Start your adventure by heading up the hill, turning left after Picnic Shelter 2. At the marker, can you see where the river runs? Trace the valley with your finger. Continue walking down the hill.

Become a wildlife detective. Tick off each animal clue as find it!

Animal tunnel



Insect buzzing



You're standing next to a magnificent River Red Gum. Look into the branches, can you see any hollows? Which animals might live here? Some River Red Gums here are over 400 years old.

Chewed leaf



Bird feathers



Spider web



Animal tracks



Across the bridge, the path has carved a slice into Brimbank's history book. Each layer is a different page. Place your finger on three different textured layers. If one of the layers you are touching is a thick dark band, you have your finger on lava! This basalt stripe tells us volcanoes once erupted here millions of years ago. From here, head back across the bridge the way you came and take your first right to continue along the trail.



Close your eyes and listen carefully. Which animals can you hear? Become a bush detective and find clues to discover which animals live along the river. Tick off the clues above as you find them.



Through the gate, follow the path to the river bank. If you write your name in the sand will it be here next time you visit? Don't forget to shut the gate on your way back to the trail.



The bark from trees next to the river were once used by indigenous people to make carriers and canoes. Find a piece of bark from the ground to make a canoe at your next stop.



Stand in the middle of the bridge. Which way is the water flowing? Place your bark canoe downstream of the bridge and watch it drift away. Where do you think your canoe will go if it stays afloat?