

Instructions for Living Streets Walk, hospital and surrounds, October 2013

Please note: this walk contains some quite steep hills, and a couple of major road crossings. Take great care when crossing the uncontrolled slip lanes on Normandy Ave and Cobham Drive!

Park in Valley Tce (off Park Tce, off Hammond St).

Head down the paved road to the archery club in Graham Park. Take care, there may be people practicing! Keep to the extreme right of the park and proceed behind the archery butts to follow the path into the bush and up the hill. Some sections may be a bit soggy – take care.

The path emerges at Hockin House, at the end of Selwyn St, below Waikato Hospital.

Turn left and follow the hospital paths, using the pedestrian crossings as needed to keep on the side of the road with a footpath on it.

At a collection of large garages, just past the main parking building, you will notice a sign for the Scout Hall. Follow this path down to the driveway and we will divert for a quick walk round the small park adjacent to Lorne St. It is a dead end, so we have to return to the driveway leading to the Scout Hall to exit onto Lorne St.

Proceed down Lorne St and cross at the lights at Normandy Ave, taking care with the uncontrolled slip lane.

Continue on the path beside the skating rink to reach Cobham Drive. Cross to Yendall Park at the lights, taking great care at the uncontrolled slip lane on Cobham Drive.

Follow the path alongside Cobham Drive leading to the boat launching ramp on Tisdall St. It is advisable to cross the road near the small group of houses on this quiet street to get onto the footpath which leads up Radnor St.

If the weather is fine and the ground dry, you can follow a grass path and some concrete steps from this end of Tisdall St up to the cul-de-sac end of Anglesea St. However, if the weather is wet or the ground is damp, it is preferable to continue along the footpath and proceed up Radnor St (one of Hamilton's steepest – a good workout!!)

At the top of Radnor St, turn left and stroll down Anglesea to admire the older houses and the view out over the river from the end of the street. Come back along the other side of the road and turn left into Palmerston St.

Keep walking along Palmerston St until you reach the left turn into Hammond St.

Proceed along Hammond St, giving yourself time to admire some of Hamilton's remaining 1930s art deco architecture, then turn left into Park Tce and finally turn right into Valley Tce to reach our starting point once more.