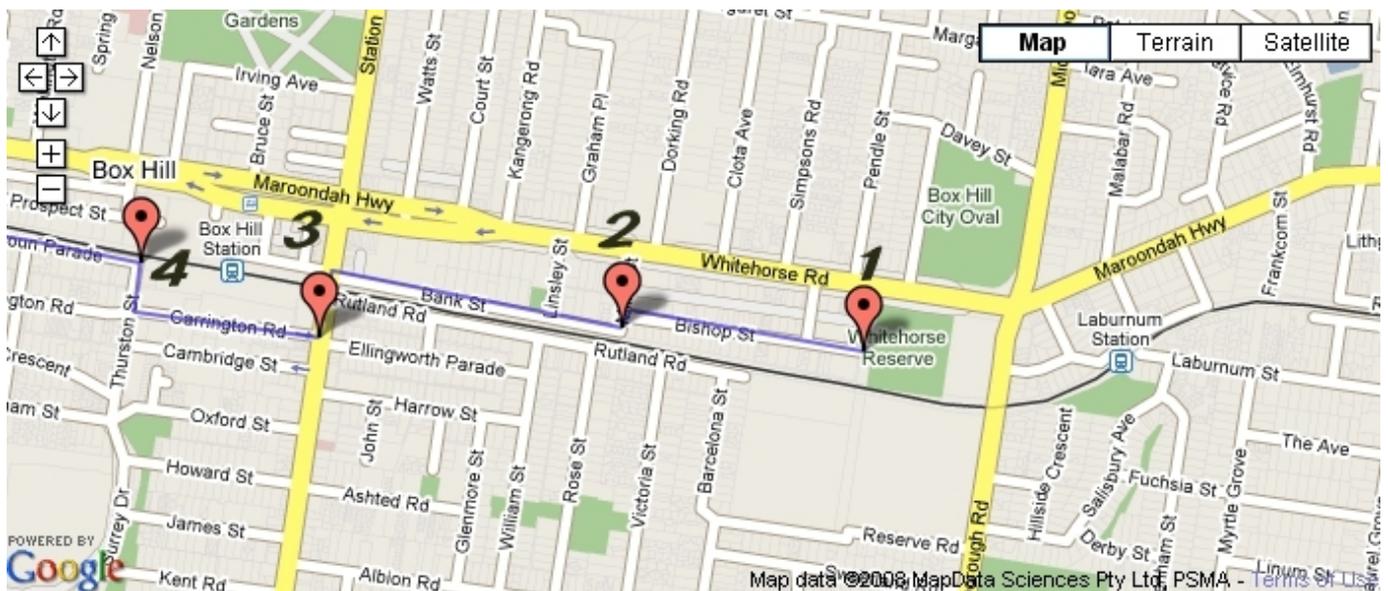


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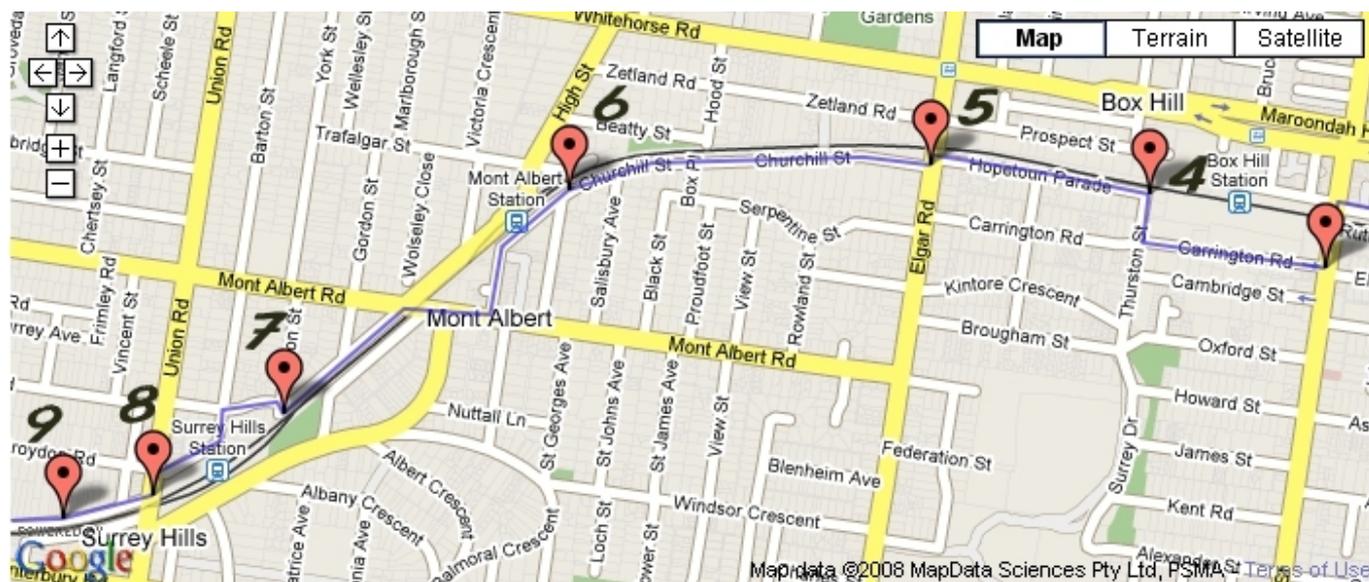
This route describes points of interest and opportunities along a possible safe bike path route from Box Hill (and beyond) to the Yarra, connecting with the existing Main Yarra Trail and Anniversary trail bike paths. Note that these maps do not represent an actual proposed bike path route.

Box Hill Station



1. **Bishop Street:** No link to Middleborough Road. Connection to existing bike path in Mitcham and Blackburn is desirable. There is room for a path along the rail easement parallel to Bishop St and Whitehorse reserve. No safe direct bike paths in this region.
2. **Bank St:** Note existing bike path on south side of street
3. **Carrington Rd:** One way road, busy shopping centre. No room for bikes. Cambridge St has ample room for a bike lane. Could use route through Main St mall and loading docks west of the mall. Loading docks are likely to be private property.
4. **Hopetoun Parade:** Box Hill station has an unused platform that could be used – access would be difficult and expensive.

Box Hill Station to Surrey Hills



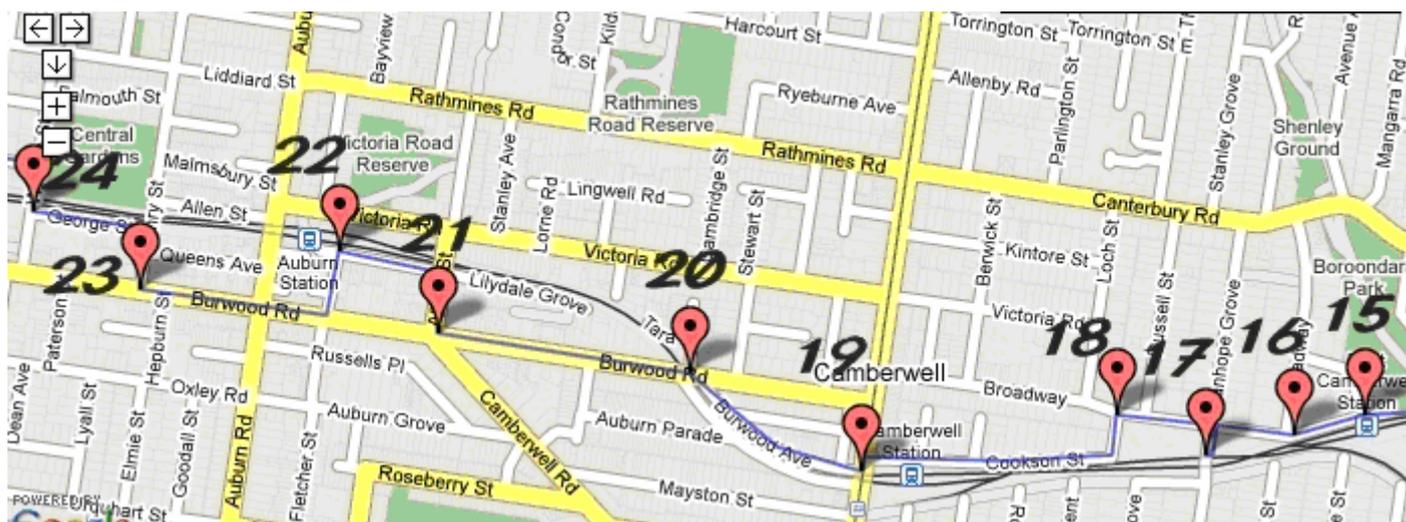
5. **Elgar Rd:** Busy road. Elevated bike path bridge next to railway bridge required.
6. **Churchill St:** Room for path to south of railway line. Could use Zetland Rd and High St to avoid traffic at Mont Albert shopping centre and station.
7. **Beresford St:** Room for path north side of line. Wilson St is the Whitehorse/Boroondara border.
8. **Surrey Hills Union Rd shops:** Cafes, shops and railway station. Could use Montrose St to avoid car park at station.
9. **Sunbury Crescent:** Room for bike path north of line. Could use the wider Guilford Rd.

Surrey Hills to east Camberwell



10. **Chatham Station:** Squeeze point for path - elevation required of station subway path. No room on the north.
11. **Shierlaw Ave:** Bike path route north of line.
12. **Canterbury Station:** Elevate path on north side to cross Canterbury Rd. Maling Rd shops to the south of the railway line. Bridge preferred but improvements to existing pedestrian crossing could be useful.
13. **Kendal St:** Route to north of railway line
14. **Link to Anniversary trail** follows the defunct Outer Circle rail line to Kew and Ashburton.
15. **East Camberwell station:** Continue on the north side of line past the station. Tight passage past station.

Camberwell to Auburn Road



- 16. **Possible bridge location to south side:** could provide a route to Camberwell Station.
- 17. **Stanhope Grove rail bridge:** Note room under bridge for bike path passage on south side.
- 18. **Broadway:** Currently useful for connecting route from East Camberwell Station to Burwood Rd or Victoria Rd.
- 19. **Burke Rd Bridge:** Rail yards to east, room for bike path leading to route on south side of cutting
- 20. **Burwood Rd Camberwell bridge:** room for bike path in cutting - 1 track is used to park trains
- 21. **Burwood Rd:** New bike lane up the hill
- 22. **Lilydale Grove:** Room for bike path on south side
- 23. **Burwood Rd:** Heavy traffic, squeeze points at the lights and often parked cars next to curb. Alternate route – Burwood Rd, Albert Rd, Victoria Rd, Allen St/Malmsbury St, Central Gardens
- 24. **William St:** Room for elevated bike path crossing with rail bridge.

Hawthorn to Yarra



- 25. **Swinburne:** Improved safe bicycle access could be used by many students.
 - 26. **Glenferrie Rd:** Opportunity for path to follow rail easement on south side, then cross Glenferrie Rd on the south side of the rail bridge. Alternatively use existing path via Linda Cres, past Hawthorn Oval and park to arrive at Power St.
 - 27. **Power St:** Busy road, connects to eastern Freeway in the north. Hard to cross
 - 28. **Hawthorn Burwood Rd bridge:** Note room under bridge for path on north side
 - 29. **Underpass:** Join narrow pedestrian path on south side
 - 30. **Bridge road - bike lane to city.** Link to Eddington proposed bike path to north.
 - 31. **Rail bridge over the Yarra:** Room for a bike path on the south side.
- An alternative to 28 to 31 is Lennox St & Barton St to existing path south of St James Park, then to bridge over Yarra.

Summary

The East West link trail would provide a safe shared path for cyclists and pedestrians that will provide an excellent opportunity for East West trips from Box Hill and beyond through Surrey Hills, Canterbury and Hawthorn to the Main Yarra Trail.

Users of this trail could include:

- Cyclists commuting to and from the CBD looking for a safe and direct bicycle route
- Recreational family cycling including visits to the growing local café and shopping areas such as the Glenferrie Road, Camberwell Junction, Maling Road and Union Road strips. This has significant potential to boost local tourism by connecting with Melbourne's existing heavily used bicycle paths along the Yarra River.
- Bicycle and pedestrian trips by residents, including children, to and between local shopping areas Glenferrie, Auburn, Canterbury/Maling Road, Camberwell, Surrey Hills and Hawthorn
- Students attending local schools such as Camberwell High School, Strathcona, Fintona, Canterbury Girls' Secondary College, Carey Grammar and several primary schools.
- Swinburne University students
- Children, under adult supervision, riding on a safe car-free route

More information

- **General information:** http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/index.php/Eastern_Rail_Line_Trail
- **This document:** http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/index.php/East_West_link_discovery_ride
- **Route proposal, including online survey:** <http://easternrailtrail.blogspot.com/>
- **Bicycle Victoria:** <http://www.bv.com.au/change-the-world/11254/>

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