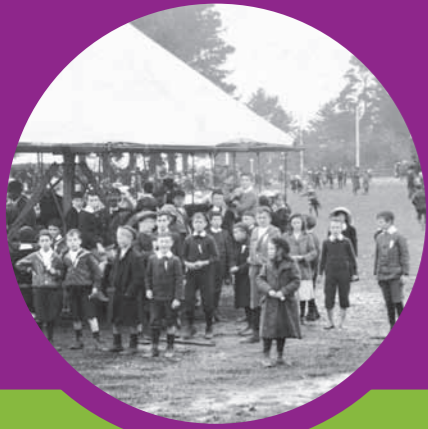


Kid's spotlight on Stonnington's history!



Central Park



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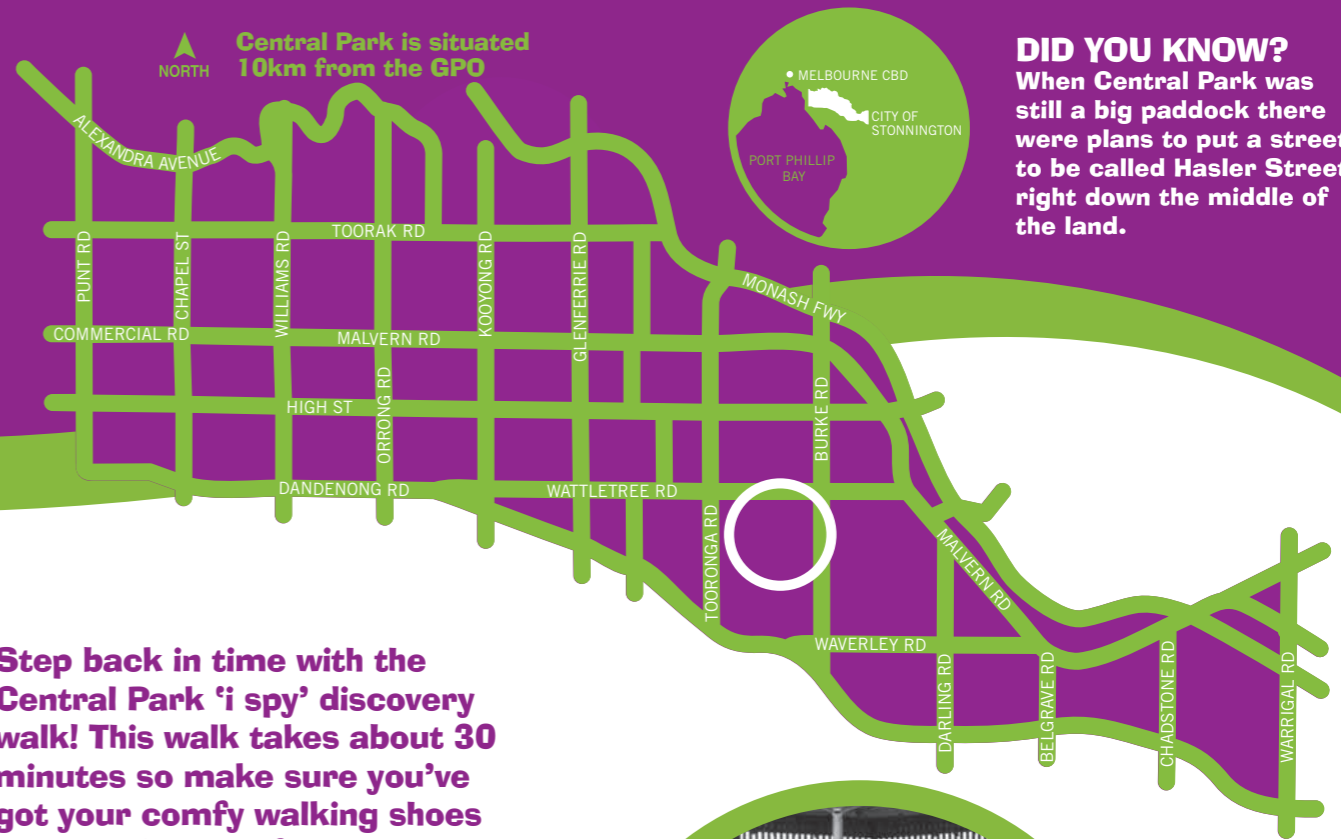
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DID YOU KNOW?
When Central Park was still a big paddock there were plans to put a street, to be called Hasler Street, right down the middle of the land.

Step back in time with the Central Park 'i spy' discovery walk! This walk takes about 30 minutes so make sure you've got your comfy walking shoes on and a bottle of water as you are going to need them on this adventure!

How do I get to Central Park?

It's easy... Besides taking a taxi, you have several choices:

By tram...
From Swanston Street, take Tram 5.

By Car...
Melway ref: 59 G10.

By Bike...
Visit www.bv.com.au for more information on bike paths in Melbourne.

TIP! For train, tram or bus details and timetables, phone 13 16 38, the Transport Information Centre.



LET'S GET MOVING!

Follow the numbers on the map and discover some of Central Park's historical treasures!

CENTRAL PARK

- 1 Soon after the first tram arrived at the Wattletree Road terminus in 1910, a two storey timber tea house and kiosk was built close to the corner. Refreshments could be enjoyed on the verandah overlooking the oval. At night it was a popular place for dances.
- 2 A band rotunda was built next to the kiosk in 1916. Families could sit on deckchairs and listen to the brass bands playing in the rotunda on a Sunday afternoon.
- 3 A bocce court was built beside Burke Road in 1991.
- 4 Oliver Gilpin, a wealthy local businessman, donated the drinking fountain.
- 5 Some of the trees in this part of the park have been here for nearly 100 years.
- 6 In the 1890's the land became part of the 5th, 6th and 7th fairways of an eighteen hole golf course. In the 1890's the activities of the local hunt club were curbed because they interfered with the golf!
- 7 Around 1910 the first trees were planted for the new Central Park.
- 8 The Central Park Conservatory, built on a man made hill, is one of the oldest in Victoria. At one time the Conservatory, with its display of flowers and plants, attracted over 2000 people on a single afternoon.
- 9 Can you find the secret sunken garden that was constructed after the Mayor, Cr Wilmot, presented the original marble fountain in 1928?
- 10 This playground was moved here from the busy Burke Road side of the park.
- 11 Rosemary cuttings, Flanders poppies and a Lone Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) have all been planted around the Cenotaph/ War Memorial.
- 12 The Gothic style memorial, in Harcourt granite, bears the names of local fallen soldiers. The memorial was first erected beside the Malvern Cricket Ground in High Street. Around 1932 it was moved to the front of the Malvern Town Hall. Sixty years later it was moved again, this time to Central Park.
- 13 Can you find the East Malvern Hockey Club memorial plaque?
- 14 The rockery along the edge of the park along Wattletree Road has built-in seats made from slabs of stone.
- 15 The oval is named after a former local resident, John Landy, who used Central Park for his athletics training. He won the Australian Mile Championship three times (1953, 1954, and 1956), set world records for the 1500 metres and the mile, and won medals in the 1954 Empire Games and the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. Landy had the honour of reading the Olympic Oath at the 1956 Olympics. He was later the Governor of Victoria for five years.

START HERE

END HERE

BURKE RD

WATTLETREE RD

KINGSTON ST

CENTRAL PARK RD

OVAL

Rotary Sundial

Pavilion

Gilpin Fountain

Peace Mile Plaque

Interpretive board

Conservatory

Wilmot Fountain

Playground

Heritage Marker-Karl Duldig

NORTH

DID YOU KNOW?
In 1986, Greg Champion of 'The Coodabeen Champions' wrote a song "Never Turn Right At Burke Road Malvern." Here are some of the words from his song...
"Last I saw of old Stanley, he'd gone to cut his hair
He was turning right at Burke Rd Malvern
And he's probably still there"

**CAN YOU FIND...
The Fun and Fitness Trail?**

DID YOU KNOW?
This area of Central Park was once part of a golf course. Local hunt clubs had earlier used the land but were stopped because the horse riding interfered with the golf!

DID YOU KNOW?
In the early days the whole area would have been covered with grass and gum, box and wattle trees. It has sandy soil and this was ideal for dairy cattle.

DID YOU KNOW?
This area once formed part of the territory of the Wurundjeri people.

DID YOU KNOW?
For the first ten years the park had fences all around it to keep out the straying cattle.

GUESS WHAT?
The Council paid £5000 (pounds) for the land back in 1906. If it were sold today as building blocks for houses, it would be worth more than \$120 million!

DID YOU KNOW?

The oval has been used for cricket, lacrosse, soccer, school sports' days, fairs, picnics, Carols by Candlelight and as a landing place for a helicopter and hot air balloons.