

Distance

2 km return

Time to complete

Advanced walkers

30 min return

Moderate walkers

1 hour return

Slow walkers

1.5 hours



Relative difficulty

Easy

This is an easy walk on mostly flat terrain.

The one steep section of the track has a hand-rail.

In case of emergency

For emergency help call **000**

For emergency information and warnings
emergency.vic.gov.au

Mobile phone coverage may be inconsistent

History of Strathbogie Township

From 1842 squatters took up a huge land holdings in the rugged Strathbogie Ranges and the tablelands to run thousands of sheep and cattle. Families arrived in the 1870's, and dairy and sheep were the driving industries in Strathbogie's early days and in the gold rush of the 1860's there were hundreds working the mines in the area. A second mining boom occurred in the 1940's with crystal mining to satisfy the quartz crystal component of early radios – crystal sets.

Vineyards are now another major industry in the area along with cattle, sheep and mining; as savvy growers and winemakers take advantage of the cool climate and rich granite soils of the area. Surrounded by forests, farmland and striking granite hills the environment is beautiful with its native bushland, birds and animals.

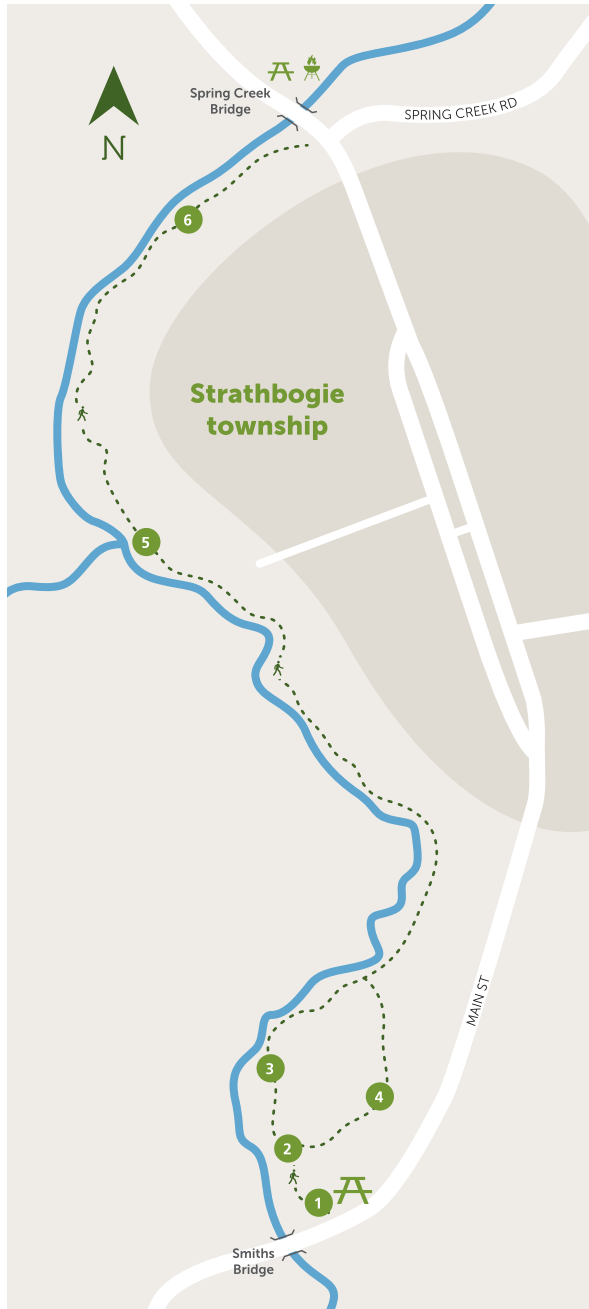
For more information
and interactive maps check out these websites:
www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tourism/tourism/tracksandtrails
<https://www.victoriawalks.com.au/Strathbogie/>



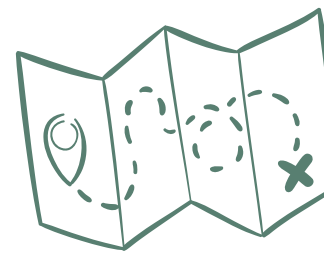
Bridge To Bridge Walking Track

Strathbogie
Township





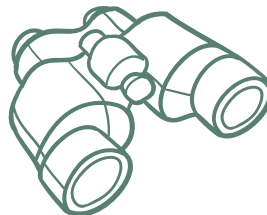
Location



Start the walk at either the Smiths Bridge day-visitor picnic area at the south end of town, or at the Spring Creek Bridge at the north end of town. Don't forget to look up, many Koala's and native birds live in these trees!

Track notes

1. Starting from the Smiths Bridge day-visitor area, view the information kiosk near the picnic tables to find out about the local area and fauna. Then take the path either to the left along the creek or the right along the floodplain – these paths meet up 150 m further on.
2. Information boards near the track junction explain some local fauna. This area was, until recently, over-run with weeds and exotic trees, which had to be cleared. The Strathbogie Landcare Group has planted hundreds of seedling trees and shrubs to rehabilitate the site.
3. Deep pools and cloudy water along the left-hand path along the creek are home to platypus.



Notice the many Silver Banksias and other shrubs that have been planted along the track, providing a nectar and pollen source for insects and honeyeaters.

4. The right-hand path follows the edge of the creek's floodplain, where the deep fertile soil is moist year-round. There is a small ephemeral pond along this path where herons sometimes stalk frogs. This pond is part of the old creek-line, which still flows after heavy rain or when the creek floods.
5. The confluence of the Seven Creeks and the Spring Creek is about 350m from the Spring Creek end of the walk.
6. Along the northern end of the walk at Spring Creek Bridge, the track follows the creek closely. Notice the rocky stream-bed and how clear the water is. Take care to stay on the path – the drop-off is sometimes steep.