

The Great Dividing Trail

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Tourism Information

This section of the Great Dividing Trail begins at the railway station in Ararat. The initial part of the walk takes you through the town, past Alexandra gardens and J Ward and onto the Cemetery Creek Track.

From Ararat it follows the train track north, with open farm lands and distant views of Mt Langi Ghiran to your right, and then onwards past the Ararat Bushland Reserve before heading west and over the train tracks and the Western Highway to the Ararat Hills Regional Park.

The Ararat Hills Regional Park has many relics from the gold mining era, including numerous shallow mine shafts, a mining dam and water-races. It is also a haven for wildlife, native animals that are commonly seen include; kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas. The path meanders its way through with a slight incline towards the end of this section.

The track heads back towards Ararat where it divides into two sections, one that heads via Chalambar Golf Course and back onto Cemetery Creek Track and the other heads south along Banfield Street and into the main shopping area where refreshments can be found.

Ararat is steeped in history, being the only Australian town to have been founded by the Chinese during the gold rush. There are a number of heritage attractions including J Ward, Aradale, Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre, Ararat Railway Heritage Museum and Langi Morgala Museum.

Ararat also has a bustling CBD with many cafes, restaurants, shops, a cinema, the Ararat Regional Art Gallery and gorgeous gardens.

The town sits at the crossroads of the Western and Pyrenees Highways and is easily accessible by train from Melbourne and Adelaide.

- 1 - Alexandra Gardens**
- 2 - J Ward** – a former gaol for the criminally insane
- 3 - Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre**
- 4 - Ararat Regional Art Gallery**
- 5 - Langi Morgala Museum** – Ararat social history museum
- 6 - Ararat Railway Heritage Museum**

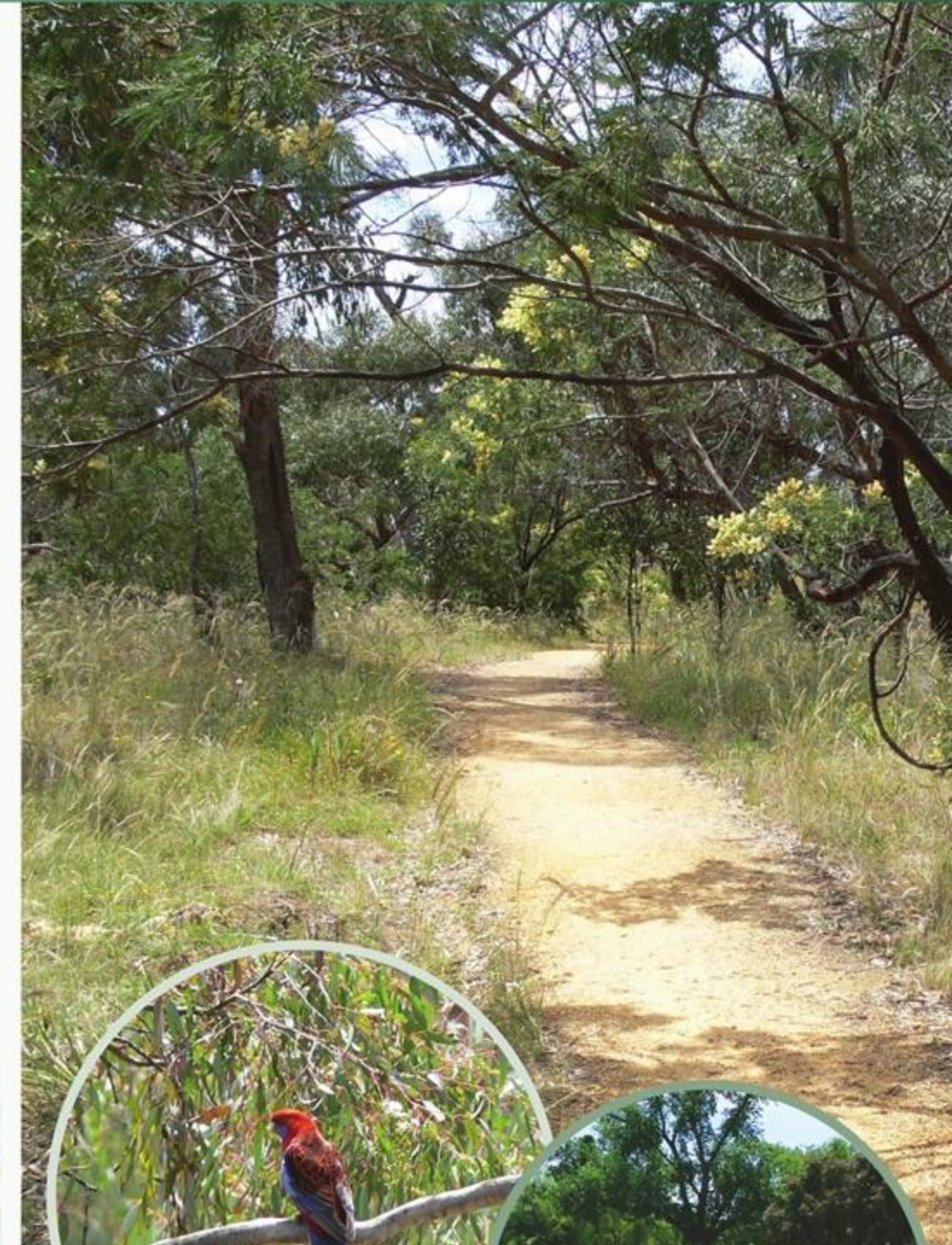
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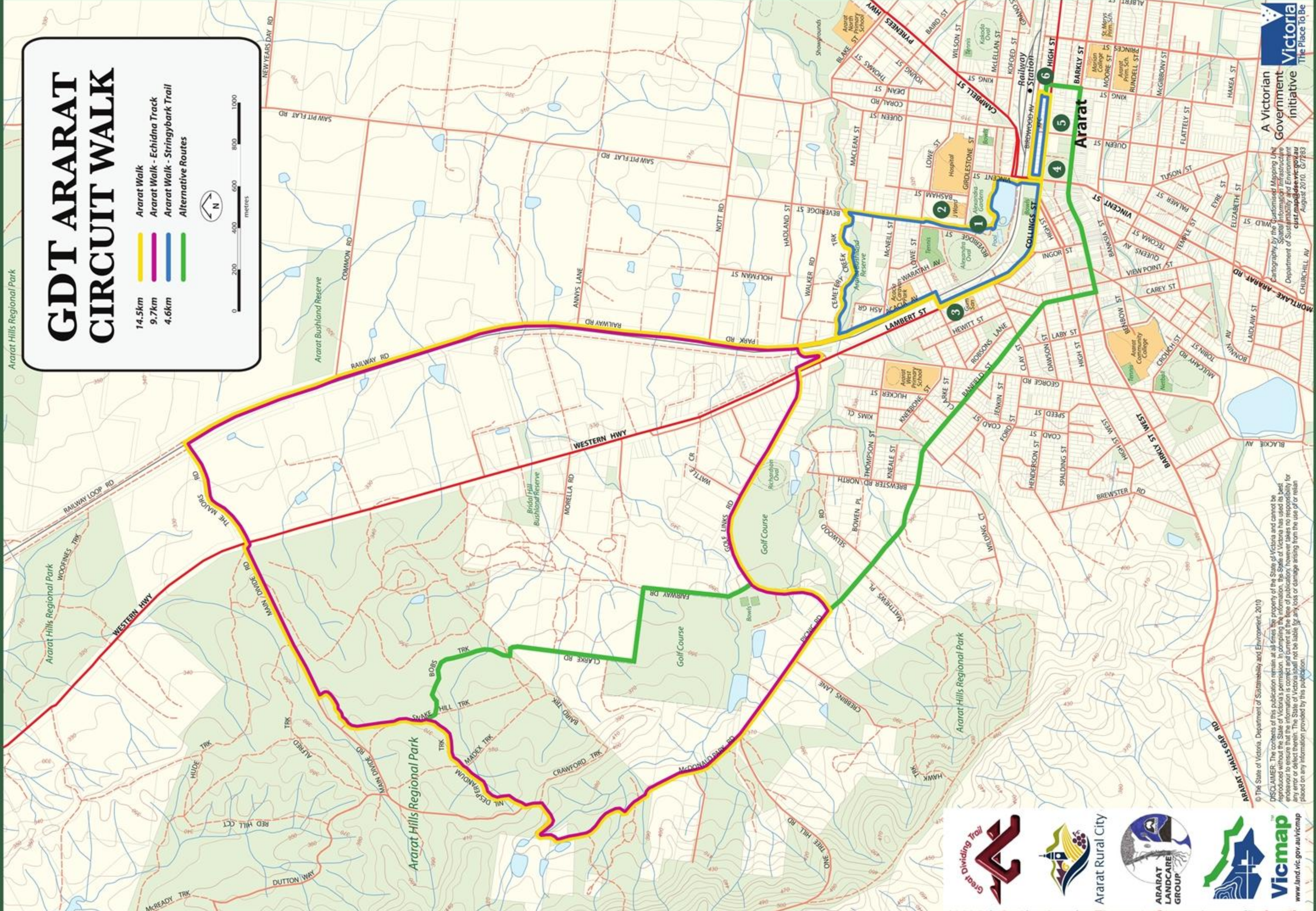
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- Ararat Walk 14.5km
- Ararat Walk - Echidna Track 9.7km
- Ararat Walk - Stringybark Trail 4.6km
- Alternative Routes



Ararat Rural City



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