








Lake Claremont Loop

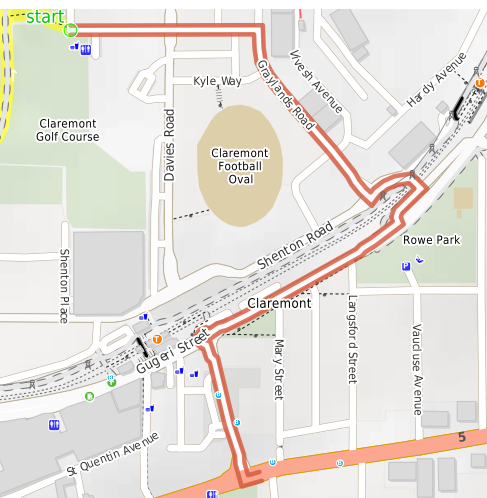
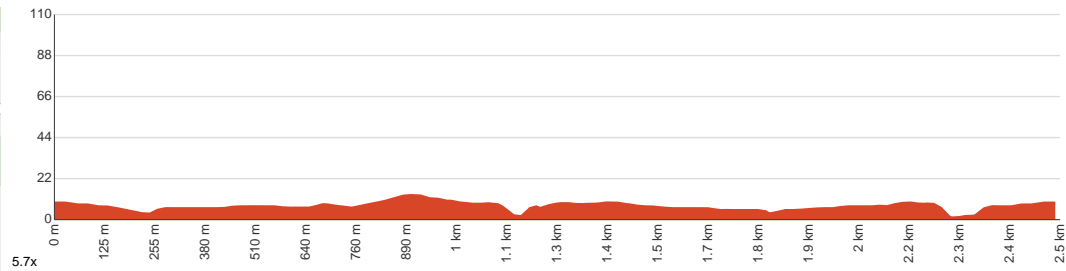
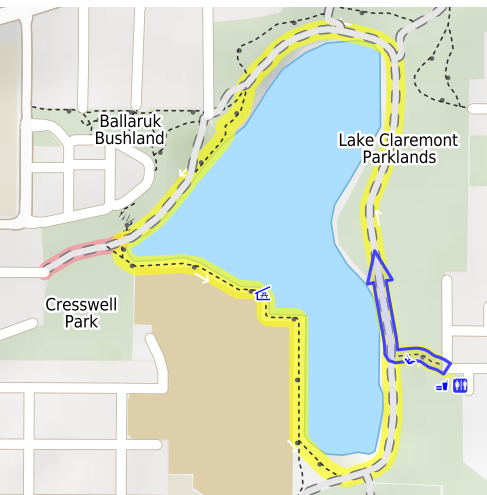
-  30 min to 45 min
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-  15 min to 25 min


2.5 km
Circuit


↑ 34 m
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Easy track

Starting from the car park at the end of Lapsley Road, Claremont, this walk takes you on a circuit around Lake Claremont via the Lake Claremont Shared Path. Lake Claremont is a seasonal lake with considerable conservation value that supports abundant life, both above and below the water. The lake and its adjoining bushland form Claremont's largest area of open space, and this area is closely monitored and cared for by the Friends of Lake Claremont community volunteer group. This walk takes you around the perimeter of the lake, providing beautiful views over the water. A shared-use path surrounds the east and northern shores, and pedestrian pathways circumnavigate the entire lake, so it's an easy, flat and scenic walk. The path is also suitable for wheelchairs and prams. There is a large grassed area with plenty of space to run around or kick a ball. Dogs are welcome on a leash, and there is also an off-lead dog exercise area. Ducks and water birds often can be seen wandering between the park and the water. With gorgeous playgrounds, a beautiful lake walk and coffee nearby, this is the perfect place to enjoy a bit of nature and get in some daily activity as a family. The lake is partially fenced with wire, but not fully, so little wanderers should be supervised. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



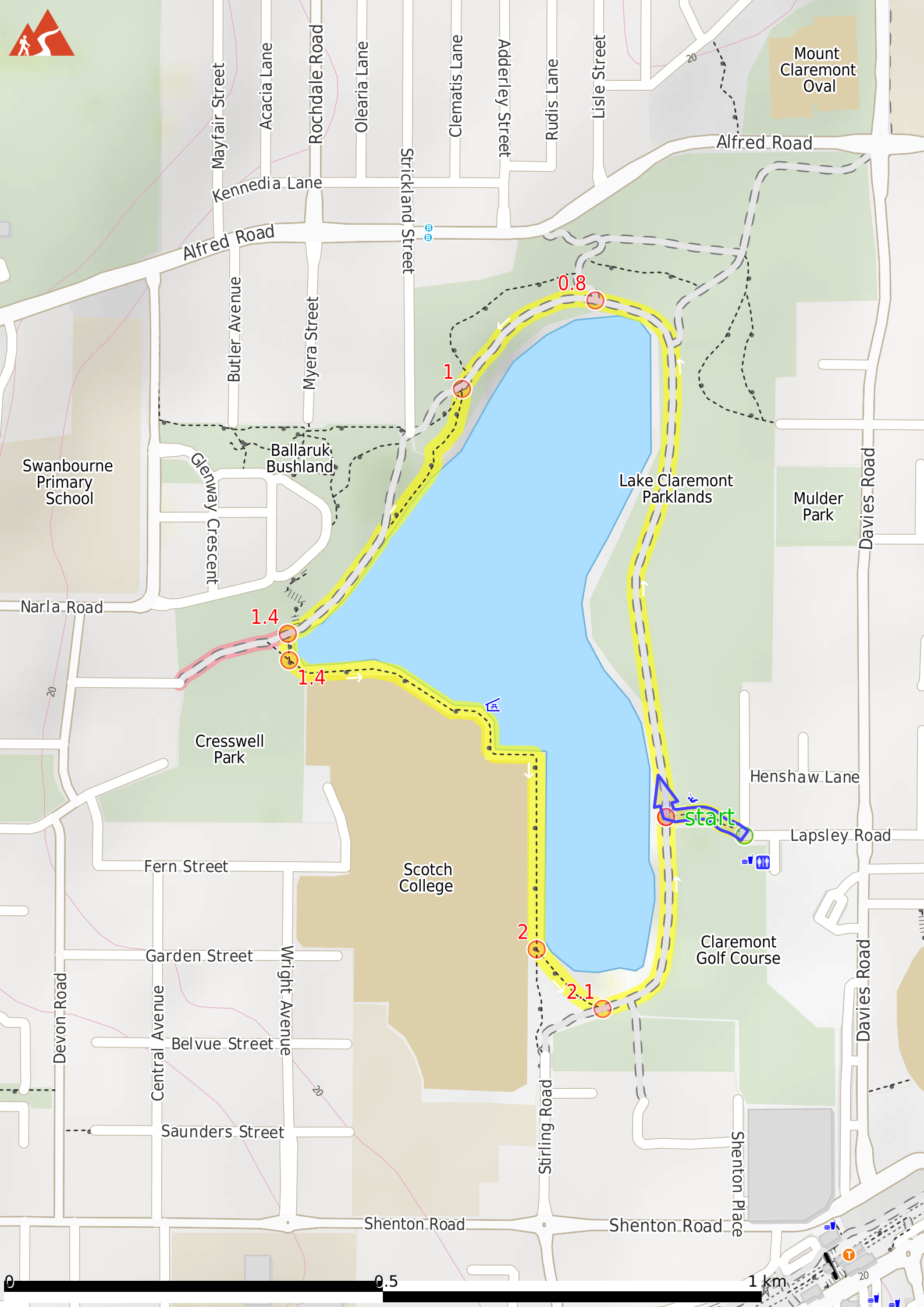
Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Stirling Highway, 5

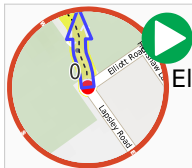
- Turn on to Leura Avenue then drive for 225 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Guger Street and drive for another 390 m
- Turn left onto Shenton Road and drive for another 70 m
- Turn left onto Shenton Road and drive for another 25 m
- Turn left onto Shenton Road and drive for another 75 m
- Turn right onto Graylands Road and drive for another 330 m
- Turn left onto Lapsley Road and drive for another 300 m

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Getting started: From the car park at the end of Lapsley Road, Claremont, head along the sealed path between the trees next to Lake Espresso, passing a 'Lake Claremont Dog Exercise Areas' sign (to your left) and a 'Welcome to Lake Claremont' sign shortly ahead. Continue ahead along the path for about 100m as it winds past the sheltered picnic and barbecue area (to your right), then turn right after passing the playground. Follow the path ahead, keeping the lake to your left, and continue the Lake Claremont Loop (counterclockwise).



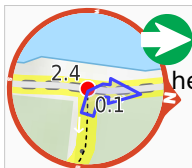
At the intersection of Lapsley Road & Elliott Road **Start** (a walking track).



Lake Espresso (about 55 m back from the start). Lake Espresso is a hole in the wall type cafe with a small alfresco dining area overlooking Lake Claremont. They offer tea, coffee and various sweets. A walk around the lake followed by a coffee at Lake Espresso is the perfect combination. If it's a sunny day, you can also sit out on the lawn. There are also a few picnic tables out the front under the shady trees.



After 135 m find the "Lake Claremont Nature Playground" (15 m on your right). Found beside the waters of Lake Claremont is a small but lovely playground. The main fort has wooden steps and a climbable rope, so older children may enjoy this section better. There is also a wooden obstacle course in place. The sheltered picnic area with barbecue facilities sits just next to the playground.



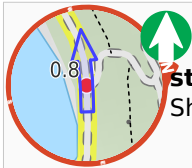
After another 25 m **turn right**, to head along Lake Claremont Shared Path.



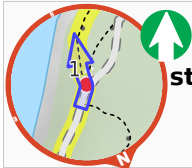
After another 145 m find the "Lake Claremont" (50 m on your left). The lake was a large wetland area abundant in plant and animal life prior to the European settlement. Mooro people used to hunt and gather food here. It was known as Butler's Swamp when it was taken up for farming and grazing in the early days of European settlement. In 1850 the land was allotted to pensioner guards for farming, timber was taken out, the water level rose, and the Mooro Aboriginal people were moved out of their territory. It is now recognised as a site of significant Aboriginal heritage. Housing development didn't happen due to degradation, which led to the establishment of the golf course. Some of the original land is covered by the Scotch College playing fields nowadays. Stirling Road passed here as well, and you can even see it when the water is low.



After another 420 m **continue straight**, to head along Lake Claremont Shared Path.



After another 120 m **continue straight**, to head along Lake Claremont Shared Path.



After another 215 m **continue straight**.

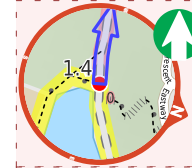


After another 205 m **continue straight**, to head along Shared Path.



After another 160 m **continue straight**, to head along Shared Path.

Start of an alternate access route: An alternate access point from/to Gloucester Street.



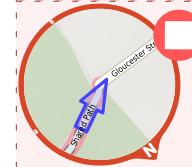
Start heading along *Shared Path*.



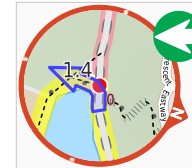
After another 30 m **continue straight**, to head along Shared Path.



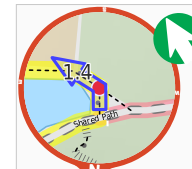
Then pass the "Cresswell Park" (on your left).



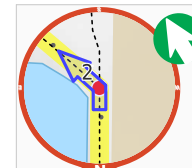
After another 125 m come to the end.



After another 15 m **turn left**.



After another 30 m **veer left**.



After another 610 m **veer left**.

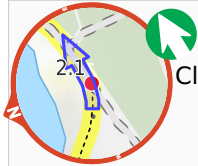


After another 120 m find the "Duck Pond Park" (20 m on your right).

Nestled in a leafy corner by Lake Claremont is a lovely, naturally shaded playground. The playground is a good mix of nature play and traditional playground equipment. Stepping stones, wooden platforms and balancing logs connect the different sections of the playground. Dotted around the playground are a few picnic tables, some naturally shaded, others with purpose-built shading. Next to the playground are some exercise stations, and there is also a barbecue near the lake end of the playground. The playground is right on the edge of the lake, so keep an eye on your kids at all times.



Then pass the "The Cedus Park" (40 m on your right).



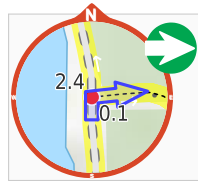
Veer left, to head along Lake Claremont Shared Path.



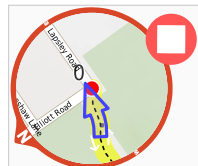
After another 40 m **continue straight**, to head along Lake Claremont Shared Path.



After another 165 m find the "Lake Claremont Golf Course" (50 m on your right). Located in the heart of Claremont and adjacent to Lake Claremont, the golf course provides something for everyone from the complete novice right through to the skilled professional.



After another 70 m **turn right**.



After another 110 m come to the end.