

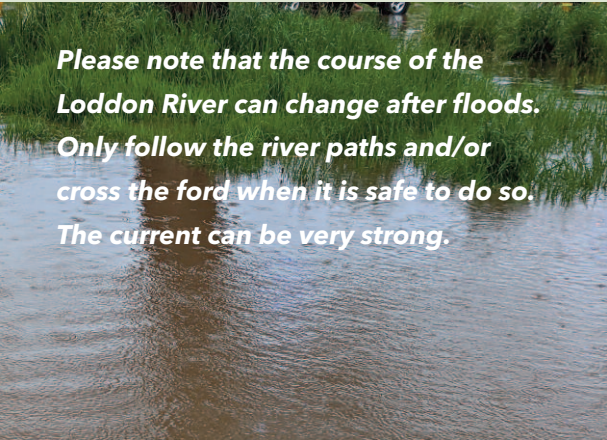
Newstead grew from being a crossing place on the Loddon River for miners travelling to and from the goldfields of central Victoria. We invite you to take some short walks or rides to explore this beautiful place. Routes are mainly flat, on a mixture of sealed and unsealed roads and tracks.

1 River Walk West

45 minutes - Nature, Arts and History.

Start at Community Centre, Lyons Street

Cross the Road Bridge and turn immediately **Left**. Follow our lovely Loddon River upstream, turning **Left** at the T intersection with Dundas Street. Then go **Right** across the disused railway line to skirt the Newstead Race Course Reserve. Turn **Right** to follow Church Street and then take a small detour to visit the Red Shed and the Arts Hub which have been repurposed from the historic Railway Station buildings. Resume along Tivey Street to pass the old Butter Factory and the very old gum tree where the first religious service was held.



Please note that the course of the Loddon River can change after floods. Only follow the river paths and/or cross the ford when it is safe to do so. The current can be very strong.

2 River Walk East

40 minutes. Beautiful Trees, Bird Life and River Features.

Start at the Community Centre, Lyons Street

Cross Lyons Street, pass the Men's Shed and playground. Go **Left** before the Loddon River Road Bridge down to the river. Turn **Left** and go upstream. Pass the small weir and the cableway which is used to measure water flow rate. Admire the magnificent gum trees. A short detour takes you to the ford and a glimpse of the fascinating art work at Antares on the opposite bank. Backtrack and go **Right** to follow Layard Street to the Old Mill 1869, now a private residence. Follow the levee bank. You will pass the Community Garden, where you can meander or picnic.

3 Loddon River Loop Walk

40 minutes - Upstream and Down! Start at the Community Centre, Lyons Street

Cross the Loddon River Road Bridge turning immediately **Left**. This loop is a combination of Walks 1 and 2. Meander along the Loddon then follow Brandt Street to find the amazing works at Antares. Turn **Left** on to Punt Road. Descend to cross the ford, if it is safe to do so. There are several opportunities to enjoy sitting quietly on the river bank before returning to Lyons Street.

Possible only when the Ford is dry - you may have to retrace your route or pick up the River Walk West route



NEWSTEAD WALKS & WHEELS



Newstead Township Loops



4 Rotunda Park Loop

45 minutes - History and Nature. Start at the Community Centre, Lyons Street

Go **Left** along Lyons Street. Pass many community and historic buildings including the Rural Transaction Centre (previously the Shire of Newstead Offices). Enter Rotunda Park near the Major Mitchell Monument 1836. Meander diagonally across the grass to Clyde Street, then follow Cameron Road onto an unmade track leading to Adair Street. Go **Left** here, then cross Adair Street to find the levee bank and enjoy the views across the river flats. Turn **Left** at Lyons Street.

Please note: The Mia Mia Creek Crossing is a steep little dip and unsuitable for wheelchairs/pushers/prams. This crossing is usually dry but check for water depth after rain. The track section is rough.

5 Footpath Fitness Loop

20 minutes. Start at corner of Panmure Street and Lyons Street

A route using Newstead's paved footpaths. Keeping the Hotel on your Right follow Panmure Street. Turn Left passing the Recreation Reserve and the historic Court House. Turn Left on to Codrington Street passing the Primary School and then Left to go along Lyons Street. Check your walking time and see if you can beat it on lap 2!

The Newstead Historical Society has brochures available for several themed historical walks.

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