

Ride

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Ride Around the Patch →

We asked Patch collaborators (and locals) for their favourite cycling trails around Patch. They ranged from a Smith Street gelati quest to an espresso pit stop and some book browsing at the famous Abbotsford Convent. Patch's well-connected Fitzroy North location, plus the nearby Merri Creek trail, puts most of the northside and CBD within easy pedal. But if a leisurely stroll is more your speed, we've included walking times in the trail maps too. Get to know your patch.

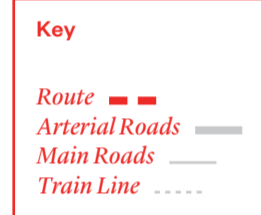
P 2 Gertrude Street with Chelsea



P 1 Abbotsford Convent with Justin



P 3 Green Park Café with Quino



Patch to Abbotsford Convent 3.3 km's

P 1

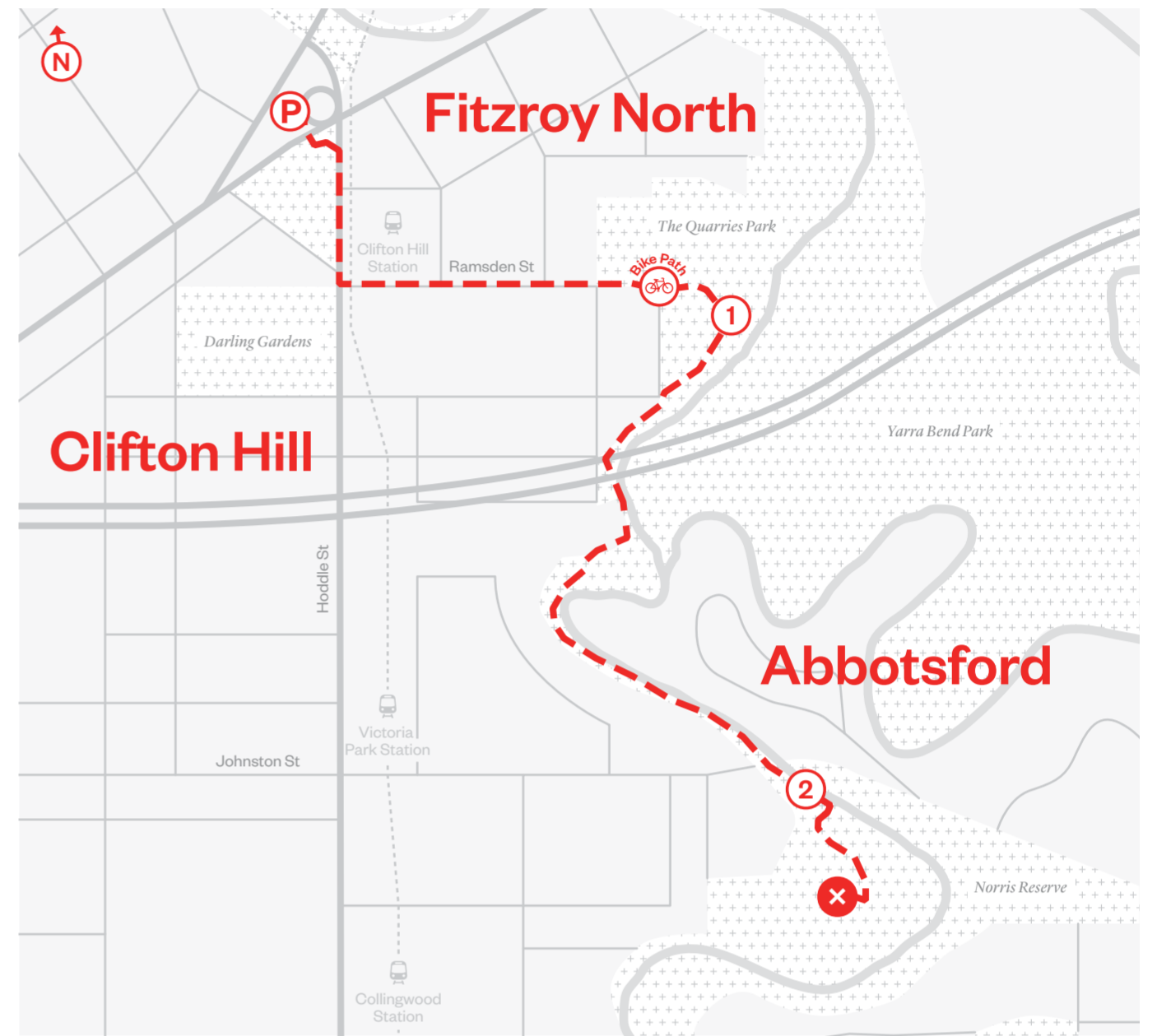
The perfect ride for those lazy Sunday mornings. This track follows the old Capital City Trail, past the Merri Creek Labyrinth[Ⓞ] and the iconic Abbotsford Convent. Stop off along the way for some fresh poached eggs and fried Berkshire bacon at the Farm Café[Ⓞ], browse some paperbacks at the convent bookshop or wander through the C31 Gallery. If your legs are up to it, push on southwest through the shady Treasury Gardens and into the CBD for a strong espresso.

Duration:
Approx. 14 minutes by bike
Approx. 40 minutes by foot

Prime time:
Weekends - to fit the most into the day

Nearest train station:
Collingwood Station

Patch tip:
Make sure you check opening hours before you arrive



Patch to Gertrude Street 3.3 km's

P 2

If you're looking for directions to the heart of Melbourne's indie scene, Smith Street[Ⓞ] in Collingwood is the most direct route. It's slightly grittier than nearby Brunswick Street, but with enough single-origin coffee and expertly mulled cocktails to keep any northside explorer happy for weeks. A stop at gelato genius Messina[Ⓞ] is a no-brainer, and the highly underrated Sunny's Bakery is also worth a try for some of the best banh mi in town. End the day with a well-deserved pint at the Builders Arms Hotel[Ⓞ] on Gertrude Street.

Duration:
Approx. 12 minutes by bike
Approx. 40 minutes by foot

Prime time:
Saturday afternoon

Nearest train station:
Collingwood Station

Patch tip:
Make sure to sample a gelato from Messina on arrival to cool down



Patch to Green Park Café 2.5 km's

P 3

Cycle-centric local eatery Green Park Café is the perfect Saturday morning pit stop along the Capital City Trail. Start the day with one of Israeli pastry chef Gadi Assayag's signature sweets and a cup of single-origin, then follow the bike path west until you hit Nicholson Street, Brunswick. On the return journey, stop off for a film and glass of wine at retro cinema Longplay[Ⓞ], or make a beeline for your new local - the art deco inspired Terminus Hotel[Ⓞ].

Duration:
Approx. 9 minutes by bike
Approx. 23 minutes by foot

Prime time:
Early morning for a coffee, or evening for a bite to eat

Nearest train station:
Rushall Station

Patch tip:
Don't drink and ride if your first stop is the Terminus!

