

#### **Leg 4: Cnr Majura & Phillip Ave (Dickson) to Regatta Point**

Continue east on the path from the transition area for 80m (0.08) to cross Majura Ave at the bridge, crossing over to the LHS of the canal to turn right onto a dirt ST (0.108) that follows the middle of the nature strip between Phillip Ave and the canal. At the track split near Madigan St (0.62) take the left hand fork closest to Phillip Ave, and continue straight ahead up past a yellow pole (0.82), across a path (0.92; at Kellaway St) and 30m later turn left at the green Nature Park gate (0.95) to join a track heading past the Kellaway St Car Park. Continue up the hill past the Hancocks Rd sign (1.05) and continue straight ahead up the hill ignoring the large track (1.28) heading off left along the Hackett Houses. **Only 100m further on (1.38) be sure to turn left** onto the single track (ST) leading under the single powerlines and then only 80m later (1.46) continue straight on the ST uphill. After another 120m take the left (downhill) fork of the ST. Continue straight on this ST (1.76) which heads up to run parallel with the big double powerlines up on your right (2.09) for about 400m before veering left (2.46) to a T-Jn (2.48).

Turn left here onto a big gravel dirt road (Blue Metal Rd) to head down towards the houses for about 200m before it turns hard right at the “Hackett Houses track” sign (2.70). Continue straight ahead (ignore tracks heading left towards houses) at the first (3.13) and second (3.30) track splits, passing a large water tank on your left before turning right (3.44) at the Park Care noticeboards to step across a horse stile and head uphill on the Majura Horse Trail. Continue straight on the track up the hill after passing under the large powerlines (3.61). After approx. 150m or so the track swings left (N) and climbs steadily. Continue straight ahead past a major walking path (with steps) that crosses your path (4.06) and after 300m or so stay alert for set of steps that will allow you to cross the fence on your RHS (4.41) followed by an immediate turn left onto a narrow ST, which after 100m or so swings away from the fenceline and heads uphill, becoming very rocky. The ST does a right hairpin turn and then backtracks for 500m before terminating at a T-jn (5.14).

Turn left (uphill) to follow this major walking track with steps. The track crosses a metal grid bridge (5.37) and continues for 300m up to a major intersection (5.67) at the ridgeline where you turn left to follow the main 4WD track uphill, steep in places (5.79–6.10 and 6.21 to 6.31) and leading to a climb-through gate (6.50). Head straight across the road up an embankment/stone steps to reach Mt Majura trig (6.57; aid station, Course Marshal).

From the Trig, retrace your steps back down through the gate (6.63) to head back the way you came but this time continue straight ahead down the ridgeline past (7.48) the point where you originally joined it. It quickly narrows to ST and then descends through a series of zigzags: zig left (7.92), zag right (8.04), zig left (8.33), zag right (8.49), through metal stile (8.51), becomes sealed with some steps (8.82). As soon as this path exits the treeline (8.95) take a faint ST to the left (10 o'clock) to join the larger track heading downhill between the 2 big sets of powerlines only for about 100m before exiting to the left (9.10) onto a ST heading back into the trees (9.11; no bikes/no horses sign). After 270m (9.38) take the track to the right (not uphill) at the dam, follow the fenceline to another right hand turn at the end of the dam (9.45) to a small track which crosses a small rubber footbridge (9.46) and then heads 60m uphill to join the main gravel road (9.52).

Turn left (uphill) and follow the main gravel road for approx 400m before taking the right fork at the “Cherryburn Trail sign” (9.90), the trail changing from grey gravel to brown dirt and heading uphill and to the right with a large water reservoir prominent on your RHS. Follow this main trail for the next 1.75K as it climbs steadily up Hackett Hill, starts to flatten out (10.72) for about 500m and then starts descending (11.28). Approx. 50m before the powerlines/bottom of this descent (11.64) take a small ST to the left which cuts the corner to a major track intersection at the saddle (11.70).

Take the track to the left (E) where the power pole corner is (11.71; sign on right says Hancock Rd) and head downhill for approx. 1K on a long, smooth wide track. Turn right at the major trail intersection at the bottom of the hill (12.77) onto Telecom Rd and then just under 200m later (12.94) take the ST to the left that cuts the corner to merge with another main track (13.03) heading E out towards the airport. This track swings right (S; 13.44) and then follows the fenceline on the edge of Campbell Park. Stay on the main track (13.95) as it temporarily veers away from the fenceline around a small dam. The track heads back into the trees (14.60) and 120m later (14.72) turns right (uphill) and turns into “Scotts Boundary Track” (aid station here). Follow this track uphill, keeping the fenceline on your LHS. The track swings right (15.05) past a “House Trail Link” sign (15.07). Approx. 400m later (15.45) take the left fork in the track, which very soon (15.49) intersects with a large cross road. Cross this road at the 4ft high cement post and immediately after crossing (15.50) take the worn vehicle track heading off to the right at approx. 2 o’clock heading.

This track swings left and starts to climb steadily uphill (15.55), hitting a clearing (15.70), passing under powerlines (15.76) and then follows a single power line for about 140m (15.86–16.00), before reaching a T–jn (16.05).

Turn right at the T–jn to take the wide dirt road heading uphill between the power lines. This road then descends steeply to cross a dry watercourse (16.43) and then climbs quite steeply for about 200m. As the road starts to flatten out (16.64), keep a lookout for an upcoming ST on your LHS that you will soon turn left at (16.68). This narrow ST soon climbs steeply and after 300m or so (17.00) becomes wider and less steep. When this track merges with another road from the right (17.22) you will travel only 40m before taking the right hand fork at the track split onto some narrow ST. After 650m (17.93) you turn left to climb a stone staircase leading up to Mt Ainslie Dr.

When you reach the road turn right (stay on the RHS) then head straight across Mt Ainslie Dr (17.96), heading straight up a dirt ST towards the Radio tower on the summit. At the tower (18.12) take the steps back and down to the right to the road, cross straight across Mt Ainslie Dr (18.14) onto a cobbled footpath (there is a water bubbler and tap to your left, just past the 1m high cement block). Continue straight ahead down some cement steps (18.17) leading under the lookout and turn right around a metal barrier (18.20) onto the main walking track. This sealed track passes some big steps and a lookout (18.32). 400m take care to stay on the main (sealed) track. There are several sharp hairpin turns on the way down and you pass around 3 wooden corrals (19.71, 19.80, 19.98) before passing a gate (20.07), a wooden footbridge (20.09) and take 8 steps down onto a small dirt track that leads you to cross Treloar Cres (20.16) behind the Australian War Memorial.

Follow the road straight ahead that runs between the War Memorial and the car park for about 200m until it ends (20.37), continuing straight across onto the grass between the footpath and trees (20.39) and then running down the grassy bank following the line of trees heading towards the lights/pedestrian crossing at Fairbairn Ave (20.50). After crossing at the lights you will follow the footpath to your right which then heads along the LHS of Anzac Pde past various memorials. Take care when crossing Blamey Cres (20.92) and Constitution Ave (21.50) at the lights.

Turn left onto the footpath immediately after crossing Constitution Ave to follow it for approx. 140m before turning right into the entrance to the car park on the RHS. Veer 45 degrees right to short cut across the car park, passing near the building edge and heading down to the corner of the car park near the underpass. Turn right onto Wendouree Dr (21.81) and cross over to the footpath on the LHS just before passing under the two sections of Parkes Way (21.11 & 21.91). 70m later turn right to cross Wendouree Dr at the ped crossing and head down the path to turn right onto the main path next to Lake Burley Griffin (22.03). Follow the path on the Lake's edge all the way to the finish. The path temporarily turns to red gravel and then back to cement again, crosses a small bridge near Floriade and then swings around towards the flagpole at Regatta Point (23.04). Approx 50m past the flagpole leave the path (23.54) to climb to the right up the grassy bank, following the marked cones to the finish chute that terminates at the paved area at the western (left hand) end of the Canberra Business Events Centre (23.68).