

Leg 2: Waldock St, Mount Taylor to National Arboretum (Cnr Himalayan Cedars Rd and Boundary Rd)

From the end of the car park follow the LHS of Waldock St for 150m (0.15) before turning left to climb through a metal fence. Continue straight ahead 80m (0.23) later to cross Nth Taylor FT and head down into the gully on the narrow single track (ST). Cross the West Powerline FT (0.42) and continue straight ahead (W) down onto the Old Kambah FT. After passing a dam on your right the trail swings left (S) and heads down to a climb-through gate (1.32). Continue straight to cross Colquhoun St (1.40) and follow the dirt track on the LHS of the houses for about 150m before turning left (1.55) onto a bitumen path which heads under Sulwood Dr. Immediately after exiting the tunnel turn right (1.63) to follow a dirt track between the houses and the road. At the end of the house fences (2.09) do not veer left but instead continue another 30 m straight ahead into a watercourse and follow the grassy ST between the trees that runs parallel to Drakeford Dr. Turn right at the first footpath you come to (2.49) to head under Drakeford Dr. and upon exiting the tunnel continue straight ahead on the path (2.62) that heads between the houses, taking care to cross Bacchus Cct (2.74) and continuing straight until the path ends at Attiwell Cct (2.88).

Continue straight to follow the RHS verge of Attiwell Cct for approx. 250m before turning right at the T-jn onto Bacchus Cct (3.14) and then immediately left into Lunn Pl (3.16). At the footpath 20m past the dead-end (3.25) take the faint ST at 10'o clock heading which merges with a footpath (3.30) which leads up to a bus stop at Kambah Pool Rd (3.37). Cross the road according to the marshal's instructions and head straight up onto the footpath heading up the hill. After 80m (3.45) turn right at the fenceline to leave the path and head uphill (N) onto a dirt track. Turn right (3.74) after approx. 300m (where the track flattens out near the houses) to climb through a wooden gate towards Mt Arawang. Follow the ST for 110m to climb through another wooden gate (3.85), cross a wooden footbridge (3.88) and then head up the steps on the Mt Arawang Summit Trail. After touching the Mt Arawang Trig (4.51) turn 180 degrees, retrace your steps by 5m and then turn right (heading west) down a steep narrow ST with occasional steps.

As the track exits the trees, continue straight ahead at the first track intersection (4.89) and then 40m later (4.93) take the left fork in the track (uphill) to pass underneath a single power line and 50m up to T-jn (4.98) at the "Arawang Saddle FT" sign. Turn left (S) here to head downhill for 370m, climb through a metal gate (5.35), turn right onto the Cooleman Ridge BNT, and soon climb through another metal gate (5.46, sometimes open). After approx. 1K the trail crosses a dry watercourse (6.48) and climbs steadily for about 350m, soon after which (6.77) you leave the main trail by turning right at the sign marked "Darrell Pl Access FT"- climb through the metal fence (6.82) and follow the track uphill. This track merges with a larger track near the water reservoir (6.64) and soon after swings around to the right and then leads down (80m) to a metal gate (7.05).

Turn left (N) onto the Cooleman Cutoff Drain FT, heading up the hill to pass Cooleman Stonehenge boulders (7.30) to reveal more expansive views of southwest Canberra to your right. After another approx. 1.2K (8.46) be sure to stay on the main track to the left (flat) track and wait another 170m (8.63) before turning right ("Kathner St Access trail" sign) and heading steeply downhill on a graded but slippery dirt road that zigzags down to the gate at Kathner St (8.88). Turn left at the gate, staying on the grass near the fence and then 40m later turning right onto the dirt track running parallel to Kathner St. Continue on this track as it swings right and then turns left (9.48) at the fence corner. Keep the fenceline on your left and after 130m turn left once again (9.61) to head W towards the Mountains. Fill up bottles at the **1st drink/aid station** (9.70) before crossing the equestrian centre access road (9.71), climb across the steps over the fence (9.73) and follow the dirt track W along the fenceline. The track turns right just after passing a dam on your RHS and brings you to a track intersection which has a swing pedestrian gate on your left (10.18). Turn left to pass through the gate and then 20 m later (10.20) head left again to take the minor track which follows the same fenceline (W) you were previously following towards the Mountains. This boundary track eventually swings 90 degrees right (N; 11.06). Proceed along the boundary track fenceline N for just over 800m (ignore first track to the right after about 350m) before turning right (11.92) onto a fire trail at approx. 4 o'clock heading SE up onto Narrabundah Hill. At the top of this climb (12.39, cement cylinder) turn left (NE) to take the main track up through the pine trees. Approx. 400m later (12.85) take the ST on your right that leads E to the Narrabundah Hill Trig point (13.01).

After the trig continue heading E for another 60m before turning left (13.07) at the T-jn to head down the hill heading N. Stay right (downhill) at the next fork (13.16) and subsequently climb through a series of two gates (13.20 and 13.37). Near the bottom of this descent veer off right towards the fenceline (13.69) and

climb over the steps (13.74). Continue straight ahead towards the houses and cross Eucumbene Drive, veering slightly left to follow the footpath (13.77) near the houses across to Warragamba Ave (13.85) which you cross and then turn right to follow the grassy verge on the LHS of the road down the hill. For a few hundred metres it is best to run between the road and the main power lines but then after crossing a dirt road (14.08) the main instruction is to run straight between the double power lines for the next 2 K or so downhill from here. As this track makes its final descent towards Weston Creek (15.95) you should start to veer right towards the road in preparation for crossing the creek (16.09) on the bridge footpath. Straight after the bridge (16.14) turn left onto the bike path heading N parallel to the creek. This bike path heads under Cotter Road (16.32), around the RHS of several dams, climbs the hill past the RSPCA (17.62), and then descends to a T junction (17.61) at which you should bear right to continue following the bike path along the Molonglo river. The path passes under the Tuggeranong Parkway (18.44) and after crossing a main equestrian trail descends to a large footbridge (19.78). Continue straight up the hill from the bridge (19.84) towards the City and 60m later (19.90) merge left onto the main bike path. Just under 400m later (20.27) turn left onto the access road to the Scrivener Dam Car Park and then (20.36) head diagonally across the car park to the **2nd aid/drink station** (20.41).

From the 2nd drink station take the path up the steps and turn left (20.46) to cross Scrivener Dam on the LHS footpath. Immediately after crossing the Dam turn left at the "Refuge Island" sign to head down some lookout steps followed by a steep descent on a ST heading S. This ST then becomes a wide fire trail (20.82), passes the National Zoo and Aquarium, and then runs parallel to the Molonglo River for quite a while. Continue straight through all track junctions, passing under the Tuggeranong Parkway once again (22.65). After approx. another kilometre (23.56) continue straight ahead at a major track junction to take the trail that climbs steeply up the hill directly ahead of you (do not take the trail to your left which leads down to white swing gate). This track climbs to a crest (23.72), opening up views of Mt Stromlo ahead, and then gradually descends to a T-jn (24.19) where you will turn right to take the road heading N straight up the hill, ignoring the track 150m later that forks off down to the left (24.34). The road soon swings right (E/NE) and after approx. 1K comes to a major 4 way intersection (25.22). Continue straight ahead through this intersection on the flat road (NE) and follow for approx. 800m. Turn left just before the double power lines (26.00) and follow this road (NW) under the double power lines (26.08) for 70m until it brings you directly to a T-jn with a gate directly ahead of you marked "Keep Boundary Secure". Climb over this gate (26.15) and follow this major road for quite a while, passing under powerlines (27.60), and back into the pine trees. You will start to climb and come to a key intersection (28.56) where there are four 1 metre high "Buried Pipeline" Signs. Continue straight ahead at this intersection (NOT up the steeper open hill to your right) to take the track heading N/NE, soon passing by clusters of blackberry bushes either side. Continue along this track for about 1.7K as it follows a wide arc, eventually finishing by ascending E to a gate to climb over (30.27) and a track that leads 120m later to a 6 way track intersection and a gate underneath the powerlines (30.39). Climb over this gate and take the main dirt track (NE) on your left that soon (30.53) starts climbing towards the construction buildings (with Telstra Tower visible in the distance). Pass by the LHS of the white swing gate near the workshops (30.81). Continue straight here and take care 70m later (30.88) to stay left on the flat track near the fenceline (left fork) when the road splits. The road follows the fenceline, turning left (31.05) to head down past a dam and then right (31.05) before climbing up to the **2nd transition point** (31.93) at the white swing gate at the intersection with Himalayan Cedars Rd.