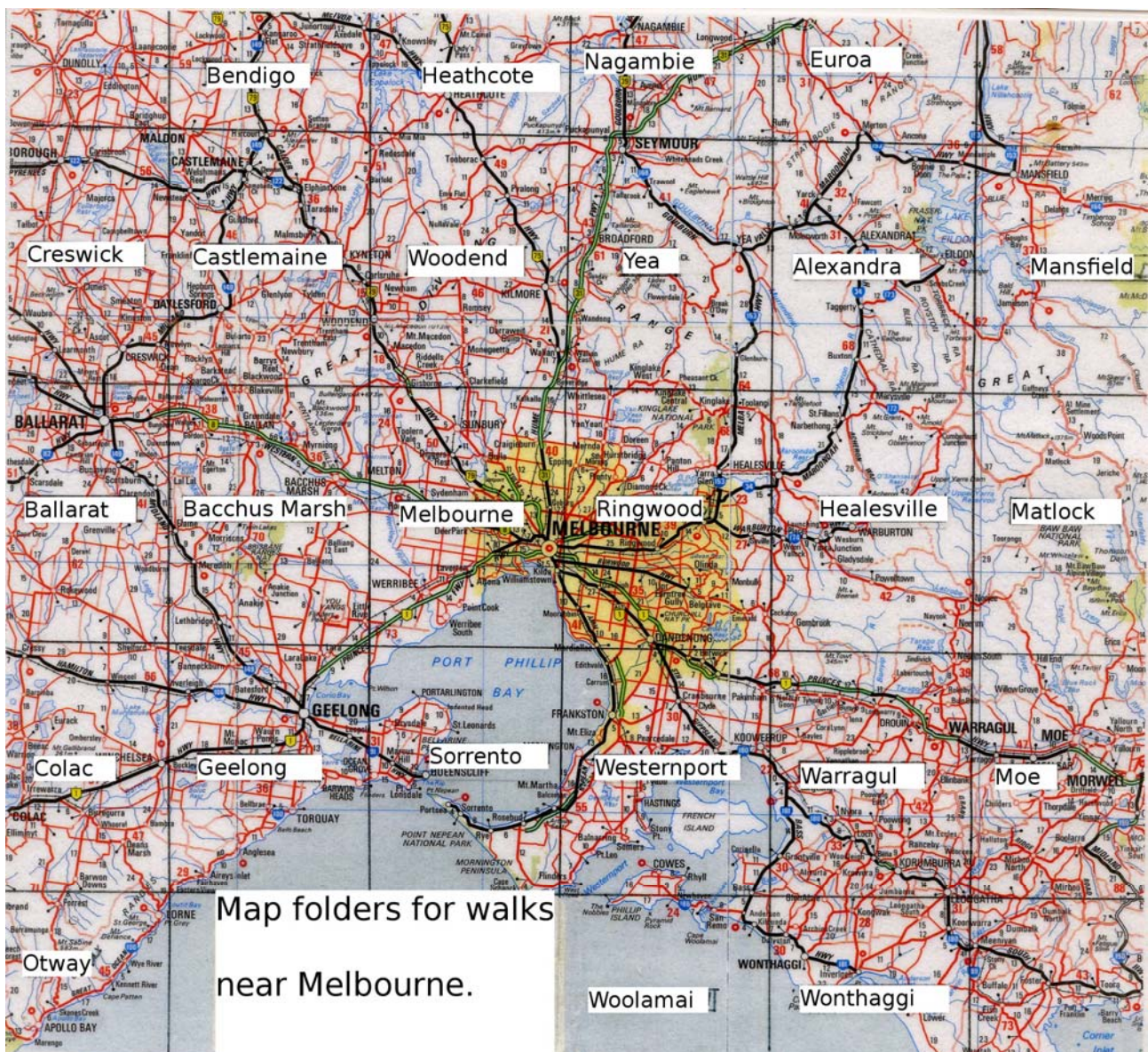




GUIDELINE FOR ACCESSING MELBOURNE BUSHWALKER'S MAPS COLLECTION

1. The club has a selection of 1:100,000 1:50,000 & 1:25,000 maps plus a range of regional maps. They are kept in the left hand filing cabinet in the store room.
2. The maps are kept in folders named after the parent 1:100,000 maps. There is a special folder for Rooftop Maps. Guides to the folders are kept in the Map Returns box on top of the filing cabinet.
3. 1:30,000 maps are described over the page.
4. Older maps can be useful for disused tracks not shown on current maps.
5. If using a GPS then take note of whether the map uses the new GDA94, or the previous AGD66 to relate the map to the larger Australian mapping grid.
6. If borrowing a map then please enter details in the borrowing book and return the map to the box on top of the filing cabinet.
7. If there's a map we don't have then please ask for it, or purchase it and request a refund from the treasurer.
8. Melway is handy for walks close to Melbourne.



Map folders for walks near Melbourne.

Online (Digital) Maps

The 1:25,000 paper VicMaps we currently use have been largely superseded by 1:30,000 digital maps supplied as PDF's from a Victorian Government website. These 1:30,000 maps will be updated annually while the older 1:50,000 map series will be updated in a 3-5 year cycle.

There is also a new series of 1:25,000, 1:50,000 & 1:100,000 digital maps in A0 size that can be read on Android and Apple iOS devices with the free Avenza App.

A small number of unspecified 1:25,000 paper maps will continue to be updated.

The online maps are available at:

<http://services.land.vic.gov.au/maps/imf/search/Topo30Front.jsp>

There are sample A4 maps that you can download for free.

Some points to note:

- The maps are available in A3 & A4 size with either landscape or portrait orientation.
- A single 1:25,000 map becomes 2 x A3 maps or 4 x A4 maps. This multiplication of maps is a disadvantage of the 1:30,000 series.
- An A3 map covers 12 x 7.5 km and an A4 map covers 6 x 7.5 km. An A0 map covers 24 x 14 km.
- A compensating feature is the ability to select your own area to be mapped as A3 or A4 with either landscape or portrait orientation. This is useful for walks located on the edges of several current maps.
- If you select an area greater than the specified size then extra maps will appear but you can de-select these with a panel that appears on the left hand side. If you select a smaller area then it will automatically enlarged, with the upper left hand corner as the anchor point – a very useful feature. It is possible to experiment with these selections until you get the one that is most suitable. There is also a zoom feature that is helpful for locating the area you want.
- A0 maps can't be customised.
- The costs for A3 are \$5 standard & \$6 custom, and for A4, \$3 standard and \$3.50 custom. A0 maps are \$8.50. There is a \$1.10 service charge per order and payment is by VISA or MasterCard.
- Officeworks print A3 colour on high quality paper for around \$2. The PDF can be supplied on CD, DVD or USB memory stick. (The club has also printed an A3 map on A4 paper and it was usable.)

Leaders wishing to access digital maps should first contact the club's Maps Officer.