

The Google Trekker footage



The Google Trekker project captured Google Streetview footage of about two thirds of the Bibbulmun Track. It was a DBCA project, with the collaboration of the BTF and numerous volunteers. It occurred in two stages in 2018 and 2019.

The goal of recording the entire Bibbulmun Track was not ultimately successful, due to logistical factors.

The final footage covers:

- The Northern Terminus to Harvey-Quindanning Road
- Some highlights sections:
 - Trees Road to Harris Dam
 - Lyalls Log Road to Mumballup
 - Lowden-Grimwade Road to Kirup-Grimwade Road
- Balingup to Chesapeake Road east of Lake Maringup
- Some highlights sections:
 - Banksia Track to the east end of Mandalay Beach
 - Giant Tingle Tree to Nut Lookout
 - The canoe shed on the east side of the Irwin Inlet channel to the east end of Big Quarram Beach
 - William Bay Road to Denmark Rivermouth Trailhead
 - Tennessee Road South to Cosy Corner
 - Muttonbird Road to Sandpatch carpark
 - Bayview Drive to the Southern Terminus

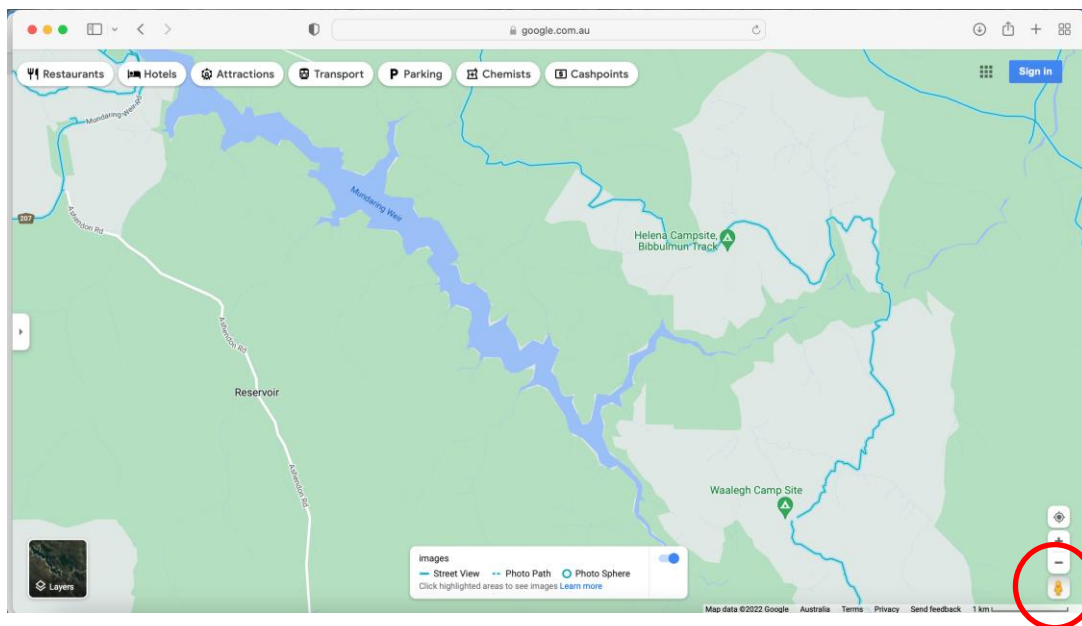
Footage of the Track – and other DBCA trails – is accessible on Google Maps in the same view as the standard road footage.

The Track is easy to distinguish where there are few public roads; more difficult in outer urban areas!

To view the Track using the Streetview function in Google Maps:

1. Navigate (via zoom and drag) to the approximate area of interest
2. Turn on the Streetview function: click on the yellow figure in the bottom right of the screen (or in the Layers screen of the phone app).

You should see the appearance of blue lines which indicate roads – or trails – which have been recorded.



3. Click (or tap) on the blue line: the screen will change to the footage at that location.
4. The footage is almost 360° in three dimensions; you can click and drag the screen to view in a different direction.
5. You can also click ahead on the road/trail to progress to the next record point.

This footage can be useful and interesting to see the appearance of the Track at any location, particularly at road access points and prominent features. Keep in mind that it is now several years old, and will (probably) never be updated.