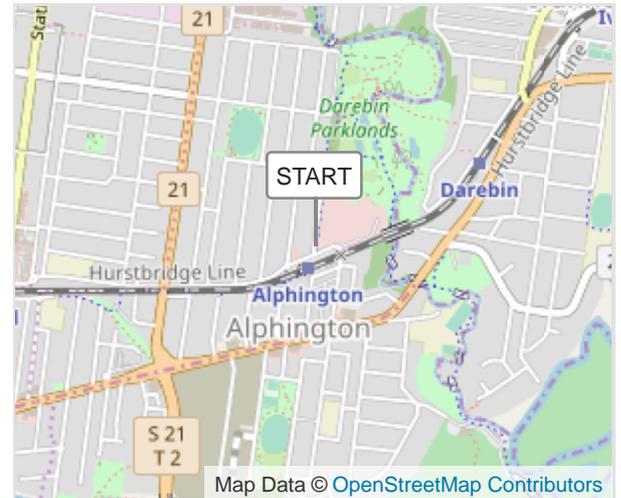


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## ROUTE INFORMATION



LENGTH	4.179 miles
ASCENT	141 ft
DESCENT	141 ft
HILLS	↑ 33.8%   ↓ 36.5%   → 29.7%
TERRAIN	Mixed 
START	<b>LAT:</b> -37.777869, <b>LNG:</b> 145.031584



## NOTES

This ride starts at Alphington Railway Station. You can follow the new bike path up past site for the Alphington Farmers Market and continue on to the Darebin Creek Path.

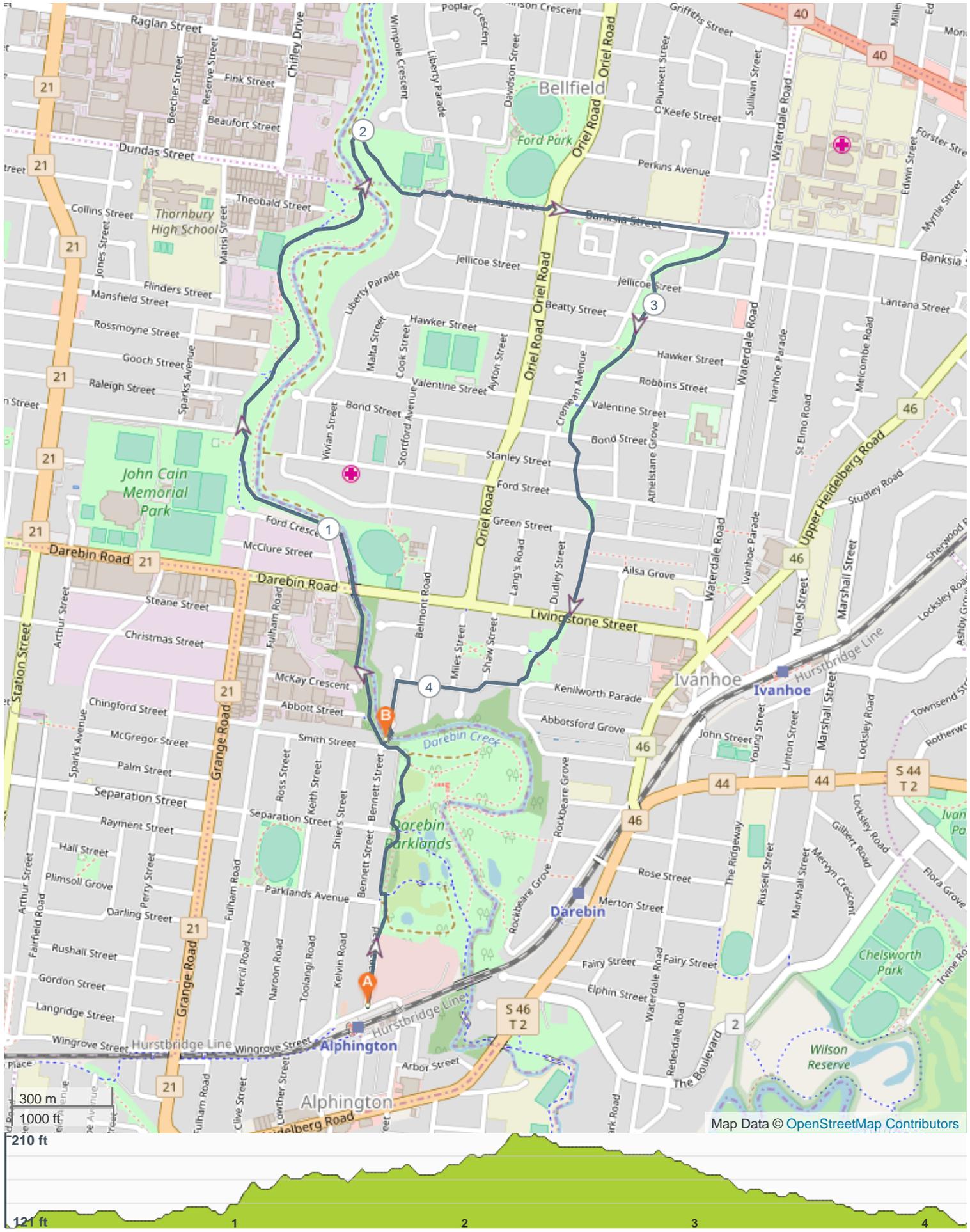
This ride runs through the park and continues on the path - do not turn off onto the steel bridge. The return journey comes back over this bridge. It really is a long loop around the Darebin Parklands but you do get to see the Rangers Office and the new toilet block and the off-lead dog area.

Once you get onto the Darebin Creek Trail, stay on the main trail and do not get distracted by smaller side tracks. You will leave the path after crossing the creek on the new steel bridge. The track to exit the Darebin Trail is up a steep path; most people walk up this section, otherwise use very low gear.

The ROUTE DIRECTIONS will assist you well.

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## ROUTE DIRECTIONS

No	Miles	Turn	Directions
1	0.000		Start outside Alphington Station. The Bike Track is close to Yarana Rd. and runs past the Fairfield Farmers Market site. If you are there on a Sunday it is well worth a visit.
2	0.191		Keep right between Yarana Rd and Darebin Enterprise Centre, then continue on to edge of park.
3	0.196		Turn left at three-way track junction of the trail.
4	0.215	➔	Turn right to continue through the park, staying close to Smith St.
5	0.343		Continue North (straight ahead) to stay close to edge of park.
6	0.355		Turn left on the Darebin Creek Trail, past buildings a number of buildings including a new toilet block.
7	0.531	↗	Follow the trail around to a steep decent. Don't go down to bridge across the creek but continue at the upper level. You will be returning along the bridge.
8	0.825		Stay on track and continue under Livingstone St Bridge. This is an interesting three arched bridge.
9	1.219	↗	Continue on Darebin Creek Trail with creek on your right
10	1.724	↗	Keep right on the Darebin Creek Trail
11	1.849	↗	Cross over the new steel bridge to other side of the creek. There are some steep pinches on the other side of the bridge.
12	1.970	↘	You will now be leaving the Darebin Creek Track so look to your right and ascend the smaller tack which leads to Banksia St. This is pretty steep and most riders walk their bikes up here.
13	2.003	➔	Loop to the right to continue to Banksia St.
14	2.175		On emerging from the Trail at Curzon Street, go East towards the roundabout. There is now a short on-road section (Banksia St) but the traffic is usually light.
15	2.195		At roundabout, take the second exit and continue on Banksia Street past Ford Park.
16	2.251	↖	There is another roundabout on Oriel Road. This is a busy road so take care. Ride on past Warratah SDS until you see the Council environment centre on you left.
17	2.775	➔	When you see the Council Environment Centre on your left, Turn right and cross Banksia St onto the Donaldsons Creek Trail. There is a sign. There is now a gentle downhill, gravel track through parkland with several road crossings - take care and give way but traffic is light or non-existent.
18	3.653	↖	You will need to cross Livingston St, this is a busy road so be careful. There is a traffic island to assist you get safely across. Continue through the park and past the toilet block until you come to a 'Dismount' sign. Dismount and walk (with bike) to road. Alternatively - continue along Livingston St to reach Ivanhoe - but final section is hilly with traffic. You can take the train from ivanhoe Station.
19	3.825	↖	Turn right on Kenilworth Parade and then left again along Della Torre Crescent. Alternatively - turn right on Kenilworth and then proceed to Darebin Station via Wynstay and Rockbeare Parade.
20	4.057	↖	Turn left to go down to the bridge you passes on the way out. You are than back close to the start of the route. Continue to Alphington (or Fairfield along the bike track).
21	4.178		Great effort on those hilly bits!!