

Elanora Vista Walk-Field Notes

This is my personal route guidelines. Please check the map before your walk for elevations.

*You will have to be in good health and fit enough to climb a few hills.
Make sure you take a snack and some water there are no shops until you get to the
Pines Shopping Centre.*

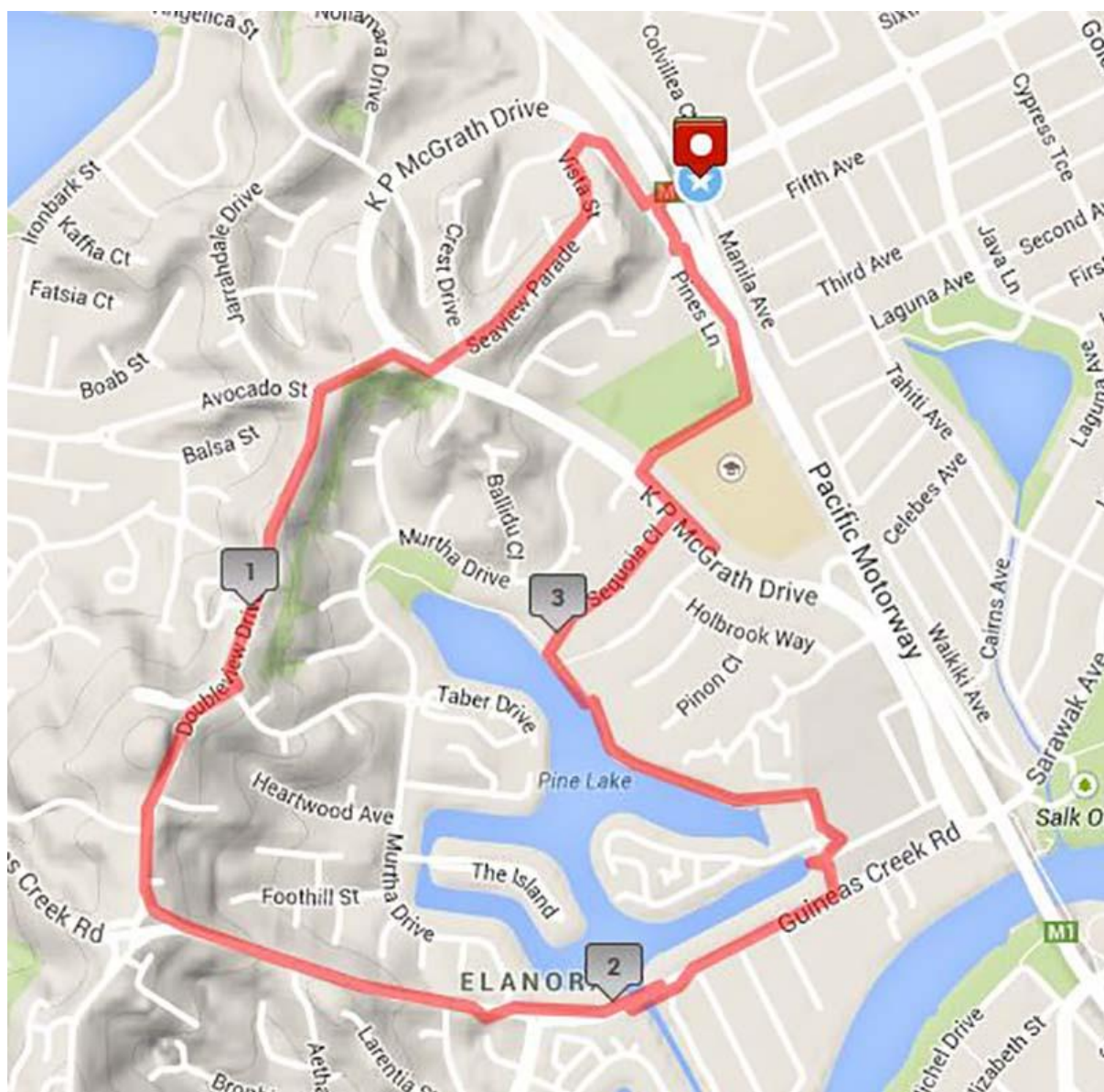
Start anywhere in Palm Beach Avenue, there shouldn't be a problem with parking.

1. Walked to the bottom of Palm Beach Avenue, take care crossing the road; turn right to K P McGrath Drive.
2. Continued a short distance till you arrive at Kalamunda Close on your left.
3. Continue up Kalamunda till you see Vista Street on your left, turn into Vista
4. Continue up Vista and then onto Seaview Street (right), you are now climbing the ridges that were once covered in Cypress Pines and huge Gum Trees about a century ago. Every now and then you will see a view between the houses.
5. At the top of Seaview Street, Burleigh Headland will be visible.
6. Now cross over K P McGrath to the other side and head up the hill to the roundabout, you are now onto the top of the first ridge.
7. At the roundabout take a left onto Avocado Street, you would have noticed a small parcel of land with Pine Trees and Australian native trees, there are Koala's in this area. In front of you are the border ranges and Mt Tallebudgera. This whole area was a commercial Pine Plantation.
8. Walk a short distance down Avocado to Doubleview Drive on your left.
9. Continue walking and climbing the ridge that is Doubleview Drive, appropriately named featuring views of the ocean and the hinterland.
10. Keep climbing the hill till you get to the corner of Swanbourne Way, at this point there are some beautiful views of the ocean and Burleigh Headland, perhaps a perspective that is new to you. In front of you is Pine Lake, we are heading for it but taking the long way around. (it's worth it)
11. You can walk down Swanbourne Way; the views are very different to what you usually see. But be warned the climb back up is no picnic!
12. Be discreet – it a residential area, if you are taking photos. Continue along Doubleview and enjoy the vista.

13. On your right, just after the water tanks, there is a fabulous view of the Gold Coast Hinterland. Make sure you continue to look in all directions.
14. Continue along and take note at Attadale Ct and Coogee Ct, another view to be looked at, shortly you will reach the top of the ridge
15. At the end of Double View Drive take a left down Guineas Creek Road and follow the road all the way down to the Pines Shopping Centre. Guineas Creek Road was an important link to the coast from Tallebudgera settlement in the 1800s. Imagine travelling down this rocky track 120 years ago on horseback or in a dray it would have been a bone shaking experience.
16. Continue along Guineas Creek Road till the set of traffic lights you have now arrived at the top end of the Pines Shopping Centre. If it's time for a break there is an abundance of cafes, hopefully you have planned for them to be open.
17. Take note of your surroundings before you take a break because you will be coming back to this area.
18. Look for the laneway on your left in the carpark, the shopping centre is on your right and the Isle of Palms Resort and Bay of Palms is on your left. Walk down the lane way to Pine Lake.
19. Continue on this pathway, it opens up to some lovely views; if you walk to the end, take note of exit points. Carolina Cl or Sequoia Cl on your right (left if you decide to walk to the end of the lake and turn around) there should be a concrete pathway leading to the streets from the lake.
20. Walk to the end of either of these Streets and back onto K P McGrath, cross the road. Head north or towards the hill.
21. Look for Park Court on your right, follow the pathway back around to Palm Beach Ave. Elanora Primary School is on your right.
22. Take care crossing the road when you reach your starting point at Palm Beach Ave.

If the Pine Shopping Centre wasn't opened, Palm Beach offers a variety of cafes.

Hope you enjoyed your 7km walk and remember to experience the Gold Coast on foot...



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