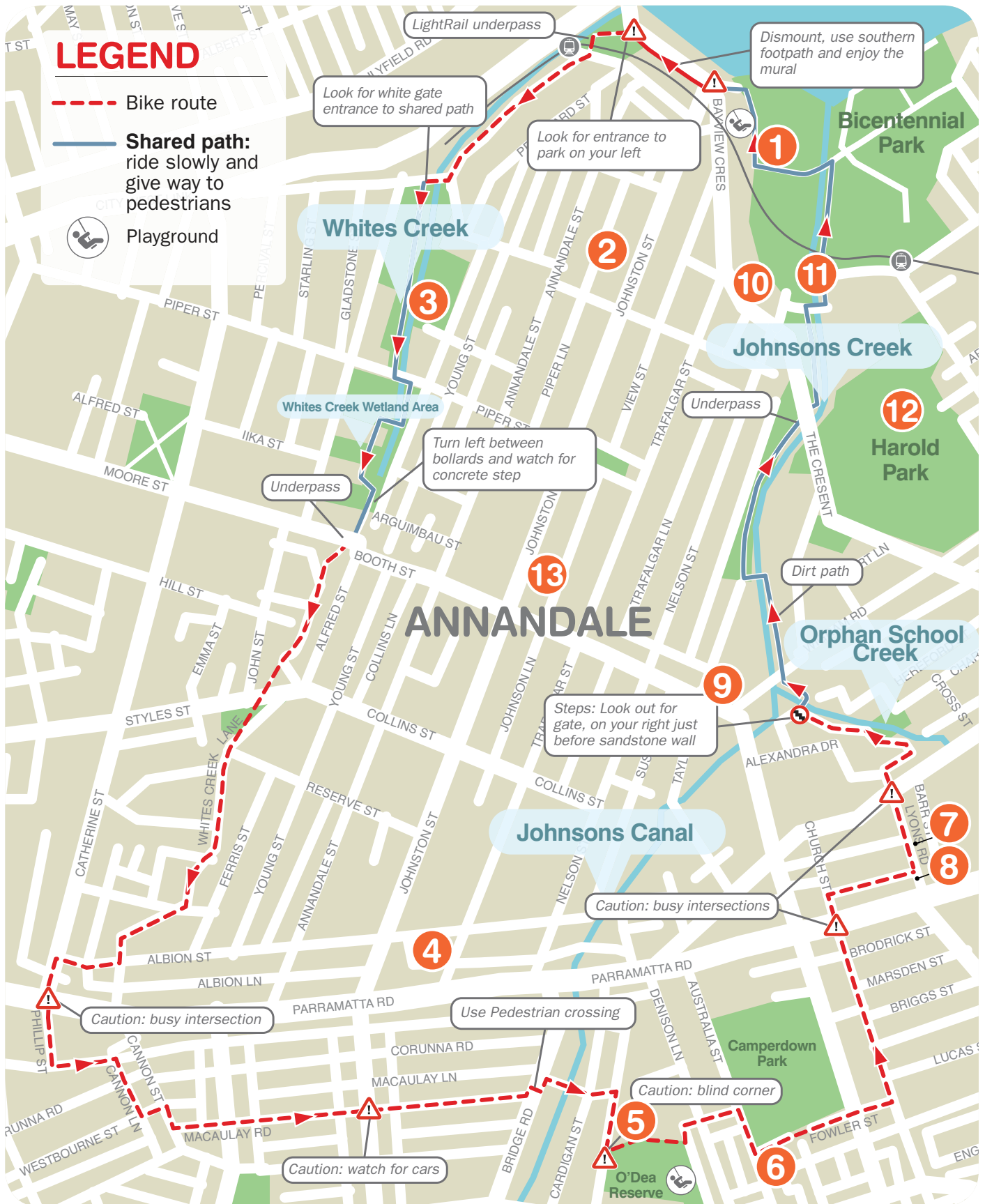




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This leisurely ride rolls around through the fascinating backstreets and nature-filled waterways of the inner west...

## 1 BICENTENNIAL PARK

A pooch paradise with views to Homebush Bay, this pretty park is perfect for easing into your ride. *Glebe Foreshore, Glebe.*

## 2 WITCHES HOUSES

Architect John Young's cluster of pointy premises adjoins the Abbey, still haunted by the 'Lady in White'. Fact: Henry 'Father of Federation' Parkes died at No.260 in 1896. *260-272 Johnston St, Annandale*

## 3 WHITES CREEK

Although often menaced by larger currawongs and noisy mynas, cobalt blue wrens thrive in this tranquil urban oasis kept tended by locals. The freshwater habitat also caters for long-necked tortoises, frogs, native fish and eastern water dragons, along with many insect and aquatic life-forms. *Smith St, Annandale*

wooden odds'n'sods. It makes for an ambient environment to guzzle juice in the AM or one of their thick-cut sandwiches or stuffed baguettes. A great place to park awhile. *17 Fowler St, Camperdown (02 9517 4157)*



Deus Ex Machina

## 7 THE RUNCIBLE SPOON

Former home of the Westons Biscuits factory (headquarters of the Wagon Wheel, the world's most delicious 48g snack featuring jam, marshmallow and biscuit), this cafe is now rolling out great coffee and snacks. *27 Barr St, Camperdown (02 9519 2727)*

## 8 DEUS EX MACHINA

From Dare Jennings, one of the wonderfully warped minds behind the Mambo brand, this bike temple does excellent food, great cafe and cool bike curios. *98-104 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown (02 8594 2800)*

## 9 GALLERY CAFÉ

Operating over two levels and with over 80 artworks at any time gracing the walls, this busy little enterprise cranks out excellent Campos coffee and fine cycling fuel to eat-in or guzzle on-the-go. *43 Booth St, Annandale (02 9692 8449)*



Whites Creek

## 4 LITTLE MARIONETTE

Little Marionette is the sort of coffee-cake emporium other cafes should use as a template. It has classic food and friendly service with A-grade beans roasted on-site. *18a Trafalgar St, Annandale (02 9557 8337)*

## 5 O'DEA RESERVE

Built on the site of the Camperdown Velodrome (closed in the 90s), this amazing park is popular with families and full of great native shrubbery. There's a fantastic playground on site with climbing frames, wobbly bridge and swings. *Ross St, Camperdown.*

## 6 STORE ESPRESSO

Once a hardware store, this cafe is still filled with curios of the building trade – floodlights, clocks and



Bicentennial Park

## 10 LAWSONS AUCTIONEERS

Sydney in 1870 was a bustling market town and James R Lawson was the leading auctioneer around. Today, his factory floor is just as full of bargains, rarities and lost treasures, from wine, jewellery, books and artworks to, if you're lucky, that original Penny Farthing bike you yearn for. *1a The Crescent, Annandale (02 9566 2377)*

## 11 JOHNSTONS CREEK

Rising in Stanmore and flowing north towards Rozelle under the grandstands of the Harold Park Paceway, this serene creek-turned-canal empties beside Bicentennial Park but features a tributary named Orphan School Creek. In 2009 a cyclist spotted a 1.8 metre bull shark, blue in colour, in the canal. After briefly beaching itself at the Harold Park Raceway end, the shark found its way to freedom via Glebe Foreshore.

## 12 HAROLD PARK

Originally the tribal lands of the Gadigal and Wangal peoples, the land around Rozelle Bay became a harness racing heartland in 1911 and during the 60s attracted crowds of up to 50,000. In 2011 the City of Sydney announced plans for the urban renewal of the 10.5 hectare site including the Rozelle Tram

Depot's heritage-listed sheds, water tanks and Federation-era offices also on-site. The renewal project hopes to create 3.8 hectares of new public parkland, 1250 homes, 500 new jobs and 2km of cycleways. Under the current plans, the Rozelle Tram Depot – the largest remaining tram depot in Sydney and an unofficial hotbed for street art – will be conserved as an example of best practice sustainable development and affordable housing.



Store Espresso

## 13 SCORPIOS TAVERNA

If dusk is settling in on your ride and your belly is rumbling, the siren call of Scorpios will be heard. This great Greek restaurant has been a local legend for decades and complements a vast array of excellent specials, set menus and banquets with live Greek music on weekends. *125 Johnston St, Annandale (02 9660 7245)*



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