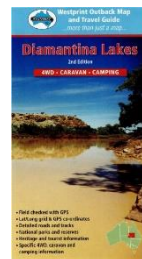
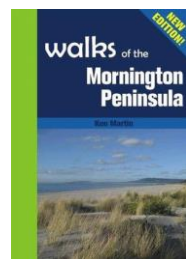




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“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” – Walt Disney

List a product.



Hattah Kulkyne Map Guide - from \$10.95

Detailed 1:75,000 scale topographic map of Hattah-Kulkyne National Park and Murray Kulkyne Park, featuring enlarged sections of Lake Hattah and Lake Mournpall camping sites. Includes tracks, camping areas, and lakes, tailored for bushwalking, cycling, and four-wheel driving in this diverse Mallee Park. Also provides insights into the park's history, ecosystems, and activities.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/hattah-kulkyne-map-guide/>

Walks of the Mornington Peninsula - \$24.95

Discover the natural beauty of our region with our comprehensive walking guide featuring 63 captivating routes. Whether you prefer leisurely strolls or challenging hikes, our guide covers almost 300 km of diverse walking tracks,

trails, and beach walks. From the historical trails of Point Nepean National Park to the serene Langwarrin Reserve, and the picturesque shores of Point Leo to the charming vistas of Mt Martha, there's something for every nature enthusiast.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/walks-of-the-mornington-peninsula/>

Walks of the Mornington Peninsula is also available in a map pack which comprises both the Book and the Mornington Peninsula Walks Map Guide.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/mornpen-walks-map-pack/>

Fleurieu Peninsula – from \$9.95

Comprehensive 1:150,000 scale map of Fleurieu Peninsula, south of Adelaide, showcasing detailed roads, road names, parks, cellar doors, and hill shading. Highlights the Heysen Trail. Reverse side includes 1:50,000 scale maps of McLaren Vale Wine Region, Deep Creek Conservation Park, and Kutpo Forest areas. Provides an index for towns, localities, parks, reserves, and winery cellar doors.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/fleurieu-peninsula-map/>

Diamantina Lakes – from \$14.95

The Westprint Diamantina Lakes map is the ultimate guide for outback adventurers. Covering 15,000+ sq km, it highlights the Diamantina Lakes region, Birdsville Track, Boulia, Winton, Longreach, and Windorah. Ideal for 4WD or foot travel, it offers detailed road and track info, GPS coordinates, national parks, heritage sites, and 4WD/camping details. Backside features historical insights, recreational activities, and contact numbers. A must-have for any outback traveller.

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/diamantina-lakes/>

Heritage Wine Map of the Barossa – from \$30.00

This vintage-inspired Barossa Wine Region map showcases vine-covered areas, cellar door names, and prominent grape varieties. With classic map elements like roads and contours, it evokes a heritage charm. Printed on high-quality stock, it's perfect for wine enthusiasts and adds elegance when framed in homes, holiday houses, wine cellars, or offices. Available in A3, A2, and A1 sizes, customization options are also available upon request. Delivered in a sturdy postal tube. This is one of 6 different Heritage Wine Maps for regions in SA, WA and VIC.

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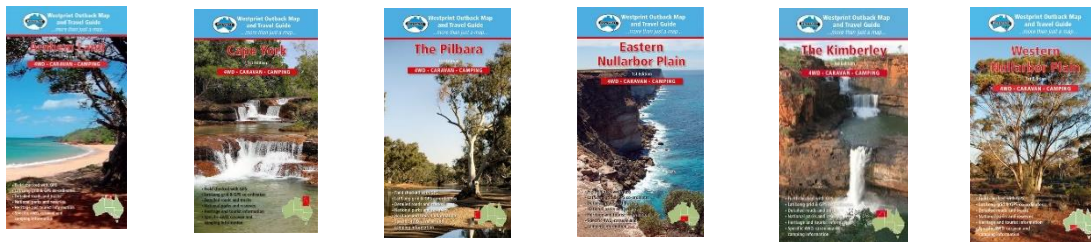
Digital Maps

All Westprint Maps are now able to be ordered from the website in OziExplorer digital format. In addition, there are a small number of Westprint maps that are only available in digital format and DO NOT have a paper option. These include: Arnhem Land, Cape York, Eastern Nullarbor, Western Nullarbor, The Kimberley and The Pilbara.

OziExplorer allows you to plan your trip by creating waypoints, routes and tracks on screen and uploading these to your GPS. Once collected by your GPS during your travels, these points can be downloaded by OziExplorer and viewed on the map. In moving map mode OziExplorer will navigate you along your chosen route giving instructions when each waypoint is reached.

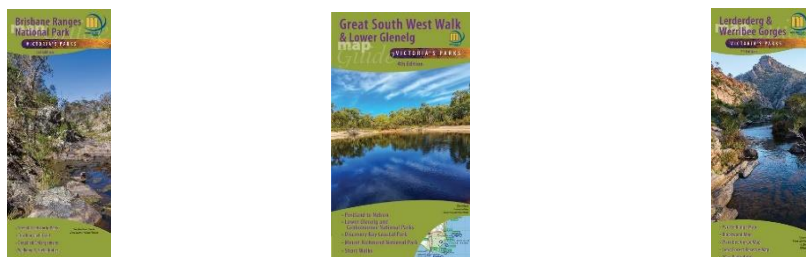
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<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product-category/westprint-digital-maps/>



New Editions of Meridian Maps

We have been actively engaged in updating Meridian Maps' selection of Victoria's Parks Map Guides, reflecting our commitment to providing the most current and comprehensive mapping solutions for our valued customers. Brisbane Ranges Map Guide, Great South West Walk Map Guide and Lerderderg & Werribee Gorges Map Guide have all been updated and are now available from the website.



Brisbane Ranges Map Guide

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/brisbane-ranges-national-park-map-guide/>

This latest edition includes newly updated Walk and Track Notes, as well as the addition of the Ted Errey Nature Circuit at Anakie Gorge. The publication has also been enhanced with general updates from Parks Victoria, covering facilities and gates.

Great South West Walk Map Guide

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/great-south-west-walk-map-guide/>

This edition now features Short Walk distances and durations along the Great South West Walk, an improved Time and Distance Chart for enhanced accuracy, and the newly added Glenelg River Gorge Loop Walk. Additionally, there are updates on facilities and tourist information, as well as Parks Victoria updates on gates, tracks, and campsites.

Lerderderg & Werribee Gorges Map Guide

<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/lerderderg-werribee-gorges-map/>

This edition introduces a new map of Long Forest featuring six walks, including the Coimadai Creek Trail Walk. All park facilities have been recently updated, and the map clearly indicates dog-friendly and no-dog areas. Furthermore, all 17 walk notes have been meticulously reviewed and updated, incorporating new walks for Werribee Gorge State Park. The map also includes the locations of all emergency markers and incorporates the latest Parks Victoria updates concerning gates, tracks, and campsites.

Changes to the Website

We are constantly striving to create a better experience for visitors to the Meridian Map website. Our most recent updates include:

- The most current version of the Desert Parks Bulletin is now available for you to download. It can be found under the Newsletter tab.
- Previous editions of the Meridian Line are now available on the website.
- Any new products that are added to the website are flagged with a new badge making it easier to see new things at a glance. This includes new products as well as newly updated and printed copies of existing maps.
- “Digital” categories making it easier to access Meridian Digital Maps and Westprint Digital Maps.

Special Offer

For a limited time, in celebration of our website's recent updates, Meridian Maps is offering a 10% discount on all Meridian and Westprint maps (excluding map packs). This offer is only available until the end of November 2023. In order to take advantage, use the coupon code ML1123. Let your friends know and they take part in this offer.

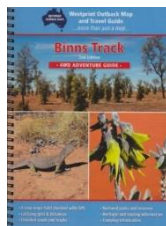
Meridian Musings

Following the inclusion of the Binns track in a previous edition of the Meridian Line, a reader wrote in to share their experience:

“I travelled a fair bit of the Binns Track with a mate back in 2019. Parts we found particularly enjoyable were Old Police Station Waterhole in the Davenport Ranges and Gregory National Park as these had been on the to do list for over 30 years.

Some sections of the track were closed due to flood damage, but most of it is not difficult and easy to find with the right maps and the guidebook. I have travelled into the Territory on numerous occasions since the 1970's, first in a Kombi and other times in various 4wd's. My first trip to Ruby Gap was in 1985 which in those days was quite the adventure and most of the now restored Arltunga buildings were only ruins.

Plans are to be in the Centre again next year and where we may end up is anyone's guess at this time.”



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/binns-track/>

Some States conduct planned burns during the month of October. These are designed to reduce the amount of vegetation and dead plant materials that can burn during a bushfire. These burns are generally undertaken under mild and stable weather conditions so that the fire burns slowly and is controllable with low flame heights. You may want to refer to these websites for details:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/hazard-reductions>

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/fire-management/upcoming-prescribed-burns>

<https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/planned-burning#government-land>

<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/safety-education/hazard-reduction-burn-notifications>

Disclaimer: These events were correct at the time they were added to the Meridian Line; however, this may have been some time before the actual event. Please make your own enquiries before travelling to an event.

Reader's Stories

After including the book 'The Disputed Country' in the latest edition of the Meridian Line, author Bob Dunn has provided an update on the ongoing dispute concerning the Victorian/South Australian border.

Over the last few years there have been some bizarre developments in the ongoing border dispute between Victoria and South Australia so I thought I would bring Meridian Line readers up to date.

There would be many readers who have travelled along the Victorian/South Australia border fence through the magnificent mallee country north of Bordertown. But I guess most of you would not have realised that the position of the state boundary is uncertain.

The historical aspects have been covered in detail in my book "The Disputed Country – Australia's Lost Border" authored in collaboration with John Deckert. The basic story is that although the dispute was supposedly resolved in 1914 by the Privy Council in London the original (and correct) location of the border is unknown -- even to this day! The original survey markers were destroyed by a huge bushfire in 1851 and the survey field notes have been lost over time. No amount of searching by myself and others has been able to locate them.

Recently there has been some further developments on the SA/VIC border ----

In a talk he gave to the Rotary Club of Adelaide, SA Surveyor-General Michael Burdett revealed that the border dispute is still ongoing. This was quite a surprise to me as the decision of the Privy Council in 1914 was final: the border position was to stay where it was originally marked out.

The Current Issues:

- Lacking any substantive historical survey data, the two surveyors general have still not agreed on the correct position of the border.

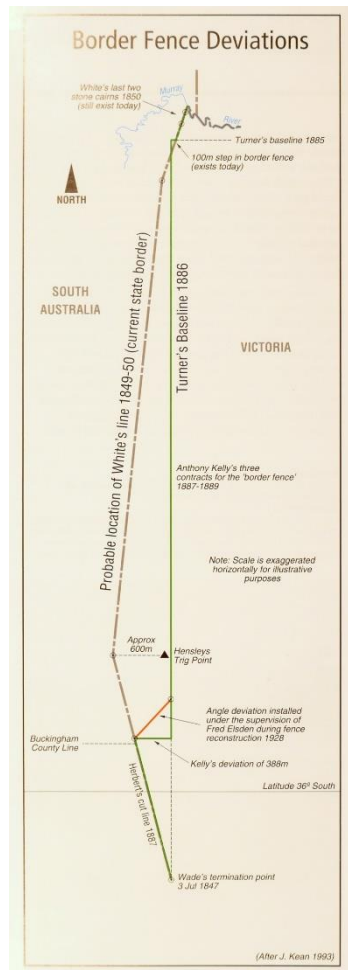
- Over the years, Victoria has been accidentally ‘invaded’ by South Australian surveyors who subdivided land right up to the border fence. My research shows the fence is most certainly well within Victoria.
- The two of them cannot agree on the location of the connection of their two borders along the Murray River. (See diagram below.)

Mr Burdett’s talk is available for viewing on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuyM4WEH-Jo>

Over the years, I have repeatedly pointed out to the two surveyors general that the only two people in the world who can determine the current and correct position of the border are the two surveyors general. There are some existing clues so along with some educated guesswork, detailed in my book, the gaps can be filled in. To help them out John Deckert and myself have re-discovered Wade’s Termination Point. We did this by working from the original progress reports sent to Melbourne by the surveyor Henry Wade and then, in the field, relating these notes to actual landscape features. In 1849 Edward White took over the surveying task from that point northwards to the river.

Regarding the second dot point in Mr Burdett’s talk revealed that the two surveyors general had asked their legal advisors if they could make a minor adjustment to the border so it would line up with the ‘border’ fence. They were told no; this could not be done without following the full procedure of Section 123 of the Australian Constitution:

S.123 - The Parliament of the Commonwealth may, with the consent of the Parliament of a State, and the approval of the majority of the electors of the State voting upon the question, increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the limits of the State, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on, and may, with the like consent, make provision respecting the effect and operation of any increase or diminution or alteration of territory in relation to any State affected.



So, they have agreed to do nothing until some large public issue arises: for example a major crime has been committed in the area or perhaps a large mineral discovery is made.

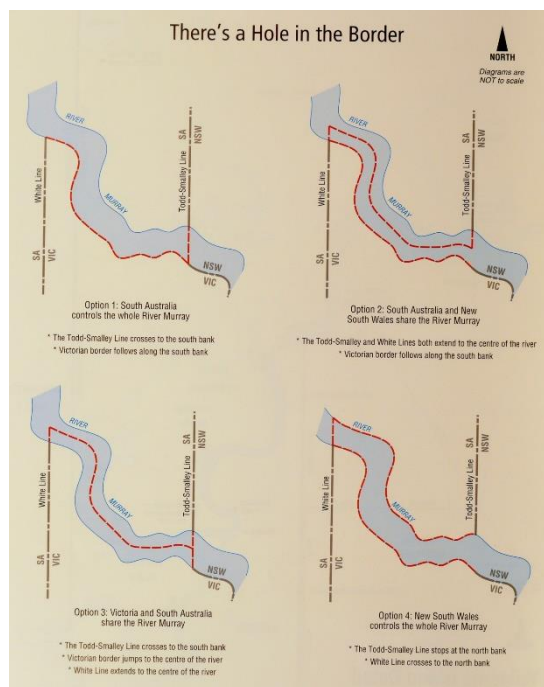
A personal note: To my way of thinking their position is sheer folly because once a big public issue has blown up their procrastination will be revealed to all. Further, there is bound to be some major issue like criminal proceedings or a tax revenue issue which would put the two S-Gs in a legally invidious position. It's not unreasonable to think that the resulting government embarrassment might result in their resignations. As a very sensible alternative why not agree on an 'educated guess' position of the border and inform the owners of affected properties in South Australia that part of their estate has been determined to actually be in Victoria. Life would go on as normal and this revelation could be pitched by their ministers as a 'win' because the two S-Gs have finally resolving this historical conundrum.

As a bonus, no action under the Constitution would be required.

The third dot point about connecting what we know as the Wade-White line [SA/VIC] and the Todd-Smalley line [SA/NSW] at the Murray River is so bizarre I have occasionally found people who are not prepared to accept the truth. Despite a sign on the South Bank of the Murray with bold arrows pointing one way to SA and the other to VIC there is no legislation, declaration or regulation which validates this idea.



In the Disputed Country, I highlight at least four potential ways to connect these two borders.

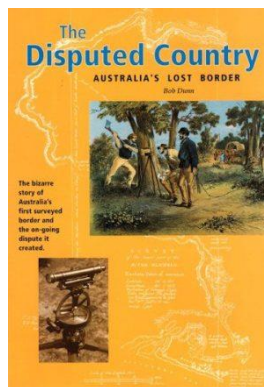


The surveyor general of South Australia takes the position that option 1 is the correct border while the surveyor general of Victoria naturally says that option 3 is the truth. They have “agreed to disagree” on this. Thus the location of the border at the Murray River remains in dispute. I expect it will remain that way until a legal claim is taken to the High Court.

To summarise:

The actual location of the SA/VIC border remains unresolved and in dispute more than 169 years after the original survey.

The Disputed Country – Australia’s Lost Border covers the perilous journeys into the trackless mallee country, the worst bushfire Victoria has ever seen, and the 64 year battle by South Australia to get the disputed country back. It also includes the story of the border fence and why it is not on the border and was built with two doglegs.



<https://meridianmaps.com.au/product/disputed-country/>

Meridian Mirth

Since the last newsletter, there has been both the AFL and the NRL as well as a multitude of finals at the grass root levels. Congratulations if your team won and commiserations if they didn't. Even if these codes don't excite you, hopefully you will get a laugh out of these sport related jokes.

A football coach walked into the locker room before a game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we need you in there. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play."

The player agreed, and the coach looked into his eyes intently and asks, "Okay, now concentrate... what is two plus two?" The player thought for a moment and then he answered, "4?"

"Did you say 4?!?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he got it right.

At that, all the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"

Golfer: "I'd move heaven & earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven; you've already moved most of the earth."

A doctor answers the phone and hears the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line. "We need a fourth for poker," said the friend.

"I'll be right over," whispered the doctor. While putting on their coat, their partner asked, "Is it serious?"

"Oh yes, quite serious," said the doctor gravely. "In fact, there are three doctors there already!"

A husband sat in the living room with his hand on the remote. "Hey honey," he shouted to his wife. "Is there anything you want to say before football season starts?"

One fine day, John and Don are out golfing when John slices his ball deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs his 7-iron and proceeds down the embankment into the ravine in search of his ball.

The brush is quite thick, but he searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is in fact a 7-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.

John excitedly calls out to his golfing partner: "Hey Don, come here. I've got some real trouble down here."

Don comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out: "What's the matter, John? Is everything okay?"

John shouts back in a nervous voice, "Throw me my 8-iron! Apparently, you can't get out of here with a seven."

A man is stranded on a desert island, all alone for ten years. One day, he sees a speck in the horizon. He thinks to himself, It's not a ship. The speck gets a little closer and he thinks, It's not a boat. The speck gets even closer and he thinks, It's not a raft. Then, out of the surf comes this gorgeous blonde woman, wearing a wet suit and scuba gear. She comes up to the guy and says, "How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he says. She reaches over, unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes.

He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asked, "How long has it been since you've had a drink of whiskey?"

He replies, "Ten years!"

She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and gives it to him.

He takes a long swig and says, "Wow, that's fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping a longer zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you've had some real fun?"

And the man replies, "Wow! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there?"

An expectant father rang the hospital to see how his wife was getting on. By mistake he was connected to the Lord's cricket ground. "How's it going?" he asked. "Fine," came the answer, "We've got three out and hope to have the rest out before lunch. The last one was a duck."

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