

MAKING A JOURNEY MAP

Journey maps are a terrific way of summarising the special places and thoughts you've had while moving through an area. They are simple drawings that show where you walked, the main landmarks and the sounds, sights, smells and events that you remember.

Here are some Journey Maps made by children from Ferncourt Public School.



Photo: Voren O'Brien

What do I need?

If you are working alone you will need:

- an A4 sheet of paper
- coloured pencils or charcoal.

If you are working with a group you will need:

- sheets of paper cut to the size of the table and provided by your teacher
- coloured pencils or charcoal.

How do I start?

- 1 Read all the instructions, from 1 to 6 and 'Some helpful hints'.
- 2 Begin by drawing the beginning of your journey on the far left of your page. It may be the park where you began. Keep it small and remember to give it a name.
- 3 Next, draw a feature at the end of your journey at the right side of your page. This is the park where you finished your journey. Again, give it a name.
- 4 Now, between these beginning and end-points, draw a trail to represent the journey and mark the places and landmarks you remember. They may be where you stopped to see a special tree or a bird's nest, maybe where you sat on rocks to draw.
- 5 Write notes on your map to show what you remember and what you were feeling. For example, you might write something like, 'this is where we saw the blue wren. It was really beautiful' or, 'Here's where I slipped on the moss.' Remember, it's your journey map, no-one else's.
- 6 As you draw, think of the Eora. For them, every walk through a landscape was a walk through a story.

Some helpful hints

Save drawing lots of trees or bushes by using symbols and a legend or key.

Place a north point on the map to help you know which direction you were travelling.

Based on the Journey Map in the 'Going Bush' storybook by Nadia Wheatley and Ken Searle.