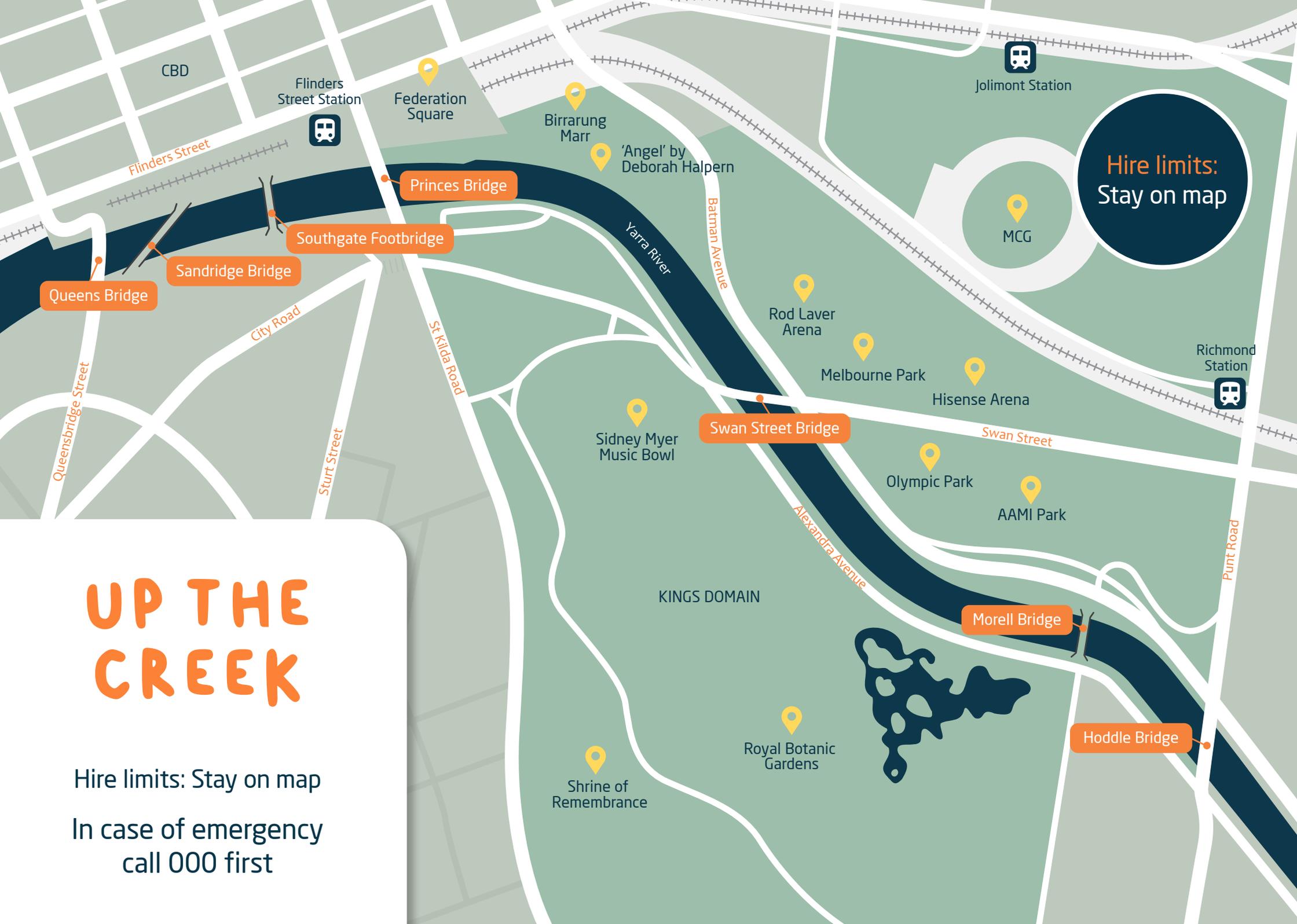


# UP THE CREEK

Hire limits: Stay on map

In case of emergency  
call 000 first



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Up the creek Melbourne would like to acknowledge the land the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of the land we stand on and paddle through. We pay our respects to elders past present and emerging and extend that respect to other indigenous Australians present.

Wominjeka is the traditional welcome of the Kulin nation. As I understand wominjeka is the opposite of my English welcome, it is the visitor who offers wominjeka to come with intent for the other, for us, for our environment and for the spirituality. I am curious, how might wominjeka heal, unite and guide us now we find ourselves in the anthropocene with wicked problems like bushfires, Covid-19 and climate change.

So for you, be safe on the water. It only takes 5 centimetres of water to drown. Be alert not alarmed. Together we can take steps to reduce risk. A properly fitted life jacket is essential to paddle with up the creek safely. To fit, follow these steps:

- 1 Loosen all the straps.
- 2 Place on, zip up and clip.
- 3 Starting at the waist and moving towards the shoulders, tighten all straps until firm but not tight.
- 4 Check life jacket will work by raising your hands above your head and asking your partner to lift the jacket up, if it stays in place you're ready to move on.
- 5 Keep your eyes up.

## ENVIRONMENT

Consider the voice of the Yarra through your experience. What rights does the Yarra river have? How can you work to support the rights of the river as you paddle up the creek?

## ON THE WATER:

- 1 Keep to the right of the river. (This is the opposite to the road).
- 2 Keep your canoe 30 meters away from other users.

## IF YOU CAPSIZE:

- 1 Stay with your canoe, it's easier to see and will help you get out.
- 2 Relax, it will make everything easier. You have a life jacket on so lay back and consider your options:
  - If you feel confident, you can bail the water out of your canoe
  - If both paddlers go to opposite sides and work together you can both get in together
  - Wave your paddle to attract attention
  - Swim your boat to shore.

## LOGISTICS

Lift boats rather than dragging them.  
Two people are required to lift a canoe.  
Slip slop slap.  
Keep Hydrated.

In case of emergency call 000 first  
Up the creek can be contacted  
on 0417 552 820

## EXPECTATIONS



I agree to look after Self, others, the Yarra, and its wildlife


Blood alcohol .00


I understand I need to return all canoes and equipment in the same condition (fees apply for loss / damage)


I understand I need to properly wear safety gear at all times while on the water


I know how to use safety gear.


Keep right, keep distance from other craft.


I can swim 50 metres

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Yarra river is the lifeblood of our city, it is a condition of Hire that the river be considered by all clients and staff. It is our intent to leave the river, its lifeforms and people in better shape than they were found.

It is the sole responsibility of the hirer to return all hired gear in the condition it was hired. Any loss or damage will incur a fee.

Do not drag the Canoe. This will cause damage and incur an appropriate cost.

Hirer must demonstrate to Upthecreek.melbourne capacity to be safe on the water in supplied craft for hire to take place. Up the creek offers training if required.

Must comply with all marine safety Victoria rules including sobriety.

UTC Melbourne are not responsible for any losses of personal property while on the boats (keys, cameras, mobiles, etc).

Unless a supervised Upthecreek activity, Client takes responsibility for safety including self rescue. Tour guides and a training service are available for a fee.

Passengers are not interchangeable.

Personal flotation devices are provided for your safety and MUST be worn properly at all times. Refusal to wear a personal flotation device will result in denial to hire.

Remain seated at all times.

No intentional rocking of the boat.

Swimming from the boat is not permitted.

Passengers will be responsible for all damages to boats and equipment during hire period.

Hire ticket must be presented and PFD's returned for a deposit refund. Do not lose, damage or tamper with your ticket.

Boats must be returned within the time shown on each ticket.

Location and duration of use will be negotiated prior to hire and is based on group size, weather, and skill level. Upthecreek.melbourne is committed to safe practice.

Misuse of the boats or misbehaviour by passengers will result in a forfeit of the deposit.

Management reserves the right to refuse the hire of any craft for any reason, at any time and to terminate the hire of any craft without refund for any improper or unsafe behaviour.

Name:

Canoe:

Date:

Departure time:

I will return canoe by:

Signed:

UTC: