



Forest Lake Mapping Party

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When: **Saturday 20th November 2010**

Agenda:

09:00 - 09:30 Breakfast at Elvis Grill & Cafe

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13:00 - 14:00 Lunch at Forest Lake Tavern

Details:

http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Forest_Lake_Mapping_Party_November_2010

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You are welcome to map however and wherever you want, but here are a few suggestions for things that other mappers like to collect:

- * Missing streets, footpaths and cycleways
- * Missing street names
- * Missing street facilities (traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, speed bumps, etc.)
- * Missing reserves, parks, schools and child-care centres
- * Missing amenities (water fountains, toilets, playgrounds, seats, shelters, etc.)
- * Details of shops/restaurants/pubs

However, if you aren't sure what you can do, we'll be happy to provide ideas and help get you started. If you have a GPS device, including a GPS-enabled phone, bring it along, but you don't need anything special to map - just a pen and paper will do. Blank maps for note-taking can easily be made available if prior notice is provided.

After spending a couple of hours surveying we will rejoin for lunch and to debrief. If you have a laptop, bring it along and we'll show you how easy it is to use OpenStreetMap on your own computer. Internet access will be made available through shared mobile broadband (or bring your own). If you can't or don't feel like helping in the physical survey, or you just want to be social, please feel free to turn up for lunch anyway. We'll be happy to introduce you to OpenStreetMap, and maybe get you set up to map your local area.

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