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Creating Walkable Catchment Buffers using ArcGIS Pro

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 - NZ Facilities: Koordinates
<https://koordinates.com/from/data.linz.govt.nz/layer/105588-nz-facilities/>
 - Bus Stops: Auckland Transport Open GIS Data
<https://data-atgis.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/ATgis::bus-stop/explore>



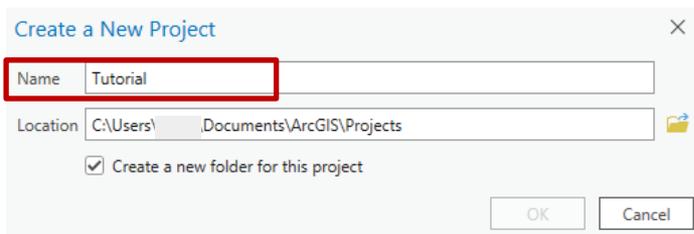
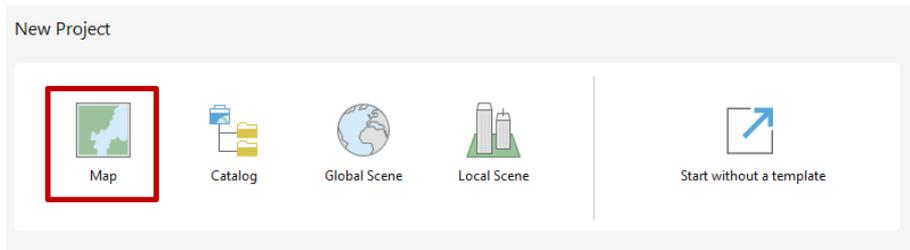
ArcGIS Pro User Interface

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Pro user interface with a red border. At the top is the ribbon, which is divided into several tabs: Project, Map, Insert, Analysis, View, Edit, Imagery, and Share. The 'Map' tab is currently active, and a white box labeled 'Ribbon tabs' points to it. Below the ribbon is the main map view, which shows a topographic map of New Zealand. A white box labeled 'Map view' is positioned over the map. To the left of the map is the 'Contents' pane, which shows a search bar and a list of layers under 'Drawing Order'. A white box labeled 'Contents pane' is positioned over this area. To the right of the map is the 'Catalog' pane, which shows a search bar and a list of project items including Maps, Toolboxes, Databases, Styles, Folders, and Locators. At the bottom of the interface is a status bar with various icons and text, including 'Selected Features: 0' and 'Catalog Symbology History'.



ArcGIS Pro: Create a Project

- Create a new project and give it an appropriate name.
- It should automatically save into Documents > ArcGIS > Projects > (project name)



This PC > Documents > ArcGIS > Projects > Tutorial

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ImportLog	5/07/2023 10:15 pm	File folder	
Index	5/07/2023 10:15 pm	File folder	
Tutorial.gdb	5/07/2023 10:15 pm	File folder	
Tutorial	5/07/2023 10:15 pm	ArcGIS Project File	7 KB
Tutorial.atbx	5/07/2023 10:15 pm	ATBX File	1 KB

This folder will be your main folder to move downloaded content into.

If you wish to save the project, make sure to copy the entire folder onto your OneDrive/USB when you are finished.



Extracting Data from Open Sources

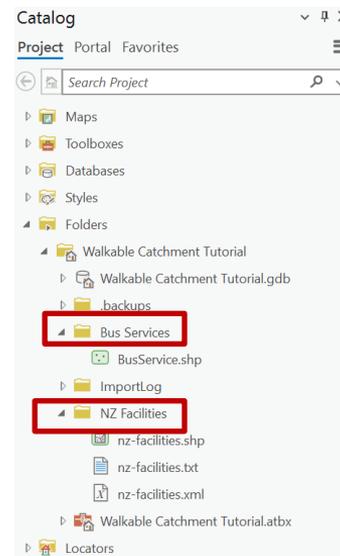
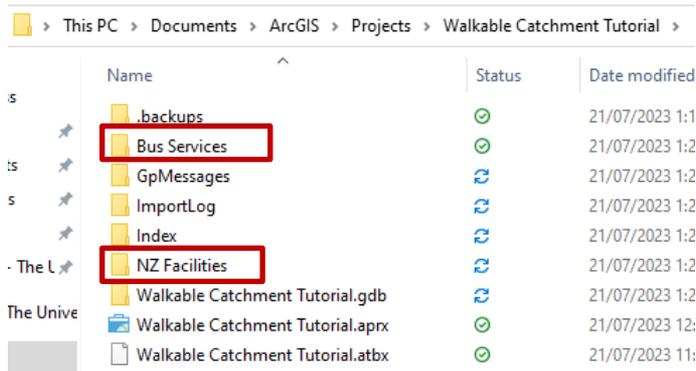
- Begin by going to Koordinates or using the link provided earlier, find NZ Facilities layer
- Use the zoom tool or search to find the site in Westmere
- Select **Crop** on the top right. And crop to an extent you are happy with showing on your map.
- Select **Shapefile** and click create export (make sure you are logged into your Koordinates account otherwise you won't be able to export)
- Once the zip file is downloaded, extract the files and put it into your ArcGIS Pro Project file

The screenshot shows the Koordinates web interface. At the top, there's a search bar with '158 Garnet Road, Waiwera 1022' and a red box around the 'Export' button. The main map displays 'NZ Facilities, New Zealand' with a red rectangle indicating a crop area over Westmere. Below the map, the 'Export' tab is active, showing 'Coordinate Reference System' as 'NZGD2000 / New Zealand Transverse Mercator 2000 (EPSG:2193)'. Under 'Vector', the 'NZ Facilities' layer is selected, and the 'Shapefile' dropdown is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom, the 'Create Export' button is highlighted in red.





- Use the zoom tool or search to find the site in Westmere
- Select **Draw an area** on the right side. And crop to an extent you are happy with showing on your map.
- Make sure **toggle filters** is on, then find Download on the left side panel, and choose the **Shapefile option**
- Once the zip file is downloaded, extract the files and put it into your ArcGIS Pro Project file

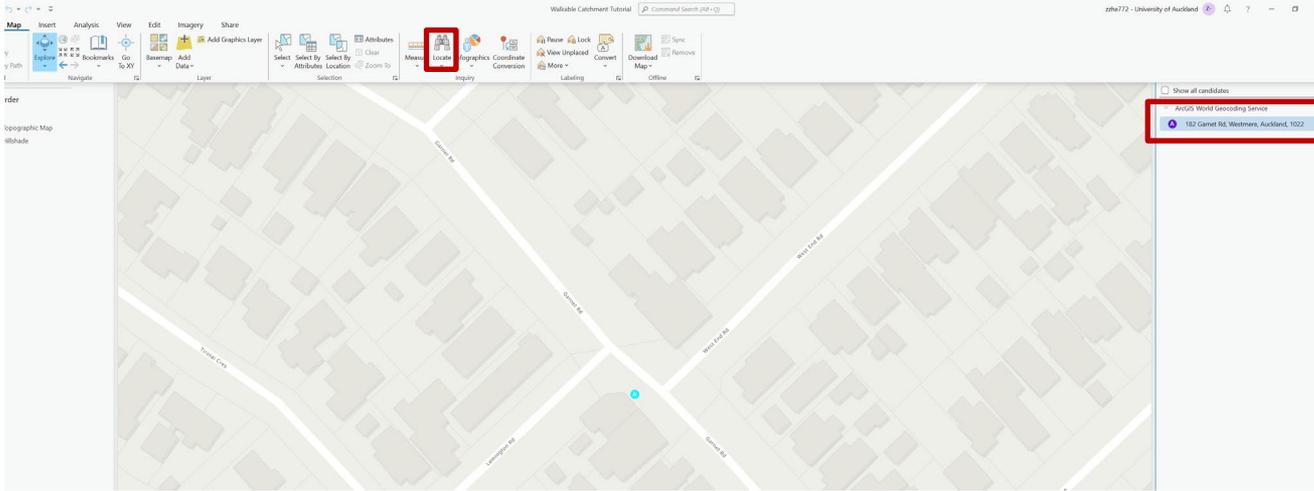


- Your ArcGIS Pro Project file should be located in Documents > ArcGIS > Projects
- Once your files have been moved into your folder, it should look like this and in ArcGIS's catalogue panel you should be able to view them under folders

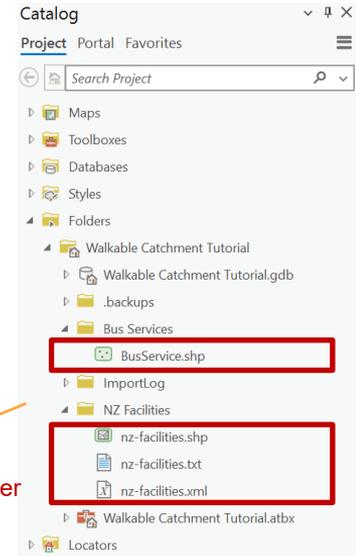
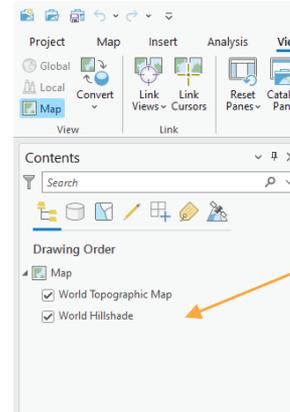
[if you cannot see catalog, **View > Catalog Pane**]



ArcGIS Manipulation



- Zoom into the site or **Map > Locate > Search: 182 Garnet Rd, Westmere**
- Then under catalog and drag each and all of the layers we have exported online from folders into your contents [if you cannot see catalog, **View > Catalog Pane**]

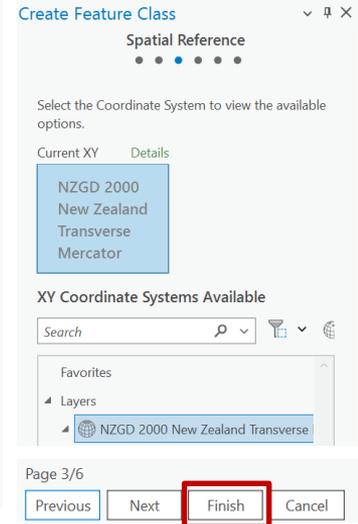
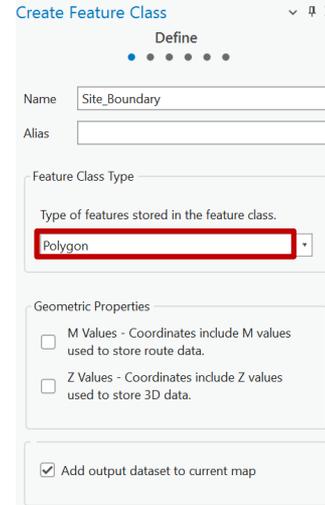
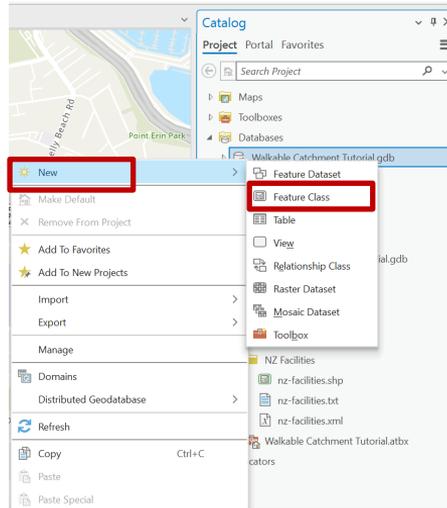
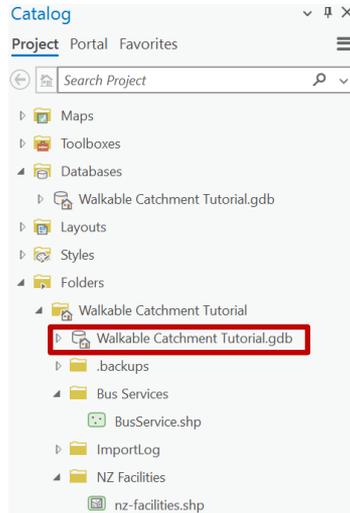


Drag over

Site Boundary



To create a site boundary...



- Right click on the database file (.gdb)

- Create New > Feature Class

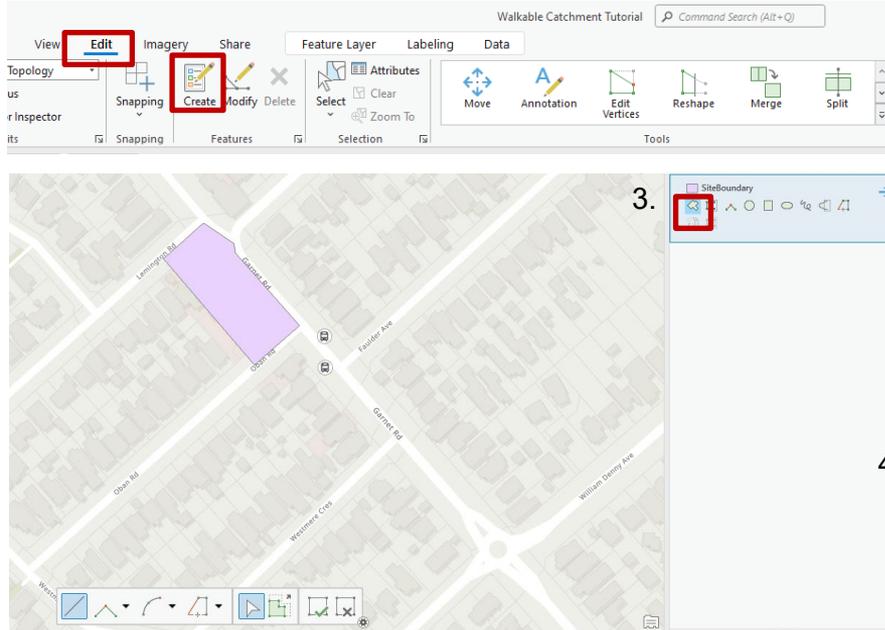
- Then type in a name, make sure the type is Polygon and **unchecked Z Values**. Hit next on the bottom panel

- For Spatial Reference select NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator and hit finish

Site Boundary



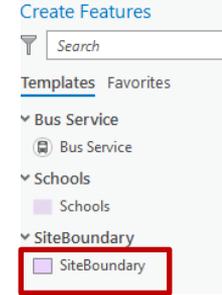
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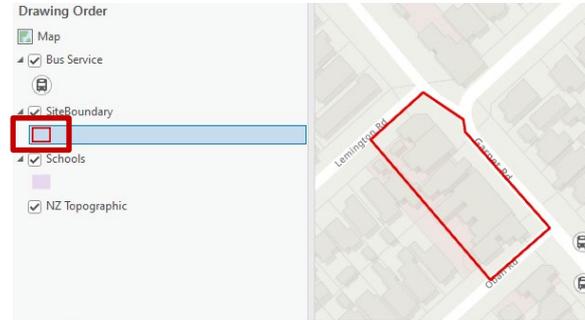
- To draw the site boundary, go under edit > create and on your right you should see the panel **Create Features**

2.

Choose Site Boundary then select the first option and begin drawing



4.

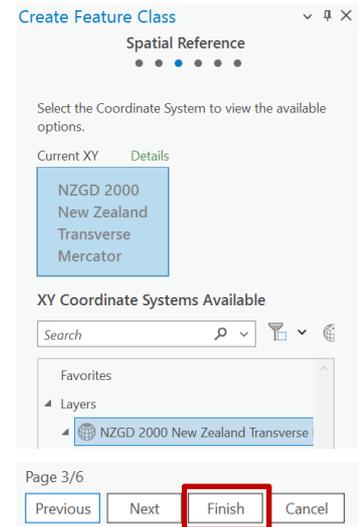
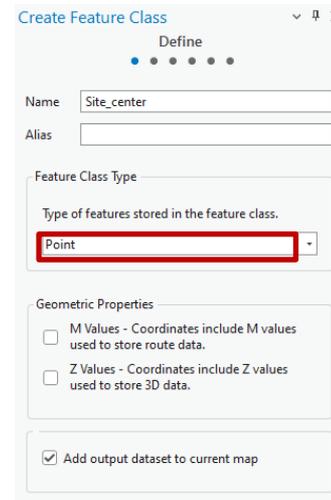
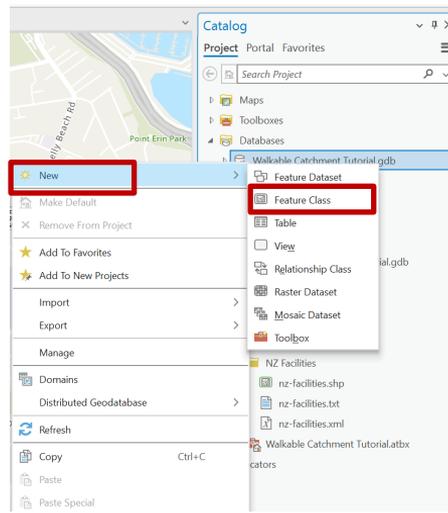
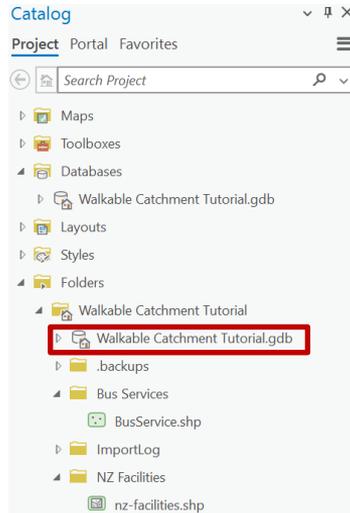


- Once you have your site boundary drawn double click on the icon on the layer (on your left side's contents panel) to bring up symbology and you can adjust appropriately

Point on Site



To create a buffer we first need to create a point on site



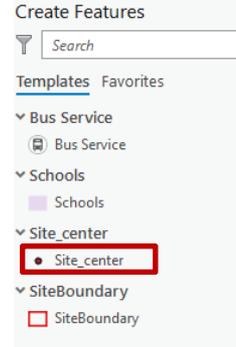
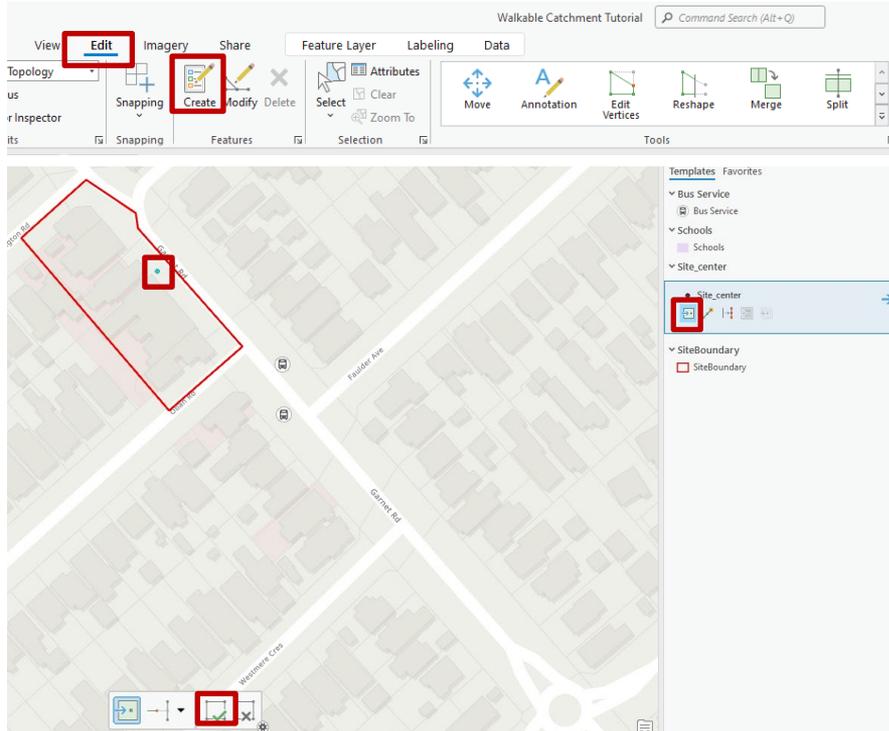
- Right click on the database file (.gdb)

- Create New > Feature Class

- Then type in a name, make sure the type is Point and **unchecked Z Values**. Hit next on the bottom panel

- For Spatial Reference select NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator and hit finish

Point on Site

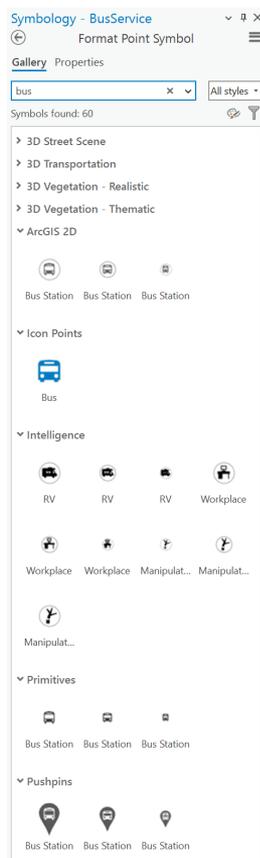
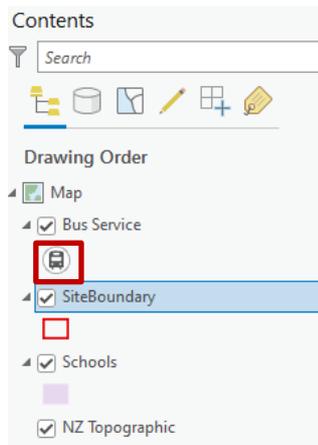


- To draw the point on site, go under edit > create and on your right you should see the panel **Create Features**
- Select Site Center and you can select a point to place down

- Then close to finish and edit symbology from the contents panel (left) by double clicking the icon to pull up symbology

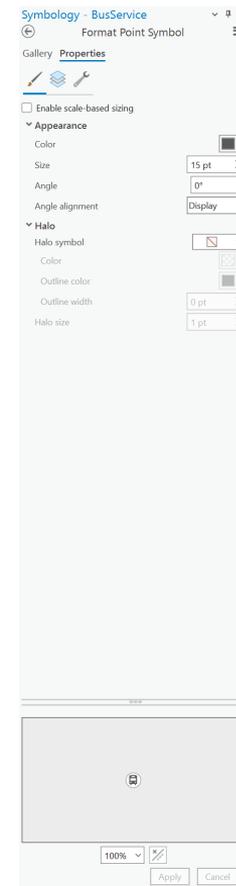


- Layers under contents can be checked or unchecked for visibility.
- Different order of the layers also changes the visibility.
- Double click the title of the layer to rename it (NZ-facilities can be renamed to schools)
- Double click on the icon to open symbology panel on the right
- Adjust the symbology to whichever is appropriate.



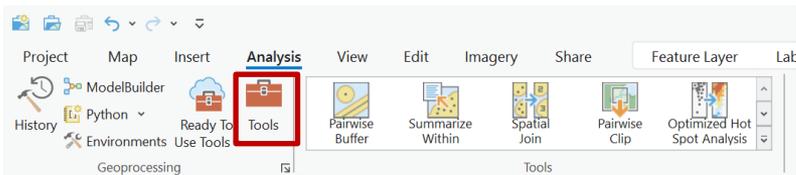
Under Gallery:
You are able to find preset icons and images.

Search up bus to find the bus icon



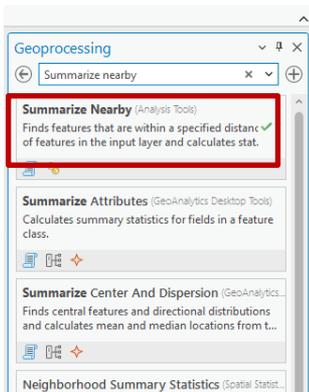
Under Properties:
You are able to change colors and size

Creating walkable buffers

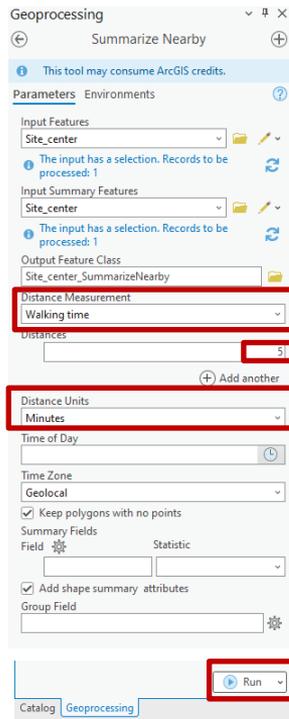


Under **Analysis**
> **Tools**, search
up *Summarize
Nearby*.

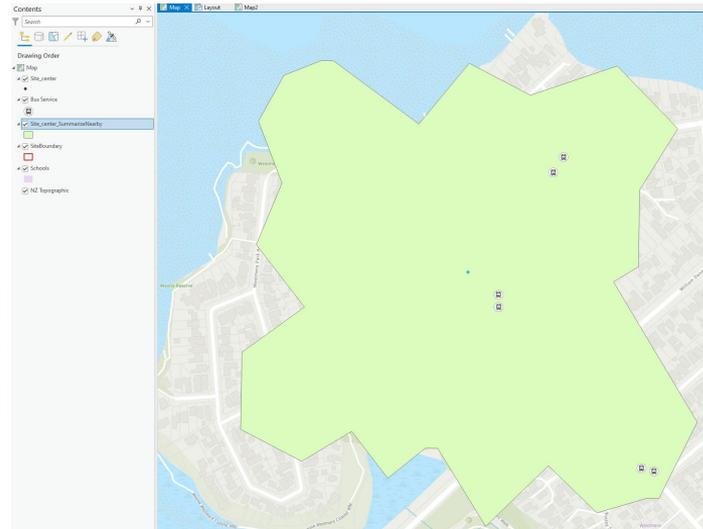
To use this tool, you
will need to be signed
into your ArcGIS Pro
Account if you don't
have one, please see
[our website](#) for
further instructions.



Then choose
your site center as
the input and
input summary
features and
choose your
parameters as
the following.



Then hit "run"



Once the analysis has been completed, your
screen should look similar to this.

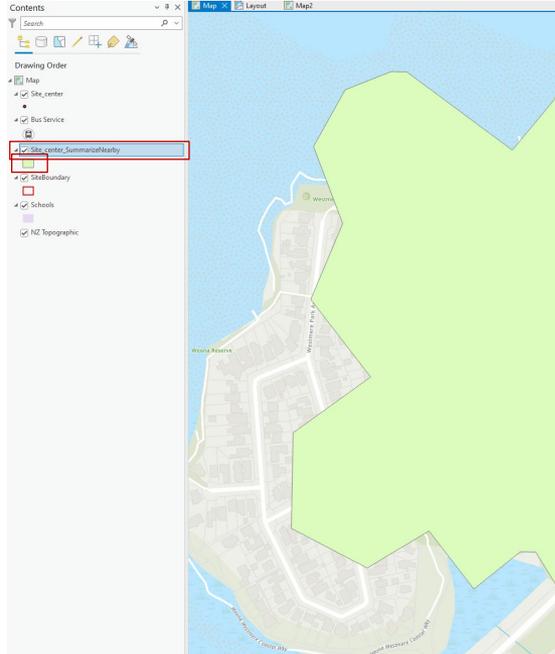
Repeat the steps again to get a buffer for 10
minutes, and 15 minutes.

Customising walkable buffers

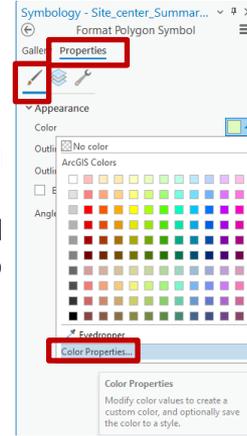


Double click on the layer text to rename the layer

Double click the icon to open up symbology to change colors

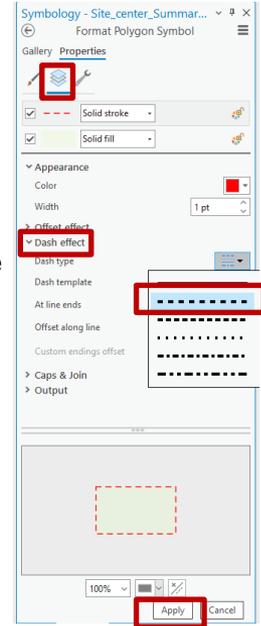


Under symbology, open color and color properties, and you are able to change the transparency (suggested 75%)



To change the style of the outline follow:

Hit apply to see the effect on your map

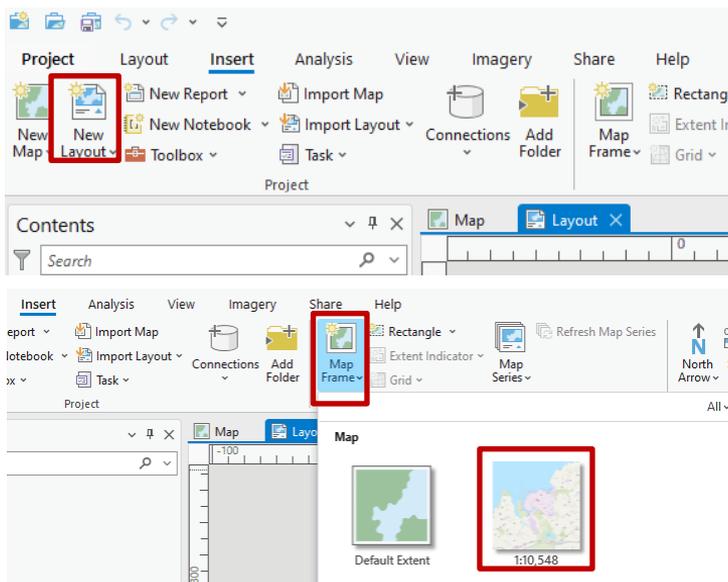




ArcGIS Exporting

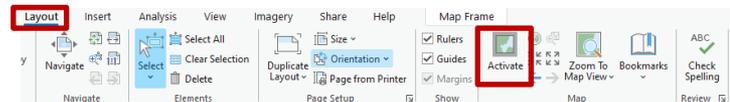
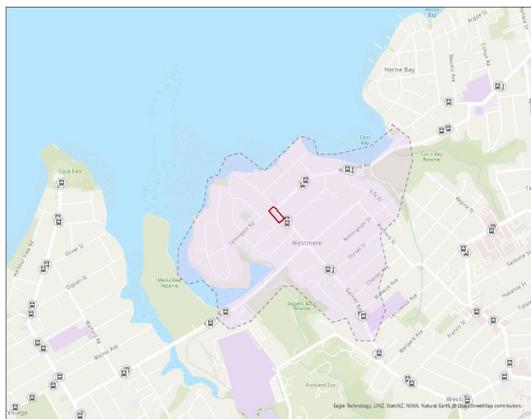


- Once you are happy with the map create the final export through **Insert > New Layout > choose your template (usually A3 Landscape)**

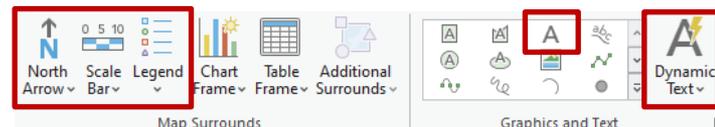


- Add your map **Insert > Map Frame**, you may choose a circle instead of rectangle for a circular map

- **Click and drag** to draw your map. Then change the scale at the bottom left.



- To move your base map around go into **Layout > Activate**

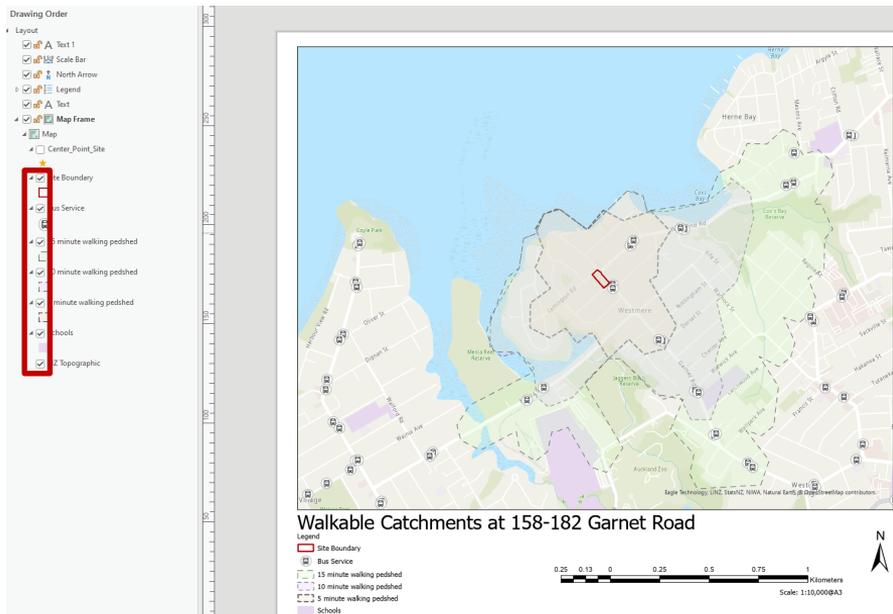


- Don't forget your mapping conventions:

- Title
- Scale
- Legend
- North Arrow
- Date



Possible outcomes for maps



By hiding and unhiding layers in your Contents (Drawing Order). You can create maps with all three buffers showing or maps with just one buffer.

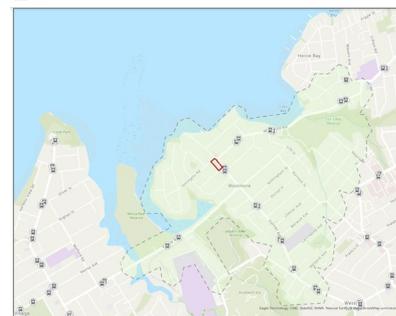
The legend syncs with your contents (hidden layers will not show in your legend)



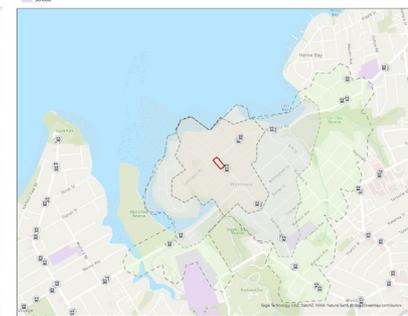
Walkable Catchment of 5 minutes at 158-182 Garnet Road



Walkable Catchment of 10 minutes at 158-182 Garnet Road



Walkable Catchment of 15 minutes at 158-182 Garnet Road



Walkable Catchments at 158-182 Garnet Road





- To export go **Share > Export Layout**

- Select your preferred file type and folder for saving

- Also remember click save on the top left to save your ArcGIS Pro project before exiting.

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Pro interface. In the top-left corner, the 'Share' menu is open, and 'Export Layout' is highlighted with a red box. The main map area shows a street map with various colored overlays representing walkable catchments. A red rectangle on the map indicates the site boundary. Below the map is a legend, a scale bar (0 to 1 kilometer), and a north arrow. The title of the map is 'Walkable Catchments at 158-182 Garnet Road'. The legend includes the following items:

- Site Boundary
- Bus Service
- 15 minute walking pedshed
- 10 minute walking pedshed
- 5 minute walking pedshed
- Schools

The 'Export Layout' dialog box is open on the right side of the screen. The 'File Type' is set to 'PDF', and the 'Name' is 'C:\Users\Jannie\Documents\ArcGIS\Projects\Walk'. The 'Export' button at the bottom right of the dialog is highlighted with a red box.

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