

Daniel's dream circuit

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THIS is one serious race track.

Red Bull star Daniel Ricciardo has unveiled his ultimate Formula One circuit, comprising his favourite turns, straights and chicanes from his top race tracks around the world.

On an Australian pit stop in between the Singapore and Malaysian Grand Prix, Ricciardo showed off a huge model of his dream race track in Perth yesterday.

Ricciardo's ultimate track

includes the famous swimming pool section in Monaco, the esses at Suzuka and a trio of flowing turns from his home Grand Prix at Albert Park.

"Drivers always picture what their ultimate track would look like and it's exciting to see mine brought to life," Ricciardo said.

"I look at the map and I go, 'Wow, it looks busy', but I think it would be a lot of fun if some drivers got to drive on it."

"I wish I was 10 years old again and had a big garage that I could fit this in — the track is

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awesome. There's a few difficult (turns), I thought I would mix it up.

"There is definitely some favourites, but the favourites are not that straight-forward."

"I love corners that have flow and go from one to the other and you can really build a rhythm."

"I say you connect the dots, you get the first part right then

it joins into the second, the third, so that's really where you can build a flow, feel the race car, feel the downforce and the grip."

Ricciardo, coming off a second-place finish at last weekend's Singapore Grand Prix, rated the swimming pool Monaco section as his favourite part of the track — and in the Formula One championship.

"In real life, Monaco, the swimming pool section, that for me is awesome," he said. "You can see how fast the car bounces over the curbs there, gets over the barriers, so for pure satisfaction and adrenaline, that is the one for me."

He rated the snaking section at Suzuka as his next favourite, while he chose the section from his home Grand Prix for its "flow" and "fun".

"I enjoy Albert Park and the circuit. (Turns) six, seven, eight has got for me — it has got that flow — and it's fun," Ricciardo

said. Formula One commentator Martin Brundle offered his analysis of Ricciardo's track.

"You can tell Daniel Ricciardo drives a Red Bull because there's lots of corners and squiggly bits and he likes sections where one corner very much follows another," Brundle said.

"But you can also tell that Daniel wishes Daniel wishes he had a Mercedes engine as well because there are a lot of long straights to build up some good speed."



Australia's Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo unveiling his favourite corners from iconic Formula 1 tracks in Perth yesterday as part of a specially created Scalextric track.
Inset: Ricciardo's track with the name of the corners from various tracks
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