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The Walking Festival

Hōpara, Ako me Hono
Explore, Learn and Connect

Saturday 8 April – Sunday 23 April 2023

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Nau mai haere mai – The Walking Festival is back for 2023!

The 2023 Walking Festival is about providing opportunities for walkers to experience new locations and special places to recreate and connect with nature.

If this is your first time, welcome to the wonderful world of walking. If you've joined us before, welcome back: whether you're a fan of beaches or hills, local history or new developments, getting amongst the wildlife or enjoying a view, socialising or pushing your own physical limits, there's something for you and your whānau.

The Festival's 50-plus walks are focused on three pillars:

Hōpara **Explore**

This is your opportunity to explore local and neighbouring areas all over Christchurch, Waimakariri and Selwyn, and to visit environments you may never have seen up close.

Ako **Learn**

Don't take our word for it – hear what our experienced guides have to say. Our walks will teach you all about our natural environment, and the historical and cultural places of interest in our city and district.

Hono **Connect**

The mental health benefits of regular exercise are well known, and the Walking Festival brings you the benefits of connection. Meet people from other districts, migrants and refugees and like-minded walkers, and build connections that last beyond our two weeks of events.

Phil Mauger
Mayor of Christchurch

Sam Broughton
Mayor of Selwyn

Don Gordon
Mayor of Waimakariri

The Walking Festival has something for everyone.

We hope you enjoy exploring our beautiful city and region.

Key information

- Most walks are **FREE**.
- One walk has a transport cost: Christchurch 360 Trail in 12 Days.
- Please wear suitable shoes and clothing.
- Children must be supervised.
- Be prepared – bring a water bottle, snack, sun hat, sunscreen and rain coat.
- Walking routes may change due to weather or track conditions.

Cancellations and postponement

- Visit our website: ccc.govt.nz/walkingfestival
- facebook.com/chchwalkingfestival
- Call us on 03 941 8999

Nature Play

We are highlighting walk locations ideal for tamariki to play, explore and experience nature.

Thanks

A massive thank you to our event partners who provide a great range of walks each year. Their continued support makes the festival possible.

Bookings

Some walks require bookings. Bookings begin from 1 March 2023. See each walk listing for the booking information.

Icon guide

Each walk has an approximate grading. This reflects the type of terrain, duration, and level of fitness required.



New to walking



Easy – Flat terrain



Medium – Mixed terrain



Hard – Hills/challenging



Nature Play



Dogs on a leash



Suitable for buggies



Suitable for wheelchairs



Toilets available



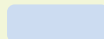
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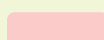
Parking available



Transport costs



Selwyn walk



Waimakariri walk

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SELWYN

FROM THE LAND 



Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill



Helicopter Hill



Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere



Devils Punchbowl Waterfall

STROLLING IN SELWYN THIS SUMMER

Pack a picnic and discover Selwyn's walking tracks.

Discover ancient limestone rock formations and stunning waterfalls or take a stroll along coastal or lakeside trails.

Visit www.selwyn.nz/thingstodo/walkingtracks to plan your walking adventure.

Visit selwyn.nz

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Hidden History Hunt

Time: 10am–5pm

Where: Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The Botanic Gardens are turning 160! For our birthday we have the Hidden History Hunt, a trail for the whole family. Follow the clues around the Gardens to discover what's in our treasure chest. Pick up your trail guide from the Visitor Centre or the Kiosk.

Approx distance: 1km



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SCAPE Public Art Self-Guided Walk

Explore the permanent large-scale artworks that form the SCAPE Public Art Walkway. Participants are invited to discover new ways of connecting with their city through these works.

SCAPE Public Art Walkway:
[scapepublicart.org.nz/
about-scape-public-art/](https://scapepublicart.org.nz/about-scape-public-art/)

Approx distance: 3km



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**SCAPE
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ART**

Agents of Discovery

Time: 9am–5pm

Meet: Halswell Quarry and Southshore.

Solve fun challenges while exploring Christchurch with Agents of Discovery. This festival our locations are Halswell Quarry and Te Karoro Karoro-Southshore Spit. The Agents of Discovery app uses augmented reality to interact with the world around you and is free to download from Google Play and the App Store.

Approx distance: 1km



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Urban Play Walk

Where: Throughout the city. Pick up a map from the Gap Filler Place of Play office, 153 High Street or download here: gapfiller.org.nz/project/pae-takaro-place-of-play-current/

The Urban Play Walk is for all ages, it will make you see the city with new eyes and most of all it's fun! Explore the city with the Play Map – be surprised, try new things and connect with people and places through play.

Approx distance: 1.5km



Love your Dunes

Time: 10am–noon

Cancelled if wet

Meet: North Beach Surf Club, 80 Marine Parade, North New Brighton.

History of Brighton sand dunes, vegetation, good and bad A look at dune profiles and a dry dune forest

Approx distance: 1km



Christchurch City Antarctic Walk

Time: 1pm–3.30pm

Postponement: Sunday 9 April 2023

Meet: Outside the main entrance of the Canterbury Museum, Rolleston Avenue.

Christchurch is proud of its Antarctic gateway connections. Join this guided walk in the central city to learn about our Antarctic history and the support for several scientific endeavours provided by the National Antarctic Programmes.

Approx distance: 3.6km



Meet in the Middle Richmond

Time: 1pm–3pm

Meet: Riverlution Eco Hub, 46a Vogel Street (garden side).

The guided walk will let you trace our cultural history through to present day and the new projects happening in the Richmond Red Zone loop. The guide is an expert in each area.

Approx distance: 5km



SATURDAY

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TUESDAY
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Silverstream Reserve Saunter

Time: 10am–noon

Postponement: Tuesday 18 April 2023

Meet: Silverstream Reserve car park, South Eyre Road, Clarkville. Approx 1.5km from intersection with Tram Road.

In the midst of the dry Canterbury Plains lies Silverstream Reserve which wends its way along the clear, spring fed waters of Silverstream. Come and join our rangers to be shown the various environmental projects to enhance the biodiversity values of this special place.

Approx distance: 3km

Bookings required:

Email michael.kwant@wmk.govt.nz



Explore Ngā Puna Wai – Why Not?

TUESDAY

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Time: 10.30am–noon

Meet: Augustine Drive, Halswell, meet in the car park at the front of the facility by the hockey fields.

Visit Christchurch's premier outdoor recreation facility as well as the Wigram Basin, with a story to share along the way. This walk is suitable for all, bring your whānau, mokopuna and furry friends (on a lead please). The café on site will be open for you to enjoy a drink afterwards.

Approx distance: 2–3km
flat sealed or gravel paths

Bookings required:

Phone (03) 373 5060



Activities for pre-schoolers



Keep kids entertained with fun activities that support their physical and mental development.

Find out more

ccc.govt.nz/under-5

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Hoake ki te Taiao
City Nature Challenge

City Nature Challenge 2023

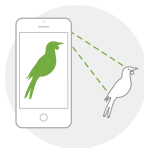
28 April – 1 May

Uncover Ōtautahi's biodiversity! How many species are living near you? What's different from past years? Can you find something new?

Grab your device, install the free iNaturalist app, and follow these simple steps:



Find nature



Take photos



Get IDs!

The City Nature Challenge is a global event with over 400 cities taking part. More than 1 million observations were made in 2020.

See the iNaturalist NZ-Mātaiki Taiao website for info, workshops, and tips:
www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2023-otautahi-christchurch



If you're a Kiwi and you know it! Storywalk

SELECTED DATES
12-19
APRIL

STARTS WEDNESDAY
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Date: Wednesday 12 April
Time: 10.30am–11am
Meet: Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre

Date: Thursday 13 April 2023
Time: 11am–11.30am
Meet: Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

Date: Tuesday 18 April
Time: 11am–11.30am
Meet: South Library

Date: Wednesday 19 April
Time: 10.30am–11am
Meet: Victoria Square

Exercise your Body! Exercise your Mind!
Join Kiwi and friends to scuttle, flit and waddle around outside. Stroll in the sun, listen to a story, make a craft and enjoy this Storywalk with Christchurch City Libraries.

Approx distance: 500 metres



Christchurch 360 Trail in 12 days

Time: 9am–5pm

Meet: Walkers meet at the beginning of the trail's segment each day and will be informed of details, and pre-walk meeting, once booked.

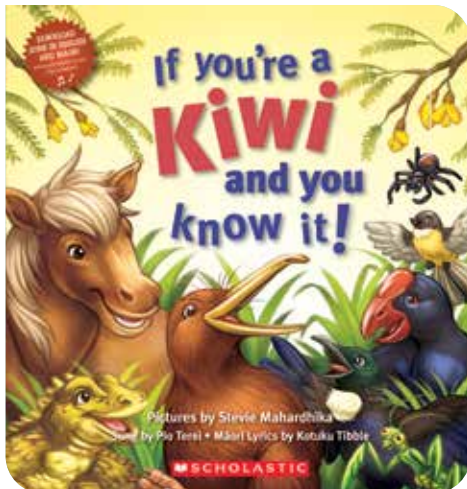
A truly 'Great Walk' with ecologist Dr Colin Meurk around wetlands, dunes, streams, braided river beds, estuaries, forests, savannah grasslands, hills, harbours and dizzy heights in 11–12 days. Suitable for walkers who can walk for up to 8 hours each day across varied terrain, regardless of the weather conditions. Limited to 9 walkers. Bring your own lunch.

Cost: \$95 per person for transport

Approx distance: 16–20km per day

Bookings required:

Phone John Scott on 021 161 8899 or email jonsct@protonmail.ch



Move more! Feel great!



Find fun activities the whole
Whānau will enjoy

activecanterbury.org.nz

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Gruffalo Explorers

WEDNESDAY
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Time: 10am–2pm

Postponement: Thursday 13 April 2023

Meet: Bottle Lake Forest Information Centre, Waitikiri Drive, Burwood.

Young walkers can become ‘mouse’ to explore the deep dark woods on this self-guided walk to meet new friends including snake, fox, owl, a few special New Zealand species and... THE GRUFFALO! Enjoy storytelling and craft activities.

Approx distance: 2.3km



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Governors Bay Heritage Walk

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Time: 10am–2pm

Meet: Allendale Domain, Governors Bay.

Early settlers from the latter 1800s have left us with a rich heritage at the head of the Lyttelton Harbour. We will visit the Allendale Lockup, and visit the historic St Cuthbert’s Church and Graveyard and the old Governor’s Bay School. We will also view the restoration of the old jetty. Bring a picnic lunch.

Approx distance: 7km

Bookings required:

Email tonyeastwood@outlook.co.nz



Walking Netball

Time: 10am–11.30am

Postponement: Wednesday 19 April 2023

Meet: Centre Court at the Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Park, Hagley Ave.

Great low-impact opportunity for men and women 18 years and older who may have previously enjoyed netball and would like to play again, are recovering from injury, want to learn to play for the first time, want to be active, or simply want to meet new friends and have a laugh!

Registrations required:

Email centreact@cnc.org.nz





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THE SELWYN STRIDERS MONDAYS 10-11AM

Enjoy a walk around our 240-metre indoor track with optional exercise stations set up at each corner. A great opportunity to meet new people or have a catch up with friends with a complimentary tea, coffee and biscuit when you're finished. Suitable for all ages.

Casual \$3 (Supergold card \$2)

20 Track concession \$51 (Supergold card \$34)

10 Track concession \$27 (Supergold card \$18)

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A free planning app designed to help you easily explore NZ's tracks.



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Port Hills by Night

Time: 6pm–9.30pm

Meet: Corner Mt Pleasant Road and Summit Road.

An adventurous night walk using your headlamps to explore the Port Hills circumnavigating Tauhinukorokio-Mt Pleasant. Views over Lyttelton, Christchurch and the Canterbury Plains.

Approx distance: 7.5km

Bookings required:

Phone 021 741 795 or

email Dave@ymcachch.org.nz



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Hart Creek Sneak

Time: 10am–noon

Meet: 23 Timber Yard Road (Hantz Honey), Leeston.

One of the only places in New Zealand where you will see the mute swan.

This walk is rich in birdlife, so bring your binoculars and take your time to view swans, pukeko, Canada geese, several species of duck, white heron, pied stilts and more.

Approx distance: 2km

Bookings required:

events.humanitix.com/harts-creek-sneak-walk-bbhebw09



Port Hills Sunset Walk

Time: 5.15pm–7.30pm

Meet: Corner Mt Pleasant Road and Summit Road

A wonderful end to the day. Come and join us watching the sunset across Canterbury and the Port Hills circumnavigating Tauhinukorokio-Mt Pleasant.

Approx distance: 2.5km

Bookings required:

Phone 021 741 795 or

email Dave@ymcachch.org.nz



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Kura Tawhiti Tōpuni

Time: 10am–noon

Meet: Kura Tawhiti car park (by Castle Hill Station) off SH73, West Coast Road.

Walk among the majestic limestone figures of Kura Tawhiti and learn about Māori history and journeys through this tōpuni (sacred) site with a with a guide from the local Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga. Find out about the significance and cultural value of unique flora and fauna. Enjoy lunch in the new shelter at the start of the walk



Approx distance: 3km

Bookings required: Email northcanterbury@doc.govt.nz



Port Hills Sunrise Walk

Time: 6am–8am

Meet: Corner Mt Pleasant Road and Summit Road.

What a great way to start the day, watching the sun rise over the ocean, Canterbury and the Port Hills circumnavigating Tauhinukorokio-Mt Pleasant.

Approx distance: 2.5km

Bookings required:

Phone 021 741 795 or

email Dave@ymcachch.org.nz

FRIDAY
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A Wonderful Foraging Journey

Time: 1pm–3pm

Meet: Fungi Garden area at the Richmond Community Garden 235 River Road, Richmond

A redzone foraging journey for young children and their grown-up/s. Beginning with an enchanting storyreading of 'A Wonderful Foraging Story' by Joanna Wildish, after which we will go exploring the area together to see what edible weeds and fruit we can find in the Richmond and Avonside area, then back to the garden to make some foraged craft and art.

Approx distance: 1km

Bookings required:

Email joanna.wildish@gmail.com

or phone Jo on 022 1726 120



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WHY NOT MAKE A DAY OF IT?

KAIAPOI
RANGIORA
OXFORD
CUST
OHOKA
WOODEND
WAIKUKU
PEGASUS



9:00AM Stroll the Ohoka Farmers Market and discover the variety of local crafts and delicious produce on offer.



10:30AM Immerse yourself in New Zealand native bush and enjoy the views whilst exploring the tranquil trails of Mt Thomas Conservation Park.



1:30PM Pop into Rangiora for a quick bite or a more leisurely graze at the tasty Fresca Mediterranean.

With over 60 kms of cycleways and tracks, river, beach, mountain walks and hikes, 10 km of coastline, 70 eateries and a number of different things to do such as cruise, kayak and row up the Kaiapoi River, find out why Waimakariri is the perfect place to make a day of it.



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All the views, half the effort

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Dunes at Dawn

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Tūhaitara Art Hike

Thursday 20 April 2023

The Liffey Walk

Brooklands Spit Walk at Dawn

Walk in the Willows, West Melton

Friday 21 April 2023

Explore new Te Kuru Wetland

Beachside 2 Eastside

Rangatahi City Stroll

Saturday 22 April 2023

Get Ready for the City Nature Challenge

The Generation Game

The 5th Annual Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk

A Walk Amongst the Giants

Kā Pūtahi Creek and Styx River Adventure

Sunday 23 April 2023

Anzac Walk

Botanic Wheelie Fun Walk

Reserves on the Awa

Te Ara Ihutai Wheelie Wander

Discover Ashley Gorge

Find a walk in your neighbourhood

Find a walk close to you! From a 10 minute stroll to a full day hike, pack a picnic and explore at your leisure, Christchurch parks offer walks for everyone

Access more info online:

ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map

Icons Guide



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Toilets available



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Parking available



Transport costs



Selwyn walk



Waimakariri walk

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listen as you walk

podcasts and live stream

plainsfm.org.nz

A walk in time: Te Riu-o-Te-Aika-Kawa Brooklands Lagoon Walk

Time: 10am–12.30pm

Meet: Carpark at the end of Harbour Road, Brooklands

Travel back in time to explore Christchurch's hidden gem. Take in the views as you meander along the Brooklands Lagoon track. Get a glimpse into the past as you learn all about this unique salt marsh environment. Take your binoculars for bird watching stops along the way.

Approx distance: 8km

Bookings required: Phone 027 549 2891 or email robbie.hewson@ccc.govt.nz



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Port Hills Rangatahi Sunset Walk

Time: 4.30pm–8pm

Meet: Youthtown offices, 319a Stanmore Road, Richmond.

A wonderful end to the day. Come and join us watching the sunset across Canterbury and the Port Hills circumnavigating Tauhinukorokio-Mt Pleasant. Transport provided to and from the walk.

Approx distance: 2.5km

Bookings required: Phone 021 741 795 or email Dave@ymcachch.org.nz



DREAM IT. DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN

All the views, half the effort

Time: 11am–12.30pm and 2pm–3.30pm

Postponement: Friday 21 April 2023

Meet: Christchurch Adventure Park Village, 225 Worsleys Road, Cracroft.

Walk from the Adventure Park Village carpark and head uphill, past the regenerating pine forest damaged in the fires. The track is a mixture of single track and 4WD roads. From the top there are spectacular views from Kaikōura to Mt Hutt and beyond! Head down via the chairlift for free. Walk duration 1.5 hours. Warm clothing recommended. Children must be at least 1 metre tall to use the chair lift. Limited to 20 people per group.

Approx distance: 6km

Bookings required: christchurchadventurepark.com/about-us/events/ccc-walking-festival/





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Walk a Mile with a Refugee

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Time: 10am–noon
Meet: Christchurch Netball Centre, Hagley Park, Hagley Avenue.

Connect, hear stories and share in the experiences of a refugee’s journey to a new life in New Zealand. Stay to talk and enjoy some cultural food. If wet walk will be cancelled and talk will start at 10am.

Approx distance: 2.5km
Bookings required:
nzba.org/walk-a-mile-campaign/



Ōtukaikino River Walk (The Groynes to Roto Kohatu Reserves)

Time: 10am–2pm
Meet: The Groynes.

Walk along the Ōtukaikino River track to Roto Kohatu Reserve. We will walk around the lakes there and have lunch, and possibly a swim, before returning to The Groynes by early afternoon.

Approx distance: 8km
Bookings required:
Phone or text Ally Lomas 027 381 2872



Ōtautahi Red Zone Urban Foraging Wander

Time: 12.30pm–2.30pm
Meet: Redzone, Corner of Swanns Road and River Road, Avonside.

It’s the perfect time of year for a forage! We will be wandering together through the Richmond and Avonside Red Zone, sharing knowledge about edible plants and fruit trees with guides from Ōtautahi Urban Foraging and Kaputahi Community Orchard.

Approx distance: 3–4kms

SATURDAY
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Walk on the wild side of Sugarloaf

Time: 10.30am–2.30pm

Meet: Sugarloaf car park – north along the Summit Road from the Sign of the Kiwi, Dyers Pass Road, Port Hills.

A walk for the more adventurous. We head off the beaten track to discover the wild side of Sugarloaf Reserve. Walk beneath the canopy of regenerating forest and then climb back up to Summit Road for stunning views. Suitable for walkers 15 years and older.

Approx distance: 4km

Bookings required:

Phone Nigel Morrirt 027 234 1353 or email nigel.morrirt@ccc.govt.nz



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Dog's Day Out in the Zone

Time: 10am–noon

Meet: Riverlution Eco Hub, 46a Vogel Street (garden side).

An opportunity to introduce people to the Ōtakaro-Avon River green spine and the wonderful happenings in and around the Richmond loop. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Walk the Red Zone with dog-friendly vendors and activities dotted around the loop.

Approx distance: 1.5km and 4km



The 12th Great Ōtakaro Avon River Walk

Time: 1pm–4pm

Meet: Riccarton House, 160 Kahu Road, Riccarton, Christchurch. The bus service can be used – Bus routes 5, 130 and 100.

The Great Ōtakaro-Avon River Walk was first held in 2012. Please join us for the 12th anniversary as we go whare to whare. Meet at Riccarton House at 1pm. We will follow the Ōtakaro-Avon River to Avebury House in Richmond. A donation for Christian World Service would be appreciated (see cws.org.nz).

Approx distance: 10km

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Historic Ōpāwaho Heathcote Loop

SATURDAY
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Time: 1pm–4pm

Meet: Opposite The Tannery, 107 Rutherford Street, Woolston. Overflow car park of the Tannery as well as street parking available.

Learn about the ecological, cultural and historical journey on the old towpath of the Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River and Tannery. On the way there are several points of interest including old wharf sites, the cut and barrage and some great areas of planting and bank restoration.

Approx distance: 6km



SUNDAY
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Lyttelton Antarctic Heritage

Time: 1pm–3.30pm

Meet: Albion Square, 44 London Street, Lyttelton.

Lyttelton has a rich Antarctic history with Scott and Shackleton both departing the Port on three voyages during the 'Heroic Era'. The 3.5 km guided walk will start at Albion Square on London Street with the points of interest explained by guides.

Approx distance: 3.5km



Walking Football

Time: 11am–noon

Postponement: Sunday 23 April 2023

Meet: Avonhead Park, 146 Hawthorden Road, Avonhead.

The slower version of the beautiful game. It's exactly what it sounds like, a standard game of football where players walk instead of run. It's designed to help people get fit or maintain an active lifestyle no matter what their age and fitness.



SUNDAY
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Walk the forest loop

40 minutes
(return)

Or hike the uphill trail

1.5/2 hours
(each way)

The views are worth it!

FREE
chairlift
ride back
down!

When you hike
the uphill trail

Meet in the Middle Dallington

Time: 10am–11am

Meet: Gayhurst Road by the bridge.

This guided walk will teach you about our cultural history through to our most recent history in the Dallington Red Zone loop. The guide will be an expert in each area.

Approx distance: 5km



SUNDAY
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MONDAY
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Going on a Bear Hunt

Time: 1pm–3.30pm

Meet: Walter Park Playground, Mairehau. Parking on either Hills or Kellys roads.

We're going on a Bear Hunt! We're not scared! Bring the children down to the park for a swishy swashy, splashy, sploshy, squelchy, muddy experience. Great outing for the younger walkers and their families. Gumboots essential.

Approx distance: 1km



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Discovering the Fairies

Time: 11am–noon

Postponement: Wednesday 19 April 2023

Meet: Bottle Lake Forest Information Centre, Waitikiri Drive, Burwood.

Come join Lily Peas Blossom and her fairy friends at Bottle Lake Forest. Explore the fairy houses, paint a fairy door, get your face painted and listen to fairy history from Panes and Penates through to Queen Mab and Titania to our native fair folk the Patupaiarehe.

Approx distance: 1km



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Adventure Avenue Wander

Time: 11am–noon

Meet: Parklet. Corner Medway Street/
Woodchester Avenue.

Join us on a short walk through a child-led outdoor play project called Adventure Avenue. Created in the red zone by Pareawa Banks Avenue students, with the support of Avon Ōtākaro Network. Forest huts, open areas, child-sized bike track. Adventure Avenue Team past/current members (children) will help lead the walk. Bring your own picnic and play afterwards. Parking available.

Approx distance: 1km



Dunes at Dawn

TUESDAY
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Time: 6.30am–7.30am

Meet: New Brighton Clock Tower,
Marine Parade.

Join us for a stunning walk watching the sunrise over New Brighton Beach! Heading north along the dunes and back along the beach, watch the sunrise over the sea with picturesque views of the Kaikōura Ranges, New Brighton Pier and the Port Hills!

Approx distance: 3km



Tūhaitara Art Hike

WEDNESDAY
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Time: 10am–noon

Postponement:

Thursday 20 April 2023

Meet: Te Tai Kōhaka, 1 Woodend
Beach Road.

Join Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust rangers to creatively explore Tūhaitara Coastal Park and create a keepsake from our pā harakeke.

Approx distance: 5km

Bookings required:

Phone or text 03 313 1768



The Liffey Walk

THURSDAY
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Time: 10am–noon

Meet: Corner of Kildare Terrace
and Gerald Street, Lincoln.

Take a guided walk from Lincoln township, along the banks of the Liffey to the Lincoln Wetlands hearing from biodiversity specialist about the flora and fauna of the area. An easy flat track, perfect for beginners. Please wear good outdoor walking shoes and bring a drink bottle and sunscreen.

Approx distance: 3–4km

Bookings required:

events.humanitix.com/liffey-walk



Brooklands Spit Walk At Dawn

Time: 6.30am–10.30am

Meet: Spencer Park Main Picnic Ground, Off Heyders Road, Spencerville, Christchurch.

Experience the stunning scenery of Brooklands Lagoon on a morning walk along the Waimakariri Track. Take in the views of Te Riu o Te Aika Kawa as rangers lead you to the end of the Brooklands Spit and back along the rugged Spencer Beach coastline.

Approx distance: 8km

Bookings required: Phone 027 459 2891 or email robbie.hewson@ccc.govt.nz



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THURSDAY
20
APRIL

Walk in the Willows, West Melton

Time: 10am–2pm

Meet: McIndoe Track, entrance to the event is from Thompsons Road, West Melton.

Wander along the gentle undulating tracks set amongst willows, poplars, pine forest and mature kowhai. Our knowledgeable rangers will be on site to answer questions and chat about the area. Bring a picnic to enjoy and make a day of it.

Approx distance: 6km



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FRIDAY
21
APRIL

Explore new Te Kuru Wetland

Time: 10am–noon

Meet: 600 Cashmere Road.

Explore the new tracks of Te Kuru Wetland and hear about the council's new stormwater management wetland and environmental enhancements. This new wetland is the same size as the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and is a major new greenspace for southwest Christchurch. No dogs please.

Approx distance: 4km





FRIDAY
21
APRIL

Rangatahi City Stroll

FRIDAY
21
APRIL

Time: 10am–1pm
Meet: Rauora Park,
Lichfield Street

Bring your mates and explore the streets of the CBD. We will look at all the street art, go for a wander through the gardens and create new friendships. Bring your wheels and a helmet if walking isn't really your thing.

Approx distance: 5km
Bookings required:

youthtown.org.nz/programmes/youth-hub
or email

youth.christchurch@youthtown.org.nz



DREAM IT. DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN

Beachside 2 Eastside

Time: 10.30am–noon
Meet: 10.30am at New Brighton Library, Marine Parade, New Brighton. Or you can use the free transport from Cowles Stadium car park, 210–220 Pages Road, at 10am, with an extra pickup at Aranui Community Centre at 10.15am.

Beachside 2 Eastside is a walk from New Brighton Library through the Red Zone and the heart of Aranui, ending at He Waka Tapu. Bring your whānau and wear bright colours.

Approx distance: 4.5km



HE WAKA TAPU
He waka eke kōwhiri ki te whānau o te ahiorangi



Get ready for the City Nature Challenge

Time: 2pm–3pm
Postponement:
Sunday 23 April 2023
Meet: Outside the Gloucester Street entrance of Turanga.



SATURDAY
22
APRIL

A short family-friendly walk around the city centre looking for animals, plants, fungi, and other living things, and recording what we see using the iNaturalist NZ app in preparation for the City Nature Challenge. Bring a mobile phone or other device.

Approx distance: 2km



iNaturalist NZ
Māhaki Taiao

Christchurch
City Council

The Generation Game

SATURDAY
22
APRIL

Time: 11am–3pm

Meet: Travis Wetlands Reserve Education Centre, 280 Beach Road, Burwood.

An interactive, self-guided loop walk around Travis Wetlands Reserve. Throughout the walk there will be activities that celebrate past and present generations. Each activity will show how people were active during that time period. This walk is open to people of all ages.

Approx distance: 4km



SATURDAY
22
APRIL

The 5th Annual Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk

Time: 10am–1pm

Meet: Kaiapoi Food Forest, corner of Cass and Meadow streets, Kaiapoi.

The walk will start and finish at the Kaiapoi Food Forest, and will follow a circuit around the Kaiapoi River. Learn about the history of the river and how the new food forest is helping to connect and strengthen the local community. A donation for Community Wellbeing North Canterbury would be appreciated (see wellbeingnc.org.nz).

Approx distance: 10km

Bookings required: Phone or text David Hill on 027 421 3761



A Walk Amongst the Giants

Time: Noon–3pm and 12.45–3.45pm

Meet: Christchurch Adventure Park Village, 225 Worsleys Road, Cracroft.

Guided walk on a gentle gradient through a mix of pine and Dougals Fir trees. Along the way you'll interact with native wildlife, our resident bikers and information boards on birdlife on the property.

Approx distance: 2.5km

Bookings required:

christchurchadventurepark.com/about-us/events/ccf-walking-festival/



SATURDAY
22
APRIL



Volunteer in parks

Help restore habitats across our city parks.



Winter is planting season

Spring and Autumn we weed and mulch

For all the details go to:

ccc.govt.nz/volunteer-in-parks

Kā Pūtahi Creek and Styx River Adventure

SATURDAY
22
APRIL

Time: 10am–2pm

Postponement: Sunday 23 April 2023

Meet: Te Waoku Kahikatea Reserve,
303 Radcliffe Road.

A guided walk through native restoration plantings and other key features along the Kā Pūtahi Creek and Styx River including Rongoā Māori natural healing, a river crossing by a small boat and a BBQ Lunch at the Styx Living Laboratory Centre hosted by the Styx Living Laboratory Trust.

Approx distance: 6km

Bookings required:

Email styxllbom@gmail.com



SUNDAY
23
APRIL

Anzac Walk

Time: 10am–noon

Meet: Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins
Avenue, Richmond.

Start from Avebury House and explore the Richmond Red Zone, including a special Anzac art display of white crosses and knitted poppies down the Ōtakaro-Avon River. Finish your jaunt back at Avebury House with a cup of tea and an Anzac biscuit.

Approx distance: 1.5km



Botanic Wheelie Fun Walk

Time: 10.30am–noon

Meet: Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Kiosk.

Discover the hidden secrets of Christchurch Botanic Gardens, come join our walk, guided by individuals from NZCommunity Living, open to all including those who use wheels, wheelchairs, mobility scooters trikes and pushchairs.

Approx distance: 2.5km



SUNDAY
23
APRIL

Reserves on the Awa

Time: 10am–1pm

Meet: South library, 66 Colombo Street, on the north facing lawn by the sculpture.

This relatively easy walk will take in 4 or 5 reserves along the Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River that community groups are helping to look after. The reserves will include Farnley, Ernle Clark, the Donkey Track and Purau Terrace, all within Beckenham/Cashmere.

Approx distance: 7.5km



SUNDAY
23
APRIL

Te Ara Ihutai Wheelie Wander

Time: 11am–12.30pm

Meet: Scotts Park, Main Road, Mt Pleasant.

Come join us for a wheel and wander along Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway to Redcliffs and return. The pathway is a highly accessible premier coastal walkway bordering our scenic estuary. This wheelie and walk is open to those in wheelchairs and their families, whānau and friends. Parking available.

Approx distance: 5km



SUNDAY
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APRIL



SUNDAY
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APRIL

Discover Ashley Gorge

Time: 11am–3pm

Meet: Ashley Gorge Reserve, 709 Ashley Gorge Road.

Visit Ashley Gorge for a picnic and explore self-guided beautiful bush walks. Options for a short loop track or a longer walk to a waterfall. Activities and displays at the DOC tent in the picnic area. Fantastic views across the Canterbury Plains. This is a DOC Toyota Kiwi Guardian site, where children can earn medals for visiting a range of local family-friendly walks.

Approx distance: 2km or 5km





Find a walk!

From a 10 minute stroll to a full-day hike, Christchurch parks offer walks for everyone.

Access it online:

ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map