

**Contact**

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**Fires**

It is a significant fire risk during summer. Fires are not permitted anywhere on the Port Hills. There is a significant fire risk during summer.

**Hunting**

Hunting is not allowed in the Port Hills. Firearms are strictly prohibited.

**Farm animals**

If you come across livestock, give animals a chance to move away and do not approach. Always leave gates as you find them.

**Dogs**

All dogs should be leashed on the Port Hills. Dogs are prohibited in Kennedy's Bush and Ohinehahi for the protection of wildlife. There are dedicated dog exercise parks at Victoria Park and Halswell Quarry.

**Safety**

Hazards are not always obvious. Look for rocks that have moved, debris at the base of cliffs, cracks and slumping of the ground. Walkers should stay clear of the tops and bottoms of coastal cliffs, bluffs and rocky outcrops.

**Trails**

All track distances and times are one way unless otherwise specified. Rock fall risk can close parks and reserves - obey all warning or closure signage.

**Walking-track-map**

Find up to date track information on ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map.

# Port Hills Walks

## Victoria Park

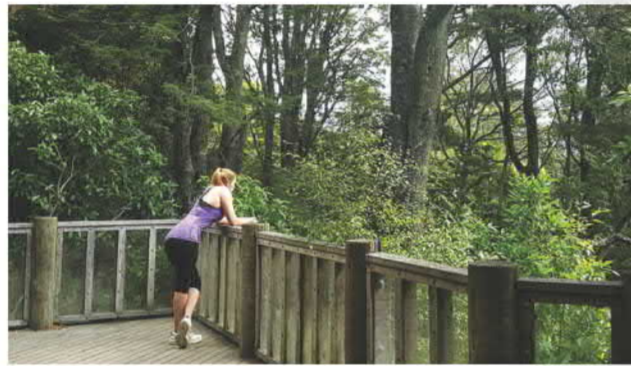
**1 Tawhairaunui Trail**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Victoria Park Visitor Centre  
Finish: Victoria Park Dog Park  
*Accessible and easy walk well suited for families.*

**2 Harry Ell Walkway**  
Distance: 3 km Time: 45 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Takahe  
Finish: Sign of the Kiwi  
*Well maintained and popular track that gently climbs from Sign of the Takahe to Sign of the Kiwi.*

**3 Thomsons Track**  
Distance: 650 m Time: 15 minutes  
Start: Thomsons Track car park, Summit Road  
Finish: Near Dyers Pass and Sign of the Kiwi  
*Short shared use track that creates a circuit via Harry Ell and Latters Spur.*

**4 Latters Spur Track**  
Distance: 2 km Time: 30-60 minutes  
Start: Longhurst Terrace or Victoria Park car park  
Finish: Sugarloaf Reserve car park  
*Gently ascends spur where it levels out before a steep ascent in the mountainbike area.*

**5 Eastside Bush Track**  
Distance: 1.7 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Victoria Park car park  
Finish: Junction of Bowenvale Valley Walk  
*This steep track connects Victoria Park to Bowenvale Valley.*



Tawhairaunui Trail, Victoria Park (1)

## Sugarloaf Circuit

**6 Cedrics Track**  
Distance: 1.3 km Time: 35 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Kiwi  
Finish: Bowenvale car park  
*An easy walk through tussock around the base of the Sugarloaf. Continue onto Mitchells Track to walk the popular Sugarloaf Loop.*

**7 Gilpins Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Kiwi  
Finish: Bowenvale car park  
*An alternative walk through forest under Sugarloaf. Continue onto Cedrics Track to walk the popular Sugarloaf Loop.*

**8 Mitchells Track**  
Distance: 1.2 km Time: 35 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Kiwi  
Finish: Bowenvale car park  
*A steep, rocky forest walk that is rough underfoot.*

**9 Coronation Hill Circuit**  
Distance: 1.5 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Kiwi, Summit Road  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Gentle incline up and around Coronation Hill.*



Near Sign of the Kiwi (Sugarloaf Circuit)

## Bowenvale Reserve Walks

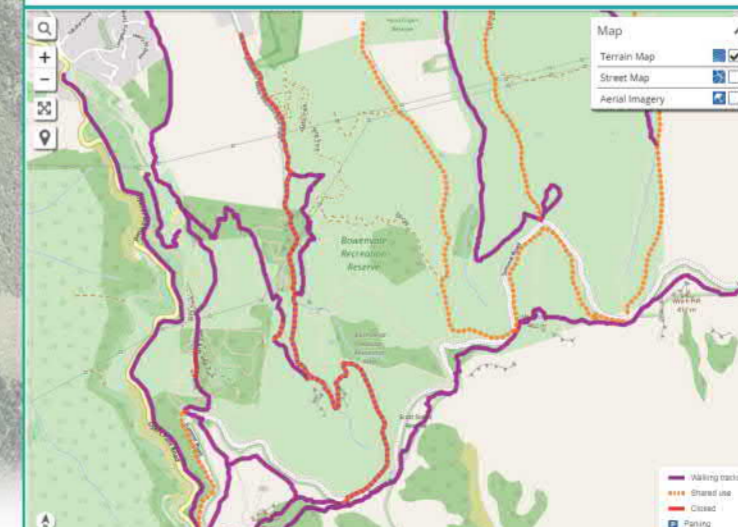
**10 Bowenvale Valley Track**  
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: End of Bowenvale Avenue  
Finish: Bowenvale car park, Summit Road  
*Starts on shared use farm track then steeply climbs up to Summit Road. Connecting tracks lead to Victoria Park and the Hidden Valley Track.*

**11 Hidden Valley Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 25 minutes  
Start: Junction with Bowenvale Valley Track, shared use section  
Finish: Junction with Bowenvale Valley Track, end of shared use section  
*Open tussock and pine track that can be used to create a circuit with the Bowenvale Valley Track.*

**12 Huntsbury Track**  
Distance: 2.5 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: End of Huntsbury Avenue  
Finish: Mt Vernon carpark, Summit Road  
*Uphill shared use farm road that is steep in places and single underfoot. Be cautious of vehicles.*



**Check out the Online Track Map**  
You can see a more detailed map and check the track status on the interactive map on the CCC website: [ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map](http://ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map)



## Mt Vernon Park and Rāpaki Walks

**13 Valley Track**  
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 45 minutes  
Start: Hillsborough Terrace car park  
Finish: Rāpaki Track  
*Narrow track that runs alongside a rocky stream and climbs up a valley. Creates a circuit with Rāpaki or Marette Taylor Tracks.*

**14 Rogers Track**  
Distance: 750 m Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Hillsborough Terrace car park  
Finish: Rāpaki Track  
*Steep track that connects Valley Track with Rāpaki Track.*

**15 Dry Ridge Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 25 minutes  
Start: Hillsborough Terrace car park  
Finish: Farm Track  
*A track that climbs steeply onto a spur. Connects with Albert Tce, Farm and Valley Tracks.*

**16 Marette Taylor Track**  
Distance: 850 m Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Junction with Dry Ridge Track  
Finish: Junction with Valley Track  
*This narrow track gradually climbs to create a short circuit with the Valley Track.*

**17 Farm Track**  
Distance: 2.5 km Time: 45 minutes  
Start: End of the Crescent  
Finish: Lamar car park, Summit Road  
*Shared use track with gentle grade.*

**18 Gorge Track**  
Distance: 1.8 km Time: 35 minutes  
Start: End of Albert Terrace  
Finish: Junction with Farm Track  
*Before entering the forest, take the track signposted to the right. This diverts above the Albert Crag.*

**19 Dry Bush Track**  
Distance: 2.6 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Hillsborough Terrace car park  
Finish: Lamar carpark, Summit Road  
*Narrow sheep track that is indistinct in places. Join this track via Farm or Gorge Tracks.*

**20 Mt Vernon Shared Use Track**  
Distance: 2.4 km Time: 45 minutes  
Start: Mt Vernon car park, Summit Road  
Finish: Rāpaki Track car park, Summit Road  
*Very steep track that descends from the suburb of Huntsbury to meet Gorge Track.*

**21 Huntsbury Reserve Track**  
Distance: 350 m Time: 10 minutes  
Start: Near intersection of Huntsbury Avenue and Major Aitken Drive  
Finish: Junction with Gorge Track  
*Very steep track that descends from the suburb of Huntsbury to meet Gorge Track.*

**22 Rāpaki Track**  
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Junction of Rāpaki Road and Centaurus Rd, Hillsborough  
Finish: Rāpaki Track car park, Summit Road  
*A popular shared use farm road with varied incline and a steep climb to finish.*

**23 Lamar Track**  
Distance: 400 m Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Lamar car park, Summit Road  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Easy and accessible track, fully gravelled, suitable for any fitness level.*

**24 Huia Gilpin Track**  
Distance: 500 m Time: 15 minutes  
Start: Huntsbury Road car park  
Finish: Dry Bush Track  
*A sometimes indistinct track that crosses a paddock. Over summer, a small waterfall is visible near the junction with Dry Bush Track.*



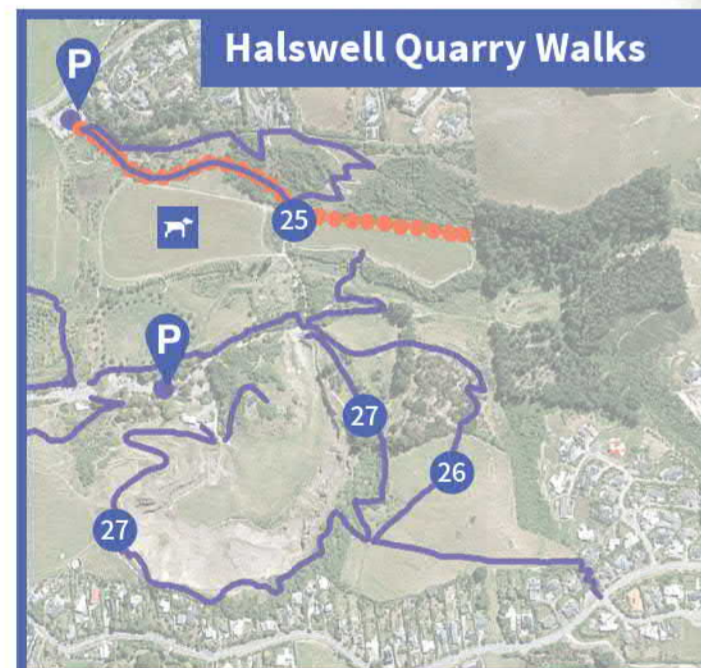
Rāpaki Track (22)

## Bridle Path to Godley Head Walks

- 28 Bridle Path**  
Distance: 2.4 km Time: 1.5 hours  
Start: Bridle Path car park, Heathcote  
Finish: Bridle Path Road, Lyttelton  
*Popular track with steep incline and descent, wide and easy to follow.*
- 29 Stan Helms Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Harmans Rd, Lyttelton  
Finish: Bridle Path Memorial  
*Steadily ascending track to Summit Road.*
- 30 Major Hornbrook**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Cavendish Saddle, Summit Road  
Finish: Ross Terrace, Lyttelton  
*Steep descent through bush and fields of boulders, can be rough underfoot.*

## Kennedys Bush and Ohinetahi Walks

- 45 Orongomai Trail**  
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Start: Sign of the Bellbird, Summit Road  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Circuit with varied incline, can be rough underfoot.*
- 46 Quarry Trail/Fantail Loop**  
Distance: 2 km Time: 40 minutes  
Start: Junction with Orongomai Trail  
Finish: Sign of the Bellbird, Summit Road  
*Shorter circuit with varied incline and descent, can be damp and slippery.*
- 47 Kennedys Bush Track**  
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Halswell Quarry, Kennedys Bush Road  
Finish: Summit Road  
*Wide shared use farm track with steady climb to Summit Road.*
- 48 Trig V**  
Distance: 750m Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Crater Rim Walkway, Summit Road  
Finish: Hoon Hay car park, Summit Road  
*Short, gentle track with varied incline.*



## Halswell Quarry Walks

- 25 Cashmere Hill Loop**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 20 minutes  
Start: Cashmere Road car park  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Track with gentle grade. Return via shared use Cashmere Rd Track to create a circuit.*
- 26 Kennedys Bush Access Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 25 minutes  
Start: Findlay Picnic Area, Halswell Quarry  
Finish: Kennedys Bush Road  
*Connecting track to Kennedys Bush Track.*
- 27 Quarry Rim Track**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 40 minutes  
Start: Findlay Picnic Area, Halswell Quarry  
Finish: Ranger HQ  
*Gently inclining circuit with plenty of places to stop and rest.*

- 31 Mt Pleasant Shared Use Track**  
Distance: 2.25 km Time: 40 minutes  
Start: Cavendish Saddle, Summit Road  
Finish: Mt Pleasant gun emplacements  
*Varied incline over tussock and ridges before reaching historic gun emplacements. Turn left for Summit Road or go straight for Crater Rim (39).*
- 32 Eastenders Track**  
Distance: 2 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Barnett Park car park, Redcliffs  
Finish: Summit Road  
*Varied incline up valley and through scrub and gorse before climbing steadily to Summit Road.*
- 33 Captain Thomas Track**  
Distance: 3 km Time: 45 minutes  
Start: Sumnervale Reserve car park  
Finish: Evans Pass  
*Shared use, steep and rough underfoot. Wear sturdy shoes and take care on descent. Use Waterfall Track, a connecting track between Captain Thomas and Scarborough Bluffs, to create a one hour loop.*
- 34 Scarborough Bluffs Track**  
Distance: 3 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Evans Pass  
Finish: Taylors Mistake  
*Gentle grades but can be rough underfoot when ascending. Use the Waterfall Track to create a one hour loop.*

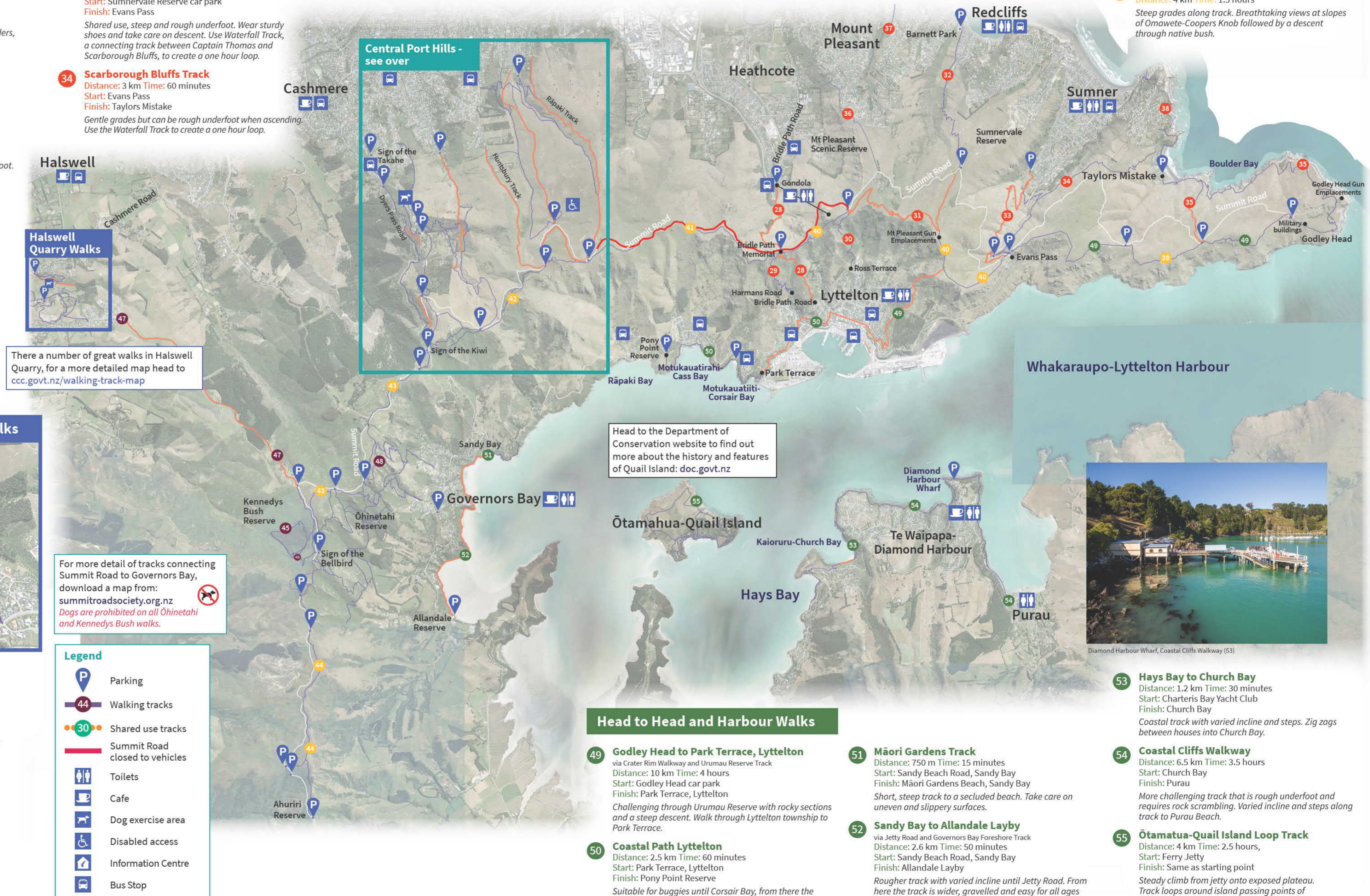
- 35 Godley Head Walkway**  
Distance: 8 km Time: 3 hours min  
Start: Taylors Mistake car park  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Coastal walk with varied incline. Steep ascent between Boulder Bay and Godley Head Road.*
- 36 Kenton Track**  
Distance: 1.6 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Rockview Place  
Finish: Summit Road, near Broadleaf Lane  
*Uphill track through John Britten Reserve with expansive views of Heathcote Valley.*

- 37 Drayton Reserve**  
Distance: 1 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Glenstrae Road  
Finish: Mt Pleasant Road  
*Steady incline through reserve. Spot newly planted totara, kanuka and ngaio as well as many native birds.*
- 38 Taylors Mistake Track**  
Distance: 2 km Time: 1.5 hours  
Start: Behind surf club  
Finish: Nicholson Park  
*An undulating track with steady incline and coastal cliffs trail – for an extra challenge walk through Nicholson Park and down Flowers Track to Summer.*

## Crater Rim Walkway

- 39 Godley Head to Evans Pass**  
Distance: 5 km Time: 1.5 hours  
*Varied incline with the track sidling under steep bluffs and winding its way above the cliffs and along a ridge.*
- 40 Evans Pass to Bridle Path**  
Distance: 5 km Time: 2.5 hours  
*Steady climb to historic gun emplacements and Cavendish Reserve. Slow descent to Cavendish Saddle, pass the Gondola station and edge along the Crater Rim before dropping to Bridle Path Memorial.*

- 41 Bridle Path to Rāpaki Track**  
Distance: 3.4 km Time: 1.5 hours  
*Steady uphill track towards Castle Rock and Tors Reserve. Descend from Witch Hill Reserve to Rāpaki Track car park.*
- 42 Rāpaki Track to Sign of the Kiwi**  
Distance: 4 km Time: 60 minutes  
*Steep climb to top of Mt Vernon. Descend and take Mitchells Track through native forest to arrive at Sign of the Kiwi.*
- 43 Sign of the Kiwi to Sign of the Bellbird**  
Distance: 4 km Time: 1.5 hours  
*Uphill track that crosses Summit and Worsleys Roads and gradually descends from the top of Hoon Hay Reserve.*
- 44 Sign of the Bellbird to Ahuriri Reserve**  
Distance: 4 km Time: 1.5 hours  
*Steep grades along track. Breathtaking views at slopes of Omawete-Coopers Knob followed by a descent through native bush.*



There are a number of great walks in Halswell Quarry, for a more detailed map head to [ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map](http://ccc.govt.nz/walking-track-map)

For more detail of tracks connecting Summit Road to Governors Bay, download a map from: [summitroadsociety.org.nz](http://summitroadsociety.org.nz)  
*Dogs are prohibited on all Ohinetahi and Kennedys Bush walks.*

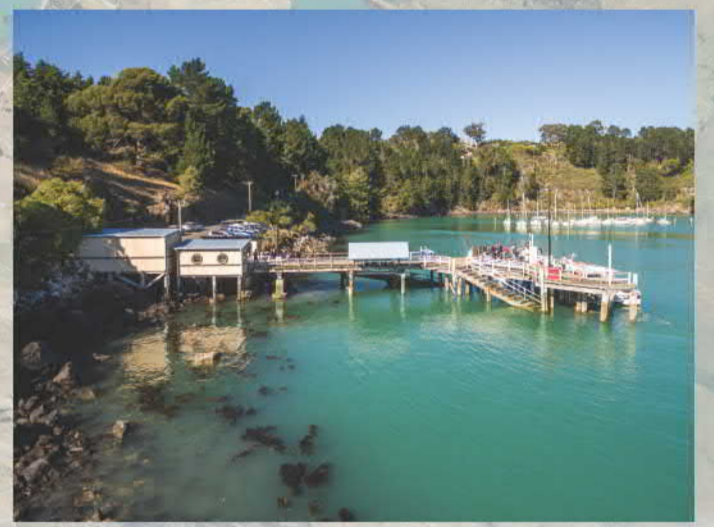
**Legend**

- Parking
- Walking tracks
- Shared use tracks
- Summit Road closed to vehicles
- Toilets
- Cafe
- Dog exercise area
- Disabled access
- Information Centre
- Bus Stop

Head to the Department of Conservation website to find out more about the history and features of Quail Island: [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)

## Head to Head and Harbour Walks

- 49 Godley Head to Park Terrace, Lyttelton**  
via Crater Rim Walkway and Urumau Reserve Track  
Distance: 10 km Time: 4 hours  
Start: Godley Head car park  
Finish: Park Terrace, Lyttelton  
*Challenging through Urumau Reserve with rocky sections and a steep descent. Walk through Lyttelton township to Park Terrace.*
- 50 Coastal Path Lyttelton**  
Distance: 2.5 km Time: 60 minutes  
Start: Park Terrace, Lyttelton  
Finish: Pony Point Reserve  
*Suitable for buggies until Corsair Bay, from there the track becomes narrow and steep.*
- 51 Māori Gardens Track**  
Distance: 750 m Time: 15 minutes  
Start: Sandy Beach Road, Sandy Bay  
Finish: Māori Gardens Beach, Sandy Bay  
*Short, steep track to a secluded beach. Take care on uneven and slippery surfaces.*
- 52 Sandy Bay to Allandale Layby**  
via Jetty Road and Governors Bay Foreshore Track  
Distance: 2.6 km Time: 50 minutes  
Start: Sandy Beach Road, Sandy Bay  
Finish: Allandale Layby  
*Rougher track with varied incline until Jetty Road. From here the track is wider, gravelled and easy for all ages and fitness levels.*
- 53 Hays Bay to Church Bay**  
Distance: 1.2 km Time: 30 minutes  
Start: Charteris Bay Yacht Club  
Finish: Church Bay  
*Coastal track with varied incline and steps. Zig zags between houses into Church Bay.*
- 54 Coastal Cliffs Walkway**  
Distance: 6.5 km Time: 3.5 hours  
Start: Church Bay  
Finish: Purau  
*More challenging track that is rough underfoot and requires rock scrambling. Varied incline and steps along track to Rock Scrambling.*
- 55 Ōtamatua-Quail Island Loop Track**  
Distance: 4 km Time: 2.5 hours, Start: Ferry Jetty  
Finish: Same as starting point  
*Steady climb from jetty onto exposed plateau. Track loops around island passing points of historical interest.*



Diamond Harbour Wharf, Coastal Cliffs Walkway (53)