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Please be respectful of private property, considerate of others and take care of our environment. The Port Hills is a mix of public and private land. Multiple landowners manage the tracks including Christchurch City Council, Department of Conservation, Port Hills Park Trust Board and the Summit Road Society. All wish to protect the Port Hills and promote recreational use. Please be respectful of private property, considerate of others and take care of our environment.

Responsible enjoyment

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.

Fires

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

Hunting

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

Farm animals

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.

Dogs

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.

Safety

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

Tracks

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.

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.



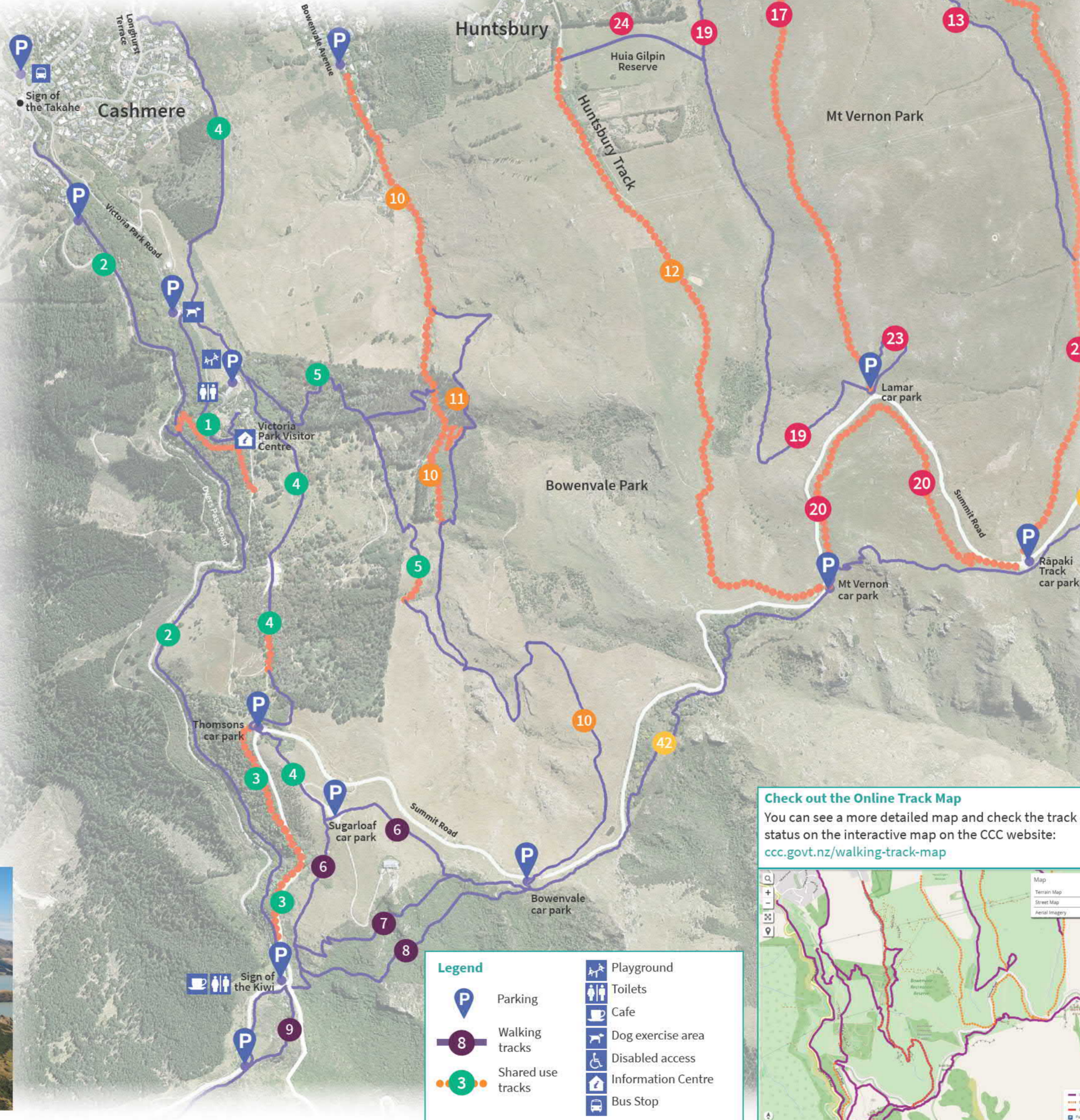
Near Sign of the Kiwi (Sugarloaf Circuit)

Bowenvale Reserve Walks

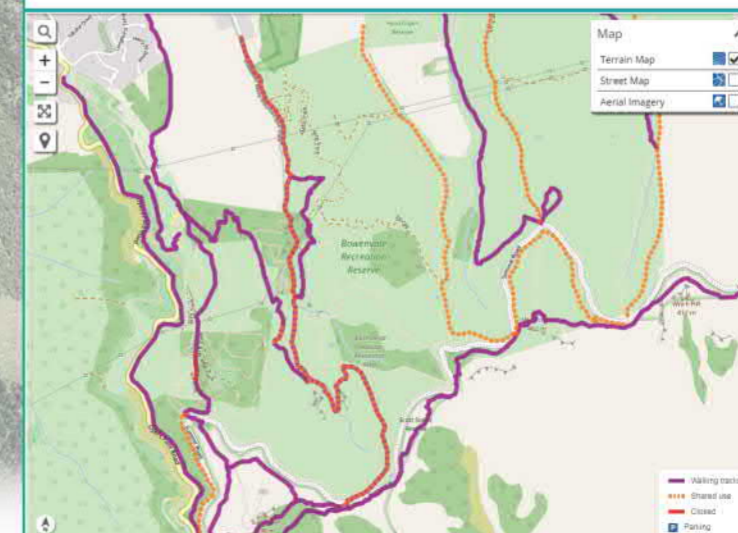
10 Bowenvale Valley Track
Distance: 3.5 km Time: 60 minutes
Start: End of Bowenvale Avenue
Finish: Bowenvale car park, Summit Road
Starts on shared use farm track then steeply climbs up to Summit Road. Connecting tracks lead to Victoria Park and the Hidden Valley Track.

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



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.



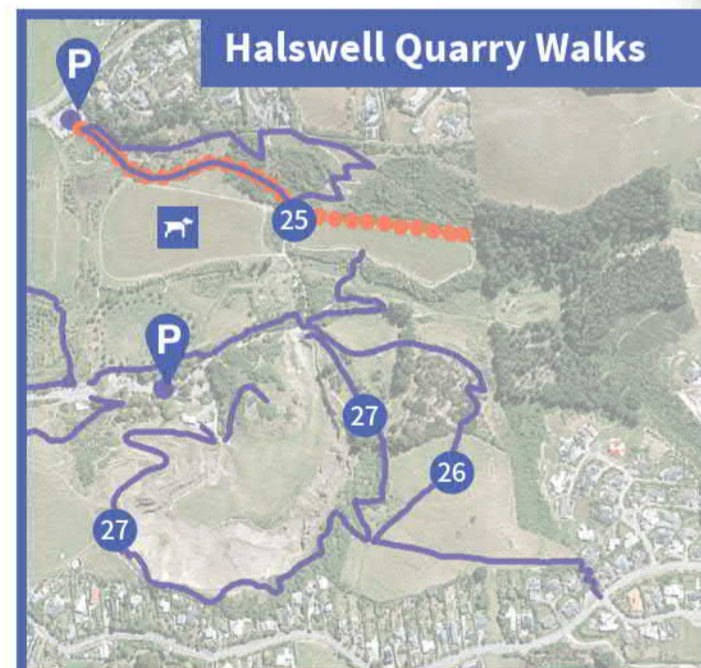
Rāpaki Track (22)

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.

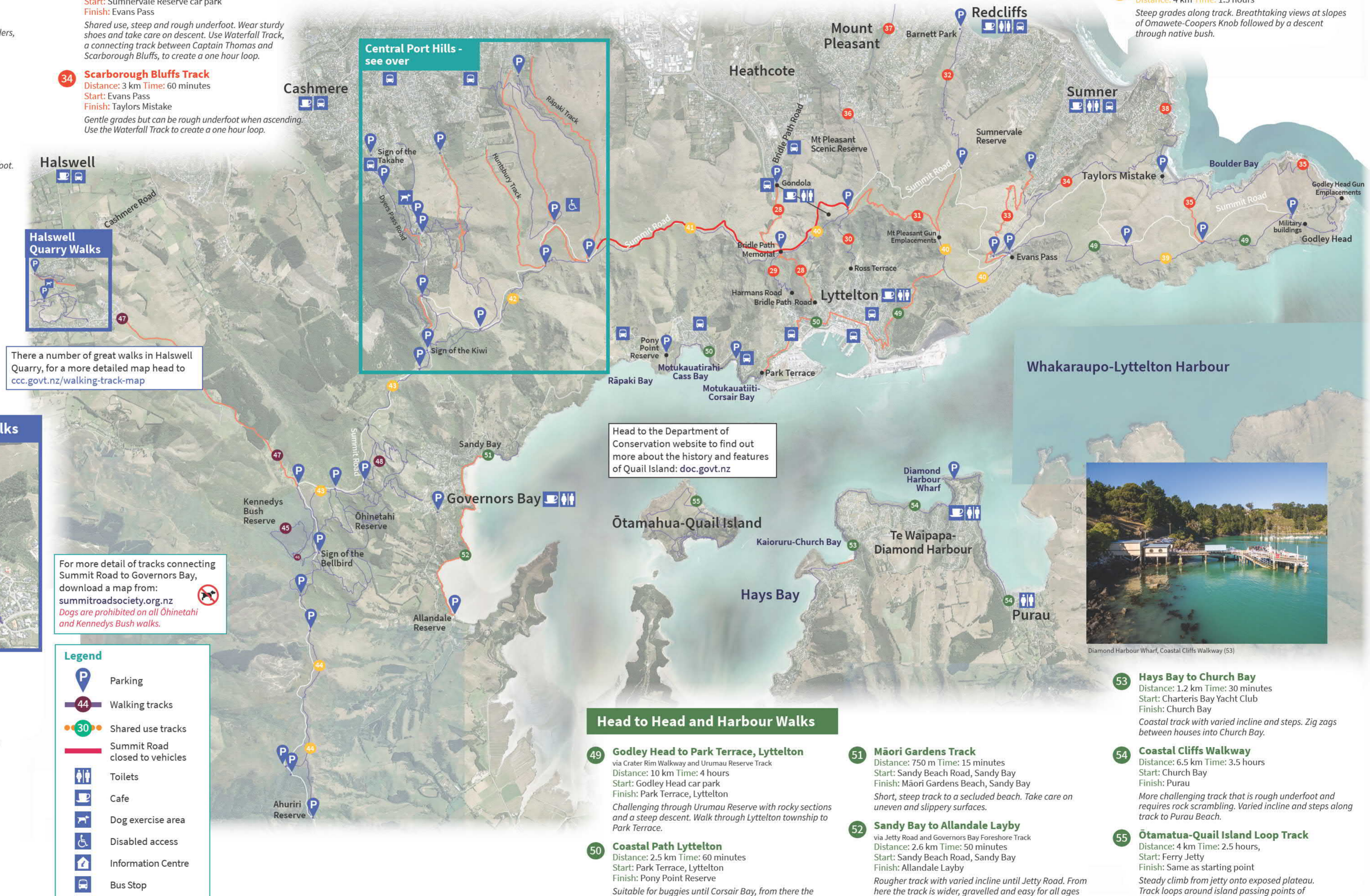
- 35 Godley Head Walkway**
Distance: 8 km Time: 3 hours min
Start: Taylors Mistake car park
Finish: Same as starting point
Coastal walk with varied incline. Steep ascent between Boulder Bay and Godley Head Road.
- 36 Kenton Track**
Distance: 1.6 km Time: 30 minutes
Start: Rockview Place
Finish: Summit 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

For more detail of tracks connecting Summit Road to Governors Bay, download a map from: 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

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)