Te Māra Huaota o Waipapa

CHRISTCHURCH BOTANIC GARDENS

Matariki discovery trail

Follow the stars of Matariki and Puanga around Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Each star plays a role in the new year, and you’ll find related activities at each stop.

To find your way use the map and follow these stars.

Our Matariki discovery trail is at the following venues: Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Halswell Quarry, Ferrymead park and 303 Radcliffe Road. The trail is the same at each venue.
Ferrymead Park Drive

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Please stick to the path, and watch out for trains.

Please watch out for rabbit holes onsite.

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Food from the ground

Waitē
Fresh water

Ururangi
Wind

Tupu-ā-rangi
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Waipuna-ā-rangi
Rain

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Wish

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tupuna passed on

Matariki/
Puanga

Train
platform

Matariki KidsFest Map

Ferrymead Park

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Matariki KidsFest Map

Ferrymead Park
Matariki
The mother of all Matariki stars

We’ve recreated Matariki and Puanga so you can see them in the day time.

Can you find each star in the image on the front of this sheet?

Puanga
Puanga (Puaka) also heralds the new year

Tupu-ā-nuku
Star of food from the earth

Circle the parts of the tī kōuka tree that can be eaten.

Tupu-ā-rangi
Star of food from the sky

Can you make a traditional tī kōuka leaf snare to catch kererū?

Hiwa-i-te-rangi
Star of dreams and wishes

Write your wishes for the new year in this star.
Ururangi
Star of the wind

What kai can you find in the water?

Waitā
Star of the ocean and it’s kai

Try making a boat out of sticks and leaves you find.

Waitī
Star of fresh water and it’s kai

What kai can you find in the water?

Pohūtukawa
Star for those who have passed away

Can you find something that floats or flies in the wind?

Kōura

Can you find something that floats or flies in the wind?

inanga
tuna

Try and imagine all the people who have passed through this place over the last 800 years.

Waipuna-ā-rangi
Star of the rain

Try making a rain gauge at home out of an old milk bottle.

Full instructions can be found on our KidsFest page.