Walks December 2018

All track distances and times are one way unless otherwise indicated. Rock fall risk, obey any closure or warning signs. Up to one hour from the nearest safety haven. Hazard indicators include signs of mudslides, landslides, rock falls, and broken trees.

Ohinetahi. There are dedicated dog exercise areas at Victoria Park and Sugarloaf. Give animals a chance to get out of your way. Use gates appropriately. Disposal of dog waste is in accordance with Christchurch City Council regulations.

Fires are not permitted anywhere on the hills. There is a significant fire risk during summer and even discarded cigarette butts can start a fire.

The Port Hills contain a mixture of public and private property, including working farmland. The tracks on this page are owned by or managed for the Port Hills Community Board. All these landholders share similar goals – to protect the natural environment of the Port Hills and promote recreational use. While you are out enjoying these beautiful walks, please be respectful of private property, considerate of others, and take care of this special environment.

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**Tawhairauunu Trail**
- Distance: 1.5 km Time: 20 minutes
- Start: Victoria Park Visitor Centre
- Finish: Victoria Park Visitor Centre
- Accessible and easy walk well suited for families.

**Harry Eli Walkway**
- Distance: 3.2 km Time: 30 minutes
- Start: Sign of the Takahe
- Finish: Sign of the Takahe
- Well maintained and popular track that gently ascends through longleaf forest.

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

**Latters Spur Track**
- Distance: 1.2 km Time: 30 minutes
- Start: Victoria Park car park
- Finish: Junction of Bowenvale Valley Walk
- This steep track connects Victoria Park to Bowenvale Valley.

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

**Bowenvale Reserve Walks**

**Bowenvale Valley Track**
- Distance: 3.5 km Time: 45 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.

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

**Huntsbury Track**
- Distance: 2.5 km Time: 60 minutes
- Start: End of Huntsbury Avenue
- Finish: Mt Vernon car park, Summit Road
- Uphill shared use farm road that is steep in places and shingle underneath. Be cautious of vehicles.

**Cashmere**

**Sugarloaf Circuit**

**Cedrics Track**
- Distance: 1.3 km Time: 35 minutes
- Start: Sign of the Kiwi
- Finish: Bowenvale car park
- An easy walk through native bush around the base of Mt Campbell and the Sugarloaf. Connects onto Cedrics Track to walk the popular Sugarloaf Loop.

**Gilpins Track**
- Distance: 1.3 km Time: 30 minutes
- Start: Sign of the Kiwi
- Finish: Gilpins car park
- An alternative walk through forest under Sugarloaf. Connects onto Cedrics Track to walk the popular Sugarloaf Loop.

**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 underneath.

**Coronation Hill Circuit**
- Distance: 1.5 km Time: 30 minutes
- Start: Same as starting point
- Gentle incline up and around Coronation Hill.

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**Mt Vernon Park and Rapaki Walks**

**Valley Track**
- Distance: 3.5 km Time: 45 minutes
- Start: Hillocksbourne Terrace car park
- Finish: Rapaki Track
- Narrow track that runs alongside a rocky stream and up to a valley. Creates a circuit with Rapaki or Maori Taylor Tracks.

**Rogers Track**
- Distance: 0.5 km Time: 20 minutes
- Start: Hillocksbourne Terrace car park
- Finish: Rapaki Track
- Steep track that connects Valley Track with Rapaki Track.

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

**Maori Taylor Track**
- Distance: 0.5 km 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.

**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

**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 leads down to the Albert Gorge.

**Dry Bush Track**
- Distance: 2.6 km Time: 50 minutes
- Start: End of Hillocksbourne Terrace
- Finish: Lamar car park, Summit Road
- Steep track that is indirect in places. Join this track via Farm or Gorge Tracks.

**Mt Vernon Shared Use Track**
- Distance: 4.9 km Time: 45 minutes
- Start: Mt Vernon car park, Summit Road
- Finish: Rapaki Track car park, Summit Road
- This track climbs a short rocky section before flattening out and descending to the Rapaki car park.

**Huntsbury Reserve Track**
- Distance: 1.5 km Time: 30 minutes
- Start: Rear 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.

**Rapaki Track**
- Distance: 3.5 km Time: 60 minutes
- Start: Junction of Rapaki Road and Cotswold Road, Hillocksbourne
- Finish: Rapaki Track car park, Summit Road
- A popular shared use farm road with varied incline and a short climb to farm.

**Lamar Track**
- Distance: 0.1 km Time: 20 minutes
- Start: Lamar car park, Summit Road
- Finish: Same as starting point
- Easy and accessible way, fully gravelled, suitable for any fitness level.

**Huia Gilpin Track**
- Distance: 1 km Time: 45 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.

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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: cc.govt.nz/walking-track-map

Legend
- Parking
- Toilet
- Cafe
- Dog exercise area
- Disabled access
- Information Centre
- Bus Stop

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