

Banks Peninsula Walking Festival 2018 Programme

The Banks Peninsula Walking Festival is running over four weekends in November. Get off the beaten track, explore parts of Banks Peninsula not usually open to the public, visit local reserves and appreciate projects in progress. Our local guides will lead, inform and inspire you along the way!



ALL WALKS MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

1. Before booking have your credit card and the contact details and emergency numbers for yourself and any others you are booking ready.
2. To book visit www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2018/banks-peninsula-walking-festival. If you do not have a computer phone Sue on 021 0417 402
3. After booking download information on where to meet and what to bring. Eventfinda will email a ticket for each walk you book. **Use the link on the ticket** to download the information and bring it with you on the day.
4. On the day of your walk visit www.bpwalks.co.nz to check for any changes. Walks proceed in most weather conditions, but will be cancelled in severe weather. Full refunds are paid if walks are cancelled by the Festival.

You are responsible for your own safety, equipment, vehicle and food. You must wear sturdy walking shoes or tramping boots and bring warm clothing, water, sun hat, sunscreen and a waterproof layer, plus lunch and snacks as stated in the programme. Walking poles strongly advised. **Note that if you present your booking ticket you will receive a 25% discount off all "Traverse" brand walking poles from "Hunting & Fishing" at Tower Junction**

Book early to avoid disappointment!

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Walk Difficulty Key:

EASY WALK - Well formed track, easy mostly flat walking

WALK - Partly formed track, some up and down

TRAMP - Track mostly unformed with prolonged up and down

ROUTE - unformed and rough surface with prolonged up and down

Use these key words to check the walk is suitable for your abilities before booking!

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

1 “8 over 800” Tramp 1 - Mt Fitzgerald and Mt Sinclair with Nick Singleton and John Fitch

ROUTE Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, layered clothing including polyprop top and leggings, hat, gloves, and waterproof jacket

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 6-8 hours, walk climbs about 800m, length 15kms

Cost: \$20

Ease into the 8 over 800m challenge by knocking off Mt Fitzgerald and Mt Sinclair along Te Ara Pataka. Your guides, who came up with this brilliant challenge, will lead you on a unique route starting at Nick's front gate and climbing to the Fitzgerald Summit via a remote back road and across his neighbours farms. Stroll along Te Ara Pataka to Mt Sinclair and then get off-piste to the summit. Loop back down again via more farms and remote roads! (Postponed to Sunday 4th November if weather severe)

2 Celebrate Ōtamahua Hut - Quail Island's New Family Accommodation with Ian McLennan and Ōtamahua/Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust volunteers

WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring snacks, lunch, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, camera and jacket.

Start time: 9:45am-3:30pm

Duration: 6-7 hours

Cost: \$35 adults, \$20 children - includes Ferry, two walks, nibbles and drinks

Hop onto our Black Cat charter ferry and head to Ōtamahua/ Quail Island for an action packed day featuring the Minister of Conservation opening a new family friendly tramping hut. Otamahua/Quail Island Restoration Trust volunteers will lead walks featuring the island's unique history as a quarantine station and their work to restore its native biodiversity, and we've got a Pirates Treasure Hunt for families in the afternoon. Get inspired to plan a future visit with family and friends to create your own overnight adventure!

3 Old Le Bons Route with Peter Squires

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear

Start time: 10am

Duration: 6 hours plus return travel. Walk climbs about 530m, length 8kms

Cost: \$20 including transport

Join long-time trumper Peter on one of his favourite summer walks. Starting from Takamatua, hike up the Old Le Bons Track, past interesting rock formations and continue on to the Summit Road. Descend down a partially-formed track to open farmland and follow the original Le Bons Track route to the village below. This historic route is not now commonly used, but is very scenic, with lovely panoramic views from the top. Festival van will return you back to Takamatua.

4 Port, Precinct & Timeball: A walking tour of historic Lyttelton with Megan Hickey (Underground Overground Archaeology), Rosemary Baird & Jan Titus (Heritage NZ)

WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring snacks, water bottle, sunscreen, camera and jacket.

Start time: 10am-12:30pm

Duration: 2.5 hours, length 3kms

Cost: \$12

Visit some of the significant and interesting archaeological sites that archaeologists from Underground Overground have worked on within this most historic town. The walk will take you to the newly rebuilt and landscaped Timeball site where Rosemary and Jan will share inspiring stories of the site's archaeology, history and post-quake renewal. Along the way you will hear about notable places, people and events, as well as how we uncover the remnants of the past which lie beneath modern Lyttelton.

5 Hinewai Night Walk “A” with Paul Newport & Tricia Hewlett

EASY WALK Wear sturdy boots. Bring a good quality head torch and a warm jacket.

Start time: 8-10:00pm

Duration: 2 hours, length 1km

Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 Child

Please note that Children must be 8 years old or over and accompanied by an adult.

Meet Hinewai Reserve’s night critters. Take a torchlight stroll through Hinewai’s Lower Valley Track seeking wētā, moths, spiders, slugs, beetles, fish and other creatures of the night. This is a rare opportunity to explore our native bush in the dark to discover another “world”. A world of activity with plants seen in a different light. A world of shadows, shading and shimmers, overseen by starry skies.

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

6 Ecology and Volcanology of Stony Bay with Marie Haley (Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust) and Dr. Sam Hampton (Geologist, University of Canterbury)

TRAMP Wear sturdy hiking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, walking pole and waterproof gear

Start time: 9:30am-5:30pm

Duration: 8 hours including carpool, 200m climb

Cost: \$15

Explore with Marie and Sam the nature, ridges, valleys, bay and shore platforms of Stony Bay. Delve into the areas geological formations and learn how geodiversity (variations in rocks) influences our unique biodiversity. Visit the last remaining titi colony then descend to the valley and through native bush, caves, earthquake rockfall boulders and waterfalls. Learn about Wildside predator control and its remarkable impact on Nikau palm then explore two spectacular forest covenants. Navigate bluffs and descend to the shore platform to investigate the rock formations, intertidal environment and penguin colony.

7 What’s Grown in Backyards of Lyttelton with Sue-Ellen Sandilands

WALK Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, and waterproof layer.

Start time: 10am

Duration: 2 hours, length 3kms

Cost: \$12

Have you ever wondered what’s growing in the backyards of Lyttelton? Sue-Ellen will lead you on a tour around some of Lyttelton's most interesting backyards. Gather some recipes along the way and finish up with a cup of tea. This is a gentle walk but as Lyttelton is built on a hill it will include some steep street climbs.

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

8 “8 over 800” Tramp 2 - Mt Bradley and Mt Herbert/Te Ahu Pātiki with Nick Singleton and John Fitch

ROUTE Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, layered clothing including polyprop top and leggings, hat, gloves, and waterproof jacket

Start time: 9:00am

Duration: 9-10 hours, walk climbs about 900m, length 20kms

Cost: \$20

Knock off Banks Peninsula’s highest peaks on a terrific loop route. Head up to Packhorse Hut and skirt Mt Bradley’s southern flank. Continue up a gap in Bradley’s fearsome ramparts to the top then along Te Ara Pātaka to the highest point on Banks Peninsula – the summit of Mt Herbert/Te Ahu Pātiki at 919m. Return via Monument South Track passing through impressive areas of regenerating bush in public reserves and under private covenant. Walk the full 20kms, or cheat the last 5kms with a lift down Kaituna Valley! (Postponed to Sunday 11th November if weather severe)

9 Okuti Track with Donald Matheson and Alison Evans

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5-6 hours, walk climbs about 400m

Cost: \$15

Climb from the lowland forest of the Okuti Reserve through farmland to French Hill and Hilltop, with fabulous views over Okuti Valley and further west. Opt for a lunch/beer stop at the Hilltop Tavern before returning back down the Valley. The Reserve is one of the best examples of lowland forest remaining in Canterbury and is unique with having wetlands, rare ferns and podocarps such as kahikatea and matai. Learn about morepork (ruru), biodiversity, conservation and pest control, as well as the Outdoor Classroom being developed in the Reserve.

10 Ōnawe Pā with Pere Tainui

WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen and a waterproof jacket

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$12

Ōnawe, the distinctive, whale-shaped Peninsula that bisects the upper reaches of Akaroa Harbour, is an historical site of immense significance. Pere Tainui of the Ōnuku rūnanga will guide you along a beautiful walking track as he tells the story of the fortified pā that once stood here, the terrible events that led to its destruction, and the efforts being made to care for the site and remember the tūpuna (ancestors) who perished there. Participants are asked to walk with the greatest of respect and to refrain from eating and drinking (other than water) on the site.

11 Shore Platform Scamper – Camp Bay/Te Pohue – Lyttelton Harbour with Dr. Sam Hampton

ROUTE Unformed shore platform. Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear

Start time 10:30am

Duration 4-5 hours, length 2-3 kms

Cost \$15

Camp Bay, nestled on the eastern side of Lyttelton Harbour hosts spectacular scenery, volcanic sequences, and historical links. Join volcanologist Sam Hampton on a family friendly walk exploring the shore platform of Camp Bay and learn about the volcanic evolution and eruptions of the Lyttelton Volcanic Complex. See how Banks Peninsula developed over time through the construction of sand volcanoes, and hear about the development of the Te Pataka o Rakaihautu/Banks Peninsula Geopark and the blending of our unique stories.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

12 Little River Ridge Tops with Bob Webster

ROUTE Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6-7 hours, walk climbs 700m, length 8kms

Cost: \$15

Don't miss this rare opportunity to make a circuit from Little River to stunning High Bare ridge with Rod Donald Trustee and local covenant owner Bob Webster. Enjoy breathtaking views over Te Waihora and beyond. Be prepared for a stiff climb and descent – with time allowed for some short rest stops and lunch on the top.

13 Allandale to Living Springs with Anna Colombus

WALK Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours including lunch, walk climbs 200m, length 2kms

Cost: \$15

From Allandale wind uphill through the Living Springs restoration plantings and existing bush, including an 800 year old Kahikatea tree. Ranger Anna will discuss the conservation efforts of Living Springs, particularly regarding the recent fire event nearby, the effects of which have influenced their planting programme. Learn more about this fantastic property that stretches from sea level to the crater rim and their aspirations to become an Eco-Sanctuary for Christchurch. Either walk or travel by van back to the start.

14 Botanical Urumau with Brian Downey

TRAMP Wear sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots. Bring snacks, water bottle, walking pole and waterproof gear

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, length 7kms

Cost: \$12

Urumau Reserve is a sun-kissed hidden gem perched high above picturesque Lyttelton. A unique community initiative has been underway for years revegetating this once barren area with plants grown in their own nursery and developing unique and successful methods of plant husbandry. Experience the regenerating bush close up, learn about the special plants and where they come from and enjoy a delightful walk to boot.

15 A New Twist on Round the Mountain with Hugh Wilson (Hinewai and Purple Peak Curry Reserve Manager) and Suky Thompson (Rod Donald Trust Manager)

TRAMP Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, layered clothing and waterproof jacket

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6 hours, walk climbs about 500m, length 11 kms

Cost: \$15

Climb through the Purple Peak Curry Reserve with leading botanist Hugh Wilson. Appreciate the old growth forest, the regeneration occurring since the area was recently protected, and its Antarctic connection. Then explore some of the less well-known upland tracks in Hinewai and appreciate what happens after 25 years of protection. Return via Woodills Track to visit Grehan Valley's latest protected area on a covenant secured by the Rod Donald Trust. Enjoy a tea stop and then return to Heritage Park to finish.

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

16 "8 over 800" Tramp 3 - French Peak and Saddle Hill with Nick Singleton and John Fitch

ROUTE Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, layered clothing including polyprop top and leggings, hat, gloves, and waterproof jacket

Start time: 9am

Duration: 8-9 hours, walk climbs about 800m, length 18 kms

Cost: \$20

Climb from the Okuti Valley floor up the back of French Peak and burst out onto the western Akaroa crater rim. Follow the ridge across private farm land with splendid views over Akaroa Harbour, the Southern Bays, lakes, plains and ocean to reach the Saddle Hill Reserve. Head back down on quiet Reynolds Valley Road giddy with adventure! (Postponed to Sunday 18th November if weather severe)

17 Changing Vegetation of Diamond Harbour Reserves with Pete Ozich

WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, layered clothing and waterproof jacket
Start time: 10:00am
Duration: 3 hours, walk climbs about 200 m, length 6 kms
Cost: \$15

Follow the coastal track from Diamond Harbour to Purau then saunter back on a historic stock route to return via Morgan's Gully. Pete will describe his successful battle against wanton banana passion fruit and the transformation of the reserve to healthy beauty! See the impacts that people have had on the changing flora as the walk traverses through different ecosystems, both managed and unmanaged. Enjoy stunning views of Lyttelton Harbour and Godley Head, as you learn how the human introduced vegetation dramatically alters the landscape and environment.

18 Waibls Track to Coopers Knob with Gina Waibl

WALK Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.
Start time: 10:00am
Duration: 2-3 hours, walk climbs 200m, length 4kms
Cost: \$15

Get really off the beaten track and enjoy stunning views of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupō on this special walk across private farmland near Gebbies Pass. This is an easy walk suitable for a range of ages and fitness, but the track is rough and only partly formed for much of the way. Climb over Coopers Knob and continue up above Ahuriri Reserve, before returning through regenerating scrub and along the spectacular ridgeline. Carpooling at the start removes the sting from the climb.

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

19 Hukahuka Turoa Walk with Antony & Fran Johnson, Annelies & Kees Pikelharing, Jody Tuckwell, David Cameron & Jo Hewitson

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.
Start time: 10:00am
Duration: 6 hours including time to carpool to start, 7kms. Walk climbs about 600m.
Cost: \$15

Climb up through four remote private properties off Montgomery's Road above Little River and visit their amazing combined Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust bush covenant. Start in regenerating forest, following the Hukahuka Turoa Stream, and continue through established kanuka and gorse scrub to grasslands. Climb to the ridgeline overlooking the Kaituna Spur Scenic Reserve. Experience a changing landscape from retired farmland to established native bush with the land owners whose inspiration drives this splendid project.

20 Wildlife Watch on Kaitorete Spit with Andrew Crossland (Christchurch City Council Ranger)

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.
Start time: 10:00am
Duration: 4 hours, length 5kms
Cost: \$15

A unique opportunity to explore the infrequently visited and mysterious saltmarsh along the fringe of Kaituna Laguna with birding expert Andrew Crossland. The walk will wander through various habitat types with many wildlife viewing opportunities in the CCC lagoon, on the lake edge, Hidden Bay and various salt marsh zones. Be prepared for a bit of an adventure with boggy terrain in places and shrubland/saltmarsh to "push" through.

21 Walk of the Roses with Suky Thompson

EASY WALK Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, camera and jacket.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours, length 4 kms

Cost: \$15

Enjoy the heady romance of Akaroa as you ramble around historic graveyards, narrow streets and peaceful reserves hunting out the town's most special heritage roses - accompanied with a tapestry of tales about the history they have silently witnessed. Guide Suky Thompson will share her favourite places on a quirky route from one end of the town to the other with a café stop en route. Optional walk back to start or carpool.

22 Town to Coast - Native Wanderer with Wendy Everingham

WALK Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours one way, length 7kms

Cost: \$15

From the former Lyttelton nursery to the new community nursery this is a wander of snippets of history and native regeneration. Linking the town to the coast via the new marina we'll wander along the coast to Cass Bay where we finish at the Community Nursery. You can choose to either walk or car pool back to the start. Allow an extra hour if walking.

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

23 "8 over 800" Tramp 4 - Stony Bay and Flag Peaks with Nick Singleton and John Fitch

ROUTE Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, layered clothing including polyprop top and leggings, hat, gloves, and waterproof jacket

Start time 9:30am

Duration: 6-8 hours, walk climbs about 800m, length 16kms

Cost: \$20

Take an unusual route to the Purple Peak track and head to the summit of Stony Bay Peak, the highest point in Hinewai Reserve. Admire the view straight back down to central Akaroa before enjoying the magnificent ridgeline walk to Flag Peak in the Council's Misty Peaks Reserve. Descend through an unusual route, and help Nick out with his day job as a City Council Ranger to assess the potential for developing more tracks in the Reserve. (Postponed to Sunday 25th November if weather severe)

24 Grunts and Dykes and the New Camp with Robin Burleigh

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.

Start time: 9.30am

Duration: 7 hours including campsite opening event. Walk climbs about 450m

Cost: \$15

Explore new and old tracks in Panama Reserve at Le Bons Bay with Reserve Manager Robin Burleigh. See the fantastic lava dyke which fed the rock dome, a dense jungle of native forest and then hike up the "grunt" to the dome itself for magnificent views. Relax at Langer Lodge then head down to the brand new family friendly mini-camp ground where you will celebrate its opening ceremony with drinks and cake!

25 Sketch-a-Walk in Akaroa with Liliana Sequeira and Mário Luz

EASY WALK Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring water bottle, snacks, sunhat, layered clothing, waterproof jacket, sketch book & pencils

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$12

Urban sketchers Liliana and Mário lead this gentle stroll around the picturesque historic town of Akaroa with plenty of opportunities for sketching. Sketchbook and pencils mandatory! Fantastic results last year but limited places, so sketching enthusiasts – book early to ensure your place.

26 A “Plalk” Along the Waterfront with Sarah Pritchett

EASY WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring gloves, reusable washable bags or plastic bags to collect rubbish/recycling in, water bottle and something to eat.

Start time: 10 am

Duration: 1.5-2 hours one way. You can choose to either walk or car pool back to the start.

Cost: \$12

A “plalk” you ask? What on earth is that? Answer – it’s your opportunity to give something back to the earth, meet a passionate local waste-buster, and take a leisurely stroll from beautiful Cass Bay to Te Ana Marina, enhancing the environment by picking up any litter you find en-route. We’re delighted to bring this new concept to the Walking Festival, based on the popular sport of “plogging”. Have fun and feel great at the end – physically and morally! Finish with a coffee stop at the popular new Te Ara Marina.

27 Hinewai Night Walk “B” with Paul Newport & Tricia Hewlett

EASY WALK Wear sturdy boots. Bring a good quality head torch and a warm jacket.

Start time: 8-10:00pm

Duration: 2 hours, length 1km

Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 child

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SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

28 Mt Pearce Ridge Walk with QEII Trust Representative Alice Shanks

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen and weatherproof gear.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6 hours, climbs 220m, length 10kms

Cost: \$15

The ridgeline between Pigeon Bay and Little Akaloa has expansive views in all directions. From the Summit Road climb to the remote and little known DOC Reserve on Mt Pearce, traverse through a QEII National Trust covenant on private land and across farmland to the even less well-known Goodwin Reserve. Bring your camera! – the century old tōtara logs on the ridge and wind-sculptured regenerating bush are immensely photogenic. We won't rush - there will be time to look closely at the vegetation and birds.

29 Godley Head's Antarctic Hut and Penguins with Guides Dr. Bryan Storey and Suky Thompson and penguin researcher Dr. Chris Challies assisted by members of the White-Flipped Penguin Trust.

WALK Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen & weatherproof gear.

Start time: 10am

Duration: 5-6hrs, length 8kms

Cost: \$15

Start your exploration of stunning Godley Head with a new opportunity to get inside Scott's Antarctic cabin, a joint relocation and restoration project between the Crichton family and DOC. Valerie and David Crichton, who donated the cabin, will say a few words about how the cabin came into their possession and their future vision for it. Learn more from Bryan Storey, retired director of Gateway Antarctica, then head off to see Godley Head's WWII military defence relics. Get up close to Harris Bay's unique penguin colony, with expert Dr. Chris Challies and members of the White-Flipped Penguin Trust. Visit www.penguin.org.nz or www.facebook.com/whiteflippedpenguitrust to learn more about their amazing work. Be prepared for scramble down to the rocks to the colony. Stunning views in all directions are a highlight of the day.