

Banks Peninsula Walking Festival 2020 Programme

The Banks Peninsula Walking Festival runs 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!

See the full program below; select your walks, and then book. Be aware that places are limited and that walks fill up fast.

ALL WALKS MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE



1. Prior to booking have ready your credit card and contact details plus emergency numbers for yourself and any others you are booking for.

2. To book visit: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2020/banks-peninsula-walking-festival-2020>

Please be aware that credit card fees apply to bookings.

3. Eventfinda will email you a ticket for each walk you book. Prior to your walk you will receive a separate email from the Festival Co-ordinator with a 'Walk Information Sheet' giving you details of the meeting point for your walk and what you need to wear and bring.

4. On the day of your walk please 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 only 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 and hand sanitiser as stated in the programme. Walking poles are strongly advised.

If you do not have a computer or require assistance, please phone Festival Co-ordinator Sue on 021 0417 or email at bpwalkingfest@gmail.com **Book early to avoid disappointment!**

COVID 19 Alert Levels

- **Alert Level 1** - The Festival will continue as normal but bring your own hand sanitiser.
- **Alert Level 2** – Bring your own hand sanitiser and a face mask for any close contact situations that may occur during your walk. A small number of walks will not be held and you will be issued a refund – check on programme below.
- **Alert Level 3 & 4** – The Festival will be cancelled and you will be issued a refund.

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CALLING ALL KEEN PHOTOGRAPHERS:

We are always looking for great photos. If you are a keen photographer and are happy to share some of your photos (especially shots with people in them) please email bpwalkingfest@gmail.com *Please be aware that photographs taken during the Walking Festival may be used for promotional purposes.*

Walk Difficulty Key:

EASY - 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



Recommended for families

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

Saturday 7th November

Walk 1 - Lands End Long Day with Guides Sinclair Bennett and Christine Stroud

TRAMP Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunhat, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 8:45am to carpool to the start

Duration: 7-8 hours walk time plus car pool. Walk length 17.5km. Highest point 390m.

Cost: \$15 adult

Explore the western headland of Akaroa Harbour and enjoy the volcanic geology of the coast and gullies. Walking across open farm land at Lands End we will enjoy dramatic coastal views. Highlights include the beach at Squally Bay (seals and birds usually present), and then onto the aptly named Scenery Nook. We make our way around to Timutimu Head with its fabulous view of Akaroa Head and Harbour. Heading back up along the ridge we visit Lucas Peak, with a short easy walk back to the start. Mostly easy tramping, but with a couple of short steep downhill sections as well, making a total walk climb of around 700m for the day.

Walk 2 - Lyttelton Crater Rim: Rapaki to Cavendish with Dr. Sam Hampton, Frontiers Abroad, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Canterbury, and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū / Banks Peninsula Geopark

EASY: Wheelchair accessible walk. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring snacks, lunch, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10am

Duration: 4-5 hours

Cost: \$15

This walk will take us along the section of closed Summit Road between Rapaki Dyke and Mt Cavendish. The walk will discuss the formation of the Lyttelton Volcanic Complex and the surrounding stages of volcanism of Banks Peninsula. We will provide detailed explanations of road cut exposures, allowing participants to recognise and interpret volcanic deposits and processes. The views from the road provide opportunities to discuss the formation of the Canterbury Plains, the coastline, and coastal processes. As the road has been heavily impacted by rockfall we will also examine the evidence of these left in the landscape today. Note this is a wheelchair accessible walk.

Walk 3 - Saddle Hill with Rod Donald Hut Manager David Brailsford

WALK Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunhat, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:30am

Duration: 4 hours

Cost: \$15 adult

Saddle Hill is a reserve on the ridgeline between Wainui and Little River, offering stunning views of the Akaroa Harbour, the Southern Alps and the unique landforms of Te Waihora and Kaitorete Spit. Climb to the trig station and take time to appreciate the naturally regenerating bush and special snow tussocklands. The purchase of this reserve was an early

project of Rod Donald Trust and David will share with you his vision for the 'Red Shed' on the property and how it could eventually complement Rod Donald Hut.

Sunday 8th November

Walk 4 - Kaitorete Spit and Te Waihora – Stage 2, with QEII Trust Representative Alice Shanks, Denise Ford, Selwyn District Council Biodiversity Officer, Karen Banwell, Whaka Ora Healthy Harbour Programme Manager and Ian Hankin from DOC Mahaanui.

TRAMP Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes, and gaiters or long socks with trousers tucked in to keep sand out of boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 9:00am

Duration: 7-8 hours, 12km. This includes carpooling at the start & time for lunch

Cost: \$15

Join Alice as she continues with the 2nd phase of her multi-year challenge to walk the entire Spit and around Te Waihora. Her passion is to inspire more people to understand the natural and cultural values of the spit, lakeshore and wetlands, and how to access these areas. Alice will help you understand the dryland ecology here, and some of the recent issues with maintaining it. Denise will provide her knowledge on the birds, lizards, insects and plants. The walk will involve some car shuffling and carpooling to avoid having to walk there and back. Be prepared for a fascinating day. Note that this will be a moderate to hard walk because of the soft ground, distance, and exposure to wind and sun.

Walk 5 - Sallys Bay Walk with Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Covenants Officer Marie Neal and Volunteer Coordinator Sophie Hartnell

TRAMP/ROUTE Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser. Gaiters and walking poles recommended.

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 6hrs, length 3kms. Walk climbs approx. 300m.

Cost: \$15

Come and enjoy a different perspective of Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere, Kaitorete Spit and the Alps as we hike up to a secluded 42ha gully of remnant and regenerating forest on the hills between McQueens and Kaituna Valleys. Sallys Bay was covenanted in early 2019 and already the regeneration is phenomenal. There are many Nationally-at-risk or rare species, plus many old podocarps; matai, kahikatea and totara, one of which we'll be having our lunch beside!

Walk 6 - Lyttelton Heritage Homes and Buildings with Local Historian Liza Rossie

WALK: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a sunhat, jacket and camera, snacks, water bottle and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:30am

Duration: 2.5 hours, 1.5km

Cost: \$12

Liza has carries out extensive research for the Lyttelton Historic area and has a great knowledge of all of the local buildings, including those that were lost in the 2011 earthquakes. Starting with the oldest home, Grubb Cottage, walk through layers of history looking at different eras of historic homes in Lyttelton and the stories linked to these. Be prepared for some steep streets and to be surprised by the quirky charms of Lyttelton. Make the most of one of Lytteltons great cafes for lunch when you have finished!

Walk 7 - Grunts, Dykes and Dogs! with Robin Burleigh

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

Start time: 10.30am

Duration: 4-5 hours. Walk climbs about 450m

Cost: \$15

You are most welcome to bring your dog along on this one! Explore new and old tracks in Panama Reserve at Le Bons Bay with Reserve Manager Robin Burleigh. Hike up to Langer Lodge and then through a dense jungle of native forest up the side of the fantastic lava dyke that fed the rock dome. Reach the summit of the dome for magnificent views before heading down the steep “Grunt” track back to the lodge to linger over a well-deserved lunch. Relax at Langer Lodge then head down to see the new family friendly mini-camp ground. Car pool back to the start. Dog owners: please ensure your dog is fully vaccinated, on a leash at all times, be prepared to clean up after your dog, and ensure both owner and dog are fit enough for a reasonable length hike! Dogs must be well under control on the precipitous summit dome.

Saturday 14th November

Walk 8 - Nīkau Palm Gully and Akaroa Marine Reserve – with Tom MacTavish

WALK: Wear walking boots and layered clothing. Bring a sunhat, jacket, water bottle, lunch and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5 hours walk time plus carpool, 11km approx.

Cost: \$15

A beautiful coastal walk with the opportunity to learn more about Akaroa Harbour's marine reserve, visit a large new area of DOC reserve, and also the extensive grove of Nīkau Palms in their southernmost habitat on the eastern coast. The scenic reserve is sign-posted with a cut track and staircase leading into the gully in the creek bed. Travel down the boulder bed of the creek to the waterfall with fine views along the sea-cliff faces. The size and number of nīkau palms make this one of the best coastal forest remnants in Canterbury.

Walk 9 - Geodiversity and Biodiversity of Gibraltar Rock with Dr. Sam Hampton, Frontiers Abroad, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Canterbury, and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū / Banks Peninsula Geopark and Andy Spanton, Biodiversity Manager, Selwyn District Council

TRAMP: Wear sturdy walking shoes hiking boots. Bring snacks, lunch, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4-5 hours

Cost: \$15

Gibraltar Rock and Omahu Bush are jewels on the slopes of Banks Peninsula above Tai Tapu. This walk will take us through the varied native bush, rocky outcrops, and open pasture, where we will identify key species and discuss relationships within the landscape. We will explore the geology of Gibraltar Rock, unravelling the stages of volcanism in its eruption and formation, and look to link geodiversity (variations in rock, soils, waters, and landscape) to the biodiversity of the area and Banks Peninsula.

Walk 10 - “Thar She Blows” - with Guides Nick Singleton, CCC Ranger and Kate Whyte, former Oashore Manager

TRAMP Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunhat, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser. Pop in some binoculars for whale spotting!

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5 hours. 6km, walk climbs 450m

Cost: \$15 adult

Inspired by Moby Dick, come along with Kate Whyte and Nick Singleton for a “whale of a time”, exploring the Oashore Farm restoration project and the historic shore whaling station at Oashore Bay. A hearty loop walk starting at Poronui - Birdlings Flat, you'll see some outstanding natural landscapes and enjoy expansive ocean vistas. Kate managed Oashore farm for many years and has a wealth of knowledge about the natural and human history of the area. Nick has always been interested in things nautical and suggested the trip idea to Kate, after finishing Moby Dick-and then wanting to learn more about the whaling history around Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū. So join the crew to visit an incredibly interesting place-be part of some storytelling, and if we are very lucky, spot a spouting whale!

Sunday 15th November

Walk 11 - Little Port Cooper Packsaddle Track – Walk A - with Sam Yeatman

TRAMP: Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunhat, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 5 hours, 9km

Cost: \$25, \$15 for Students

Te Pohue (Camp Bay), located in Lyttelton Harbour, is steeped in history, loaded with tales of French occupation, Maori vegetable gardens and harsh conditions of early European settlement. Te Pohue farm is 306 hectares and ranges from mainly steep tussock covered native pastures thick with over-sown clovers, to flat hilltops and rolling home paddocks. With scenery and views that will blow you away once you're on top of the farm, your hiking excursion continues out to a private accessed beach at Little Port Cooper, just as stunning as Camp Bay but more remote. Stop for a lunch break and view the 1890 School House at Little Port Cooper.

Walk 12 - Godley Head's Military Museum, Antarctic Hut and Boulder Bay Walk with Guides Richard Suggate and Dr. Bryan Storey from the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust, and Godley Head Heritage Trust Chair Peter Wilkins

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

Start time: 10am

Duration: 5hrs, length 8kms

Cost: \$16

Enjoy one of the most popular day walks in the South Island, taking in a military tour, a visit to Scott's Antarctic cabin and continuing on around the headland enjoying stunning views of Lyttelton Harbour/Whakaraupō, Banks Peninsula and the Kaikoura ranges.

Peter Wilkins, a former military man, historian and chair of the Godley Head Heritage Trust will lead a tour around the military museum that displays many original pieces of weaponry and technology dating back to World War II.

Built in 1939, the Godley Head coastal defence battery is ranked as one of the top ten New Zealand coastal defence heritage sites and is visited by 100,000 people a year. In its heyday, the fort was staffed by over 400 men and women and was a self-contained community featuring three gun emplacements, two searchlights, a plotting room and two radars.

Walk down to the gun emplacements, where concrete bunkers and network of tunnels were badly damaged in the 2011 earthquakes but have now been restored, ensuring this important history is never forgotten. Continue on to the Scott's Antarctic cabin, a joint relocation and restoration project between the Crichton family and DOC, and hear all about it from retired director of Gateway Antarctica Bryan Storey.

Enjoying a break for lunch along the way as you walk around to Boulder Bay, then view the historic baches once you get there, some of which are over a century old. Looping back to the starting point, this walk is sure to be an informative, stunning and memorable day for everyone!

Walk 13 - Tōtara Transforming Landscapes encircling Rod Donald Hut with Rod Donald Trust Manager Suky Thompson

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4-5 hours, climbs 100m, length 5kms

Cost: \$15 adult, \$3 child 🧒

Start with wonderful views over Little River, Port Levy and the surrounding hills. First stop - morning tea at the tōtara graveyard – a great favourite with kids. Then visit a healthy living tōtara forest plus a new tōtara forest in the making. Descend to Rod Donald Hut for a leisurely lunch. Play on the bunks, create artworks on the blackboard and plan your own family adventures on Banks Peninsula. Learn more about the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust and its vision to develop environmental guardians of the future. This walk is suitable for families. Children need to be able walk up approximately 20 minute fairly steep climb after lunch.

Saturday 21st November

Walk 14 - Browntop Saddle from Takamatua with Peter Squires

TRAMP: Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle (2 litres recommended), sunhat, sunscreen, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser. Walking poles advised.

Start time: 9:00am

Duration: 7 hours, 10km. Walk climbs about 700m.

Cost: \$15

Enjoy this day long adventure with tramping legend Peter Squires. Starting in Takamatua Valley, you will traverse across private farmland before reaching Heritage Park for a morning tea snack. You can enjoy spectacular views of the Akaroa Basin as you continue on to Currys Track in the Purple Peak Curry Reserve. High above Akaroa you will reach Browntop Saddle and continue on to Brocheries Pond at the top of Hinewai Reserve and on to Purple Peak Track and continue on towards the Akaroa township. Car drivers will be shuttled back to Takamatua from here to collect vehicles.

Walk 15 - Head of the Harbour Hills and Heritage Hike with Peter Coldicott

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

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 5 hours. Walk climbs about 200m

Cost: \$15

So many little secrets to interest you in and around Governors Bay. Catch some history, visit property not usually accessible to the public, and admire the hills and the harbour views. Take a journey with intrepid explorer Peter as he guides you around some of his favourite local spots. This loop climbs from Governors Bay up Titoki Track, undulates around to Living Springs, and back down to sea level.

Hear about Cholmondeley Children's Centre, which has pride of place with a great history and is now a modern leading-edge charity. Look through the old restored school, pass the historic Post Office and the beautiful Waitahuna property, the first European house in the Bay (1852) set in lovely gardens. Check out the wonderfully restored St Cuthbert's Church built in 1875, the oldest in Canterbury. Not far away, don't get locked up in the jail at Allandale!

Once seen clamber up Titoki Track's native bush clad gully and rock outcrops, through Ōhinetahi Reserve and gently contour around O'Farrell's Track and the crater to Living Springs, with spectacular views of the harbour and a lunch stop.

The smell of the sea beckons, through Living Springs passing by a gnarly 800-year-old Kahikatea tree, arguably the oldest on the Peninsula, and the remains of an unknown quarry where some of the Christchurch Cathedral stone was sourced. Rest the legs round the foreshore walk, savour the seascapes, past volcanic rock formations and Sage Reserve back to Governors Bay.

Make sure you ask great adventurer Peter to share some of his stories along the way - hiking over 4,000km from Mexico to Canada, and crewing on a yacht sailing from South American to the Antarctic Peninsula to explore and ski, just to name a couple!

Walk 16 - Little Port Cooper Packsaddle Track – Walk B - with Sam Yeatman

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Sunday 22nd November

Walk 17 - Magnificent Mt Bradley with Rod Donald Trust Manager Suky Thompson

TRAMP/ROUTE **Wear tramping boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser.**

Start time: 8:30am

Duration: 10 hours, climbs 900m, length 16kms

Cost: \$15

Walk up beautiful Kaituna Valley to the Sign of the Packhorse Hut for morning tea at one of Harry Ell's "rest houses" on his visionary recreational route to Akaroa. Then make the big slog up the back of Mt Bradley and take a little known track to the summit for magnificent views. Celebrate how the Trust is fostering Harry Ell's 100 year vision. If time permits we will make a side trip to a new extension to the Sign of the Packhorse Scenic Reserve, recently acquired by Rod Donald Trust, to further this. Return to Kaituna suitably stonkered after a great day.

Walk 18 - Hinewai's Pikimai Circuit with Reserve Manager Dr. Hugh Wilson and deputy Paul Newport

TRAMP **Wear sturdy walking boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, layered clothing, jacket and hand sanitiser**

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5-6 hours, 9km approx. Walk climbs approx. 400m

Cost: \$15

The Pikimai Circuit is a new route in the upper Stoney Bay Valley of Hinewai Reserve, taking in a range of vegetation from snow tussock shrublands through regenerating native forests and magnificent old-growth red beech forest, with stunning views to enjoy along the way. You will walk along the stunning Stony Bay skyline ridge to start, and then descend down the new track into the forest with a return climb back up through some of the grandest forest on Banks Peninsula to the Stony Bay Saddle, guided by its staunchest guardians and botanical experts.

Walk 19 - Okuti Valley – 'On & Off the Beaten Track' with Neil Brown

TRAMP **Wear sturdy boots. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, sunhat, layered clothing, a waterproof jacket and hand sanitiser.**

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6 hours. Walk length 10km climbing to 800m approx.

Cost: \$15 adult

Get off the beaten track in Okuti Valley with local resident Neil Brown. Expect a stiff climb both on and off tracks, passing through some interesting private properties and traversing around to Saddle Hill to Bossu Road to enjoy stunning views of both the Akaroa Harbour and Waihora/Lake Ellesmere. Journey back down Reynolds Valley Rd, diverting through some different private properties as you go.

Saturday 28th November

Walk 20 - Tāne's Botanical Wonderland with David Barwick, Christchurch Botanical Gardens Curator and Suky Thompson Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee Chair

EASY **Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring lunch, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, a jacket and hand sanitiser.**

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, 2km

Cost: \$12

Discover hidden secrets of Akaroa's botanical wonderland the Garden of Tāne and how a group of locals has managed its restoration and recovery. The walk will explore a myriad of trails in this most mysterious reserve, introduce unusual exotic and native trees specimens and end at a simple ceremony celebrating the gifting and successful establishment of a rare Wollemi Pine Tree to the Garden. Bring your own lunch and enjoy relaxing in this beautiful place with the donors, other

members of the community and the Garden of Tāne Reserve Management Committee. Complimentary tea, coffee and baking provided by the committee.

Walk 21 - 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, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser.

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.

Walk 22 - History, Houses, Harbour and Hike - West Lyttelton to Corsair Bay with Local Historian Liza Rossie

WALK: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a sunhat, jacket, camera, water bottle, a picnic lunch and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3½ hours, 5km

Cost: \$15

Explore walking through West Lyttelton to Corsair Bay with local historian Liza Rossie. Hear fascinating stories of the area's distinctive character and heritage. Starting at Grubb cottage enjoy a hike around to Magazine Bay (which was where Mr Grubb's Nineteenth century boatbuilding business was based.) Enjoy a lunchtime picnic at Te Ana Marina. Walk back via a different route to view the historic homes on Simeon Quay and hear about some of the rich history surrounding these distinctive cottages and houses from a bygone era.

Walk 23 - Kids Nature Trail to Omahu Bush with Marie Gray and Paul Tebbutt, Summit Road Society

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4-5 hours, 6km. Walk climbs 300m approx.

Cost: \$12 per adult and \$3 per child 🧒

Join us for this kids adventure down to the waterfall in Omahu Bush. The walk to Anne's Falls through Omahu Bush follows Prendergast, Kirks and Nelsons tracks. The bush is a private reserve owned by the Summit Road Society but open to the public to value and enjoy. This walk is about 6km in total and is suitable for older children and adults. The bush is a magical place, full of old remnant trees, regenerating bush and ferns. Children will be given a nature trail checklist to find plants, flowers and fungi as we go. We will have lunch at the bottom of Rhodes Track before heading back up through the bush to the carpark. The return trip to the carpark is a 2.5km steady uphill climb, with some steep sections. Walkers do need to be reasonably fit. As we are focused on making the walk fun for the kids, we will take our time, offer plenty of encouragement and stop for breaks and activities along the way.

Children need to be accompanied by an adult with maximum of 5 children per adult.

Note this walk will only be run at Covid-19 Alert Level 1.

Walk 24 - Governors Bay Heritage Trail with Peter Coldicott

EASY Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, a jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$12

Note – this walk has been planned for the Christchurch Blind Low-vision group and thus has a private Eventfinda listing.

Discover hidden heritage gems of Governors Bay that you would never spot from your car and delve into the past with local adventurer Peter Coldicott. Take a foreshore stroll along this stunning harbour area, passing the long jetty, the Margaret Mahey Plaque and the Ōhinetahi Volcanic Caverns. Hear stories and history from the past and visit some of the charming old buildings in the Governors Bay village.

Note this walk will only be run at Covid-19 Alert Level 1.

Sunday 29th November

Walk 25 - Te Ara Pātaka Branch Line from Little River Rail Trail with Craig Mason and Suky Thompson

TRAMP Wear tramping boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, weatherproof gear and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 10am

Duration: 6-7 hrs including carpool. Length 13kms. Walk descends 700m

Cost: \$15

Help us explore a potential new route connecting the Rail Trail from its current terminus at Little River to Te Ara Pātaka - the skyline track along the tops. We'll do it the easy way round with a car pool shuttle to the top and then walk the potential route from the ridgeline down to Little River on a mix of tracks and some cross-country adventuring. Expect spectacular scenery, new territory and some moderate descents, plus plenty of speculation and day dreaming on the possibilities. We'll enjoy a well earned coffee at the end before collecting the cars from the top.

Walk 26 - Orton Bradley Farm Adventure - Indulge your Senses with Stella Bauer

EASY Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring Park entry fee, a picnic, water bottle, sunhat, sunscreen, a jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 1:00pm

Duration: 3 hours, 4km.

Cost: \$10 adult, \$3 child (5 years or older) 🧒

Orton Bradley Park is home to our sheep and beef cattle. November is a great time to come close to our ewes and their lambs, or spot cows with calves from a distance. We invite families (children, 5+ years) to join us on this walk – an exploration of the secluded part of our farm. It is a time to take in the scenic views across the sea, feel the clover and grass underfoot, listen to lambs playing and cows calling to their calves. We will play or rest half-way, with a shared picnic.

Walk 27 - Hinewai Night Walk with Paul Newport & Tricia Hewlett

EASY Wear sturdy boots. Bring BYO BBQ and picnic, a good quality head torch, a warm jacket and hand sanitiser.

Start time: 6:00-10:00pm

Duration: 4 hours including BBQ tea, Art Studio Tour and night walk - Walk length 1km

Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 Child 🧒

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

Pack up your byo food and picnic to cook on the barbecue and enjoy some old fashioned hospitality at Otanerito homestead with Tricia and Paul as they open their lovely garden and Art Studio to you for the evening. As it gets dark you will get the chance to walk and meet Hinewai Reserve's night critters. Take a fully guided 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.

Note this walk will only be run at Covid-19 Alert Level 1.