

Banks Peninsula Walking Festival 2017 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 new 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

To book visit the Banks Peninsula Walking Festival 2017 on [Eventfinda](#).

If you do not have a computer, phone Sue on 021 0417 402.

- After booking Eventfinda will email a ticket for each walk you book. **Use the link on the ticket** to download further essential information about where to meet and what to bring with you on the day.
- On the day of your walk visit <http://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.

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 4th November

1. Cliffside Loop with Sandy Steentjes

WALK *Wear walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4 hours

Cost: \$15

Expect stunning views, delightful beaches and a bit of an adventure as you follow the Coastal Cliff Track from Diamond Harbour wharf to Church Bay, then around stunning Black Point with a surprise return loop. Enjoy nuggets of interesting local history and a leisurely lunch break along the way with Sandy, who has been helping develop the new Diamond Harbour Walks brochure.

2. Sign of the Packhorse Family Challenge with Rosemary Baird and DoC Ranger

TRAMP *Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, waterproof gear, pen for the scavenger hunt and camera or smartphone for photo activity*

Start time 10:00am

Duration: 5 hours, 7 kms

Cost: \$15 per adult and children free

Walking from Kaituna Valley this is an ideal first overnight tramp for families. The festival walk is an introduction to the track, visiting the hut for lunch, but not staying overnight - come back and do that another time! Your DOC guide will describe the cool and creepy plants and animals you may encounter along the way. Rosemary Baird, your Heritage New Zealand guide will share the daring dream of Harry Ell to create a recreational route of way houses around the Port Hills during the Great Depression. Expect a fun scavenger hunt and photo rally along the way, with prizes!

Health and Safety:

- Children must be accompanied by at least one caregiver who takes responsibility for their safety; ratio of no more than 3 children per adult.
- Children must be able to walk the full distance with confidence and stamina, or be carried in a backpack.

3. Raupo Bay – Unique eruptions, scoria cones, and lava flows with Dr Sam Hampton, Frontiers Abroad and Department of Geological Sciences, University of Canterbury

WALK *Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5 hours, 3kms

Cost: \$15

Raupo Bay is an idyllic sandy beach, bounded by impressive coastal sea cliffs providing a cross section though eroded remnants of scoria cones and lava flows. Gain an overview of Banks Peninsula volcanism, ongoing research, and an interactive volcano building experience as Sam discusses fascinating rock specimens along the way. Look out for an exposure of a basaltic ignimbrite, a unique volcanic unit, formed from highly explosive eruptions and a collapsing eruption column. Great for families, with lots of opportunities to ask questions and to enjoy the bush and beach as well.

4. Carews Peak Adventure - From Swamp to Summit with DOC Ranger Tom MacTavish and QEII Trust representative Alice Shanks

ROUTE *Wear tramping boots. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 7 hours including time to carpool to the start, 6kms

Cost: \$15

Explore the brand new DOC reserve encompassing the top of Carews Peak above Wainui, traversing conservation land between a regionally rare wetland and the third highest point on the southern summit ridgeline of Banks Peninsula. Prepare for a bit of a pioneering adventure, with tracks still unformed, but enjoy spectacular views in all directions, a wealth of knowledge from your guiding team, and lots of fun along the way!

Sunday 5th November

5. Hinewai 30th Anniversary Walk with Suky Thompson

TRAMP *Wear tramping. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 7.5 hours

Cost: \$15

Hinewai Reserve celebrates its 30th anniversary on 25 November. Join the private celebrations and experience the huge scale of this native forest restoration project. Enjoy a picnic lunch and listen to legendary Hinewai Manager Hugh Wilson tell the success story. Return on a different route via the visitor centre and lodge. An ideal introduction to this remarkable place for those who have not visited Hinewai before. About 5 hours of walking plus time to enjoy the celebrations and car pooling to start.

6. Takamatua Waterfall to Farm Hut with Hugh and Kathrine Fraser

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 1:00pm

Duration: 3 hours, 5kms

Cost: \$15

Starting from the Fraser's farm this walk meanders past the creek, an ancient tōtara tree and native bush to the Takamatua waterfall, before continuing through farm pastureland and uphill to the Farm Hut. After a break for refreshments at the adorable wee hut, the walk heads back down the wooded valley to the starting point.

7. Expedition to Ōtamahua/Quail Island with Ian McLennan

WALK *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 9:00am

Duration: 5kms around the island, plus a 1km return side trip up to the summit (optional)

Cost: \$20 (includes discounted ferry fee)

Join volunteers from the Ōtamahua/Quail Island Trust for an island adventure. You'll discover beautiful beaches, forest, amazing history, and even shipwrecks! Visit the historic cottage being transformed into family friendly accommodation and plan your return adventure with your friends. End the day giving a hand at the beach clean up before returning at 3:30pm.

Saturday 11th November

8. Grunts and Dykes with Robin Burleigh

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 10.30am

Duration: 3hrs, walk climbs about 300m

Cost: \$15

Explore new tracks in the Panama Reserve at Le Bons Bay with Reserve Manager Robin Burleigh and visit the new family friendly mini-camp ground and Langer Lodge. See the fantastic lava dyke which fed the rock dome and then hike up the "grunt" to the dome itself for magnificent views.

9. Port Hills Phoenix with Mike White - Walk 1

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours

Cost: \$15

Summit Road Society stalwart Mike White will take you on a descent through the fire ravaged section of Ohinetahi Reserve. See the massive regeneration program underway including lots of new plantings of native seedlings and naturally occurring regrowth of both natives and weeds. Then enjoy the contrast of established forest in a healthy state and natives naturally propagating before climbing steeply through the forest back to the crater rim. Landscape masters student Steffan Kraberger will act as Tail End Charlie and discuss his thesis focused on Port Hills fire recovery.

10. Bounty of Spring - a foraging walk in Orton Bradley Park with Darren Tatom

EASY WALK *Suitable for all ages. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear.*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, 5kms

Cost: \$10 (does not include entrance to park - park entry fee \$5 per adult, \$1 per child, \$10 per car max)

This walk introduces some fine spring foraging ideas along with a pleasant easy walk in the magnificent Orton Bradley Park. We also point out things to look for in the main foraging season in Autumn. Although there will be plants to gather, the focus is on making the most of the sustainable opportunities that are around us in this amazing location. Stay on after the walk and enjoy the cafe and park facilities.

11. Kinloch Foreshore Walk with Marc Farge

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoe. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear.*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4-6 hours

Cost: \$15

A rare opportunity to walk along the eastern shore of Lake Forsyth/Te Roto o Wairewa led by Kinloch worker, Marc Farge. The first part of the walk will be spent rock hopping and bird watching along the lake edge, before climbing uphill through bush and farmland to Kinloch road near "question mark corner" then descending again on farm tracks down past the old cemetery back to the starting point.

Sunday 12th November

12. Allandale to Living Springs with Anna Colombus

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, 2kms

Cost: \$10

From Allandale wind uphill through the Living Springs restoration plantings and existing bush, including an 800 year old Kahikatea tree. Ranger Anna will talk about the conservation efforts of Living Springs, particularly in relation to the recent fire event nearby, the effects of which have influenced their planting programme. Affected areas can be viewed along the way at certain lookout points. Either walk back to the start or be transported by van upon the conclusion of the walk.

13. Mysterious Misty Peaks with CCC Ranger Nick Singleton

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6 hours, walk climbs about 600m

Cost: \$15

Magnificent Misty Peaks above Akaroa has only a couple of walking tracks through it, and most of this huge area is still managed as farmland, but now the Council is developing a plan for the reserve and you've got a chance for input. Enjoy a fabulous day out exploring the mysteries and possibilities of this fabulous 500ha estate, including the potential for walking, running and mountain biking and then write a corker of a submission!

14. Sketch-a-Walk with Liliana Sequeira and Mário Luz

EASY WALK

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$10

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

15. Hukahuka Turoa Walk with Annelies & Kees Pekelharing, Antony & Fran Johnson, 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 Huka- huka Turoa Stream and then through established kanuka and gorse scrub to grasslands. Climb to the ridgeline overlooking the little known Kaituna Spur Scenic Reserve. Experience a changing landscape from retired farmland to established native bush with some of the land owners whose inspiration drives this splendid project.

Saturday 18th November

16. Port Hills Phoenix with Mike White – Walk 2

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours

Cost: \$15

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17. Little River Ridge Tops with Bob Webster

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6-7 hours, walk climbs 700m.

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.

18. Orton Bradley Historical Walk with Ian Luxford

EASY WALK *Bring snacks, water bottle, waterproof gear and money for park entry and lunch at cafe*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, 5kms.

Cost: \$10

Get the inside story on amazing Orton Bradley Park as you explore some of its finest features with Park Manager Ian Luxford. The park now offers family camping, kids mountain bike tracks and a really exciting playground. All this set in the lushest meadows on Banks Peninsula graced with a patina of time - massive trees, one of the oldest stone cottages in Canterbury, historic farm buildings and original waterworks and machinery. Finish with a relaxing lunch at the picturesque café set in its timeless olde worlde gardens and enjoy the rest of the day in the park.

Sunday 19th November

19. Diamond Harbour School Track & Beyond with Pete Ozich

WALK *Wear walking shoes. Bring sunhat, jacket, waterproof gear, snacks and water bottle*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2 hours, 4.5km

Cost: \$10

Diamond Harbour track builder extraordinaire Pete Ozich explains about the last four years of planting and track development and the vision for the future that will transform Morgan's and Sam's gullies into indigenous native forest. Pete will outline the many environmental challenges which include: fire risk, weeds, erosion, predator control and land protection, and no doubt entertain you with his hilarious stories of how he built the incredible School Track (probably the tidiest track on Banks Peninsula!) and his novel methods of engaging volunteer labour.

20. Okuti Track with CCC Ranger Nick Singleton

TRAMP. *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring snacks, water bottle, weatherproof gear and money for lunch.*

Start time: 10:00am

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

Cost: \$15

Come along and enjoy this wonderful track connecting Okuti Valley to the tops. With fabulous views over Okuti Valley and further west towards Mt Herbert this track is spectacular on a clear day. Hear how the track came to be, and be part of a discussion about the natural and human history of this area. Enjoy a Beer and lunch stop at Hilltop Tavern before heading back down again.

21. Secrets of Ellangowan with DOC Rangers Derek Cox & Barbara Dodson

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

Start time: 10:30am

Duration: 2 hours, 4kms

Cost: \$10

Climb up through snow tussock and scrub to the trig lookout at the top of the Hickory Bay ridge. Enjoy the stunning views from the summit then explore the rocky ridge descending into beautiful beech forest on a little known but lovely track with a gentle meander back to the starting point.

22. Discover Urumau with Wendy Everingham

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

Start time: 9.50am

Duration: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$10

Learn all about this community initiative and experience the joy with Lyttelton personality and Reserve Management Committee Chair Wendy Everingham. See how a forest is created and learn about the special plants and where they come from. Discover the geology of the area and head off track into the newly formed wilderness. Then relax over free tea and coffee provided at the end of the journey

Saturday 25th November

23. Kaituna Valley Settlers Walk with Rosemary Baird

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

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 5-6 hours, 10kms. Walk climbs about 350m

Cost: \$20 including donation to the Red Cross for afternoon tea

Kaituna Valley is the gateway to native bush reserves and wonderful walking tracks. It was used by Māori as a travel and trading route, and was settled by Europeans after it was purchased by the Rhodes brothers in the 1850s. This guided walk led by Heritage New Zealand focuses on the homes, schools and sites of these early settler families. The destination and lunch stop is a historic stand of tötara trees. The walk concludes with afternoon tea at Kowhai Hills Homestead, a fundraiser for the Kaituna Valley Red Cross Society.

24. Covenants of French Farm with David Brailsford and Jan Cook

ROUTE *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear.*

Start time: 9:30am

Duration: 7 hours, walk climbs about 600 meters

Cost: \$15

A sea to sky walk that takes in all 7 private covenants at French Farm. Visit the archaeological covenant surrounding the historic French House, then meander through several covenants featuring remnant and regenerating vegetation. Climb to a rare high altitude wetland and on to the summit ridgeline at Wainui Saddle with spectacular views of Akaroa Harbour and across Kaitorete to the Southern Alps. Return via Pulpit Rock/Otehore and stop for a cuppa at David and Jan's house. Either walk back to vehicle or be driven down.

25. Penguins of Godley Head with researcher Dr Chris Challies, assisted by Thomas Stracke and Kristina Schuett. Walkingguide Maureen McCloy

WALK *Wear tramping boots or walking shoes with good grip. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and weatherproof gear. (Note that we will add a second departure at 12:00am with another guide if the 10:00am walk fills up).*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 4-5 hours (return including penguin talk), 7kms

Cost: \$15

Fantastic coastal views, the historic military sites of Godley Head, a visit to a little known penguin colony, and a newly upgraded walking track combine for a superb circular walk. Expert researchers will meet you on the track above the white-flipped penguin colony in Harris Bay and show you some of the penguins, with their half to full grown chicks. Then return to the start on DOC's brand new loop track. Be prepared for a bit of a scramble down to the penguin colony and a short climb on the way back.

Sunday 26th November

26. Mt Evans Vertical Views and Vegetation with QEII Trust representative Alice Shanks

ROUTE *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6 hours, 8kms. Walk climbs about 600m.

Cost: \$15

Head up the flank of little visited Mt Evans via a steep hidden valley to ridgeline rocky outcrops and expansive views. Then explore a broad ridge with stunning views over Lyttelton harbour and old settler trails, through forest and tussock shaped by long ago Māori and early settler fires. An opportunity to walk on private land not open to the public, and to hear of an exciting potential new project.

27. Traversing Te Oka with CCC Ranger Nick Singleton

ROUTE *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 6-7 hours, walk climbs about 600m

Cost: \$15

Christchurch City Council has been gradually opening up Te Oka, its massive 900ha summit to sea reserve in the remote Southern Bays. Enjoy a fantastic scenic walk and learn about the new draft reserve management plan – open for submissions! There is so much scope here for walking, biking, overnight stays and eventually linking to longer walks.

28. Walk on the Wildside - Fishermans Bay with Marie Haley

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear*

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 3 hours, 3kms

Cost: \$15

Visit this stunning volcanic bay with a rare cross section of wildlife all to be experienced in one remote location - spotted shags, pied cormorants, NZ fur seals and sometimes even penguins. Be guided through this Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust protected covenant with intensive predator control. Learn about the Wildside project from the Trust's Wildside co-ordinator Marie Haley.

29. Backyards of Lyttelton with Sue-Ellen Sandilands

EASY WALK

Start time: 10:00am

Duration: 2.5 hours

Cost: \$10

Have you ever wondered what's behind that hedge? Sue-Ellen will lead you on a tour around some of quirky Lyttelton's most interesting backyards, ending with a cup of tea. This is a gentle walk but as Lyttelton is built on a hill it may include some steep street climbs.

30. Ōpātuti Track - Stoney Bay with Hugh Wilson

TRAMP *Wear tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle and waterproof gear.*

Start time: 9:30am from Akaroa – van transport to start provided

Duration: 4.5 hours including transport time to and from Akaroa. 5 kms, walk climbs 700m

Cost: \$15

Ōpātuti Track is a new route formed for the re-designed Banks Peninsula Track. It traverses private land and a wild part of Hinewai Reserve that has not previously been accessible to the general public. Enjoy the magnificent old-growth red beech forest, resident falcons, fast-flowing streams and stunning views. There is a fairly steep upper section, but the time allows for an unhurried ascent and numerous opportunities for having special flora and fauna pointed out. Large areas of Stoney Bay Valley burnt in the big Hinewai fire of July 2011, and the festival concludes with a chance to observe and hear about the spectacular recovery experienced here.