



Grahams Bush Walk

How to get there: From the Octagon travel down Stuart Street to the one-way heading north. SH88 to Port Chalmers is sign-posted on your right. Travel to Sawyers Bay, turning onto Hall Road. Drive up to the end of Hall Road.

OR – From the Octagon travel north along George Street under the over-bridge, turn left onto North Road at the Gardens shopping area and continue up North East Valley veering right onto Mt Cargill Road. Continue until you pass a viewing point overlooking the Otago Harbour. Keep going for a few hundred metres and on the left there's a small car park and a sign marking the start of the track on the right.

Public Transport: Port Chalmers Bus.

Fitness required: Moderate.

Walk time: 2 hours return.

Equipment: Strong walking shoes/boots and warm clothing.

Track conditions: Gravel surface, boardwalks, the top of the track is steep with staircases.

Parking: On Hall Road, at the top, and the small car park on Mt Cargill Road.

Facilities: None.

Route description: The track starts at the end of Hall Road, Sawyers Bay, where it is sign-posted (or Mt Cargill Road at the top). It travels up a gravel road (don't take your car up here) and soon branches off onto a contoured grass track. This track passes over a stile and is sign-posted "Grahams Bush Scenic Reserve". The track begins to climb up through bush beside a small creek, which is bridged later on, and beyond that is a staircase up a small bluff. It continues through a patch of mature Rimu and Miro trees, dropping down to a bridged creek crossing. From here, the track climbs steadily via a series of switchbacks, until, near the top, a staircase brings you to the end of the track and an abrupt meeting with Mt Cargill Road (watch for vehicles).



Toitu Te Whenua (Care for the land)

Safety Checklist

- Choose a circuit that suits your level of fitness, experience and the time available.
- Monitor your progress. Carry food and water for energy.
- Only use these tracks if you have suitable clothing and footwear.
- Stay on designated tracks.
- Please do not try to cross streams when water is discoloured.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Beware of slippery rocks and track surfaces.
- Let someone know where you are going, what you intend to do, when you will return and when you have returned.
- It is best to explore the area with at least two other people, one of whom should be experienced in the bush.
- Cell phones may not work.
- During periods of strong winds falling trees and branches make this area dangerous.

Walking—being prepared

- Take plenty of snacks and fluid (water).
- In summer take sunscreen and wear a hat.
- Remember that weather can change quickly—always take warm clothing.
- Hide valuable items from view in your vehicle or take them with you.

Environmental Care

The tracks are provided for you to enjoy the area. Many tracks cross private property. Please remember that access through private property is a privilege, not a right. A few simple rules must be observed:

- No dogs allowed on all tracks unless otherwise mentioned.
- Use gates or stiles and leave gates as you find them.
- Respect restrictions on dogs and keep them under control.
- Please respect all stock and wildlife – give animals a chance to get out of your way.
- Some tracks may be closed for the lambing season each September and October.
- Don't light any fires.
- Take all your rubbish away with you.
- Do not take any firearms.
- Give way to other track users.
- Park vehicles with care and courtesy.
- Remember all land is owned or administered by someone, please respect it.
- Report any obstructions or hazards to us on 477 4000.

More Information

For more advice or information please contact us on 477 4000.

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Port Chalmers Walks

How to get there: From the Octagon travel down Stuart Street to the one-way heading north. SH88 to Port Chalmers is signposted on your right.

Public Transport: Port Chalmers bus.

Fitness required: Low.

Walk time: 5mins to 1 hour. (Depending on which of the following you choose)

Equipment: Strong walking shoes and warm clothing, as weather changes can be sudden and unexpected.

Track conditions: Asphalt, gravel and clay.

Parking: There are a number of streets to park on and designated parking areas at the various sites.

Facilities: Toilets are located on the main street.

1 Rangi Park Track

A circuit track through a section of the Port Chalmers Town Belt. The track starts at the car park at Scott's Memorial. The walk ascends a series of steps and after a minute or two the track branches. The right hand track is a dead end, but it opens from the scrub to provide a great lookout point with views of Careys Bay, the lower Harbour and Tairaroa Head. After returning to the main track, the path winds its way through scrub, descending below a small bluff. Here the track branches again with one route heading down onto Blueskin Road. The other branch ascends a rather awkward route around a rock outcrop to head back up onto the ridge. From here the track is easy to follow, looping back down onto Blueskin Road.

2 Scott's Memorial

The memorial is dedicated to Robert Falcon Scott (explorer) and companions who sailed from Port Chalmers for Antarctica and the South Pole on 19 November 1910. The party perished returning from the South Pole. Also the site of the "Nine Fathom Foul", a large iron anchor that fouled many local fishermen's nets until hauled ashore in 1978.

3 Centenary Lookout

A viewing platform overlooking Port Chalmers container port. From here you can follow Brailleys Track to Port Chalmers Cemetery.

4 Port Chalmers Cemetery

There are a number of short walks and tracks that loop around the cemetery and make their way down into Careys Bay from the memorial.

5 Lady Thorn Dell

A rhododendron garden nestled in an old quarry. The seats provide good views of the Harbour and container port. You can either walk or drive up Church Street. There is a small car park at the gates of the Dell.

Rosville Reservoir Track (not shown on map)

This short track encircles Rosville Reservoir located in Sawyers Bay. To get there travel up Reservoir Road, which branches off Stevenson Avenue. The entrance to the Reservoir is on your right past the golf course. Travel up a short gravel track to a small car park and the entrance to the reservoir. The grassed banks provide a quiet, secluded picnic spot. (Not shown on map).

Port Chalmers Tracks

There are a number of short link tracks from Beach Road up to Island Terrace and Bellevue Place located on the ridge of the Port Chalmers Peninsula. These short tracks allow for a number of semi-urban walks following through and around the Port Chalmers residential area.

Port Chalmers Peninsula Circuit

Starting at the Port Chalmers Museum, walk along Port Chalmers Beach Road, past the wood chip pile and logs, to the Port Chalmers Boat Club moorings. From here either walk up one of the short link tracks to the ridge, or continue on around the headland. Walking along Grey Street and back to the Museum allows for a number of varied views of the harbour, old cottages, Goat and Quarantine Islands and Sawyers Bay. You can also walk up to the flag pole and lookout at the end of Constitution Street.

Heyward Point Track

How to get there: From Port Chalmers travel on Borlasses Road, turn right onto Blueskin Road and climb until this branches to the left. At this junction, continue straight on to Heyward Point Road.

Public Transport: None.

Fitness required: Moderate.

Walk time: 1.5 hours return.

Equipment: Strong walking shoes/boots and warm clothing.

Track conditions: Grass surface.

Parking: At the end of Heyward Point Road, or at Aramoana.

Facilities: None.

Route description: The track starts at a farm gate and the Department of Conservation sign on Heyward Point Road. The 4WD track turns to unformed track through nettle and grass. The Heyward Point track branches to the left about 900m from the start of the track and it crosses paddocks to enter some native coastal scrub. Here the track descends slowly toward the headland of Heyward Point. Beware of the steep cliffs. If the branch to Heyward Point is not taken the DoC track continues to the right at the top of the cliffs. Walk down the track to Aramoana (grass slippery when wet). At the bottom turn left onto Aramoana Road. Great views can be had from Heyward Point and along the clifftop walk. You can continue to Aramoana and out to The Mole for views of the Harbour entrance and Tairaroa Head.

Note: This track is closed during lambing season (September to late October).

