

Welcome to our Walkways and Shared Pathways



We hope you will enjoy your time here with us.

- Many of our pathways are suitable for prams and wheelchairs, although some do contain obstacles and slopes that people with wheelchairs will need assistance with.
- Many of the walkways are shared pathways, please be aware of other people at all times, especially cyclists.
- If possible tell someone of your plans and where you are going.
- Always carry a mobile phone in case of emergencies.
- In case of fire or any other emergency call 111.



i-SITE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



To make the most of your time in Whanganui, the Visitor Centre should be the first stop on your itinerary.

Our friendly and helpful staff can help you plan where to go and what to do while you are here, as well as book accommodation and travel for Intercity and Naked buses, KiwiRail journeys and the Interislander and Bluebridge ferries. The i-Site is home to the Whanganui Experience audio-visual display, the Quay Gallery and a shop selling uniquely New Zealand gifts and souvenirs. Throughout the urban area there is free WiFi available, share your experiences in Whanganui with your family and friends.

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Weekends and public holidays: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Email: info@whanganui.govt.nz



Emergency telephone numbers:

- Police, Fire or Ambulance: phone 111
 - Whanganui Police (non-urgent enquiries): phone (06) 349 0600
 - Whanganui Hospital Accident and Emergency: phone (06) 348 1300
 - Emergency Pharmacy: Radius Pharmacy, 36 Fitzherbert Ave, Whanganui: phone (06) 344 7614
- Monday – Friday 8.30am – 8.30pm, Saturday 9.00am – 8.30pm
Sunday & public holidays 12.30pm – 8.30pm



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Whanganui has a range of walks and pathways where you can enjoy a first hand experience of our scenic beauty. Many of the walks take in parks, gardens and reserves including our six premier parks - Virginia Lake, Queens Park, Kowhai Park, Bason Botanic Gardens, Castlecliff Coastal Reserve and the upgraded Central City area – which are all significant to Whanganui's cultural heritage.



1 Virginia Lake – Deer Park 90 minutes for full circuit

2km-6km circuit; grade moderate.

This area of St John's Hill provides a number of excellent loop walks.



The most popular is the lower 2km track around Virginia Lake. The upper track is also approximately 2km but is more demanding and uneven underfoot in places.

For the 6km circuit, start at Virginia Lake, walk around the lower track then head down to the steep Smart Terrace track and left into Burnet Terrace (not on map). Cross Halswell Street and continue above the Deer Park. The Virginia Road footpath links the route to Otamatea Reserve. Continue through the reserve and up the rise into the Rotokawau Reserves. These narrow reserves link back to Virginia Lake to complete the circuit.



2 **Victoria Park – Bens Place Circuit**   40 minutes
3km; grade easy/moderate.


3 **College Estate Circuit**   1 hour
5.5km; grade easy.


4 **Central City Circuit**  35 minutes
3km; grade easy/moderate.

5 **Riverbank Cobham Bridge Circuit**   45 minutes
3.6km loop; grade easy.
Combination of footpath and unsealed.


6 **Riverbank Central Circuit**   50 minutes
4.2km loop; grade easy.
Combination of footpath and unsealed.

7 **Riverbank Railway Bridge Circuit**   40 minutes
3.3km loop; grade easy.
Combination of footpath and shared pathway, all sealed.


8 **Durie Hill Tower Walk**  20 minutes
Durie Hill tunnel & elevator to Memorial Tower. Complete the circuit by taking the steps back down. Cost: \$2.00 adults and \$1.00 children one way. Concession tickets available. Opening times: Weekdays 8am-6pm. Sat, Sun & Public Holidays: 10am-5pm.

9 **Gordon Park Scenic Reserve**  20 minutes
Corner No. 3 Line and Kaimatara Road
Easy bush walk.



10 **Philippa Baker Walkway**   30 minutes
Short riverbank unsealed track.

11 **Westmere Walkway**  1hr 30 mins for full circuit
Off Kelvin Street or Brunswick Road, 1.3km from Somme Parade
Rural farmland – includes some hill climbing. Offers rewarding views of the city.

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12 **Westmere Lake Wildlife Reserve**  30 minutes
Rapanui Road, 0.7km from SH3.
Approx. 1.7km loop; grade easy, walk map sign posted.

13 **Bason Botanic Gardens**
Rapanui Road, 5km from SH3.
Numerous areas to walk, sealed and unsealed, differing terrain.

14 **Riverbank Pathway to Castlecliff Beach**   90 minutes
Part of the Mountains to Sea Trail.


15 **Atene Skyline Track**  6-8 hours
22km from SH4, on the Whanganui River Road.

A loop track of 6-8 hours through bush, which includes a steep climb to 572m. Campsite approximately half way round.

Atene Viewpoint Track: A 2 hour return track through bush and over farmland to a viewpoint overlooking the cut-off meander of the old Whanganui River bed.

16 **Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail**   5 hours by bike
Pipiriki to City: Follows the path of the Whanganui River.

An undulating scenic ride along a country road through the Whanganui National Park & surrounding hill country. Midway accommodation options available.

City section from Rail Bridge to North Mole:  1 hour 30 mins
Follow the Whanganui River from the Rail Bridge to Dublin Street Bridge. Cross the Dublin Street Bridge and follow the trail to the North Mole on the western bank of the River.

17 **Bushy Park Tracks**
7km from SH3 along Rangitatau East Road.
Easy leisure walks through a lowland rainforest bird sanctuary, including a large specimen of the Northern rata tree; Ratanui.
Entrance charge. Accommodation available.

18 **Waitahinga Dam Trail**
20km from SH3, 1.1km along Junction Road, off Rangitatau East Road.
A loop track through bush of 4-5 hours out to a dam, which includes steep climbs.

Waitahinga Viewpoint Trail: A 1 hour loop track including viewpoints of Mount Taranaki and Mount Ruapehu.

19 **Kai Iwi to Castlecliff Beach Walk**
12km; grade easy.
Sandy beach to be walked at low tide from Kai Iwi end.

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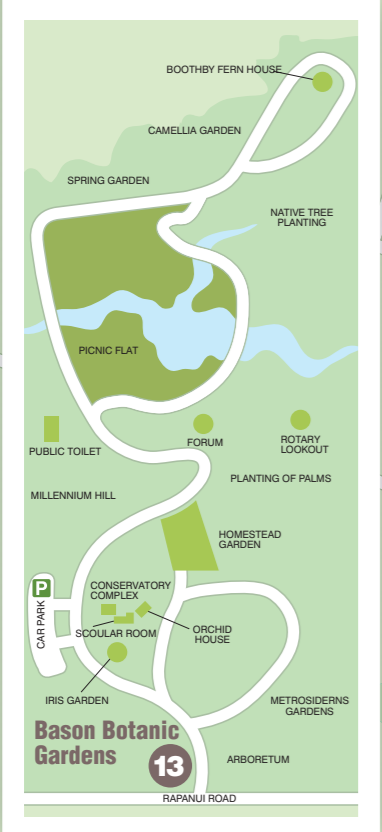
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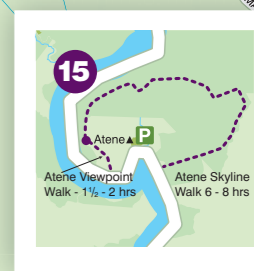
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- Sealed footpaths
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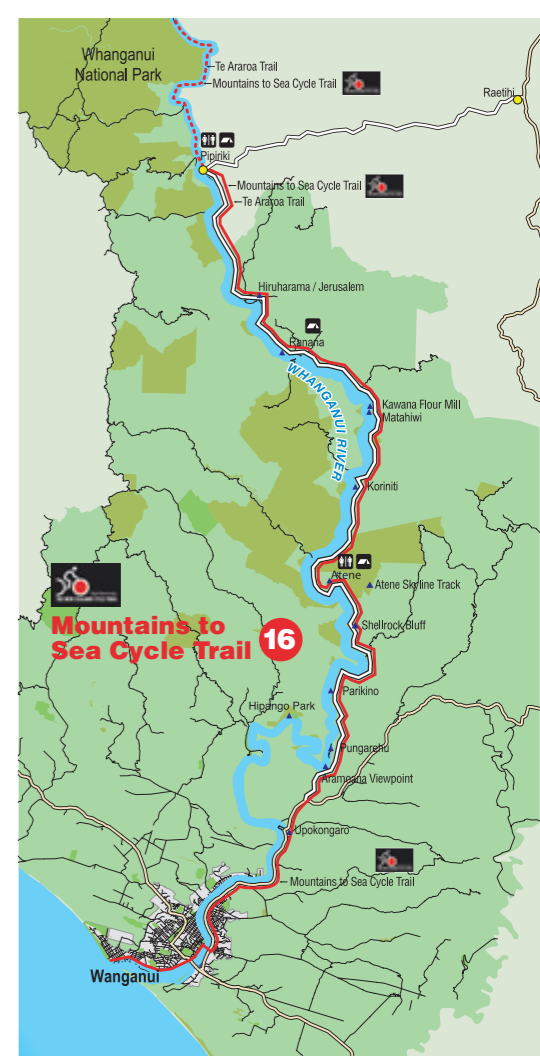
Bason Botanic Gardens 13



Atene Skyline Track 15
Atene Viewpoint Walk - 1½ - 2 hrs
Atene Skyline Walk - 6 - 8 hrs



Gordon Park Scenic Reserve 9



Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail 16



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