

**Christchurch**  
The Garden City

# *Christchurch City Parks*



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# *There's so much to see, do and enjoy in Christchurch and Canterbury!*

Christchurch is known for its gorgeous parks and gardens, which helped lead it to win an International Garden City Award. Take full advantage of being in the Garden City and visit one of the city's 800 parks. From the coast to the Port Hills and the many parks in between – there is something for everyone.

## *Key*



Parking



Disabled Access



Toilets

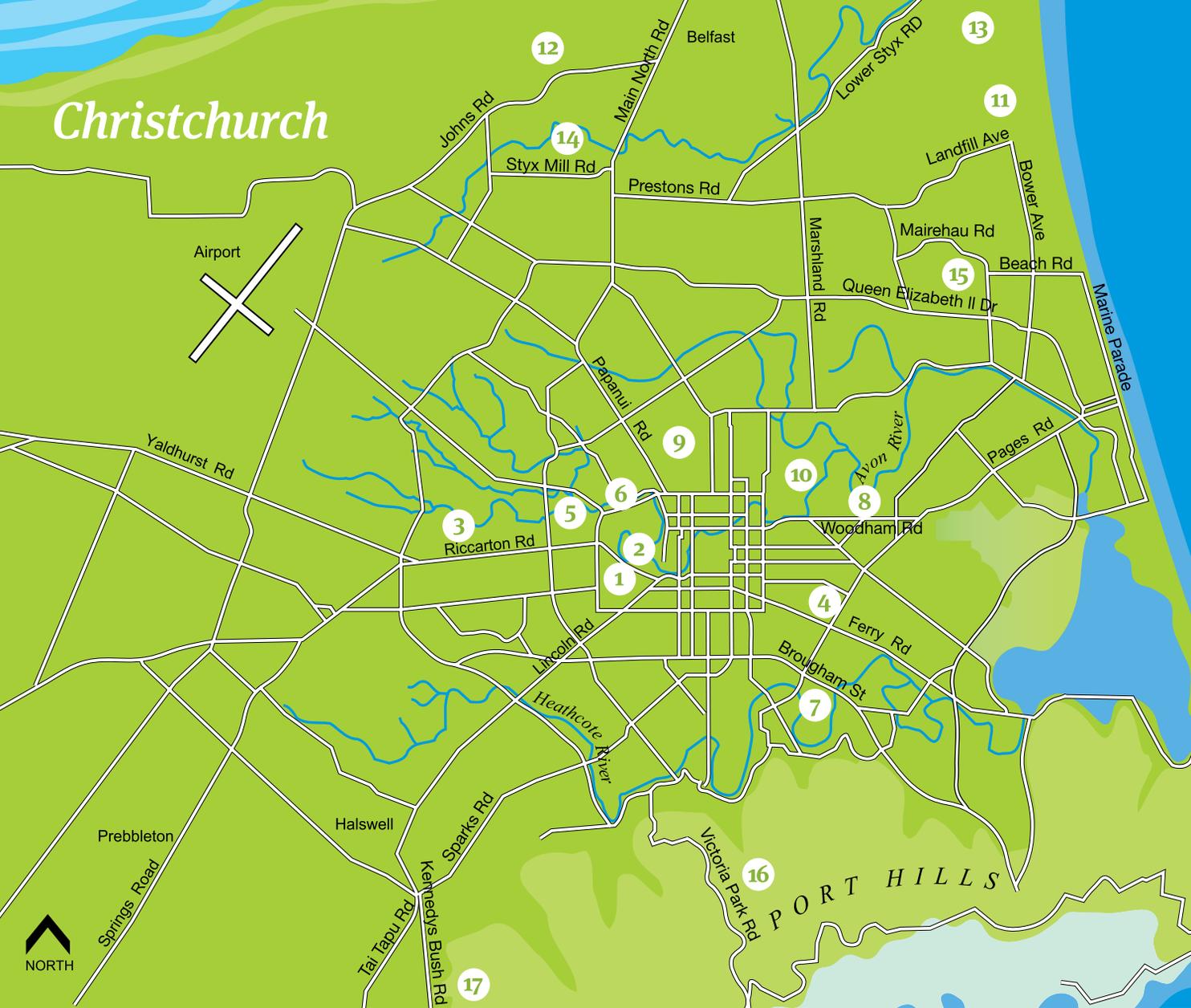


Café



Dog park facilities

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## Hagley Park

GARDEN & HERITAGE PARKS



**Hagley Park** occupies a unique and special place in the heart of the city. The park hosts a vast range of sports, events, concerts and community days.

**Location:** *Adjacent to Rolleston Avenue and Deans Avenue*



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## Botanic Gardens

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Established in 1863, the **Christchurch Botanic Gardens** is located in the central city and is the jewel in the crown of the Garden City. The Gardens cover over 30 hectares. There are several distinct areas including a riverside woodland garden, a pinetum, a formal rose garden, water and rock gardens, herbaceous borders of perennial plants and an extensive collection of New Zealand native trees and plants. Cuninghame House is an elegant conservatory dating from the 1920s, which displays a collection of tropical plants.

### **Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre:**

Open daily 8.30am - 5pm

Café, giftshop, exhibition and event centre

**Location:** *Rolleston Avenue*



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## Riccarton Bush



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**Riccarton Bush** is among the last remnants of lowland podocarp forest remaining in Canterbury. The 6.4 hectare forest, which is open to visitors, features 400–500 year old kahikatea trees and ancient tī kōuka palms (cabbage trees). Enjoy a bush walk around the grounds, or visit the markets that take place on Saturdays (Farmers) and Sundays (Artisan). Eco-tours and dining by arrangement.

**Location:** *Kahu Road*



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## Edmonds Factory Garden



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The beautiful historic **Edmonds Factory Garden** has won many awards in civic beautifying competitions and features colourful plantings, a lily pond, stream, an oval garden and a rose garden. The Factory was built in 1923 and featured on the cover of the best-selling Edmonds Cookery Book, the building has since been demolished. There is a playground in the adjacent park.

**Location:** *Ferry Road*



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## Mona Vale



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**Mona Vale** is a beautiful example of an English-style heritage garden surrounding an historic homestead. Located in the central city, it once belonged to Annie Townend, thought to be New Zealand's richest woman at the time. It was Townend who renamed the property Mona Vale. The garden features significant plantings of English and European trees, roses, rhododendrons, camellias, conifers and maples. The homestead is currently closed for restoration.

**Location:** *Fendalton Road*



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## Millbrook Reserve



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**Millbrook Reserve** is adjacent to Hagley Park in the central city and features two of the city's tallest trees. Azalea plantings provide blazes of colour in spring.

**Location:** *Helmores Lane*



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## Risingholme



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The English-style garden of **Risingholme** features a collection of mature exotic trees, as well as native trees and a formal rose garden. Park facilities include a children's playground, plenty of seating, toilets and a drinking fountain.

**Location:** *Cholmondeley Avenue*



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## Woodham Park



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**Woodham Park** is an English park-style garden comprising three major lawn areas. The park also houses an aviary and sheltered children's playground including a paddling pool.

**Location:** *Woodham Road*



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## Abberley Park



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**Abberley Park** was originally a private garden. The first tree planted was in the 1860s. The 1.9 Ha park has retained much of its original character. There is also a children's playground including a paddling pool.

**Location:** *Abberley Crescent*



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## Avebury Park



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**Avebury Park** was once a private garden surrounding a substantial homestead (1885), and is now an English style park setting with expansive lawns and large, deciduous trees. A children's play area including a paddling pool, large shelter trees and seating, remains a focal point of the park.

**Location:** *Evelyn Couzins Avenue*



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## Bottle Lake Forest Park



**Bottle Lake Forest Park** is a peaceful and tranquil forest setting. Recreational facilities include mountain bike tracks, horse trekking trails and walking tracks.

**Location:** *Rothesay Road and Waitikiri Drive*



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## The Groynes



**The Groynes** is situated to the north of Christchurch and stretches along the Otukaikino Creek. The creek provides the reserve with a supply of fresh water and plentiful habitats for wildlife among the native and exotic plantings. The Groynes also has extensive dog park facilities.

**Location:** *Johns Road*



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## Spencer Park


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Located near the beach, **Spencer Park** is a great place for a family day trip or a weekend stay (at the holiday park nearby). It has sheltered picnic areas, walks, animal park, children's playground, paddling pool and mountain bike tracks.

**Location:** *Heyders Road*



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## Styx Mill Conservation Reserve


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The **Styx Mill Conservation Reserve** provides a great place for walks, picnics and the opportunity to enjoy nature not far from urban life. Your dog will love the purpose built dog exercise park.

**Location:** *Hussey Road*





**Travis Wetland Nature Heritage Park** is a lowland freshwater wetland, located in the midst of an urban environment. It offers a number of easy walkways and viewing areas, with opportunities to see many bird species and plant communities.

**Location:**

*Beach Road (main entrance)*



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## Victoria Park & Port Hills


 PORT HILLS


**Victoria Park and Port Hills** are the gateway to one of the most loved landscapes in Christchurch. The Port Hills offer scenic drives, mountain bike tracks, running and walking tracks.

**Location:** *Dyers Pass Road*



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## Halswell Quarry Park


 PORT HILLS


**Halswell Quarry Park** is a combination of historic sites, picnic areas, botanical collections and six sister city gardens.

**Location:** *Kennedys Bush Road*





## *Further information:*

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