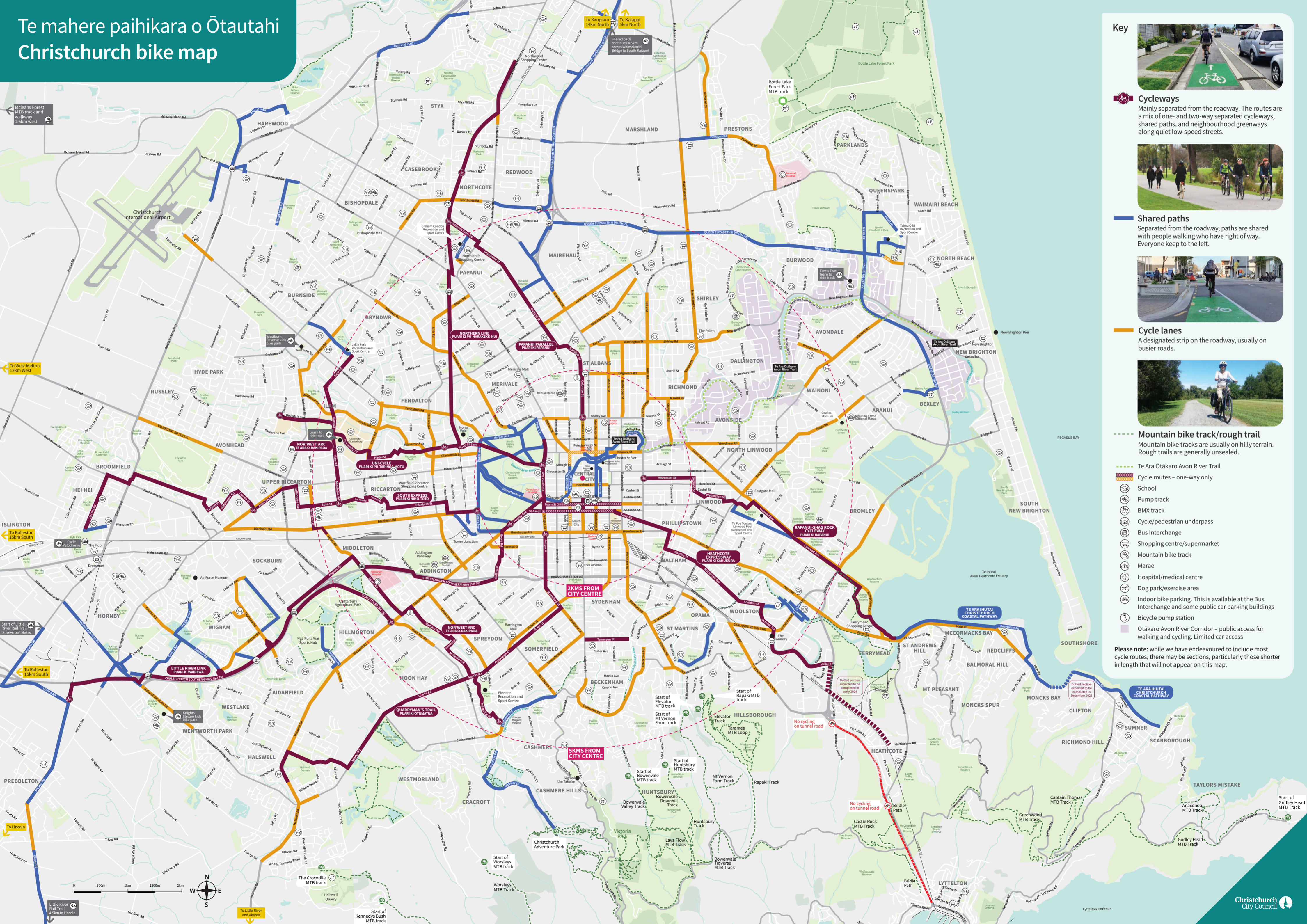


Te mahere paihikara o Ōtautahi Christchurch bike map



Explore by bike

City rides

Our network of nine major cycleways help make it easier and safer to go by bike. With over 70km of cycleways, you can now take a cycleway to many places.



Head to The Tannery

Ride from Ara to Woolston's boutique shopping centre, The Tannery. Puari ki Kahukura, the Heathcote Express cycleway will take you from the city to the Tannery and beyond along the river and down beside the railway line to Heathcote.



City to Sumner

A new city to sea cycle connection is an exciting addition to our network. With Te Ara Ihutai, the Christchurch Coastal Pathway due to fully open in December 2023, you'll be able to cycle from the central city to Sumner via Puari ki Rapanui cycleway which connects to Te Ara Ihutai at the Ferrymead Bridge. Enjoy the beach, take a dip at Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool, or do some shopping – you can do it all along the route.



Good to go by bike

Discover Ōtautahi Christchurch on two wheels! Whether you're an avid cyclist or just starting out, our bike map will get you exploring in a whole new way. Cycling is a great way to travel – it lowers emissions, it's convenient, affordable, good for mental and physical health, and it's fun!

Our cycleways, shared paths and tracks make it easy and safe to explore the city and beyond.

What are you waiting for? Grab your bike and your map, and let the journey begin.



Want to explore more?
Check out our Cycling webpage and view the map online.
ccc.govt.nz/cycling

Beyond the city

Go further afield and discover the stunning landscapes at the edge of the city and beyond.



Go off road

We have more than 70km of mountain bike tracks for riders to enjoy. Try the tracks at Bottle Lake Forest, McLeans Island or at the Christchurch Adventure Park.



Waimakariri and Selwyn cycle links

The Christchurch Northern Corridor shared path takes you across the Waimakariri Bridge to Kaiapoi and North Canterbury.

The Little River Rail Trail is a 50km recreational ride from Christchurch to Little River via Lincoln. Access the rail trail from where the Little River Link cycleway connects at Marshs Road.

Got a nice bike? Lock it! Log it!



Lock your bike securely

- Choose the right lock and use it. Avoid flexible spiral cable locks – they're easy to cut.
- We recommend D-locks as the most secure type, or hardened steel chain locks 8mm or thicker.
- Before you buy, check the independent Sold Secure rating.
- Always lock through your bike frame and wheel if you can, to a solid object.
- Try a Locky Dock. A very secure way to lock your bike – and they're free to use. lockydocks.co.nz

Log your bike details with 529 Garage

- 529 Garage is a free bike registry that helps return stolen bikes to their owners.
- It's quick and easy to register your bike, including description, photos and serial number.
- You can also buy a small tamper-resistant 529 Garage sticker that shows potential thieves your bike is registered.

ccc.govt.nz/bikesecurity



Central city bike map



Using our cycle network – a few tips

Our cycle network makes it easy to get around by bike. There are some special features – here's how to use them.



Shared paths

Go-slow zones. Share the path and look out for others. People walking have priority, so pass considerably. If you have a need for speed – use another route.



Tram tracks

Take care – it's easy to get your wheel caught in a track or to slip on a rail. If you need to cross the tram tracks, try to ride straight over at a right angle, not in line with the tracks.



Bus lanes

You can cycle in a bus lane and use the 'B' traffic signal, unless 'Bus only' markings are in place. Key bus lane corridors include Papanui Road, south Colombo Street, Riccarton Road and Hills Road.



Hook turns

Keep an eye out for green painted boxes on the road like the picture above. Hook turns are a safer way to turn right at a busy intersection. Ride through an intersection on the left, hook around and stop in front of the lane going straight ahead. Wait for a green light again and you're away!



Ring your bell

In busy areas, it's good to use a bell as a friendly heads-up to people ahead of you that you're coming up behind. Ring it well before you pass to avoid startling them! Slow down, give them plenty of space and a friendly 'thanks'.



Other cycleway markings

When you see red painted stripes, green surfacing, or judder bars across the cycleway, please slow down and check in case other road users turning across your path fail to see you.

Key

- Cycleways – mainly separated from the roadway. The routes are a mix of one- and two-way separated cycleways, shared paths, and neighbourhood greenways along quiet low-speed streets.
- Shared paths – separated from the roadway, paths are shared with people walking who have right of way. Everyone keep to the left.
- Cycle lanes – a designated strip on the roadway, mainly on busy roads.
- Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon River Trail
- Cycle routes - one-way only
- Shared zone (10km/h) – a slow zone for walking, biking, scooting and driving
- Tram route (where possible choose routes that avoid tram tracks)
- School
- Shopping centre/supermarket
- Hospital/medical centre
- Indoor bike parking. This is available at the Bus Interchange and some public car parking buildings
- Toilet
- Bicycle pump station



RAD Bikes is Christchurch's community bike workshop, see radbikes.co.nz for details and opening hours.

Ōtautahi Christchurch Bike map

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Give biking a go

There are several places to rent a bike around Christchurch, whether it's for a few hours, a few days or longer.

Find tips on our website for ways to brush up on your bike skills and confidence.

ccc.govt.nz/cycling

We're on our way to carbon zero

We've got targets to aim for, and by working together, we'll get there.



Learn more about what you can do to reduce emissions at:
ccc.govt.nz/climateaction

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