

Kenton Track

John Britten Reserve

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes return via same route.

Starts: Heathcote Quarry Park. From Ferry Road heading towards Sumner turn right into Bridle Path Road. Approximately half way down Bridle Path Road on the left is a sign. No toilets here.

Comment: Suit moderately fit as there is quite a bit of steep climbing. It can be very windy on the top heading up to the Summit Road. The first part of the track heads to Major Hornbrook Road and includes some steep steps. You then arrive at a junction where there is a gate and a sign indicating Kenton Track to Summit Road. It heads around the hill behind a residential area to the start of a large rock face then turns left and continues up the hill across farmland. (Make sure you turn left at the beginning of the rock face even though it may look as if the track continues around the base of the rock face.) From here you continue up the hill whereby you pass a metal disk on top of rocks which is etched with a map. Fantastic views of the estuary, Brighton Spit and Christchurch. At the time this was a popular area for people flying model planes.



Mitchells Track

(Part of the Crater Rim Walkway)

Time: 25 minutes one way.

Getting there: Coming from the city via Colombo Street to Cashmere, continue up Dyers Pass Road to the intersection of Summit Road at the Sign of the Kiwi. Here there are tearooms, car parking and toilets.

Start: Either from the Summit Road/Dyers Pass Road intersection across the road to the left of the tearooms at the Sign of the Kiwi or across the Summit Road from the end of the Bowenvale Walkway.

Comment: An easy dirt track through open and bush areas around the back of sugarloaf broadcasting building, some stiles. Great views of Governors Bay — example pictured right.

Option: To make this a circuit you can do Mitchells Track and return via Gilpins Track — see page 38.