

OXFORD

Oxford is becoming a popular visitor destination on the Inland Scenic Route 72, with boutique stores, cafes and country stay accommodation. Oxford is nestled below the foothills of the Southern Alps, and there are many easy and short walks in and around this country town, mainly along footpaths and formed roads. Here you can be a part of the beauty and tranquility of the farmland, native bush and hear the song of native birds as you walk and breathe in the fresh air of Oxford.

All walks start from the Millstone, Pearson Park, Main Street, Oxford. Please note that some sections of these walks are at the edge of public roads.



Mears Track

Main Street, turn right into Mill Road, left into Bush Road on bend and right into Crallans Drain Road (approx 3kms). There is a sealed car park approx 1km from turnoff.



This stand of native bush is one of few near the Oxford township and is a QEII Covenant. The track is clearly defined with native plants identified, and incorporates seating and a lookout. **Time:** Mears track is approx.

20 minutes. From Oxford township and return is approx. 2 hours.

Oxford Rural Walk

Pearson Park, west along Main Street and turn right into Bay Road, turn left into Bush Road and continue until the intersection of Mill Road. Left into Mill Road to Main Street and continue until you reach the pedestrian crossing. Enjoy the rural views, including horses, deer and ostriches. The Puketeraki Range is on your right and the Torlesse Range in front of you.

Time: Approx. 50 minutes.

Eyre Walk

Pearson Park, cross the pedestrian crossing, continue walking along the south side of Main Street and past the West Oxford Hotel. Turn left into Commercial Road and enjoy the view of Mt Torlesse and Browns Rock from the seat before you turn left at Burnt Hill Road. Turn right into Harewood Road, left into Matai Place and through the lane, left into Park Avenue where you can see the entrance of Pearson Park.

Time: 45 minutes easy walk.

Oak Walk

Pearson Park, travel through the main entrance, follow the oval on the right hand side to the walkway through to Reids Lane. Turn right into Burnett Street and past the Oxford Town Hall, crossing at the pedestrian crossing. Turn right at the corner of High and Main Street and approx 800m on the left hand side is the entrance to Oak Plantation. Meander under the trees, following the marked track, and enjoy the quiet English setting on the seats provided or have a picnic in the dappled light. Follow the fence line along the back where you will come to the Oxford Cemetery. Leave the cemetery through the High Street gate, turn right and return to Pearson Park.

Time: 50 minutes easy walk (please note that the walk through the oak trees is closed during lambing season, at high fire risk times and at the leasee's discretion)



Mountain View Walk

Pearson Park, cross the pedestrian crossing and turn back to Park Avenue. Continue along Park Avenue until Harewood Road. Turn left and continue along Harewood Road where you will enjoy views of Big Ben, Puketeraki Range, the Port Hills and Browns Rock. A plane table, native planting and seating will allow you to enjoy the views. Turn left into High Street and continue to the intersection of High and Main Streets. Turn left and follow Main Street back to Pearson Park.

Time: Approx 50 minutes.

Oxford Millenium Lookout Walk

Pearson Park and walk through to Dohrmans Road. Right into Bay Road and cross over the intersection of Church Street and Bay Road and continue towards the foothills. At the top is the Oxford Millenium Lookout with views of the Port Hills. Browns Rock and some of the Canterbury Plains can be seen.

Time: If you return the same way, approx 55 minutes.

Lookout Walk

Start: Pearson Park to Oxford Millenium Lookout (as above). To make a longer and more interesting walk, continue along Sales Road, turn right Powells Road, right into Barracks Road, left Burnett Street off Church Street and back into Pearson Park off Reids Lane.

Time: Approx 1hr 30mins.

Let's Walk Oxford

This colourful map includes 7 walks and a fitness circuit in and around Oxford from 1km to 7kms. The map is intended to be a guide to encourage you to get out and explore Oxford's many interesting walkways, streets, parks and reserves. The walks can be extended, shortened, reversed or re-invented – enjoy and have fun. Maps available at the Oxford Service Centre.

