

No.4 Timaru Botanic Gardens

Area: Timaru south

Time: 30 minutes

Start at the Queen Street entrance and follow the road to the left past the entrance to the Graeme Paterson Conservatory and Fernery. Just past this is the Anderson Rose Garden, named after Walter Anderson, a former Curator of Reserves.

On the bend of the road, on the left, there is the Cenotaph War Memorial which is flanked by the S.C. War Memorial Wall which lists all the fallen from the wars. The Met station is on the right.

The road passes the hospital and takes you to the lower duck pond. From here the road rises slightly, bordered by cistus and azaleas. A species rose garden is on the top flat.

Follow the road through the woodland area until you come to the Queen Victoria Sunken Garden. Turn right here and walk down the hill on the grass where you will pass toilets, the aviary and swings. Enjoy the azalea and rhododendron borders before the climb up the hill to the Robert Burns Statue. Either finish here, or take the road to

the right among the flower beds to the Timaru Botanic Garden Education Centre. Take the path opposite and pass the Park Bowling Green, turn left and return to your starting point.

Features

■ The many different species of plant and accompanying information make this an enjoyable and informative walk. There are many tracks through this park if you prefer to get off the road and explore. Take some bread if you enjoy feeding ducks - a great spot for the kids.

■ Graeme Paterson Conservatory and Fernery Open

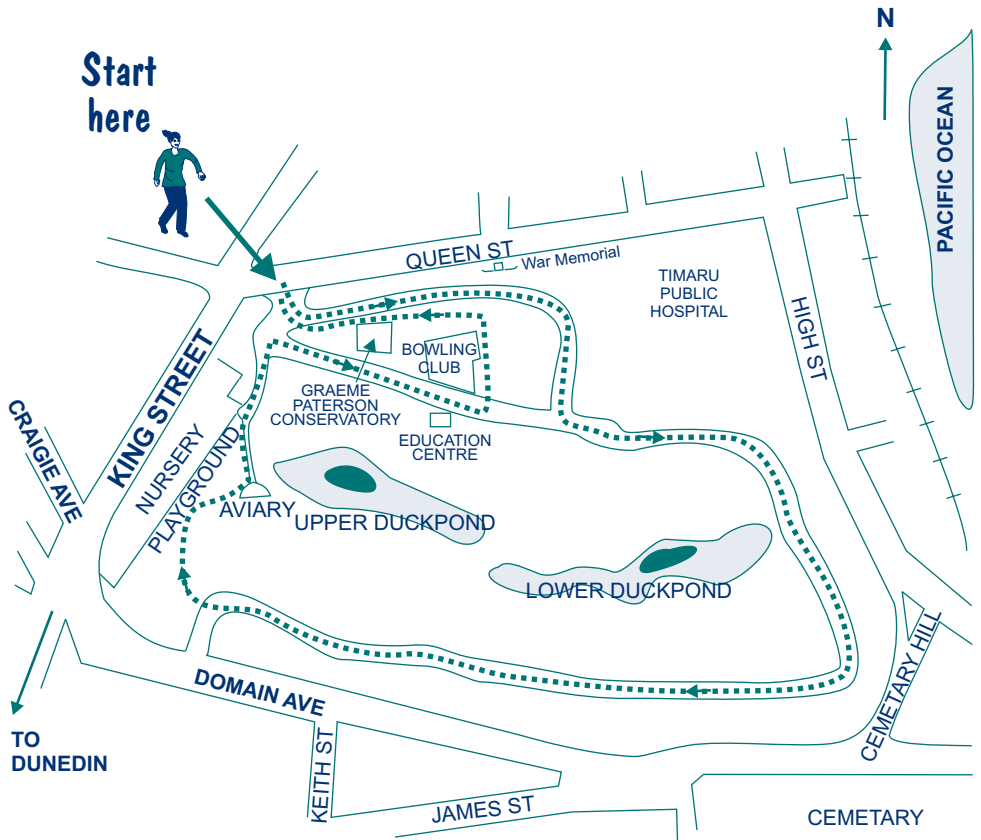
10am-4pm Monday to Friday
2pm-4pm Saturday, Sunday and Public holidays

■ Botanic Gardens Education Centre Open

Wednesday and Sunday 2pm-4pm

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Sealed areas

- Walking track
- Roads
- + + + + Railway
- Rivers & Coastline