

No.19 Waihi River Walkway

Area: Geraldine

Time: 30 minutes

Start behind the War Memorial on Talbot Street, across the road from the Library/Service Centre. This walkway follows the course of the river through the town to the traffic bridge on State Highway SH79 and returns on the other side of the river.

This is an undulating track with an easy gradient. There is a choice of paths along the way but they rejoin the main track and continue in the same direction. The first part of the track leads up to the car park near the Crown Hotel where a sign will guide you back to the track.

There is a variety of plant life which includes both exotic, riparian and native species. About the middle of the track on the town side, you pass through the rhododendron dell where again there is a choice of paths. Blossom and flowering rhododendron add to the pleasure of this walk in spring.

Close to the bridge, either walk across the grass and enjoy the flowering

cherries in spring or climb the bank to the footpath.

Cross the traffic bridge and turn right into McKenzie Street. Walk back on the grass verge into Kennedy Park and rejoin the path at the sign on the right.

Follow the track back on the north side of the river until you reach the pedestrian bridge where you cross over to the car park and retrace your route to the start.

Features

- Variety of exotic and native plants
- Birds:- fantails (piwakawaka), bellbirds (korimako), rifleman (titipounamu), NZ pigeons (kereru), grey warblers
- Playground
- Skatepark

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