

AVONHEAD GARDENS ROUTE DIRECTIONS

This segment starts at the marker in McLeans Island Forest. Using the Gordon Reid Track, walk eastward. Cross the McLeans Island Golf Club access road and continue walking eastward. Turn hard right, walk southward down a gravel road towards McLeans Island Road.

Cross McLeans Island Road, over a stile onto a gravel road, continue south. At the turn in the gravel road, cross over the stile, and follow signage and stiles with the bund to the left and the fenceline to the right. Turn sharp right, follow the fenceline, then sharp left. At the end of the paddock, turn left. More stiles and a water race come into view. Cross over the water race by the culvert and continue in easterly direction across the grasslands to Conservators Rd. When you reach the road, turn right and inside the paddock, walk parallel with Conservators Rd. After the power pylon, cross Conservators Rd, using the stiles.

Continue easterly across grasslands heading for the fenced conservation area. Veer southwards, over a dry waterbed walking around the paddock to a fenced conservation area. Turn left here, then left again at the end of the conservation area. Head north towards the power lines, veer right at the fenceline & stile towards the bend in McLeans Island Rd.

Follow McLeans Island Rd, ignore Pound Rd, heading eastwards to the junction of State Highway 1 (approx. 4.5 km). You walk around the top of Christchurch Airport.

Follow SH1 southwards to Raeward Fresh on the right. Cross under SH1 using the underpass at the roundabout emerging beside St James Church on Whitchurch Rd. Turn right onto Waimakariri Road, left onto Harewood Road and, at the junction with Woolridge Rd, cross over into Nunweek Park.

Walk diagonally across in a southerly direction heading towards the hockey fields. Turn into narrow access area which leads into Wairakei Reserve. At the end of the reserve, cross Wairakei Road and into Abross Place. Enter Nepal Reserve, following footpath southwards. Exit the reserve, continue south down Nepal Place. At the junction with Everest St, turn right and follow Everest St to Whitby St. Turn right through to Deepdale Street. Turn left to follow Deepdale Street which becomes Burnside Crescent. Turn right into Winslow St, then left into Roydvale Avenue. Cross Memorial Avenue, walk through Burnside Park parallel with Roydvale Avenue. At the end of this avenue turn right onto Avonhead Road, then left onto Hawthornden Rd. At Westgrove Avenue turn right and follow this avenue to its junction with Merrin St. Turn right at Merrin St which meets Hawthornden Rd again. Turn left, then turn right (second entrance) into Avonhead Park. Follow the path through the park. Turn

right onto a narrow exit reserve and between two houses access onto Arundel Gate. Turn left onto Hatfield Place, then right onto Kedleston Drive. At Apsley Drive, turn right. Just past Tavistock Place, cross Apsley Drive to enter Crosbie Park. Follow pathway, past public toilets on the left, exiting the park onto Woodbury St. Turn left onto Staveley Street at the Withells Rd roundabout.

Follow Staveley Street, past shops on your left, to Avonhead Road where you turn right. At the junction with Parkstone Avenue, turn left and continue down to an alleyway between houses 31 and 33, then turn right. Cross Ilam Stream and follow the pathway, with the stream on your left, out to Corfe Street, Turn left at Corfe St, left again into Brodie Street. After the junction with Athol Terrace, cross Brodie into Peer Reserve and follow the footpath to Peer Street. Turn left onto Peer St, and cross at the signalised crossing (signs at the crossing).

On the other side, Peer Street becomes Waimairi Road. Keep going ahead on Waimairi Rd, with College House on the right. Turn right at the first driveway, which will take you to University Fields. Signs pointing right will take you down to a small path along the Ilam Stream and meander through the Ilam Gardens. Eventually you will end up at Ilam Rd. Turn left onto Ilam Road, cross at the signalled crossing. Continue going left, with the University on your right, crossing Science Rd, heading towards #114 Ilam Road (Security Building). Signs take you right onto a small lane and then into various buildings of the University. It is well signposted, so keep looking for our trail signs.

You will end up on Arts Road, turn right alongside the main University Car Park between Arts Road and University Drive. Find the University Directory at the end of the walkway, look towards Clyde Road. Signs are visible on the walkway that goes diagonally towards Clyde Road. Turn right on Clyde Road.

Continue down Clyde Rd to the crossing point near Hinau Street. Follow Hinau St to Miro St. Go down Miro St to Totara St. Turn left on Totara St to the end of the road, and right into Ngahere St. At the end of Ngahere St is an entrance into Riccarton Bush and Riccarton House.

Follow the path into Riccarton Bush toward Riccarton House. On your right you will see an historic cottage, the oldest building on the Canterbury Plains. A path branches off to the right here, to the fenced off part of Riccarton Bush. This reserve is protected by predator-proof fencing to keep out mammals that prey on the native wildlife. Follow the path to do a loop through Riccarton Bush. You will enter and exit via a double-interlocked-door system that forms part of the predator defences.

On leaving the fenced part of Riccarton Bush, return to the path alongside the Ilam Stream. You will pass the historical Riccarton House. Continue down the driveway's avenue of trees to the gate on Kahu Rd. Turn right into Kahu Rd, then right into Titoki St, where this leg of the Christchurch 360 Trail ends.