

GODLEY CLIFFS ROUTE DIRECTIONS

The Christchurch 360 Trail starts just to the east of the Gondola upper station on Mt Cavendish, at a carpark on the Summit Road. If you choose to ride the Gondola up Mt Cavendish, there is a short zig-zag track down from the top station to the carpark and the start of this leg.

If you are going to park here, driving access is only available via Mt Pleasant Rd or Evans Pass Rd, ie there is no access from the west.

From this start point, there are four tracks, so be careful to select the correct one. The defined route for this leg of the Christchurch 360 Trail is the mixed-use cycling and walking route that goes over the top of Tauhinukorokio / Mt Pleasant.

You will also see the Crater Rim Walkway route to the west, leading back up Mt Cavendish to the Gondola top station. That is the path relating to the Te Heru-o-Kahukura / Sugarloaf segment which, depending on the direction you are walking, is either the start or finish of that section.

There is also the Crater Rim Walkway route to the east, which takes a high route under the bluffs. This is an alternative route you might like to take, though it is more treacherous than the defined route for the Christchurch 360 Trail. It rejoins the Christchurch 360 Trail near the Mt Pleasant anti-aircraft gun emplacements. Do not take the Major Hornbrook/Cavendish Bluffs track which leads away to the south. This takes you back to the Bridle Path or down into Lyttelton.

Follow the route over Tauhinukorokio / Mt Pleasant to the east until you reach Broadleaf Lane, turn right and head up the access road to the radio site buildings. The track will take you right under the easternmost of the two larger antennas.

Continue on down the hill until you get to a farm track. Turn right to the gun emplacements, before following the Crater Rim Walkway path to the Tapuwaeharuru / Evans Pass saddle intersection.

Cross the road, walk along the Summit Road eastward, turn right onto the Crater Rim Walkway which will bring you to the Godley Head Carpark. Here you will find toilet facilities.

Cross the Summit Road. As you head downhill, take time to visit Scotts Cabin on the left. Continue on the Godley Head Walkway past Boulder Bay and around to Te Onepoto / Taylors Mistake beach.

At Te Onepoto / Taylors Mistake, you will find the trail leading off from near the Surf Lifesaving Club. It heads north along a track called the Taylors Mistake Track, between the holiday homes, or "baches". Do not take the right fork down to Hobsons Bay, keep left and make your way around the headland. You will cross a field with a gate at either end; please ensure you close these gates, as the field is used for grazing stock.

Continue on the Taylors Mistake Track around the headland. Cross Seabridge Lane into Nicholson Park until Nicholson Park meets the Flowers Track. Follow this to the bottom of the hill. Cross Scarborough Road and walk down Heberden Ave. The Godley Cliffs leg of the Christchurch 360 Trail ends at the Scarborough Park at the end of The Esplanade, where there are public toilet facilities, a cafe, and a children's playground.