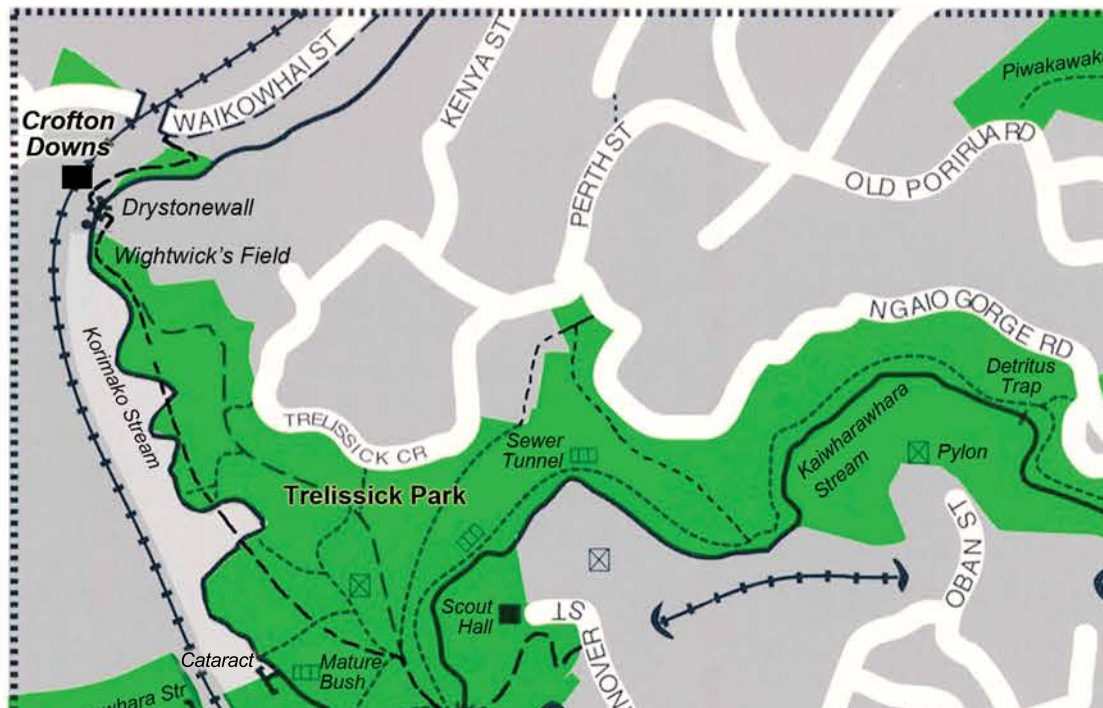
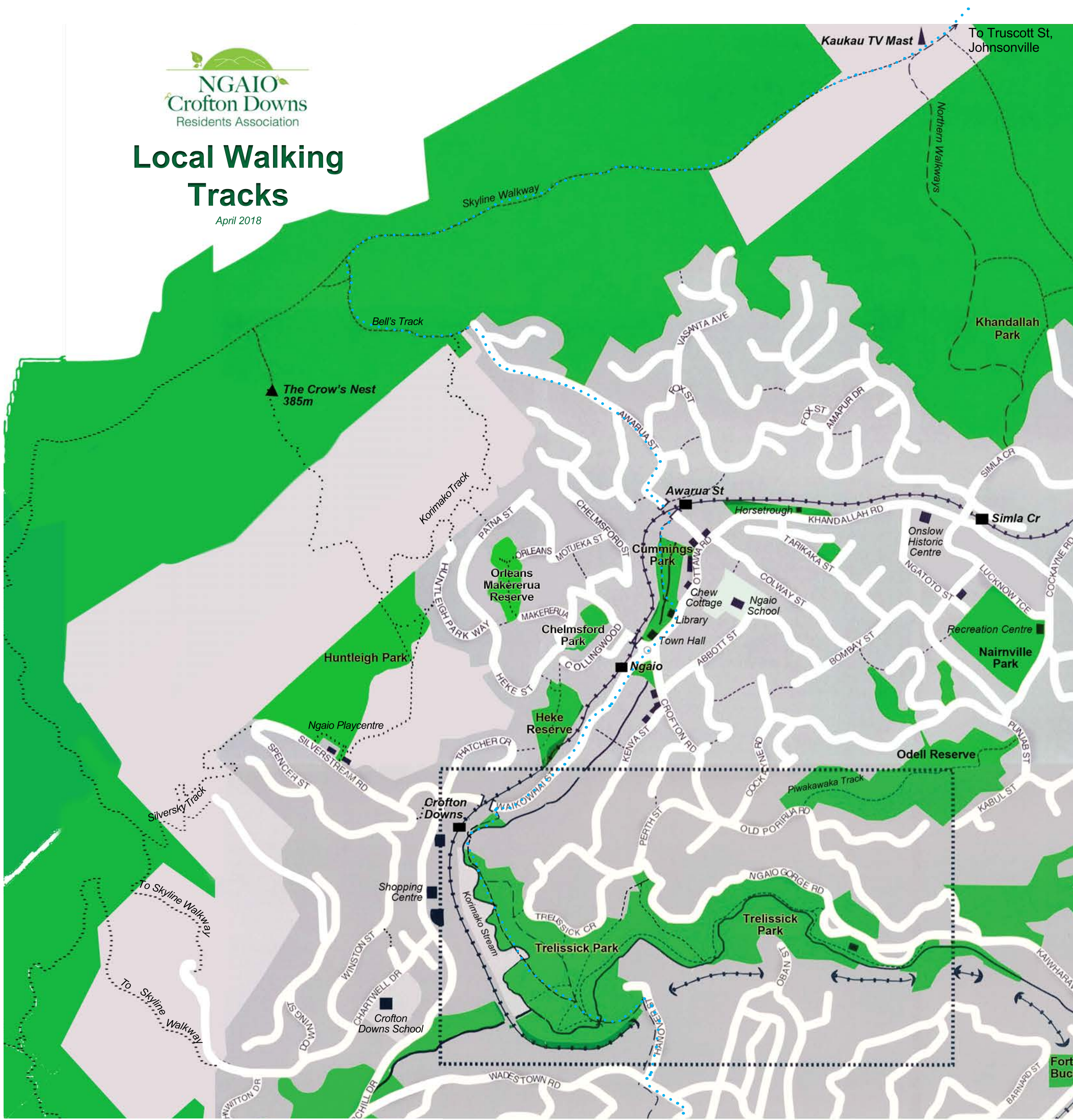


Local Walking Tracks

April 2018



Dog exercise areas:
 Silverstream Rd, Crofton Downs
 Cummings Park, Ngaio
 Trelissick Park, Ngaio
 Odell Reserve, Ngaio
 Chelmsford Park, Ngaio

Public Toilets:
 Churchill Drive Shopping Centre

	Built-up land
	Open private land
	WCC land and reserves
	Railway
	Northern Walkway
	Walking tracks
	Streams

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This passes through mainly private land and links the bottom of Bell's Track with the bottom of the Crow's Nest, the Skyline Walkway and round trip taking in the Crow's Nest, the Skyline Walkway and the end of Huntleigh Park Way. It makes readily accessible access points are off Patna Street and via a paper road at Bell's Track with the bottom of the Crow's Nest Track. Other

Korimako Track

Starting from Chartwell Drive (just above John Witton Drive) a wide track provides access to the Skyline Walkway, passing through private land, then the Outer Greenbelt to join with the Skyline Walkway.

Chartwell Reserve

Access is from alongside 14 Punjab Street or from Old Porirua Road near the entrance to the Harbour Lights subdivision. This track passes through regenerating bush and provides a convenient segment of a circular walk in association with the Bridle Track. The highest point, at the water tanks, provides spectacular views of the city, harbour and Ngaio itself. Great vantage point for Guy Fawkes night.

Piwakawaka Track (Odell Reserve)

The walkway is open to walkers and mountain bikers. Wellington city and harbour and the Tararua and Crongorongo views of the Kaitioura ranges, the Marlborough Sounds,

Skyline Walkway

This small reserve has an interesting 10 minute track running from Makereua Street (off Heke Street) to Orleans Street (off Motueka Street). There is a gently sloped grassed area that are survivors from the original bush. A local care group looks after the area.

Orleans Makereua Reserve (Pukatea Track)

This re-established route starts at the top of Awarua Street and joins a farm track up to a saddle on the ridge. It originally provided access between farms in Ohariu Valley and Ngaio railway station. From the top there are fantastic views over Wellington and the South Island. A dedicated care group is restoring the vegetation.

Bell's Track

This lesser known area is a WCC reserve. Adjoining bush is administered by the Girl Guides Association. Access is from behind the Playcentre in Silverstream Road, from Huntleigh Park Way and from the Skyline Walkway via the Crow's Nest Track. Tracks are marked with small coloured posts. Some care is needed in several areas that are quite steep.

Huntleigh Park Reserve

The track in Trelissick Park from Hanover Street to Waiokohai Street is part of the Northern Walkway. From Waiokohai Street a short road walk leads to Cummings Park. From Awarua Street the walkway goes along Khandallah Road and Simla Crescent to Khandallah Park where it ascends to the top of Mt Kaukau.

Te Arara Trail

This grassed and generally flat park is behind the Ngaio shops. There is a stream, an old totara, sculpture, seating, a children's playground and a designated off-the-lead dog exercise area.

Northern Walkway

A few metres further on, the Silverstream from Crofton Downs emerges from a culvert. Adjacent to this are the remains of a rare old drystone wall constructed when the Wellington-Manawatu Railway Line was built in the 1880s. The track follows the Korimako Stream until it intersects with tracks from Trelissick Crescent and Hanover Street, Wadestown.

Otari - Wilton's Bush

This sanctuary in nearby Wilton is devoted to indigenous New Zealand plants. It has a range of tracks through forest, gardens, open spaces and picnic areas. This is one of the finest showcases of native flora in the country and is a national treasure. Access points close to Ngaio and Crofton Downs are from Churchill Drive, John Witton Drive and the main entrance on Wilton Road. It is within walking distance of both suburbs.

Suburban Walkways

Ngaio and Crofton Downs have a large number of zigzag walkways and steps between streets. These provide easier access for pedestrians to shops and transport. These are shown on the map as dotted lines linking streets. They complement the track system and provide interesting walks and shortcuts through the suburbs.

Dog Exercise Areas

There are five off-the-leash dog exercise areas in Ngaio and Crofton Downs: the whole of Trelissick Park, Chelmsford Park off Lower Chelmsford Street, Cummings Park, Silverstream Road Reserve and Odell's Reserve.

Safety

Stout shoes or boots should be worn and a waterproof jacket and warm clothing carried in case of a change in the weather. Tell someone your plans. These precautions are essential if you plan to walk on the exposed skyline ridges. Adventure Smart has outdoor safety information www.adventuresmart.org.nz

How to Get There

Local train stations on the Johnsonville Line are Crofton Downs, Ngaio and Awarua Street. Several bus routes also connect Wellington CBD and Ngaio. Metlink has both train and bus timetables: www.metlink.org.nz phone 0800 801 700



Local Walking Tracks

Ngaio and Crofton Downs, two of Wellington's northern suburbs, have many accessible bush reserves and walking tracks running from the lower Ngaio Gorge to the Skyline walkway. There are short tracks for family forays or longer extended walks for fitness and magnificent views.



More Information

http://wellington.govt.nz	Cummings Park Library, Ngaio
www.teararoa.org.nz	Onslow Historical Society 86 Khandallah Road Open 1- 4pm Sunday
www.tracks.org.nz	

