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Discover Wellington's Town Belt, reserves and walkways

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The Southern Walkway is ailm walk along the Town Belt between Oriental Bay and Island Bay. The total walk can be completed in 4-5 hours depending on fitness and enthusiasm.

The greatest attraction of this walkway is the variety of scenery, from views of the harbour and central city at Oriental Bay, the shade and tranquility of the Town Belt forest to the rugged and exposed southern coastline between Houghton and Island Bay.

Although the walk is steep in places, it is not difficult overall and is suitable for those of average fitness. Various access points from suburban streets allow you to complete the walkway in stages if you choose. From the city, take either the No.14 Kilbirnie (via Roseneath), or the No.1 Evans Bay bus to Oriental Parade (the walkway entrance is sign-posted and begins near the intersection of Oriental Parade and Carlton Gore Road); or take the No.1 bus to Island Bay (the walkway begins in Shortland Park). For bus timetable check out www.metlink.co.nz.

All along the route are numerous seats and picnic spots.

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There are numerous other walks on Mount Victoria for people of all fitness levels and enthusiasm. These can be clearly marked on the map shown here.
The walk continues along Kilmarnock to Mount Victoria, a delightful place to rest before you reach Mount Albert, one of the most easily accessible hills. Mount Albert offers a wide variety of native vegetation, which can be seen while you are walking. Mount Albert is a popular place for families and children to visit and play. The view from the top is breathtaking, and you can see for miles around. The area is well-known for its scenic beauty and has been designated as a natural reserve. The walk then continues along Manukau Road, which leads you back to the Wainuiomata Hills. The walk ends at the Wainuiomata Hills and is a beautiful place to end your day. The walk is approximately 5 miles long and takes about 2 hours to complete. The trail is well-marked and easy to follow. The walk is ideal for families, children, and nature enthusiasts. The walk is available for free and is open to the public. You can contact the Wellington City Council on 499 4444 for more information. The walk is a great way to enjoy the beauty of the Wainuiomata Hills and the surrounding area. It is a perfect place to enjoy the outdoors and to take a break from the hustle and bustle of city life. The walk is a must-do for anyone who loves nature and wants to enjoy the beauty of the Wainuiomata Hills.