**SUNDAY 8TH NOV**

9:00am  Mount Sinclair (return) from Pestroges Rd at the Tron

The route takes you on a steady uphill climb through open pasture and tussock, remnants of high altitude bush and past 100 year old takahe trunks scarred by the weather. Expansive panoramic views.

10:10am  Lunch at Red Donut Hut with Sally Thompson

A great opportunity to visit this brand new hut which will now provide the missing overnight link between the Sign of the Packhorse hut and Hillary along the Summit Walkway. Car pool from Little River to walk start. Walk to the hut (approx 50 minutes), have a good look around and enjoy lunch at the hut before walking back. Water proof and layered clothing essential.

4 hours. $10

11:00am  Madiirs Gardens Walk, Governor’s Bay with Julie Biley

A drip top track walk leading to golden sandy bay with four batches. Includes a look inside one historic family batch.

1.5 hours. $8

1:00pm  Takatapui Waterfall Walk to Farm Hut with Katherine Fraser

From the Farm’s stream, meander up the creek, past Totara, and through bush to the waterfalls, then through pasture land and up the hill to the hut. Enjoy the view down the valley on the loop walk down.

3 hours. $10

2:00pm  Discover Urupema Reserve with Wendy Everingham

Learn about this community initiative. See how a forest is created and learn about the special plants and where they come from. Discover the geology of the area and walk track into the newly formed wilderness.

1 hour. $8

**SUNDAY 15TH NOV**

8:55am  Oamaru/Quail Island with Teo Tainui

The walk will take you from the area of Oamaru’s main landing area, a large new area of DOC reserve. As you walk you will get views over the large Quail Island Reserve and part of the main Oamaru area.

10:40am  Bedrock Whalersesper with Brian Downey

A trip exploring the unique flora of this wild south facing reserve above Lyttelton. Head up high into the hills to overlook and discover a plant area that is unique to the area.

3 hours. $10 (plus $5 entry)

10:50am  Carrera Peak with Wayne Beggs

Walk to the summit of Carrera’s Peak and visit an extensive new area of DOC reserve on Banks Peninsula. Stunning views of Akaroa Harbour and the Pacific Ocean and learn to learn more of the biodiversity from local DOC officer in his off duty time.

4 hours $10

**SATURDAY 14TH NOV**

10:00am  Onawe Pa with Pere Tainui and Te One Tainui

Come and discover one of the distinctive, whale-shaped peninsulas that bisects the upper reaches of Akaroa Harbour, an historic site of immense significance. Members of the Onawe management will guide you along a beautiful new walking track as they tell you the story of the fortified pa that once stood here, the terrible events that led to its destruction, and the efforts being made to care for the site and remember the ancestors who perished there. Participants are asked to walk with the greatest of respect and to refrain from eating and drinking (other than water) on the site.

2 hours. $8

1:00pm  Okains Bay Settlement and Museum with John Thacker

This unique site has a large stone wall that was built to protect the river mouth of the Pa. The area is well worth exploring as you can see the house that was once there and there is a beautiful walk of about 1.7km through the native bush to the sea. Doris is also giving a talk on the history of the area.

3 hours. $10

1:00pm  Ohinemutu Reserve with Mike White

Walk through mature and planted native forest with some fine views of the harbour. The terrain is fairly steep on rough tracks. Learn about the work being carried out on this reserve on planting, pest control, weed control and track maintenance by volunteers.

1.5 hours. $8

**SATURDAY 21ST NOV**

9:00am  Pa Bay and Greater Okains Bay: Geology and Archaeology, Foundations for a GeoPark with Dr Sam Hampton, Frontiers Abroad

This walk begins in Okains Bay, through Kawatea (Little Okains Bay) and out along the eastern headland to the isolated Pa Bay. Pa Bay is an area rich in biodiversity with rare and unusual formations resulting in natural rock formations, a rich in resources, which was used for Maori for salt extraction, occupation/defence, and defence (Pa). This walk will give you a landscape of the Parapanza, and the details of exposure on the stone platform of the Pa. Highlight features of pa sites and village still recognizable in the landscape today, interacting with the community on their understanding of the area.

Full Day. $10

10:00am  Nikau Palm Gully Marine Reserve with Dick Cos

A beautiful coastal walk with the opportunity to learn more about Akaroa Harbours marine reserve, a large new area of DOC reserve, and visit the extensive grove of Nikau Palms in their southernmost habitat on the eastern coast with local DOC officer in his off duty time. Water proof and layered clothing essential.

7 hours. $10

1:00pm  My First Overnight Tramp: A Trail to the Packhorse Hut for Children and Parents with Sarah Pritchett

The historic Packhorse Hut has been earthquake strengthened and will be reopened in time for the festival. Sarah Pritchett and PW Seabrook will lead an overnight tramp to the Pam at Bledisloe for parents and children. Children need to be aged 8 and up and capable of a fairly rigorous walk. A parent needs to accompany their child and will need to bring their own tent, food and water. Further information will be sent to participants. Limited to 7 children. Two days, two nights walking each day.

7 hours. $10

2:00pm  Faraging at Orton Bradley Park with Darren Tatum

Join Darren who will discuss the history of fishing in Akaroa Harbour as well as the myriad of local and international species to be found in the area. This walk will include discussion of fishing methods and the many techniques used to catch fish. Children aged 8 and older are welcome to join this walk and bring their own fishing gear.

2 hours 10 minutes. $10

1:30pm  Mackenzie Waterford Track, over Mt Pleasant with Nick Groves

A Lyttelton hills round trip walk, passing the gun emplacements and Urupema Reserve, ending at Foster Trce.

2.5 hours. $8
SATURDAY 28TH NOV (CONTINUED)

10:00am

Onaze Paaitei Pere Taitui and Tev Teati

Grown, the distinctive, whale-shaped peninsula that juts out the upper reaches of Akaroa Harbour, is an historical site of immense significance. Members of the Onaze runanga will guide you along a beautiful walking track as they tell the story of the fortification that once stood here, the terrible events that led to its destruction, and the efforts being made to safeguard the site and remember the ancestors who perished there. Participants are asked to walk with the greatest of respect and to refrain from eating and drinking (other than water) on the site.

2 hours, $8

10:20

Grants and Dykes with Robin Burleigh

Walk new tracks in the Panama Reserve at Le Bons Bay with reserve manager Robin Burleigh. See the fantastic lava dyke which fed the rod dome and then hike up the “grunt” to the dome itself for magnificent views.

3 hours, $10

SUNDAY 29TH NOV

5:30am – 8:30am

Global Climate Mobilisation - Greet the dawn at Godley Head

Be a part of a worldwide statement of support for clean energy. We’ll be singing and dancing at sunrise and sending a message to the UN climate summit in Paris. Walk past the gun emplacements to the tip of the head as the sun comes up out of the sea.

3 hours, free

Meet at Godley Head car park

9:30am

Raupo Bay – A new type of Eruptive on Banks Peninsula

With Dr Sam Soud즈 on Eastern Banks Peninsula, and is a known surf spot and day trip destination. Recent geological mapping has identified a still formning basaltic greenstone, formed from highly explosive eruptions and a collapsing eruption column. The walk will begin at the carpark above Raupo Bay and follow the walking track to the beach. The track winds its way down through regenerating native bush and farmland. It intersects a coastal cliff with a cross section though eroded remnants of scoria cones, fan eruptions of Alatiasa Volcano. The beach cliff section has exposure of the basaltic greenstone, a submerging area, and a chance to explore the Raupo Bay environment. This walk will be led by Hugh Wilson and his team from neighbouring Hinewai to foster biodiversity recovery and to enable public access. The team have already built a new track through beautiful bush and will be leading a preview walk along it, prior to the reserve’s formal opening next year.

Panama Reserve – the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust has also added 104ha to the Josef Langer Trust’s reserve at Le Bons Bay. Reserve Manager Robin Burleigh will lead a walk including new track areas under the Panana lava dyke.

To find out more about all the public walks on Banks Peninsula, check our comprehensive new website www.bankspeninsulawalks.co.nz or obtain our reference book “Banks Peninsula Walks Overview”. You will also find our brochures detailing the many walks around Akaroa and the Bays at all peninsula visitor centres and the DOC centre Hagley Park Botanic Gardens and we hope to have a new brochure on walk around Lyttelton available in time for the Festival.

Photo: Hugh Wilson at the new Purple Peak Curry reserve summit

Photography at the Festival

Great photos help us to promote the festival and celebrate the fun times had around the peninsula. If you are a dab hand at a camera and are willing to share a few good photos (we are particularly seeking people’s faces as they walk), please get in touch with Lucie by emailing events@lyttelton.net.nz

Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Events

The Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust works in partnership with others to promote access, biodiversity and knowledge of Banks Peninsula. The Trust is delighted to be part of the pan-peninsula festival organising team and to offer you the opportunity to enjoy and experience some of our projects.

The new Rod Donald Hut will formally open to the public on the first night of the festival. The hut is part of our joint project with the Department of Conservation to develop Banks Peninsula’s Summit Walkway into an introductory walking experience aimed at Christchurch families and youth groups. The new hut provides a second night of accommodation along this spectacular route linking the Lyttelton and Akaroa crater lakes and will be available to the public for overnight use as a bookable hut via the DOC online booking system.

The Sign of the Packhorse Hut, the first night’s accommodation on the Summit Walkway, has been seismically strengthened and given a spruce up by DOC as their contribution to the project. It will also join the Rod Donald Hut on the DOC online booking system, so from now on users will need to book a bunk to stay overnight. This is to help ensure they have a bed for the night.

The new Reserve near the Packhorse Hut, Purple Peak, has been purchased by a consortium of the Little River Restoration Trust, and Christchurch City Council. The new reserve will be managed by Hugh Wilson and his team from neighbouring Hinewai to foster biodiversity recovery and to enable public access. The team have already built a new track through beautiful bush and will be leading a preview walk along it, prior to the reserve’s formal opening next year.

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