

No.9 Garlands Track

Area: Runs alongside the Waimate Creek between Garlands Road Bridge and Point Bush Road Bridge.

Time: 45 minutes return.
1 hour round trip (up Point Bush Road and down Garlands Road)

Level of Fitness: Low-Moderate

Start: The track starts at either Garlands Road Bridge or Point Bush Road Bridge.

The route follows the south bank of the Waimate Creek. This section of the creek runs along the edge of part of the Waimate urban boundary. The Waimate Creek has its origins at Kelcey's Bush and meanders down to the sea, much of the latter part of the journey being underground. During summer months the Garlands Track section of the creek may be dry. The round trip includes an uphill climb and involves walking along the roadside.



Features:

- ❑ **Landscape:** Garlands Track is relatively flat and provides an interesting detour from the road walk. It skirts some very pretty semi-rural landscape and the streambed is never far away. The round trip offers some lovely views of the hills and Waimate district's gentle rolling countryside.
- ❑ **Vegetation:** The track meanders through woodland and riverbank vegetation. It is in close proximity to the Maori Cemetery and a community Reserve. Both contain a selection of native trees and shrubs.
- ❑ **Wildlife:** A variety of birds are present in good numbers. An opportunity exists to explore stream life if there is water in the stream bed.
- ❑ **Please SHUT GATES and don't disturb stock.**

