

1. Knottingley Park

Area: The entrance to Knottingley Park is situated on Waihao Back Road, via Gorge Road. (Gorge Road being the main arterial route from Waimate to the Waitaki Valley via Hakataramea Highway-SH82)

Time: 1 hour loop track

Level of Fitness: Easy

The planting of this park began in 1878. It is thought the first Oak tree (which still stands) was planted by Effie Studholme, (the wife of Waimate's first European settler) in 1878. In succeeding years the Waimate Council Parks and Reserves Department has cared for and maintained the Park.

In 1993 a group of residents founded the 'Friends of Knottingley'. With many thousands of hours of voluntary labour they have landscaped new areas, renewed fences, planted thousands of bulbs and planted many new trees. Waimate Trackways have worked alongside this group and with Waimate District Council to create a track within the park.

Start: There are many places to freedom walk around this attractive parkland. An established track exists inside the park entrance off Waihao Back Road near the camping ground facilities and follows a loop around the park. Walkers and cyclists can follow the track to exit at Horgans Road or back-track to complete a loop inside the park.



Features:

- Landscape: Flat parklands
- Vegetation: Over 3,000 trees; large, small, ever-green, deciduous, well known and lesser known have been planted. This makes it an Arboretum.
- Knottingley Park also has a replica of an early bush hut built in 1864 and has an extensive playground.
- The Park is a great family place for camping, picnics, walking and cycling. It also is the location of the Waimate cricket grounds and pavilion.

