

Waiānana

THE OTAGO VINE | SHARED PATH  
Te Aka Ōtākou

INSIDERS GUIDE

## Te Aka Ōtākou | The Otago Vine

Hugging the shores of Ōtepoti Dunedin's picturesque Otago Harbour, Te Aka Ōtākou is a purpose-built trail for cyclists and walkers. The 32km shared path comprises sections; Te Ara Moana (The Ocean Path) which links city to Port Chalmers, and Te Awa Ōtākou (The Ocean River) that links the city to Portobello and the stunning Otago Peninsula.

Start where you like, finish where you like. Tackle it in one day or explore over two. Turn around and head back to where you started, or catch a ferry to complete the loop - there's no wrong way to do it. It's a real choose your own adventure filled with sights, tastes and experiences that are uniquely Dunedin.

32 km



2-4 hours



6-8 hours

+



15 mins



Scan for our online interactive map, bike hire and ferry crossing information.

### Trail safety

The Otago Vine is mostly flat and shared by dog walkers, runners, cyclists and children - even the odd sea lion sunning itself on the path. Please keep left and if you do encounter wildlife, admire from at least 20m away and give a wide berth if possible. It is recommended to check the weather forecast before setting off and allow plenty of time to stop and enjoy the scenery.

### Urban Path

The urban part of Te Aka Ōtākou connects the two sections of the Vine via the city and provides a bit of variety and contrast to the natural beauty of the peninsula.

This quirky bit of the pathway runs past rustic loading docks, heritage buildings and great eateries, with the urban vibrancy of Dunedin just a short distance away.



3 Harbour Molars  
Portsmouth Drive



4 Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden  
Queens Gardens



5 Toitū Otago Settlers Museum  
Queens Gardens



6 Dunedin Railway Station  
Anzac Square



7 Otago Farmers Market  
Every Saturday



8 Emerson's Brewery  
Anzac Avenue

### Urban Path Highlights

- Bean-to-bar or bread-to-brew at artisan producers OCHO and Dunedin Craft Distillers.
- Hopping aboard a Monarch Wildlife Cruise and seeing the harbour from a different perspective.
- Trying to decide where to eat and drink with a smorgasbord of options not far from the trail.
- Timing your ride to coincide with the Otago Farmers Market to fill your bike basket with the best of Otago.
- Cultural stops like Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden, Dunedin Railway Station, or a self-guided street art tour.



9 Pineapple Rock  
Te Awa Ōtākou Path

## Te Awa Ōtākou | The Ocean River

### DUNEDIN TO PORTOBELLO

Te Awa Ōtākou refers to the flow of the tide into the harbour and towards Ōtepoti. The Otago Peninsula section of the trail, from Portobello to the city, passes through dozens of beautiful bays featuring scenic sights, eateries and historic attractions.

Portobello's peaceful streets invite you to explore at your own pace, with some great culture and food options for such a small village. Portobello is also the gateway to 'the real' Otago Peninsula - with wildlife tours, rugged beaches and even pyramids en route to Taiaroa Head.



10 Yellow Head  
Broad Bay



11 The Duck  
Macandrew Bay

### Te Awa Ōtākou Highlights

- Great cafés with even better views dotted along the trail.
- Exploring quaint Portobello.
- A hike up Hereweka.
- Scenic sights like Pineapple Rock, Yellow Head and Pudding Island.
- Picnic and a swim at the always-calm Macandrew or Broad Bay beaches.
- Heritage must-dos like Fletcher House and Larnach Castle.
- Explore the ever-changing Glenfalloch Garden.



Te Awa Ōtākou boat shed



Macandrew Bay

## Te Ara Moana | The Ocean Path

### DUNEDIN TO PORT CHALMERS

Te Ara Moana refers to the direction of the tide as it flows out of the harbour towards the ocean. Hugging the harbour from the city out to Port Chalmers, the trail takes you past rustic railway tracks, tussocky inlets and over the bright blue boardwalk at Blanket Bay.

Port Chalmers is sprinkled with boutique shopping, cafés and historic hotels serving great food and beverages. Being a port town, the seafood options are plentiful and a must-do. While you wait for your ferry, explore the streets, soak up the history, chat to the locals and head to one of the lookouts for an overview of this bustling port town.



12 Carey's Bay Historic Hotel  
Careys Bay



14 Harbour Ferry  
Back Beach



13 Centenary Lookout  
Port Chalmers



15 Hōtere Garden Oputae  
Port Chalmers

### Te Ara Moana Highlights

- Crossing the Blanket Bay bridge - a 600m long boardwalk over the water.
- Watching the busy port in action from Centenary or Flagstaff Lookouts.
- Spotting trains as they chug alongside the trail.
- Wandering the Hōtere Garden Oputae.
- Fresh seafood eating options galore in Port Chalmers.



16 Blanket Bay

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### Urban Path - 5km ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN

- 1 Learn about local chocolate makers **OCHO**
- 2 Take a tour at **Dunedin Craft Distillers**, makers of fine gin from bread
- 3 Enjoy waterfront dining at **Harbourside Grill**
- 4 Take some tranquil time out at **Lan Yuan Dunedin Chinese Garden**
- 5 See Dunedin stories at **Toitū Otago Settlers Museum**
- 6 Marvel at the ornate **Dunedin Railway Station**
- 7 Fill your basket at **Otago Farmers Market**
- 8 Enjoy a craft beer and meal at the famous **Emerson's Brewery**

### Te Ara Moana - 10.5km DUNEDIN | PORT CHALMERS

- 9 Tucked down an alleyway is one of Port's best café's **Café Santosha**
- 10 Plenty of beer on tap at local watering hole, **The Portsider**
- 11 Enjoy fresh local produce at **Union Co Café**
- 12 Eat fresh locally caught seafood at **Careys Bay Historic Hotel**
- 13 Wander the **Hōtere Garden Oputae** and enjoy the harbour views
- 14 Take your bike across the harbour with **Port to Port Cruises**

### Te Awa Ōtākou - 16.5km DUNEDIN | PORTOBELLO

- 15 Incredible food, coffee and tranquillity at the **1908 Café** in Portobello
- 16 Simple kiwi style meals with friendly service at the **Portobello Hotel and Bistro**
- 17 Indulge in coastal charm and incredible views at the **Cove Café**
- 18 **Fletcher House**, a 1909 time-capsule of a fully restored Edwardian Villa
- 19 Brews with a view at **The Duck** known for its friendly, welcoming ambiance
- 20 **Glenfalloch Café and Restaurant**, set in a beautiful historic woodland garden

### Harbour Crossing - 3km PORTOBELLO | PORT CHALMERS

Hop aboard (bikes and dogs welcome) a port to port ferry to complete the full Te Aka Ōtākou loop. The 15min trip is filled with commentary of the history of the area and its wildlife with an optional stop at Quarantine Island.

#### KEY

- Toilets
- Swim Beach
- Car Park
- Scenic Sight
- Picnic Area
- Gardens

