

Lambda Latte Walks October 2025 to March 2026

Date	Title	Description	Flat or Hilly	Leader
12 October 2025	Bowenvale Loop	This walk starts at the end of Bowenvale Avenue where there is plenty of parking. The track starts off as a vehicle track heading up the valley. Not long after passing the Hidden Valley Track turnoff, the Bowenvale Valley Track becomes a walking-only track with cyclists prohibited from here until Summit Road. Further up the valley, the walking track winds its way through open tussock where it finishes in Bowenvale car park on Summit Road.	Hilly	Jamie
26 October 2025	Ilam Gardens	The University of Canterbury owns several long established public botanic gardens, Ilam Gardens being one example. Californian redwood trees, rhododendrons and azaleas are some of the plantings we will see on our walk through this beautiful patch of Christchurch.	Flat	Steve
8 or 9 November 2025	Christchurch LGBT Landmarks	Discover the history of LGBT+ Christchurch with this walk, held in conjunction with the Burnett Centre.	Flat	Peter
23 November 2025	Barnett Park	A decent climb up to a cave which offers excellent views back down the valley. On both sides of the main valley, it's a steady climb to a staircase that leads up to a cave. The view from the cave back down the valley is superb and well worth the effort.	Hilly	Darryl
7 December 2025	Southshore	A nice, easy flat walk through the Domain, then along the beach to the pier. We'll finish with a visit to one of the cafes in the New Brighton Mall.	Flat	Alan
21 December 2025	Twin Peaks	This entire walk is along the Summit ridge, through Scott's Reserve, an open forested area of mixed native and introduced trees, where we may be challenged by the odd magpie. From there we go over the summit of Mt Vernon, down the other side to the top of Rāpaki Track and then we'll proceed be on top of Witch Hill enjoying great views and the WW1 seat.	Hilly	Charlie
4 January 2026	Avon Trail	This shared-use trail is a transitional walking and biking track along the Avon/Ōtākaro River. The trail is not a dedicated recreation track, although some sections have been developed into the City to Sea Pathway. The rest is a mix of shingle, sealed and closed roads unrepaired since the earthquakes, which have been used to create a trail from the city centre out to New Brighton, although we won't venture that far.	Flat	John
18 January 2026	Allandale	We will start our coastal walk at the Allandale Reserve car park. It is a very flat walk from there to the Governors Bay jetty. Lovely views to enjoy up the Lyttleton Harbour. The walk through Governor's Bay involves some hilly patches but this is a mostly easy walk. We will decide on the day as to whether we walk the main road to Sandy Beach or walk some other alternative route.	Hilly	Alex
1 February 2026	Mona Vale	Mona Vale features rose and iris gardens, woodland plantings along the river and colour-themed borders. More recently, magnolias, many Ericaceae, herbaceous perennials and beds of annuals have been added.	Flat	Steve
15 February 2026	Harry Ell	This hilly walk is a popular one in the Port Hills with great views of the Southern Alps. Nice and easy the whole way with some beautiful sights, changing occasionally from forest to hillside setting. We'll meet at the Sign of the Takahe where Dyers Pass and Hackthorne roads intersect, no later than 09:55 in time for 10:00 departure. We'll walk up to the Sign of the Kiwi (where there will be a toilet stop) and then back down to the Takahe for a cuppa, etc.	Hilly	Leif
1 March 2026	The Groynes	The Groynes is a wonderful asset for the city due to its many attributes and has provided plenty of walking track choices over the years.	Flat	Darryl
15 March 2026	TBC	Another Port Hills walk near the popular Rapaki Track. We'll meet at the Mt Vernon Valley Track car park and head up the Valley Track. We'll then turn off on to Rodgers Track which leads us to the Rapaki Track. From here, complete a loop by descending to the Kowhai Track. Both the Valley track and the Kowhai track have steep bits. The entire loop should take us no more than two hours. Be aware that there isn't any shade so bring sun protection. There's plenty of spots on the Kowhai track to stop and enjoy the views of greater Christchurch so bring a snack if you wish. For anyone feeling extra energetic when we meet the Rapaki Track again, there's the option to continue up to Summit Road, but this wouldn't be with the group as the aim is to back at the cars within the two-hour timeframe. Cafe stop afterwards TBA.	Hilly	Michael
29 March 2026	Ferrymead	Starting on Richardson Tce at the gate to Woolston Park at 08:55 in time for a 09:00 start. We'll follow the Heathcote river, over and under bridges to Ferrymead for coffee. We will return via Charlesworth Reserve and wetlands.	Flat	Alan