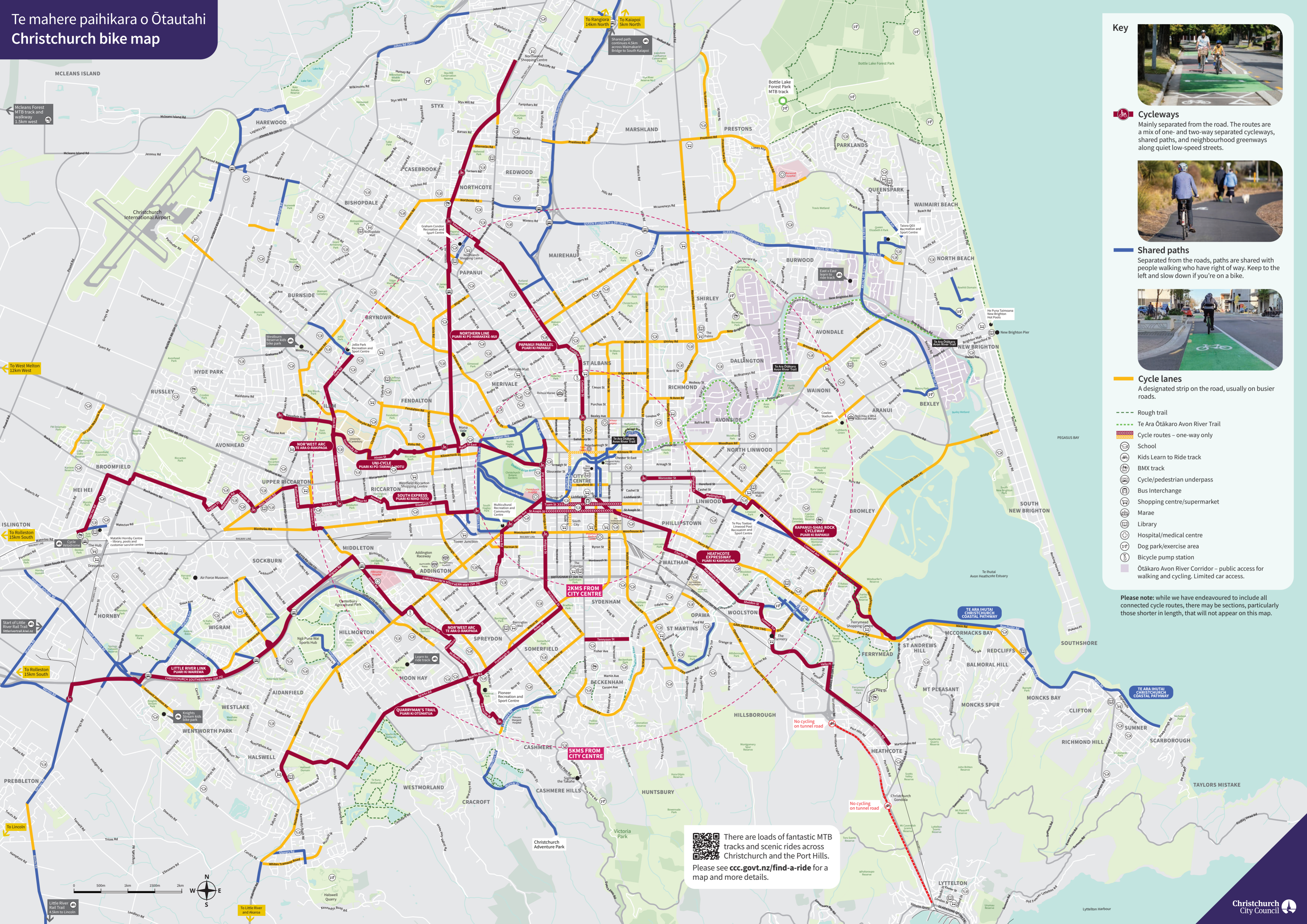


Te mahere paihikara o Ōtautahi Christchurch bike map



Key

Cycleways
Mainly separated from the road. The routes are a mix of one- and two-way separated cycleways, shared paths, and neighbourhood greenways along quiet low-speed streets.



Shared paths
Separated from the roads, paths are shared with people walking who have right of way. Keep to the left and slow down if you're on a bike.



Cycle lanes
A designated strip on the road, usually on busier roads.

- Rough trail
- Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon River Trail
- Cycle routes – one-way only
- School
- Kids Learn to Ride track
- BMX track
- Cycle/pedestrian underpass
- Bus interchange
- Shopping centre/supermarket
- Marae
- Library
- Hospital/medical centre
- Dog park/exercise area
- Bicycle pump station
- Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor – public access for walking and cycling. Limited car access.

Please note: while we have endeavoured to include all connected cycle routes, there may be sections, particularly those shorter in length, that will not appear on this map.

There are loads of fantastic MTB tracks and scenic rides across Christchurch and the Port Hills. Please see ccc.govt.nz/find-a-ride for a map and more details.

Explore by bike

City rides

Shared paths are separate from the roads and great for beginners. Keep left on these paths and share with care.



Explore Hagley Park

Take a 6km ride on the shared paths that cross Hagley Park, past sights like the wildflower gardens, Victoria Lake and the magical Band Rotunda.

Enter North Hagley from the corner of Armagh Street and Rolleston Avenue. For South Hagley, enter from the Hagley Oval carpark on Riccarton Avenue.



The river promenade

Follow the wide shared zone that runs beside the Ōtākaro Avon River from Christchurch Hospital, past Ōi Manawa – Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial and alongside The Terrace. With its cafés and bars along the way, this 2km ride takes you through Victoria Square to the famous Tākaro a Poi Margaret Mahy Playground.



Ride your way

Discover Ōtautahi Christchurch on two wheels!

Whether you're an avid cyclist or just starting out, our bike map will get you exploring in a whole new way.

Cycling is a great way to travel – it lowers emissions, it's convenient, affordable, good for mental and physical health, and it's fun!

With 75km of cycleways, you can now conveniently ride to many places. As well as our nine major cycleways, the network also includes shared paths, cycle lanes and tracks, making it easy and safe to explore the city and beyond.

What are you waiting for? Grab your bike and your map, and let the journey begin.



Want to explore more? Check out our Cycling webpage and view the map online.

ccc.govt.nz/cycling

If you have any feedback to share on this map, please email cycleways@ccc.govt.nz

Beyond the city

Go further afield and discover the stunning landscapes at the edge of the city and beyond.



Go off road

There are over 70km of mountain bike tracks and scenic rides for riders to enjoy in and around the city! Head over to the hills and give the Christchurch Adventure Park a go, or try the tracks at Bottle Lake Forest or McLeans Island.



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Waimakariri and Selwyn cycle links

The Christchurch Northern Corridor shared path crosses the Waimakariri River Bridge to Kaiapoi and North Canterbury. The Little River Rail Trail is a 50km recreational ride from Christchurch to Little River via Lincoln. Access the rail trail from where the Little River Link cycleway connects at Marshs Road.

Got a nice bike? Lock it! Log it!



Here are a few tips to lock your bike securely

- Choose the right lock and use it. Avoid flexible spiral cable locks – they're easy to cut.
- We recommend D-locks as the most secure type, or hardened steel chain locks 8mm or thicker.
- Before you buy, check the independent Sold Secure rating.
- Lock your bike to a solid object. Always lock through your bike frame and through a wheel if you can.



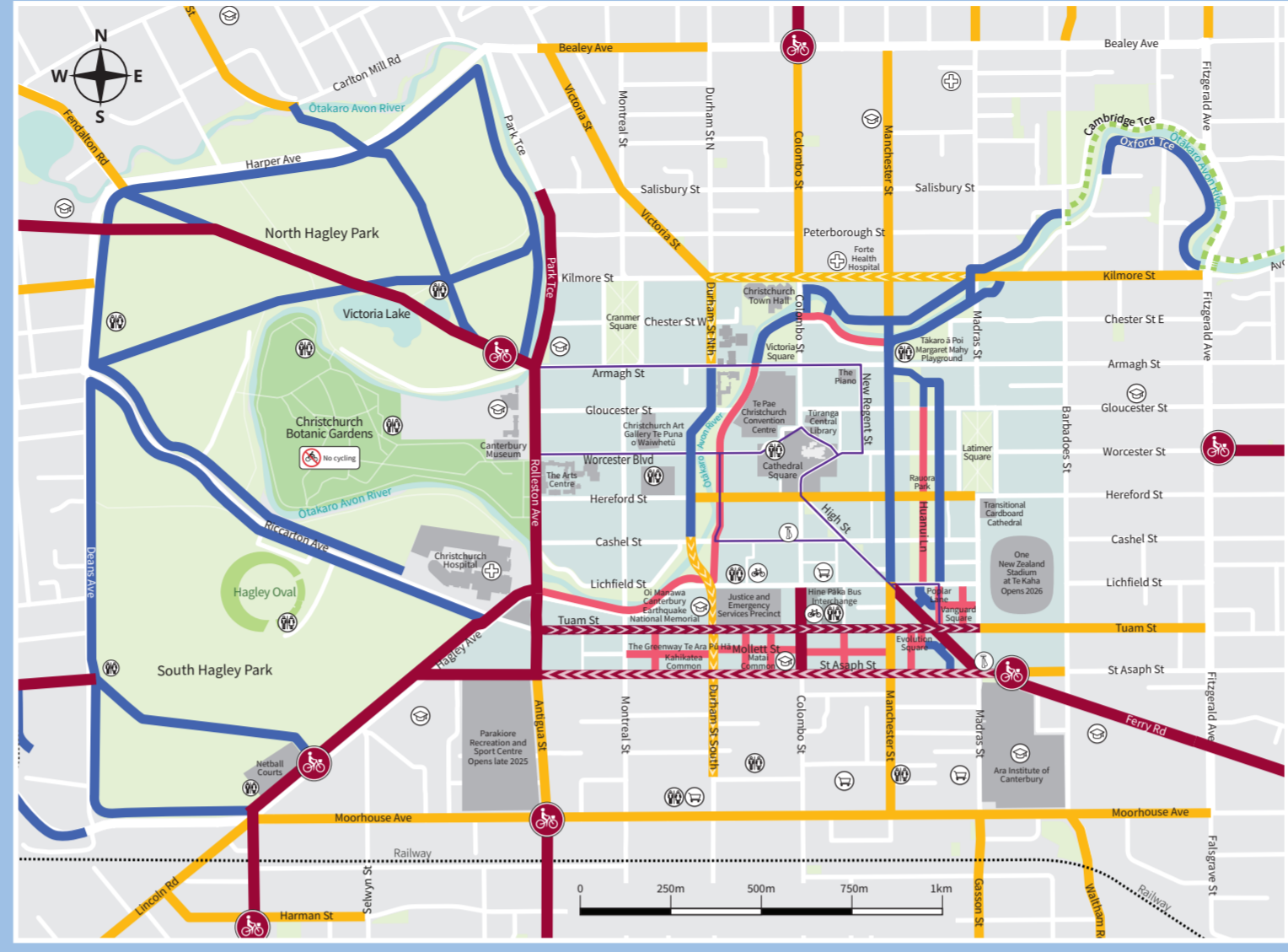
Log your bike details with 529 Garage

- 529 Garage is a free bike registry that helps return stolen bikes to their owners.
- It's quick and easy to register your bike, including description, photos and serial number.
- You can also buy a small tamper-resistant 529 Garage sticker that shows potential thieves your bike is registered.



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Central city bike map



- Key**
- Cycleways – mainly separated from the road. The routes are a mix of one- and two-way separated cycleways, shared paths, and neighbourhood greenways along quiet low-speed streets.
 - Shared paths – separated from the roads, paths are shared with people walking who have right of way. Keep to the left and slow down if you're on a bike.
 - Cycle lanes – a designated strip on the road, mainly on busy roads.
 - Te Ara Ōtākaro Avon River Trail
 - Cycle routes – one-way only
 - Shared zone (10km/h) – a slow zone for walking, biking, scooting and driving
 - Tram route (where possible choose routes that avoid tram tracks)
 - School
 - Shopping centre/supermarket
 - Hospital/medical centre
 - Indoor bike parking. This is available at the Bus Interchange and some public car parking buildings.
 - Toilet
 - Bicycle pump station

RAD

QR code

RAD Bikes is Christchurch's community bike workshop. See radbikes.co.nz for latest location and opening hours.

Using our cycle network – a few tips

Our cycle network makes it easy to get around by bike. There are some special features – here's how to use them.



Sharrows
Sharrows (share arrows) show shared traffic lanes for people on bikes and in cars. They're found at roundabouts, in low-speed environments and neighbourhood greenways.



Tram tracks
Take care – it's easy to get your wheel caught in a track or to slip on a rail. If you need to cross the tram tracks, try to ride straight over at a right angle, not in line with the tracks. Take extra care on wet days.



Bus lanes
You can cycle in a bus lane and use the 'B' traffic signal, unless 'Bus only' markings are in place. Key bus lane corridors include Papanui Road, south Colombo Street, Riccarton Road and Hills Road.



Hook turns
Keep an eye out for green painted boxes on the road like the picture above. Hook turns are a safer way to turn right at a busy intersection. Ride through an intersection on the left, hook around and stop in front of the lane going straight ahead. Wait for a green light again and you're away!



Ring your bell
In busy areas, it's good to use a bell as a friendly heads-up to people ahead of you that you're coming up behind. Ring it well before you pass to avoid startling them! Slow down, give them plenty of space and a friendly 'thanks'.



Other cycleway markings
When you see red painted stripes, green surfacing, or judder bars across the cycleway, please slow down and check in case other road users turning across your path fail to see you.



Shared paths
Go-slow zones. Share the path and look out for others. People walking have priority, so pass considerably. If you have a need for speed, use another route.



Trigger the lights
There are sensors under the white diamonds at some traffic light intersections. The metal in your bike triggers the cycle lights when you ride over or wait on the diamonds.



Avoid blind spots
Trucks and buses have big blind spots where the driver can't see you in their mirrors. Never ride alongside a truck or bus – either stay back so you can see them or get well out in front so they can see you. If you've pulled up to an intersection and think the driver may not have seen you, move out and make eye contact.

Ōtautahi Christchurch Bike map



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Give biking a go

There are several places to rent a bike around Christchurch, whether it's for a few hours, a few days or longer.

Find tips on our website for ways to brush up on your bike skills and confidence.

ccc.govt.nz/cycling

We're on our way to carbon zero

We've got targets to aim for, and by working together, we'll get there.



Learn more about what you can do to reduce emissions at:

ccc.govt.nz/climateaction