

Parks Week in Invercargill

3-10 March 2025

We think our parks and reserves are pretty great and we want everyone to enjoy them as much as we do. Here are some ways that you can engage with our public spaces during Parks Week.

Visit a park!

Invercargill City Council has about 150 parks and reserves on over 3,000 hectares of land. Find a new park to visit on our website: [Visit our Parks](#).

Join Children's Day celebrations at Elizabeth Park

There will be free games, parkour, bubbles and more.

Join our scavenger hunt to go in the draw to win family pool passes or private aviary and animal reserve tours.

When?

Sunday, 9 March from 12:00pm – 3:00pm

You can find more information on the Southland NZ website: [Children's Day](#).

Have a go at orienteering.

The Southland Orienteering Club is offering after-school "Have-a-go" orienteering sessions each Monday this month, from 3 – 24 March.

[Week 1 on 3 March](#) will take place in Queens Park.

There is a permanent orienteering course in Queens Park if you want to have a go on your own.

For more information, visit the

[Southland Orienteering Facebook page](#).

Enjoy nature play

We have four 'nature play' areas in our parks, located in Ottrey Street and Arun Crescent playgrounds, Queens Park, and West Street Reserve.

The nature play areas are made from fallen tree logs, placed in different arrangements to allow balancing, jumping, and climbing opportunities outside of a traditional playground.

The Queens Park nature play area is bookable on our parks booking website: [Bookable Invercargill City Council](#).

Find our plant & bird rubbing tiles

Five bird and five plant rubbing tiles are hidden in parks across the city.

Once you've found one of our special rubbing tiles, lay a piece of paper over the top and rub a crayon or pencil across it to reveal the plant or bird image.

See our [Parks Week map](#) for some clues about where to find the rubbing tiles in Invercargill and Bluff.

Try disc golf in Queens Park

Did you know there's a dedicated disc golf course in Queens Park?

Discs can be hired from the Herbert Street Dairy and are available for sale at various stores in Invercargill. There is a map of the course beside Tee 1 just inside the Herbert Street entrance.

Find out more on the Southland NZ website:

[Queens Park disc golf](#).

For more ideas about what to do this Parks Week, check out our '101 fun, family things to do' flyer.

