

Places to Visit

Eastwoodhill Arboretum



Eastwoodhill National Arboretum of New Zealand has New Zealand's largest collection of tree species with approximately 4000 species covering 135 hectares. A variety of walking tracks cover the arboretum, catering for all levels of fitness and mobility. Guided walks and four-wheel drive tours are offered as well as accommodation. Within the arboretum is the Homestead garden and a formal garden, cared for by a group of dedicated volunteers. The arboretum is one of the top visitor destinations in the Gisborne area and attracts over 8000 visitors annually. www.eastwoodhill.org.nz

Gwavas Garden & Homestead



Gwavas Garden is a beautiful woodland garden in central Hawke's Bay, based on the Cornish family home of Tregrehan. The homestead is set in nine hectares of both native and exotic trees and shrubs. This is a very established garden with large trees first planted in 1860. Today it is a treasure trove of rare and unusual specimens, especially beautiful in spring when the many azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias are in flower. www.gwavasgarden.co.nz

Christchurch Botanic Gardens



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At the heart of Christchurch's reputation as the Garden City, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, located in the central city, are a place of ever-changing beauty. With over a million visitors each year the Botanic Gardens are one of the Christchurch's most popular attractions. The stunning Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre is home to a café, permanent exhibition and a botanically themed gift shop.

www.ccc.govt.nz

Hackfalls Arboretum



Located in Tiniroto on the inland highway between Wairoa and Gisborne, Hackfalls is home to over 3000 species and varieties of oak, alders, cherries, magnolias, maples and many more rare species of trees. The property is a working sheep and cattle station, which means you enjoy the arboretum with its many walking tracks and lakes in a very picturesque east coast farm setting. www.hackfalls.org.nz

Trott's Garden



Trott's Garden was planned from the beginning. The woodland area was developed around a series of gently curving paths. Later the water gardens were added and finally the English inspired formal gardens. The layout is such that the garden areas are integrated yet contain elements of surprise as the visitor explores. Trott's Garden has been awarded the prestigious "Garden of International Significance" by the New Zealand Garden Trust, for gardens considered to be outstanding for their horticultural value in plant material, cultivation, design, construction, and maintenance. www.trotts.co.nz

Ashburton Domain



The Ashburton Domain is set amongst 16 hectares of manicured lawns and trees. It is best known for the many well established trees and is reported to have some of the finest specimens you will see anywhere. There are a variety of shrubs including deciduous azaleas, rhododendrons, lilacs, roses, maples, magnolias and conifers, delightfully placed in clusters in the surrounds of the mature trees. www.ashburtondc.govt.nz

Guthrie Smith Trust Arboretum



Spread over 90 hectares in rolling hill country north of Napier on Highway 2 overlooking Lake Tutira, Guthrie Smith Trust Arboretum is situated on what remains of the huge sheep station made famous by naturalist, author and farmer Herbert Guthrie-Smith. Over 20,000 trees have been planted in recent years in 90 hectares. It can be visited on open days or by appointment. www.guthriesmith.org.nz