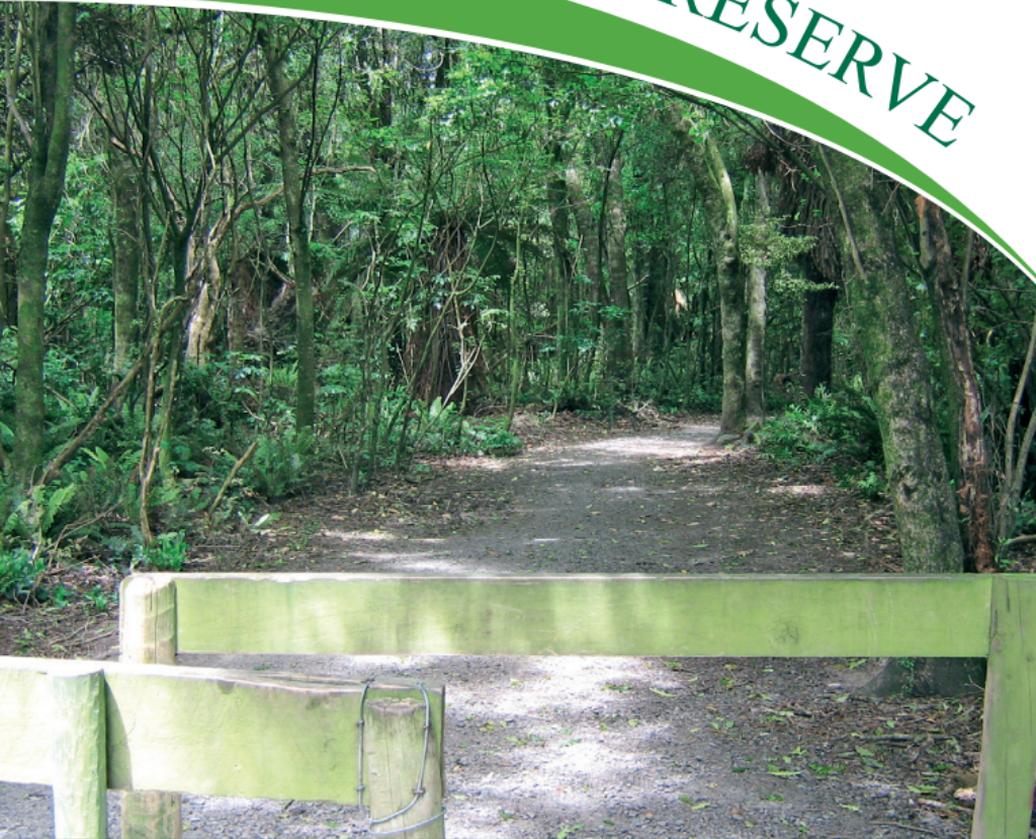


SEAWARD BUSH RESERVE



Seaward Bush Reserve is a relatively large remnant of regenerating native kamahi forest. It is recognised as an area of significant indigenous vegetation in the Invercargill City District.

Location:

166 Mason Road

History

Seaward Bush was cleared of all its large trees before 1920, but the remaining bush was not burnt and has re-vegetated to its existing state.

Today it is a good example of native bush remnant, which was once typical of the whole area. Some impressive stumps serve as a reminder of the large podocarps that dominated the forest canopy. Track development work has been carried out by Invercargill City Council, allowing the public to enjoy a natural environment.

Originally known as Otarewa Bush "The Land Uplifted", the 8000 hectares of native bush stretched from the Otepunu Stream (Invercargill) towards Rimu and Kapuka. After the logging, an area totalling 107 hectares and known as Seaward Bush was created.

The bush is home to a variety of animals, both native and introduced. The brown frog (tree frog/whistling frog), land snails, native slugs and possibly even the forest gecko are all part of the natural habitat within Seaward Bush.

As the need to protect and preserve the reserve became more desirable, Seaward Bush was later gazetted as a Scenic Reserve.

General use

Seaward Bush offers an important recreational resource, providing opportunities for picnicking, walking, running and as an 'educational classroom', while management of the reserve still prioritises on retaining its indigenous vegetation.

Facilities

For more information on the walking track please see the Short Walks brochure for a plan and description.



Accessible toilets



Parking



Interpretation



Picnic facilities



Dog on lead



Remove any dog waste

Council appreciates that you take your rubbish with you.



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