



the trevor horne heritage trail

Explore the historic heart of Nelson known as Piki mai, or Church Hill.

The numbered reference points on the map refer to plaques installed by the Nelson Civic Trust and Historic Places Trust to use as a guide in your travels.

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START at Christ Church Cathedral, which is open most days for public viewing, and the centre point of this map. See displays inside the Cathedral about the history of present and past churches on this site. Enjoy the beautiful stained glass windows which are a feature of the building. Information panels outside give more information on the history of Cathedral hill. The site was once the site of a Māori pa, known as Pikimai before European settlers arrived.

Beside the carpark see the remnants of ramparts of Fort Arthur earthworks **1** named after Captain Arthur Wakefield. The 1843 fortified refuge was built to protect settlers from a feared Māori revenge after a confrontation at Wairau. In front of the Cathedral the Church Steps **2** lead down to the city centre. Also known as The Cawthron Steps, these granite steps were gifted by Thomas Cawthron in 1913 and replaced earlier wooden steps.

To your right is the Memorial to the Fallen in World War I **3** and close by a plaque marks the site of Bishop Selwyn's first service on Church Hill **4**, held in the New Zealand Company's surveyors' shed 21 August 1842.

Cross the road. 30 Nile Street East was the Meeting House for the Society of Friends (Quakers). The Society of Friends were very involved in the early settlement of Nelson. Continue along Nile Street, past Sussex Street, where Marsden House **5** and Bishops School **6** are situated. See the information panel onsite. One of Nelson's first schools, Bishops School, opened in 1844, closed in 1895, and was restored by Historic Places Trust in 1977. Peek inside and see the old desks. Marsden House was built in 1922-23 as a church hall for the Anglican Diocese, and later used as an administration base. Now it is a funeral and cremation home. You can see the former Cathedral Vicarage across the carpark. **7**

Note: 144 Collingwood Street is not marked with a plaque.

Across the road is the imposing Nelson School of Music.

8 Brainchild of Bavarian viola player Michael Baling and supported by Nelsonian Joseph Henry Cock, the school opened in 1894 on the western side of Church Hill and moved to its present site in 1901. The school continues today to offer a wide variety of tuition, concerts and festivals.

Walk up Shelbourne Street to find the steps that climb up to Hallowell Cemetery **9** one of Nelson's oldest burial grounds. There is little evidence of graves but a display board reveals some names of people originally buried there. At the base of the steps on the wall of a townhouse complex a plaque records that this was once the site of Nelson Gaol **10** in the 1860s when the Maungatapu murders occurred. Later a site for girls school and Nelson Education Board offices.

On the other side of Cathedral Hill, off Nile Street West, find the South Street Cottages. **11** This historic precinct contains cottages built for local tradesmen in 1863-1867 on Town Acre 456, which are now privately owned. Retrace your steps back to Trafalgar Square to view Fifeshire House, **12** once the home of Joseph Auty Harley 11 OBE, Mayor of Nelson 1947-1956. This is now a commercial premises. The adjacent hotel complex occupies the former site of the Harley family business, Nelson Breweries.

Along Selwyn Place in front of the Cathedral Steps is the 1903 site. **13** Once the location of the Municipal Building of 1903, it was demolished for earthquake safety reasons. It is now a public open space with a stage for events and a sculpture commemorating the Battle of Trafalgar.