

Shoe Clinic Mizumo

CRATER RIM TRAIL RUN

16 October 2011

Description of the courses and maps

This trail run offers two courses, both starting from St Martins Primary School.

The courses are shorter than in past years because of earthquake damage and the risk of rocks rolling down the hillsides.

The longer course is about 23.0 km and the shorter about 16,5 km. The longer run starts at 8.00 am and the shorter run at 8.30 am.

Map 1 (next page):

Both courses start on Centaurus Park, on the north side of St Martins School. Cross the park and go around the school buildings and out the entrance. Turn right onto Albert Tce, follow it to the second street on the left - Leonard Place, which crosses a footbridge, becoming Charlene Place. Turn right into Hillsborough Tce and run to the foot of the hill. Then climb the hill on the Mt Vernon ("Farm") track. At the electricity pylons, continue straight ahead (not turning left as in previous years) until you reach the Summit Road (3.6 km from the start; nearly 400m altitude).

The return route for both the courses is the reverse of the above. It finishes just inside the St Martins School entrance.

Maps 2 and 3 are described on later pages. Note - the scales of these maps are different. The squares marked on each map represent 1 kilometre for each side.

Key to the maps

Each map shows the relevant roads in orange or brown, eg:



The courses, which follow roads, tracks and a mountain-bike ("MTB") track are marked in violet, eg:



Other tracks (not part of the course) are shown with dotted black lines (see road picture above).

Distances from the start are marked beside the courses:

Outward distances (common to both courses) are shown in white boxes, eg:



Return distances are shown in pink boxes for the shorter course, eg:



and in light blue boxes for the longer course, eg:



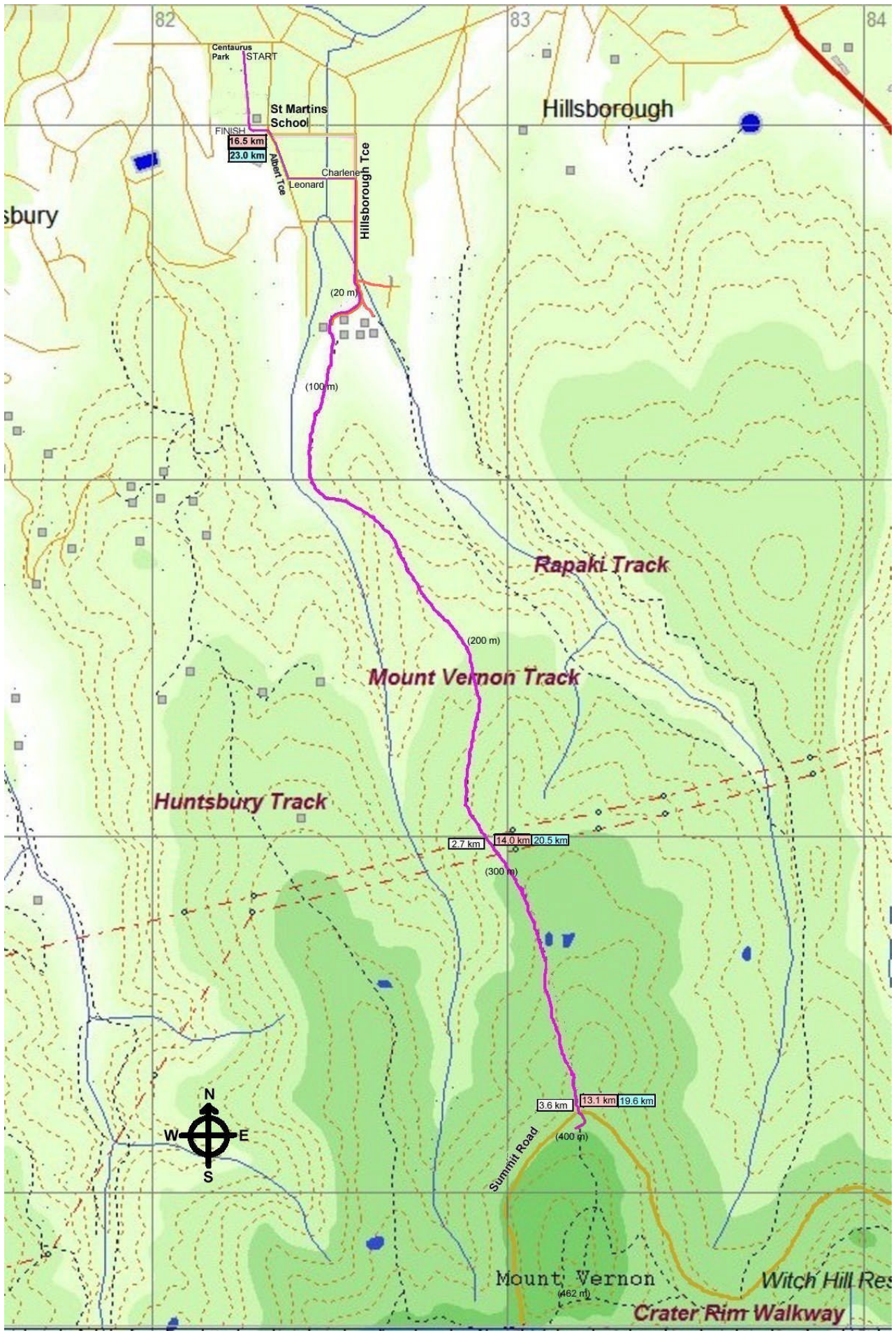
Altitudes are printed in black, in brackets, eg:



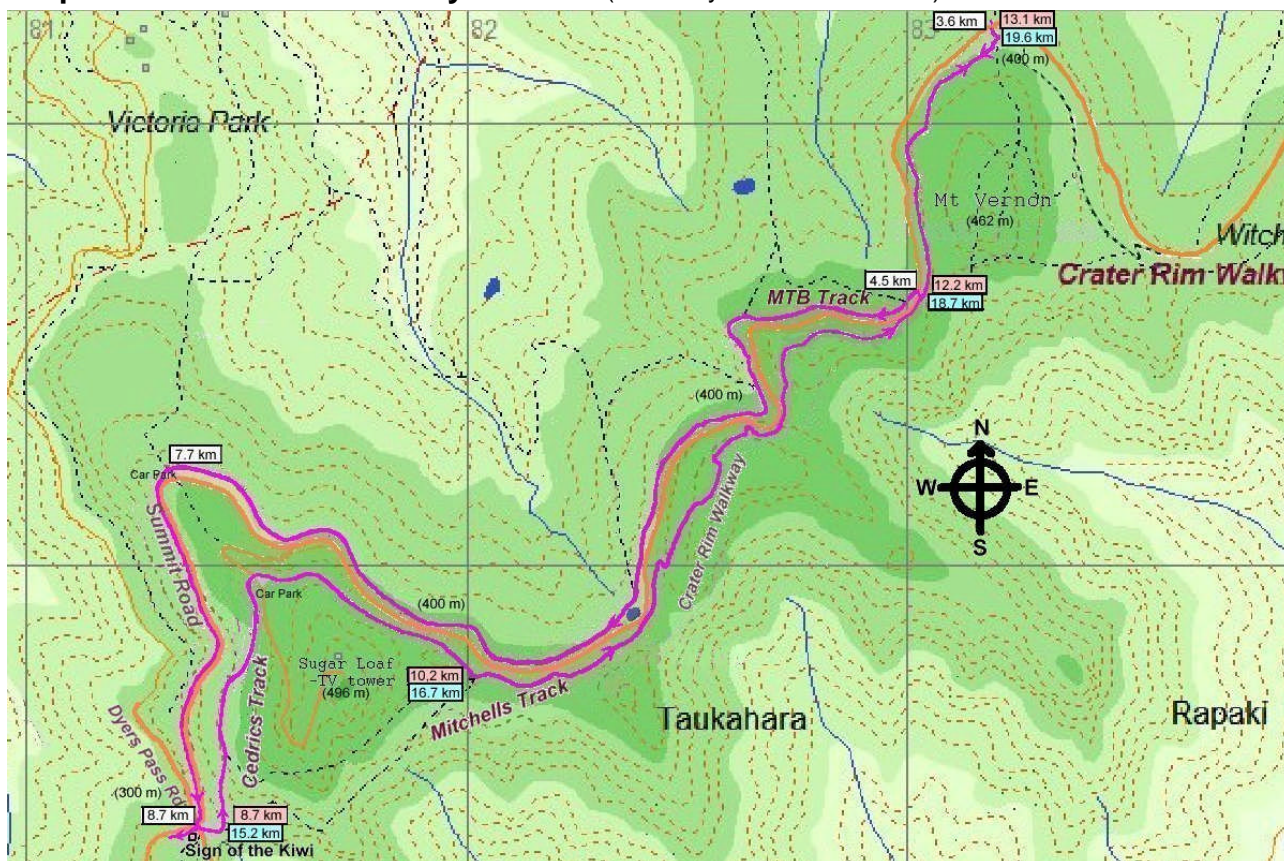
(Contours change to darker greens for each 100 m altitude, with faint dotted contours every 20 m. Below 80 m, the 20m contour is pale green.)

Maps have been generated using TUMONZ ("The Ultimate Map of New Zealand") produced by Vision Software ®.

Map 1: St Martins School to the Summit Road, Mt Vernon Track (both ways for both courses)



Map 2: Mt Vernon Track to Dyers Pass (both ways for both courses)



Description of the Courses

Both courses follow the same route from the Mt Vernon track to Dyer's Pass, just below the "Sign of the Kiwi" tearooms, and both follow another route back to Mt Vernon.

Outward Route

Cross the Summit Road at the Mt Vernon track intersection and climb a short way before taking the track to the right, which goes around the west side of Mt Vernon. This is part of the Crater Rim Walkway; follow it for about 0.9 km to where it comes back to the Summit Road.

Cross the road again and pick up the MTB (Mountain Bike) track on the north side, below the Summit Road. Follow this track west and south for about 3.2 km, where there is a car park.

Come back onto the Summit Road and follow it down (south) to Dyer's Pass. Keep to the right side of the road until you reach the intersection with Dyer's Pass Rd. (About 5.1 km from Mt Vernon, 330m altitude.)

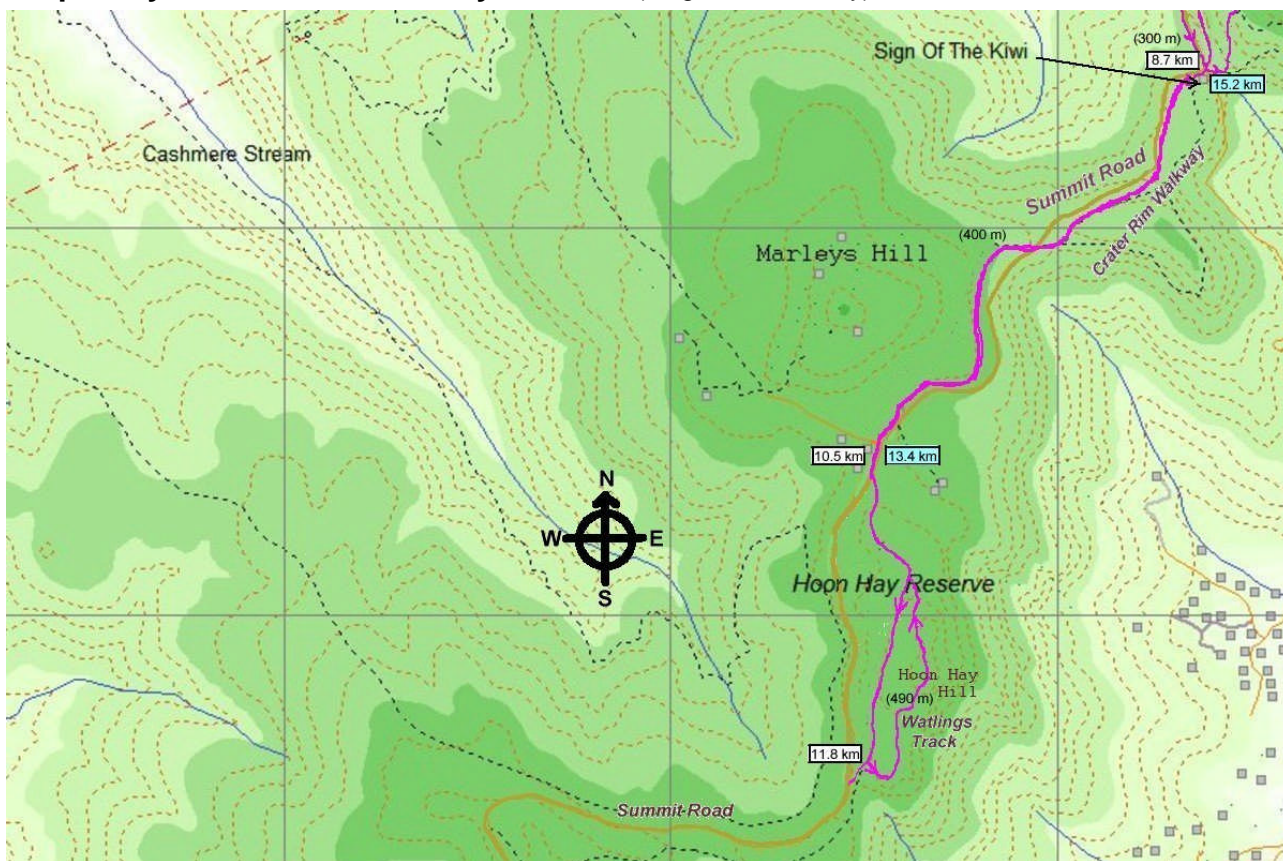
Return Route

The shorter course goes slightly over the Dyer's Pass saddle towards the harbour, to a stile on the left. The longer course joins in at this stile. This leads to Cedric's Track which climbs the Sugar Loaf peak, towards the north. This reaches a car park - cross the north (city) side of this, to pick up an unnamed track leading down to a junction with Mitchell's Track (1.5 km from Dyer's Pass).

Continue west and north, leading onto the Crater Rim Walkway and the point where the outward route crossed the Summit Road.

Follow the outward route in the reverse direction from here, north along the Crater Rim Walkway until the Mt Vernon track comes to the Summit Road (4.4 km from Dyer's Pass).

Map 3: Dyers Pass to Hoon Hay Reserve (longer course only)



Outward Course

Cross Dyers Pass Road at the intersection with the Summit Road -

Caution: Dyer's Pass Road is busy. Be prepared to wait for a break in the traffic flow; there will be marshalls to let you know when it is safe to cross.

Climb the hill to the right of the Sign of the Kiwi, following parallel to the Summit Road and above it for about 0.8 km.

Cross the Summit Road to follow a track above it on the west side, until you come to an intersection with a road on your right (1.8 km from Dyer's Pass). Cross this road and, when you are past the cattle stop, cross the Summit Road. Here you go over a stile, then follow the track south for about 1.3 km to the intersection with Watling's Track. (There will be a marshall there to make sure you don't miss this turn.)

Head east and north on Watling's Track until it meets the Crater Rim track about 0.7 km on.

Now you follow the outward track in reverse back to Dyer's Pass (3.4 km from starting on Watling's Track).

Cross Dyer's Pass Road and slightly down on the eastern (harbour) side, cross a stile to join the Cedric's Track route described on Map 2.