

Remembrance Trail



Anzac Park 1 is the main memorial for the city commemorating all wars. This memorial was part of a bridge crossing nearby Saltwater Creek and it moved to the present park site in March 1988. Wander around the park to discover various garden plaques commemorating specific sectors of the armed forces such as the 23rd Battalion under an olive tree.

The Returned Services Association (RSA) section within the **Wakapuaka Cemetery 2** is shown on the information board at the cemetery gates on Atawhai Drive. A beautiful view over the harbour is found in this tranquil setting.

The names of those who died in the world wars from Wakapuaka and the Whangamoia area are on the plinth beside the **Wakapuaka Hall 3** about 20km North of Nelson on State Highway 6.

The **Albert Pitt Memorial Gates 4** at the entrance to the charming Victorian style **Queens Gardens** which opened in 1892 and houses the **Boer War Memorial 5** in the central lawn area.

Above the central city is **Church Hill** (also known as **Pikimai**). Leading up to the Cathedral are the **Church Steps 6** also known as the Cawthron steps which were originally planned as a memorial to Albert Pitt, Minister of Defence, Lt Colonel of the NZ Militia and C.O. of the Nelson Military District 1877-1899. To your left is the marble **Memorial to the Fallen 7** from World War I. At the entrance to the Cathedral is a **Memorial plaque to the fallen in the Boer War 8** paid for by a penny subscription from local school children.

Nelson Boys College Scriptorium 9 has records and a roll of honour of all Old Boys who have died in all wars. Ring the college for opening hours for visitors.

The **Stoke Memorial gates 10** record and honour the brave from Stoke who died in World War I. East of Stoke is Marsden Valley Road where the Marsden Cemetery **11** can be found. It has a large RSA section which features a memorial rose walk. In 1961 a Lone Pine seedling was planted here by veterans in memory of Gallipoli 1915. Lists of burial plots can be found at the cemetery entrance or online. Further up Marsden Valley Road near the entry to a scenic walkway is the **Marsden Memorial** cairn **12** dedicated to "the boys of Stoke who gave their lives 1939-1945".

On Trent Drive leading to Nelson's airport a **memorial** can be found to Group Captain L.H. Trent **13** who was awarded the highest of all British war decorations, the Victoria Cross, in 1946.

Along the city waterfront near the Nelson Yacht Club is the **The HMS Neptune Memorial 14** which relates to four Nelson men killed in 1941 in the New Zealand Navy's worst incident relating to loss of life when 150 New Zealanders died after the ship ran into a minefield off the coast of Libya.

At Founders Park a **Wall of Remembrance 15** lists all men and women of all services who served in WW1. The 684 who died are marked. The original face of the Anzac Park Cenotaph is also sited there.

For more information on any of these sites go to www.nelson.govt.nz, where you will also find other heritage trails and information about Bike Nelson and Walk Nelson publications. Stories of some of the soldiers can be found on www.theprow.org.nz



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Nelson pays homage to those who died in war with a number of memorials in picturesque spots around the city environs. As they cover a large area a specific route is not suggested as some may be cycled to, some may need a car.

A Memorial Walk map is available for a walking trail within the central city area.

