

LEGEND

- Art Piece
- Public Toilets
- Public Parking
- Rest Area
- Railway Station
- Museum
- Visitors Centre
- Swimming
- Playground
- Skatepark
- Fitness centre
- Kaikōura Lookout
- Photo Frame
- Mayfair Theatre
- Fyffe House

- Discovery Trail
  4km, approx 1 hour walk time
- Optional Lookout Walk
  1km, approx 20 min walk time (hill incline)
- Walking tracks

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Scan for the stories behind each artwork

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There's plenty more to discover

This map features just a small selection of Kaikōura's public art. Keep your eyes peeled as you explore, you never know what other amazing artwork you'll discover along the way.

Legend:

- Mural
- Sculpture
- Cultural
- Memorial

Under the Sea

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Location: On the Whale Trail
Creation: Mary Ashwell, Mae McFetrish
Commissioned/funded by: The Whale Trail, Kiwi Rail

This mural transforms a small KiwiRail building on the Whale Trail and is designed by 15 year old Mae McFetrish.

Railway Earthquake Monument

2



Location: Kaikōura Railway Station
Creation: Ben Foster Sculpture
Commissioned by: KiwiRail

Created from railway tracks salvaged from the November 2016 Kaikōura earthquake, this sculpture honours the 1,500 people who reconnected the coastal communities.

Symbolic Gateway

3



Location: West End
Creation: Brett Pettit, Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura
Commissioned by: NCTIR

Westend Rail Bridge's murals are a collaboration between a local artist and Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura, and tell the story of early Kaikōura settlement.

Dawn On The Ocean

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Location: Adelphi Park, West End
Creation: Jane Riley

This ocean themed mural celebrates Kaikōura's rich marine life.

Sperm Whale

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Location: West End
Creation: Brett Pettit
Commissioned by: NCTIR

This mural was created 20 years ago and was refreshed after the building was damaged in the earthquake as a gift from the North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery.

Kekeno - Reflect & Protect

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Location: Kaikōura Amphitheatre
Creation: Ben Foster
10 year loan to the Kaikōura community

This sculpture is inspired by the iconic Kaikōura fur seal and the snowy Kaikōura ranges.

The Shearwaters

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Location: Kaikōura Amphitheatre
Creation: Genevieve Lintott
Commissioned by: Kaikōura District Council

This mural transforms everyday urban spaces into immersive storytelling canvases and invites us to reconnect with our unique setting, the joining of land and sea.

Mountains to Sea

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Location: Jade Kiwi, West End
Creation and design: Geoff Noble
Commissioned by: Jade Kiwi

A striking mural depicting the Seaward Kaikōura Ranges, coastline and surf, dolphins, and kōwhai motifs, woven together with Māori-inspired patterns.

Whale Bone Arches

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Location: Memorial Gardens
Creation: Lydia Washington

Historic whale-bone arches are a distinctive feature of Kaikōura's Garden of Memories, created and Lydia Washington as a memorial to local people who served and died in the First World War.

Kaikōura Playcentre Cultural Garden

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Location: Kaikōura Playcentre
Creation: Mary and Greg Ashwell – Atawera Art
Commissioned by: Kaikōura Playcentre
Whares: Designed and built by LMC Building

This mural celebrates Kaikōura's cultural, historical and natural environment. Alongside it, two small whare reflect the heritage of this special site.

Dusky Dolphins

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Location: Mayfair Arts & Culture Centre
Creation: Bill Scott
Commissioned by: The White Morph

This large-scale mural stretches along the side of the historic Mayfair Theatre, celebrating one of our most recognisable marine residents.

Family Carving

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Location: Esplanade
Creation: Gabriel Young

Carved from macrocarpa, this wooden sculpture depicts a family, transforming the timber into a celebration of family, connection and the character of Kaikōura's coastal landscape.

Kaikōura by the Sea

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Location: Old Lion's Pool & Gooches Toilet
Creation: C. Jean Laming and Mat Scott

These vibrant and colourful murals celebrate life by the sea in Kaikōura.

Rākaihautū – Kō & Pouwhenua

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Location: Wakatu Quay
Creation: Crafted by Art Fetiche
Designed by: Riki Manuel
Commissioned by: Kaikōura District Council

These artworks tell the story of Rākaihautū. A kō represents the digging stick used to shape the lakes and waterways of Te Waipounamu, while a nearby pouwhenua represents Rākaihautū himself, looking towards Matariki.

Pou Tangaroa

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Location: Fyffe House
Creation: Makarini Solomon, Ngāti Kurī

Pou Tangaroa marks the cultural significance of Wai o puka, a place of Māori settlement for centuries. Named for Tangaroa, atua of the sea, the pou represents the deep connections between this place, its people and the ocean.

Our Ocean, Our Taonga

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Location: Kaikōura Lookout
Creation: Genevive Lintott
Commissioned by: Encounter Foundation

This mural overlooks the township with the stunning Kaikōura ranges in the backdrop and shows many different marine species dancing within the clouds.