

What people say about the Carrot Park

A fun stop

Even though it was raining and we're grown adults, we couldn't help stopping and walking around this colorful park. Oversized veggies were colorful and fun. And the bathrooms here are top-notch! A fun break in our drive.



So fun & creative!

This place is awesome. Right next to the lovely stream, it offers loads of space, tables for picnics, and lots of different activities. Suitable for all ages!! It's so much fun, well worth a look.

Lovely playground

Great playground for young kids. Gym for the big kids. Walks into town from the park. Must see if you have got young kids.



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Ohakune Carrot

Not so much 'Don't miss' as 'Impossible to miss', this roadside tribute to Ohakune's biggest crop was erected in 1984 and quickly became one of NZ's most hugged 'Big Things'.



Carrots were first grown in the area during the 1920s by Chinese settlers, who cleared the land by hand and explosives. Ohakune now grows two-thirds of the North Island's total crop.

The Carrot Park

The Carrot Park, developed through the fundraising efforts and hard work of local community groups Ohakune 2000 Inc. and Ohakune Growers Association, and supported by Council, was officially opened on 1 October 2016. Four years in the making, the park sees Ohakune's famous giant carrot joined by some cartoon vegetable friends including a swede, potato, and Brussels sprout and parsnip. The cartoon veges have been fashioned out of high-density polystyrene and then fibreglassed. Information boards about vegetables, Chinese growers and forestry pay homage to the district's history. A heritage path with bricks name the many growers who have been part of the Ohakune community over the years.



Facilities

The Carrot Park offers excellent public restrooms and a mobile van and caravan wastewater dumping station.



Playground and Walking Tracks

The Park also offers short walks, picnic spots alongside the meandering Mangateitei Stream, a bike pump track, a bmx track, a playground and a Mazda carrot car carved out of a log of old-man pine.

