

Family Fun in the Waimakariri Countryside



Only 20 minutes north of Christchurch the Waimakariri district is a great place to bring family to play, explore and have fun! Take your pick with the following family day out suggestions or mix it up to suit the kids; fishing, biking, sailing, kayaking, beaches and bush walks.



Fishing and Biking

Explore the river town of Kaiapoi

Kaiapoi is easily accessed from the Northern Motorway, State Highway 1, just 20 minutes north of Christchurch. The Kaiapoi River meanders through the town and the riverbanks offer a great spot to cast a line. Fish for a herring or two, or in season, maybe a trout or salmon (license required for trout and salmon fishing). Call into Kaiapoi i-SITE Visitor Centre and hire a fishing rod or a mountain bike.



Sailing and Kayaking at Pegasus Lake

Give it a go on Pegasus Lake or go mountain biking around Pegasus Town

With a beautifully landscaped feature lake for swimming and kayaking, bike and walking trails, as well as wetlands, Pegasus Town with its park-like surroundings is a mecca for all recreation and outdoor pursuits.



Try out sailing with optimist sailing yachts, piccolos, single and double kayaks and mountain bikes available for hire at the Pegasus Lake Hire Centre. Sailing lessons are available by arrangement, and group booking available outside of open hours. Open hours, address details and map on Activities page of www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz

Beaches of Woodend, Pegasus and Waikuku

Wide sandy beaches and coastal tracks to explore

Access the beaches from SH1, and find playgrounds, spacious sheltered reserves for picnicking and games, and only minutes to walk to wide sandy beaches from the car parks. Waikuku and Woodend Beaches both have Holiday Parks, and are popular summer holiday destinations.



The Tuhaitara Coastal Park stretches from the Waimakariri River to the Ashley River, and a recently completed shared mountain bike and walking track goes between Woodend and Waikuku Beaches (5kms each way), and an access to Pegasus Town is half way along the track



Trampolining in Rangiora

Bounce and play on the ICE Trampolines

A full size Olympic trampoline and 5 sets of trampolines and a foam pit make this a fantastic place to take the kids to bounce and have a lot of fun! Open hours, address details and map on Activities page of www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz



Swimming in Rangiora and Oxford

Splash and have a great time in the swimming pools

The swimming pools are a great place to take the kids, with fun play pools and laned swimming pools, Rangiora offer the indoor option at Dudley Park Aquatic Centre and the outdoors in Oxford. Open hours, address details and map on Activities page of www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz

Bush Walks



Wander the tracks at Oxford Forest, Glentui, Mt Thomas, or go for a wander and splash in the Ashley Gorge – take a picnic and experience being in

the lush green bush with the sweet smells of mountain beech.

These areas offer an exceptional environment in close proximity to Christchurch, from only 45 to 60 minutes drive to be stepping out amongst beautiful native bush and woodland surroundings. Choose from walks of only half an hour, to an hour or two, and even full day hikes that will give you impressive views across the Canterbury plains to Banks Peninsula.

Mt Oxford, Glentui and Mt Richardson and Mt Thomas all have formed and marked tracks that are part of the North Canterbury Foothills Forests maintained by the Department of Conservation. A camping ground and picnic area is very popular summer destination with holiday makers and visitors at the Ashley Gorge.



Kaiapoi i-SITE

The Kaiapoi i-SITE is your ultimate source of itinerary advice and trusted local knowledge.

They offer a FREE booking service for accommodation, activities and transport throughout Waimakariri district, as well as Christchurch, Canterbury and New Zealand.

Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am - 5pm,
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