

# Short Walks in the Waimakariri Countryside



Pack the picnic basket, gather up your family and friends and head to the great outdoors of the Waimakariri district. Only 20 minutes north of Christchurch is an idyllic countryside destination that offers lots of choices for short walks from sandy beaches, to a lake with golden sand beaches, wetlands, river side tracks, to the foothill tracks through native bush.

Take your pick from the following short walk suggestions, suitable for all ages...



## Matawai Park, Rangiora

**15 to 30 minutes return**

The 4 hectare native park located in the centre of Rangiora, is planted to reflect Canterbury's hill country, plains and swamp vegetation.



## Pegasus Lake

**20 to 45 minutes return**

The new lake is a great destination for walking, with a formed track all the way round and golden sandy beaches at the lake edge.



## Ohoka Stream Historic Walk

**40 minutes return**

Located within the country lifestyle area of Ohoka, is a walkway that you can follow around the village and discover the historic homes and places.



## Kaiapoi 150yr Walkway

**30 minutes to 1 hour return**

Following the Kaiapoi River, this walk can be started at any point in the town centre. Most of the walkway is open and you can contact Kaiapoi i-SITE to get an update of the track and bridge access.



## Mears Track, Oxford

**20 minutes return**

Located only 5 minutes drive from Oxford, this walking track is one of the last stands of native bush close to the township. The track is well marked, and is a great place to introduce young children to walking in the bush.



## Glentui Loop / Glentui Waterfall Tracks

**30 minutes and 1 hour return**

This is a very popular recreational area with two shorter tracks that are ideal for enjoying the native bush and bird life.

## Mt Thomas; Kereru Track / Forest Track

**1 to 2 hours return.**

This is an excellent area to walk and the Kereru and Forest tracks are very pretty bush walks. The Wooded Gully camping and picnic area offer lots of neat grassy areas for picnicking and to set up camp for overnights stays.

Need a coffee and refreshments after your walk?

**We suggest you stop in at...**

- Rangiora: Good Street Deli  
Blue Rooster Café  
Artisan by Rangiora Bakery  
Continental Bakery  
Café de la Gare
- Pegasus: Flat White Café  
Bunker Bar & Café
- Ohoka: Ohoka Farmers Market  
(every Friday 9am – 12.30pm)
- Kaiapoi: Kaiapoi Club & Bistro Bar
- Oxford: Seagars at Oxvford  
Café 51
- Cust: Route 72 Café Bar & Emporium



These walks are all included in the Waimakariri Walking & Cycling brochure, which is available from Kaiapoi i-SITE Visitor Centre, or from [www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz](http://www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz)

For more information about these short walks, accommodation options, and cafes, contact the friendly staff at the Kaiapoi i-SITE Visitor Centre for personal assistance or view our district website: [www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz](http://www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz)



## 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.

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