

official visitor guide



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***Ashburton • Methven  
Mt Hutt • Mt Somers  
Staveley • Rakaia***

# mid canterbury is tops!

I live & play in Mid  
Canterbury because the  
environment, its people  
and experiences are  
'Bloody Gorgeous Mate!'  
'Ken'

**AKA LINDA TOPP**  
New Zealand  
Icon, Entertainer  
& Comedian

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# welcome to mid canterbury

- every season, every reason

Stretching from the Southern Alps to the Pacific Ocean, with stunning snow-capped Mt Hutt as its backdrop and bordered by impressive braided rivers and crystal clear lakes, Mid Canterbury is a compelling destination with an inspiring range of both energetic and relaxing activities, complemented by genuine New Zealand heartland hospitality.

Your South Island experience begins within just an hour's drive from Christchurch International Airport where you can enjoy skiing or snowboarding, white-water rafting, skydiving, jet boating, horse riding, country golf courses, gardens of blazing blooms, relics of aviation and transport history, hiking or mountain biking.

A cluster of high country lakes lures avid fly fishers, a hot air balloon or heli flight provides a bird's eye view of a magnificently varied landscape, or a 4WD adventure can take you on a journey into the high country wilderness. You'll enjoy great dining options at many cafes & restaurants throughout the district. From the classic kiwi takeaway, or NZ country pub meal, to delicious first-class fare Mid Canterbury is an exciting gourmet destination.

Enjoy local dishes such as beef, lamb, venison and salmon made with fresh ingredients harvested from within the region, complemented by award-winning New Zealand wines and craft beers. Be ready for taste sensations, savour the freshest flavours, meet the locals and experience the Mid Canterbury delights!

Whatever your budget, Mid Canterbury has a range of accommodation options. Choose from friendly backpacker hostels, lodges, motels, hotel or restful bed and breakfasts and farm stays - all extending warm welcomes with traditional rural hospitality.

"a must to include in your holiday with scenery so magnificent it will take your breath away."



# how to get here

Mid Canterbury's district begins just 80kms from Christchurch International Airport on the direct route to other South Island regions including Dunedin, Wanaka, Queenstown and Milford Sound.

Stay as long as you can to explore and experience this beautiful district to the fullest. If your time is short, make it your first stop after arriving at Christchurch Airport, so you can make a more leisurely journey of discovering the South Island.

## by air

See the South Island's spectacular Alps, glaciers, rivers, forests and patchwork plains as you descend into Christchurch. The stunning upgraded Christchurch International Airport is a first class passenger experience. For something completely different, you can charter a classic DC3 for your group, directly to Ashburton Airport.


## by rental car/motorhome

Collect your rental car or motorhome from Christchurch Airport and journey south across the plains, one of New Zealand's most extensive and fertile agricultural areas.

## by coach

National bus operators such as Intercity and shuttle services operate daily from Christchurch to Mid Canterbury and on to other South Island regions.

### Travel Distances

	Christchurch						distance in kilometres							
Rakaia	57	Rakaia	Ashburton											
Ashburton	86	29	Ashburton	Hinds	Lake Coleridge									
Hinds	100	40	11	Hinds	Lake Coleridge	Rakaia Gorge								
Lake Coleridge	120	95	95	108	Lake Coleridge	Rakaia Gorge	Methven							
Rakia Gorge	85	55	51	64	45	Rakaia Gorge	Methven	Mt Hutt						
Methven	99	40	34	47	59	14	Methven	Mt Hutt	Staveley					
Mt Hutt	103	55	45	60	60	10	11	Mt Hutt	Staveley	Mt Somers				
Staveley	115	40	40	33	75	25	28	23	Staveley	Mt Somers	Geraldine			
Mt Somers	120	43	40	29	80	30	34	28	5	Mt Somers	Geraldine	Timaru		
Geraldine	133	75	46	33	122	77	78	75	52	47	Geraldine	Timaru	Wanaka	
Timaru	162	105	76	63	151	116	128	111	88	83	36	Timaru	Wanaka	
Wanaka	424	367	338	324	408	363	372	348	338	333	286	273	Wanaka	
Queenstown	486	429	400	386	468	423	434	421	398	393	346	335	117	

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# airborne adventures



## points of interest

Take a scenic balloon flight or a wedding package including champagne breakfast

Scenic fixed-wing or helicopter flights including alps and glaciers experiences

Skydive over Mt Hutt and the Canterbury Plains

Charter a DC3 flight for your group

Visit the renowned Ashburton Aviation Museum, one of New Zealand's finest

Heliskiing virgin snow in the pristine Southern Alps



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This is a land of outstanding contrasts - snow-capped alps, sparkling lakes, winding braided rivers, high country farm, wide patchwork plains, clusters of rural villages and towns and the sweeping Pacific coastline . . .

One of the best ways to experience it all is from the air. Choose from one of the many airborne adventures on offer. From adrenalin free-falling at 200kph to a gentle glide suspended by a balloon. Whatever your choice, it will be an experience never forgotten. You'll be blown away by the magnificent scenery.



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- skydivingnz.com - Pg 45



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# land adventures



## points of interest

Six golf courses and an international golf resort

New Zealand's Alpine & Agricultural Encounter

Horse trekking and Clydesdale wagon safaris through Hakatere Conservation Park

Mt Sunday, home of Edoras for 'Lord of the Rings'

Guided alpine trekking with fine dining and private cabins

Trophy hunting with specialised guides

Trotts Garden, a garden of national significance

4WD adventures into remote high country wilderness





Mid Canterbury is a panorama of plains and peaks. The broad landscape punctuated with rivers, lakes, forests and mountains, provides every ingredient for an amazing array of attractions, activities and leisure pursuits, as active or passive as you desire.

Uncover fascinating history on the the heritage trails. Browse the bustling arts, crafts and farmers' markets. Venture into high country wilderness on foot, by mountain bike, on a horse trek or 4WD adventure. Tee off at picturesque country golf courses. Trophy hunt in the backcountry.

Relax and pamper yourself with a spa treatment and massage, or experience new taste sensations and creative experiences on The Mid-Canterbury Food & Wine Trail.



## more information

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# parks & recreation



## points of interest

Ashburton Domain

Tinwald Domain

Rakaia Gorge Walkway

Awa Awa Rata Reserve

Rakaia River

Terrace Walkway

Methven Walkway

Hakatere River Trail

Ashburton  
Swimming Pool

Rakaia River

Rangitata River

Lake Hood -  
rowing, yachting, water  
skiing, lakefront dining  
& residential subdivision



Within easy walking distance of Ashburton shopping precinct is the Ashburton Domain with expansive lawns, trees, gardens and sports grounds. It's a favourite picnic spot, surrounded by many specimen and exotic trees.

Just off SH1, Tinwald Domain is a large, open space with a children's playground and a picturesque lake, enclosed by tall stately trees. Two large oaks at the lake entrance were planted by the Duke and Duchess of York (later King George V and Queen Mary) to mark their visit in 1901.

The Mt Somers Conservation Area offers a variety of walks and hikes. From Staveley there's a short scenic walk into Sharplin Falls and swimming hole. Woolshed Creek provides a sheltered picnic area and several short walks, including the Nature Trail and Sidewinder Track.

Rakaia Gorge Walkway, traverses the edge of the Rakaia River, offering unique geological and historic features and amazing views. You can take a jet boat up the river and walk back.

Awa Awa Rata Reserve provides a variety of walks ranging from a 10 minute stroll to a 4.5km tramp onto a mountain ridge, with magnificent views of the Canterbury Plains.

## more information

- i-SITE Visitor Centres
- [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz)
- [midcanterburynz.com](http://midcanterburynz.com)



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# conservation areas



## points of interest

Lakes Heron, Emma, Camp, Clearwater, Roundabout & Maori Lakes

Mountain biking routes & horse trekking

Kettlehole Wetland Project

Hakaterere historic buildings

Mt Somers Track, Sharplin Falls, Woolshed Creek, Mt Alford Track

Part of New Zealand's Te Araroa Trail

Extensive short walks, day walks & multi-day hikes





The district's back country is its best kept secret - mountains, lakes, endangered birds, vast landscapes, rainforests, waterfalls and braided rivers. . . .

Hakaterere Conservation Park covers 69,000 hectares of rugged mountain country. Tussocklands, beech forest and sparkling lakes spread between two mighty rivers, the Rakaia and Rangitata. Proposed for World Heritage listing, the Park offers many recreational opportunities. These include swimming, boating, tramping, climbing, skiing, hunting, mountain biking, horse riding and fishing. For more contemplative activities there are places to picnic and to camp. There are many areas where the natural history and biodiversity of the region can be appreciated, with interests such as bird watching and fossicking for some prime examples of the varied geology to be explored.

In addition to recreational pursuits, the pristine Canterbury lakes and beech forests offer important wildlife refuges for many species, including some endangered and rare examples. Guides are available for eco-tours, bird-watching and photography.

## more information

- DOC Geraldine
- i-SITE Visitor Centres
- [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)
- [hakaterereheritage.co.nz](http://hakaterereheritage.co.nz)
- [midcanterburynz.com](http://midcanterburynz.com)



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# water adventures



## points of interest

Family day out at Lake Hood Recreation Area - waterskiing, yachting, rowing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, or lakefront dining

Jet boat through the stunning Rakaia Gorge

Visit Salmon World aquariums

Fish for trout and salmon in the many waterways

Feed the ducks in the Ashburton or Tinwald Domains

Raft the white waters of the Rangitata Gorge

Windsurf on Lake Clearwater





The many rivers, streams and lakes abound with trout and salmon - it's an anglers paradise.

Arriving into the district from Christchurch you'll cross the Rakaia River bridge, the longest in the Southern hemisphere. Upstream, experience a jet boat tour through the stunning Rakaia Gorge or hold tight on a Grade 5 white water raft ride on the Rangitata River.

In addition to pleasurable boating, kayaking, swimming and fishing, the Canterbury lakes also provide important wildlife refuges for rare species such as the endangered Southern Crested Grebe.

Close to Ashburton town is the beautiful man-made Lake Hood, with a rowing course, water ski park, and residential area. While on the shore of Lake Hood you can enjoy lakefront dining.



## more information

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- Ashburton Hunting & Fishing - Pg 35
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- Salmon World - Pg 60



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# cycling adventures



## points of interest

Over 20 trails at Mt Hutt Bike Park - family - friendly cross country trails through to national series downhill courses

A short sweet ride along the banks of the Ashburton River to the man-made Lake Hood.

Cycle through some of the most spectacular high country of the Hakatere Conservation Park.

Lake Emma to Lake Camp - a comfortable family ride

Great annual cycle events throughout the district

Ashburton River Trail 28km of fantastic riding to the coast and the southern ocean

The Hakatere Conservation Park encompasses at least 12 rides from short duration to full and multi-day trips



There are more mountain biking options, for every level of expertise and confidence, in Mid Canterbury that are unequalled. You can stay and play for days on our trails! . . .

Enjoy the picturesque 7.5km ride from Lake Hood to Ashburton township. Explore a network of family-friendly cross-country forest trails from the lower slopes of Mt Hutt or the Donkey Swamp track over rolling hill trails suitable for all riders.

Hakatere Conservation Park extends over 65,000 hectares and has opened up a vast area of open tussock country, rolling foothills, mountains and lakes, offering many excellent day and multi-day trails. The beautiful Canterbury lakes - Clearwater, Emma and Camp - are all a relaxed comfortable ride from one to the next.

The Methven Walkway is an easy bike ride along the Rangitata Diversion Water Race. For the more adventurous, the Mt Hutt Downhill trails provide an almost limitless playground with superb rides on open 4WD and skidder tracks, epic single track and jumps.

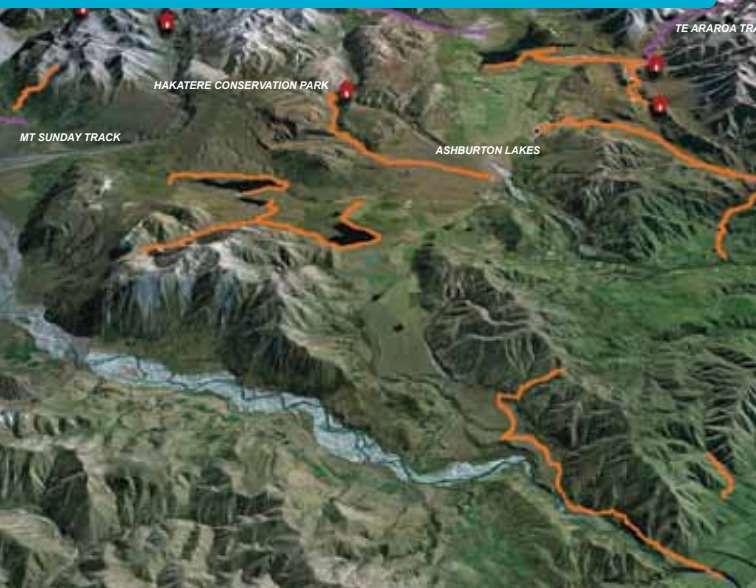
The Braided Waters Cycle Trail is a multi-day cycle concept under development, for family and friends to enjoy a pleasant cycle of up to 145kms.

## more information

- Chill Summer Adventures Guide
- i-SITE Visitor Centres
- Paul Wylie Cyclorama - Pg 36
- [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)
- [greatrides.info](http://greatrides.info)
- [licencetoride.co.nz](http://licencetoride.co.nz)



Dave Mitchell







## hakatere









## mt hutt



## ashburton



### KEY

-  Biking/Walking Trail
-  Tramping Only Trail
-  Beginner Trail
-  Intermediate Trail
-  Hard Out Trail
-  DOC Huts



VISIT [greatrides.info](http://greatrides.info)  
[greathikes.info](http://greathikes.info)

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# winter adventures



## points of interest

Spectacular Southern Alps views & Glaciers

Heliskiing fresh powder

Après ski drinks in local towns

Try Ice Skating & Curling surrounded by native beech forest on one of the few natural outdoor rinks left in the country

'Dinning with the stars' at Mt Hutt, one of NZ's most unique dining experiences

Check out Methven Mt Hutt Spring Festival

New Zealand's Snow History archives/museum/attraction

Snow parks for tricks, jumps & jibbing





From world renowned Mt Hutt Ski Area, with its great snow and one of the longest seasons in the Southern Hemisphere, to heliskiing or boarding the virgin snow of the back bowls of the Southern Alps, this region has it all. Not only that, but base yourself in our resort town Methven and you can access any number of ski areas in the Canterbury region all within relatively short scenic drives.

Everything is here – equipment rental, mountain transport, après ski by day and night, a wide range of accommodation and many off-mountain attractions including skydiving, ballooning, ice skating, jet boating and golf. So for family snow fun, cross country touring, off piste, park jumps or glacier heliskiing, join us in our amazing space, just an hour from Christchurch International Airport.



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- amazingspace.co.nz
- midcanterburynz.com



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# cultural adventures



## points of interest

Visit NZ's Alpine & Agricultural Encounter, showcasing the district's contrasting history

Discover one of NZ's finest collections of historical aircraft

Take in a show at the Ashburton Trust Events Centre

Mt Somers Heritage Trail

Explore the Plains Vintage Railway and Historical Museum

View thought-provoking and innovative art exhibitions

Spend time at Barrhill historical village and Longbeach Estate exploring the history of the region

Single Tree – Hine - Paaka



There's a treasure trove of history and artefacts to discover throughout the district to satisfy any interest. In addition to museums in Ashburton and Mt Somers, there's also a Harness Racing Museum, an Aviation Museum, a woodworking museum and many historic homesteads and churches. A copy of the Methven heritage walk map is available from the i-SITEs.

Pioneer relics and buildings can be seen at the Plains Historic Village in Tinwald, with its working vintage railway, and also the impressive Ashburton Vintage Car Club Museum.

Intriguing glimpses into life past include the old lime kilns at Staveley and Mt Somers, coal mines at Woolshed Creek, the old 1860s' Hakatere stone homestead and Barrhill historic village.

There's also a rich diversity of art and craft. Ashburton Art Gallery presents an exciting exhibition programme and the impressive Ashburton Events Centre hosts a number of shows and events during the year. Ashford Art & Craft Village is the home of the spinning wheel and a cluster of enticing craft shops.

Many different festivals add colour and vitality, including the Annual Methven Summer School, the Rakaia Craft Market, as well as a number of weekend farmers' markets throughout the district.

## more information

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- Ashburton Aviation Museum – pg 31
- Ashburton Museum – pg 31
- New Zealand's Alpine & Agricultural Encounter – pg 45
- [midcanterburyheritagetrail.co.nz](http://midcanterburyheritagetrail.co.nz)
- [marketground.co.nz/fmnzmethven](http://marketground.co.nz/fmnzmethven)
- [marketground.co.nz/fmnzashburton](http://marketground.co.nz/fmnzashburton)



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# golf



Your gateway to six of Mid-Canterbury's finest golf courses.

Mid-Canterbury is a golfer's dream, and offers the best all round golf experience in the South Island. There are some of the finest 'real country' courses where you can tee off with confidence, whatever your handicap. With an absolutely stunning view of mountains and river, it's hard to keep your eye on the ball at Terrace Downs Resort. Its 18-hole championship course rated one of the top golfing destinations in New Zealand. Based at the foothills of the Southern Alps, there are very few scenic alpine courses like it.

All are within half an hour's drive from the centre of Ashburton - the choice is yours. Or why not jump on board with Amazing Space Golf, creators of a range of custom golf tours for you and your group?

## points of interest

Amazing Space Golf Tours  
Ashburton Golf Course  
Mayfield Golf Course  
Methven Golf Course  
Rakaia Golf Course  
Tinwald Golf Course  
Terrace Downs Resort

## more information

- Amazing Space Golf – Pg 46
- Terrace Downs – Pg 50
- [midcanterburynz.com](http://midcanterburynz.com)

# experience mid canterbury conferences

It's time to meet in Mid Canterbury. With Ashburton's and Methven's new state-of-the-art event centres, hotels and resort venues, and with quality lodges suitable for overnight management retreats, Mid Canterbury is an ideal convention and conference location for large conferences, small meetings and events – and only one hour south from Christchurch.

The surrounding mountains and high country lakes of Mid Canterbury provide not only a stress-free environment for any conference or meeting, but also a wide range of accommodation options, active and passive activities and many stimulating and fun team-building options.

Destination and event management is available, providing a wide range of dynamic programmes and services to assist in delivering outstanding conference and incentive events, combining a personalised approach with innovative outcomes.



## points of interest

DC3 scenic flight charters

Heritage themes –  
aviation, classic car,  
vintage railway

Lakeside dining

London Double Decker  
bus charters

Themed gala dinners

High country banquets

Garden tours

## more information

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# events

[www.midcanterburyevents.com](http://www.midcanterburyevents.com) for event information



## may

- **Ashburton Car Club Street Sprints** - ASHBURTON
- **Ashburton Speedway** - ASHBURTON
- **Ashburton Vintage Car Club Swap Meet** - ASHBURTON
- **Ashburton Wheels Week** - ASHBURTON
- **Ashburton Social Motorbike Riders** - ASHBURTON

## june

- **Harness Jewels** - ASHBURTON
- **Mt Hutt Ski Area Opening** - MT HUTT
- **Ashburton Society of Arts Exhibition** - ASHBURTON
- **Ashburton Highland & National Dancing** - ASHBURTON

## september

- **Boulevard Day** - ASHBURTON
- **Bookarama** - ASHBURTON
- **Spring Festival** - MT HUTT

## october

- **Methven Rodeo** - METHVEN
- **Ashburton A&P Show** - ASHBURTON





## november

- Frost Busters (TBC) - METHVEN
- Rakaia Fireworks Show - RAKAIA
- Methven Multi Sponsored Golf Tournament - METHVEN
- Teva Big Day Out of the Office - METHVEN
- Longbeach Coastal MTB Challenge - ASHBURTON

## december

- Santa Parade - ASHBURTON
- South Island Half Ironman - ASHBURTON

## january

- Methven Summer School - METHVEN
- Lake Hood River Trail challenge - ASHBURTON

## february

- Mobilehome Extravaganza - ASHBURTON
- Rakaia Fishing Competition - RAKAIA
- Concert in the Park - ASHBURTON
- Multicultural Bite - ASHBURTON
- Girls on Bikes - METHVEN

## march

- Arrowsmith Three Ride & Run - METHVEN
- Back Country Bike Bonanza - MT SOMERS
- Mayfield A&P Show - MAYFIELD
- Methven A&P Show - METHVEN
- NZ National Dragon Boat Championships - ASHBURTON
- South Island Dragon Boat Championships - ASHBURTON

## april

- Methven Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Street Race - METHVEN
- Mt Somers MTB Race - MT SOMERS

Farmers/craft markets are held in Ashburton, Rakaia & Methven on a regular basis.

Ashburton Art Gallery, Methven Heritage Centre and Terrace Downs hold exhibitions continually throughout the year.

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# ashburton



## points of interest

Take a scenic flight over the Canterbury Plains

Spend a family day on sparkling Lake Hood

Challenge yourself to a round of country golf

Visit a Garden of National Significance

Sample a local vintage

Book in for live theatre or a musical

Visit Ashford's Handicrafts home, of the Spinning Wheel

View the range of restored Bentley and Rolls-Royce Cars at Bruce McIlroy Ltd

Visit the Ashburton Art Gallery and view exciting and innovative exhibitions



Ashburton is the bustling hub of the district which is called New Zealand's granary. Combining city facilities and vibrancy with rural town friendliness, you'll appreciate the high quality shopping precincts, eclectic cafés and restaurants, craft shops, nationally recognised art gallery and museum.

Lake Hood, on the outskirts of Ashburton, is a paradise for water enthusiasts with a wide range of activities including swimming, yachting, boating and waterskiing. Enjoy coffee or dining at the lakefront restaurant and watch the world go by.

Top class sporting facilities cater for all codes and include an international-standard hockey pitch, superb tennis courts and challenging golf courses.

The annual 'Wheels Week' in May showcases many heritage attractions, including the Ashburton Vintage Car Museum, the Plains Railway and Historical Village and the Ashburton Aviation Museum, which are all worth visiting year round.

Whether you're here on holiday, for a conference or sports event, enjoy traditional heartland hospitality in accommodation to suit your style and budget.

## more information

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ateventcentre.co.nz

## Ashburton Trust Event Centre

Ashburton's newest Performing Arts & Conference Venue is designed to cater for your every need when it comes to hosting Conferences, Stage shows, Trade displays, Seminars and Product launches. From catering to car parking we have it all.

We are passionate about what we do and look forward to meeting you.

### Key Statistics

- O-Reilly Auditorium: Theatre 498  
Tabled seating 90
- Bradford Room: Cocktail 180  
Theatre 140  
Banquet 100
- Car parking available
- Wireless internet
- Wheelchair access
- Air Conditioned comfort
- Lighting hire
- Agent for Ticket Direct

211a Wills Street  
**P** +64 3 307 2010  
info@ateventcentre.co.nz



airrangitata.co.nz

## Air Rangitata

Air Rangitata offers you awe-inspiring scenic flights and charters from our base - 40kms west of Ashburton.

The possibilities are endless with Milford Sound only 90 minutes away, observing the South Island's most magnificent alpine scenery en route, Mt Cook and the famous West Coast glaciers and stunning coastal scenery are also only 30 - 40 minutes away via the Rangitata Gorge. Be amazed!

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## Anglers Retreat Adventures

A keen fisherman, Brent specialises in guided Salmon fishing trip throughout the South Island and provides you with a professional service, stalking and catching your catch of the day.

All tackle and fishing licences supplied. Other activities include water skiing, helicopter rides and many more exciting adventures.

**P** +64 3 302 6686  
fishybrent@hotmail.com

## Ashburton Art Gallery

The Ashburton Art Gallery is an accessible, exciting and innovative regional public art gallery which is a source of pride to the Ashburton District community. The Gallery presents a varied, thought provoking and innovative programme of local, national and internationally sourced exhibitions.

Open 7 Days, 10am – 4pm, Wednesday nights till 7pm. Free admission.

Baring Square East

**P/F** +64 3 308 1133

info@ashburtonartgallery.org.nz



## Ashburton Aviation Museum

Ashburton has a strong aviation history, being a training base (No 2 EFTS) in World War 2 when there were 50 Tiger Moths based here. There are over 20 aircraft on display in the two Museum Buildings plus a workshop. We have probably the largest collection of “Classic” Jets in NZ including a Falklands Vet GR3 Harrier Jump Jet.

Open: 1pm to 3pm daily.

Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 3pm.

Ashburton Airport, Seafield Road

**P** +64 3 308 6408



## Ashburton Museum

Ashburton Museum, situated in the heart of the town, is your first stop to learn about the district's heritage. Displays tell the story of Ashburton's development and the archives allow you to research records and photos from families, companies, churches, schools etc

Open weekdays 10am – 4pm and weekends 1pm – 4pm. Closed statutory holidays.

Baring Square East (Behind the clocktower)

**P** +64 3 308 3167

museum@ashburton.co.nz



## Central Canterbury Helicopters

While in the Ashburton District take the opportunity to view the scenery of the vast Canterbury Plains, the foothills or the rugged high country of the Southern Alps

82 Wilkins Road, Tinwald

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charreesvineyard.co.nz

## CharRees Vineyard

CharRees is a small boutique vineyard situated just south of Ashburton on State Highway 1. Come taste our Riesling, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir wines from grapes that have been grown and picked for optimum flavours.

For Tasting & Purchasing our Cellar Door is open from Wednesday to Sunday - 11am to 4pm or by appointment.

CharRees Vineyard

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 242 773**

wine@charreesvineyard.co.nz



llamatrailsnz.com

## Huntfish Llamas New Zealand

Llama treks are wonderfully calming and environmentally friendly. They'll carry all your belongings - the perfect way for all ages and fitness levels to fully appreciate the spectacular high country scenery. Tours available, one day trek to multi day treks, Fishing Trips and Hunting Trips.



trotts.co.nz

## Trotts Garden

A Garden of National Significance. A must to see for people of all interests and ages. A beautiful and extensive privately owned garden and chapel in Ashburton. Enjoy the damp garden, pond, knot gardens, perennial border, red garden and many rare trees. Featured in many books, magazines and on television. Open Monday to Friday or by arrangement. October to April. Admission charge.

**P +64 03 308 9530**

alan@trotts.co.nz





## Braided Rivers Restaurant & Bar

Versatility, elegance and a vibrant atmosphere, with delectable cuisine from a range of menus. Try our 'gold standard', juicy local steaks, cooked using our USA imported Montague Steakhouse Broiler. Dining options from the elegant restaurant to a courtyard with retractable roof and leather lounge suites, to the bar with hidden nooks and crannies. Enjoy our selection of local and imported wines, to complement your meal.

**Cnr Burnett & Cass Streets**

**P +64 3 307 2541**



## Café Time

Scott, Lisa and the friendly staff welcome you to Café Time... you'll be knocked off your feet by the delectable smell of fresh baking and food made daily on the premises, with a huge range to suit everyone. Wide variety of food, great coffee, delectable fudge, yummy meals, gift baskets, cakes for all occasions, catering. Open daily 6am to 6pm.

**Main Road, Tinwald**

**P +64 3 308 1505**

**info@cafetime.co.nz**



## Speight's Ale House

Beer – Food – Conversation – Enjoyed the Speight's Way. If you're after good hearty portions of Southern food matched with local beer then the Ashburton Speight's Ale House is the place for you. The full range of Speight's beer on tap, including exclusive seasonal beers only to be found at the Ale House. Well priced, and a locals favourite, it is famous for its Lamb Shanks, Venison & Lambs Fry among many other hearty treats.

**Cnr Burnett & Cass Streets**

**P +64 3 308 5980**



## The Shed

Your late night music venue located conveniently in the centre of town – Somerset Lane, just off Burnett Street. With its cool yet rustic interior / exterior, The Shed is the place to be late nights on Fridays and Saturdays. There is more than enough room for everyone to keep the party going.

**Somerset Lane, off Burnett Street**

**P +64 3 308 1227**





somersetgrocer.co.nz

## The Somerset Grocer Café Deli

The café & deli brings you the best local and international produce. and offers breakfast and lunch from Eggs Benedict to a fresh seasonal salad, to a sensational sandwich or a quiche. Or for a quick snack enjoy a freshly baked muffin, a great coffee or a gelato to go. Deli goods from cheese, olives or GF specialities, the Grocer has it all, including hard to find local wines or the not so local whiskey selection.

**Somerset House, Ground Floor, Burnett Street**  
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## A to B Rentals & Autos

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**M +64 27 436 7646**  
**atob@ashburton.co.nz**



## Ashburton Hunting and Fishing

We are situated approximately six hundred metres north of the West Street Walnut Avenue roundabout, beside VTNZ, in behind Beaufort.

Our purpose built 600sqm store is full of specialist gear and knowledgeable staff that can help with all your outdoor needs.

Ashburton Hunting and Fishing prides itself on having the largest range of top quality hunting and fishing gear in the region with a purpose built gunroom holding a great selection of firearms and high-end optics.

Our fishing section boasts a large range of salt and freshwater fishing gear that will cover everything you need to get "out there doing it"!

393 West Street

**P** +64 3 308 5117

**F** +64 3 308 5118

hfashburton@xtra.co.nz



## The Ashburton Arcade

The Ashburton Arcade was built in the late 1800s as a livery stable and wool sale yard. A hive of activity for the central business district until the 1970s when it was left nearly abandoned apart from a few small retail outlets that traded until it was redeveloped as a major retail centre for the town in the mid 1980s.

Today it is a vibrant shopping centre with entrances from East, Burnett and Tancred Streets - full of good shopping, food, internet facilities and services.

Open 6 Days

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

**Apparel:** Chicago Joe, Tots to Teens, Denim Den, Kumfs

**Giftware:** The China Shop, Swarovski, Redmonds Furnishing and Flooring, Robillards Gemtime Jeweller, Kitchen Kapers

**Services:** Vodafone, Arcade Email, Health 2000, Maddisons Hair Salon, Everyprint

**Food:** Hi Sushi, 100 Pipers Bakery & Tearoom





cyclorama.co.nz

## Paul Wylie Cyclorama

At Paul Wylie Cyclorama we are very aware of the needs and requirements of cyclists and sell a wide range of the world's leading brands including Giant, Specilized, Willier, Pinarrello, and Cervelo. We also stock a wide range of accessories, clothing, helmets and shoes. We are able to carry out repairs in our workshop and have a lot of local knowledge about the cycle tracks.

211 Burnett Street

**P** +64 3 307 6443

paul@cyclorama.co.nz



steppingout.net.nz

## Stepping Out

Ashburton's unique fashion shoe store offering stylish quality footwear and accessories along with personalised friendly service.

Flats to Heels - Casual to Special Occasion - with over 30 brands and 150 styles to choose from, you're spoilt for choice.

At Stepping Out we pride ourselves on style, selection and service.

194 East Street

**P** +64 3 308 1819

enquiries@steppingout.net.nz



todds.co.nz

## Todds of Ashburton

A Boutique Fashion Store. Todds of Ashburton over many years has always looked to the future, meeting customers demands, offering exciting quality fashion with friendly service.

Discover an exciting range of women's fashion, lingerie, fashion accessories/shoes and menswear.

314 East Street

**NZFREEPHONE** 0508 312 312

**P** +64 3 308 5089

admin@todds.co.nz



ashburtonmotorlodge.co.nz

## Ashburton Motor Lodge & Conference Centre

Gordon & Barbara welcome you to 17 Warm, Cosy, Spacious Motel units many with Spas. Ideal for Holiday or Business. Conference Centre perfect for 2 to 30 people. Walk to the Racecourse and two restaurants. Minutes from Hospital and Town Centre. 40 Min from Mt Hutt Skiing. Just 1 Hour from Christchurch Airport. Cnr Racecourse Road & West Street (SH1)

**FREEPHONE 0800 427428**

**P +64 3 307 0399 F +64 3 307 0398**

**ashburtonmotorlodge@xtra.co.nz**



bellavistamotelsashburton.co.nz

## Bella Vista Motel

New motel opened 2009. Double glazed for quietness & comfort. 18 superior units - latest modern design. 1 hour to Christchurch Airport & Mt Hutt. Free WiFi - Guest computer. Well lit off street parking - trailer parks. Stroll to restaurants & cafés.

Cnr West Street (SH1) & Saunders Road

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 235 528**

**P +64 3 307 7505**

**stay@bellavistaashburton.co.nz**



ashburton.co.nz/carradale

## Carradale Manor B & B

Sunny spacious home just off State Highway 1 in Ashburton. One queen bedroom with ensuite and two king/twin bedrooms with private bathroom. After offering hospitality for 16 years, we have now retired from Carradale Farm in the country to Carradale Manor in the town where we will continue to operate with those same high standards. Internet access available. "Where people come as strangers and leave as friends". Hosts: Karen & Jim McIntyre.

93 Pages Road

**P +64 3 308 6577 jkmcintyre@xtra.co.nz**



commodoreashburton.co.nz

## Commodore Motor Lodge

With gorgeous gardens, 14 immaculate warm units all serviced daily and the option of a delicious cooked or continental breakfast; you'll thoroughly enjoy your stay with hosts Chris & Paul Marriott. True Kiwi hospitality at its best in the heart of Ashburton. Ground floor units with wireless internet and wheelchair access, BBQ area, play area with trampoline; plus plenty of safe and secure off road parking.

814 East Street

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 108 000**

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**office@commodoreashburton.co.nz**







coronationpark.co.nz

## Coronation Park

Welcome to our accommodation, which suits every budget. Located in a quiet park setting, we offer guests a choice of modern, spacious motel units, self-contained flats, tourist cabins, standard cabins, powered and tent sites. Walk to the supermarket, cafes and town. Close to ski fields, fishing rivers and Lake Hood.

Visit our website to find out more.

**780 East Street**

**P/F +64 3 308 6603**

**info@coronationpark.co.nz**



cricklewood.co.nz

## Cricklewood House

Enjoy the warmth, comfort, peace and tranquility superior accommodation situated in a beautiful large garden, purpose built with guests in mind. On arrival you will be greeted with a hot drink, and a very warm welcome. A kiwi BBQ in the garden could be well on the cards in the summer months with plenty of room for the children to play, or alternatively you are only five minutes to some fine Ashburton restaurants. Continental/cooked breakfast is included in Tariff.

**120 Johnstone Street**

**P +64 3 307 1980 gdrobins@clear.net.nz**



hotelash.co.nz

## Hotel Ashburton

Hotel Ashburton is conveniently situated at the north end of town, next to Ashburton Golf and Race Courses.

54 Fully serviced rooms, 24 Hour reception, Sky TV & free wireless internet access, Fully licensed restaurant, two bars, Heated outdoor swimming pool, All weather tennis court, Park like setting, Ample free car parking.

**Racecourse Road**

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 330 880**

**P +64 3 307 8887 F +64 3 307 1303**

**info@hotelash.co.nz**



ramblersrestashburton.com

## Ramblers Rest

This comfortable backpacker/homestay is just a few minutes walk from the i-SITE Visitor Centre and Bus Stop. Great for when you have to catch the morning bus the next day or for longer term stays. Extremely close to restaurants, shops and not far to the cinema either! Enjoy a relaxing home-like atmosphere and recharge the batteries. It really is like being at home away from home.

**247 Tancred Street**

**P +64 3 308 5253**

**howardandrew@clear.net.nz**

regencyashburton.co.nz

## Regency Motel

Murray & Katharine welcome you to experience and enjoy our garden setting of 15 quiet, spacious serviced units all back away from the road at ground level with plenty of parking space. You can relax and enjoy your time by our outdoor heated pool, garden BBQ and children's play area. Short distance to restaurants, racecourse, domain gardens, town centre, & hospital.

820 East Street North

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 553 223

**P** +64 3 308 8266

info@regencyashburton.co.nz



revivebeauty.co.nz

## Revive on Oakview

Nestled under the oak trees, Revive on Oakview is a purpose built facility offering a bed and breakfast style accommodation, beauty therapy treatments and a wood fired hot tub – all over looking the garden trees and pond.

A perfect place to escape and indulge in a peaceful and private setting.

We look forward to your stay.

707 Longbeach Road

**P** +64 3 302 6799

nicky@revivebeauty.co.nz



taylorismotel.co.nz

## Taylor's Motel

Superior service awaits you at Taylor's Motel with free WiFi and complimentary coffee on arrival. Closest motel to town, it faces north, offering in-house dining options and restaurant opposite. LCD TV's, DVD's, full kitchens, swimming pool and beautiful garden setting. Come and experience the difference.

770 East Street

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 33 9119

**P** +64 3 308 9119

info@taylorismotel.co.nz



tinwaldmotels.co.nz

## Tinwald Motels

Tinwald Motels are Ashburton's newest motels, opened in May 2009. 12 luxury studio units with Superking/Queen sized beds and a family unit. All units have air conditioning and are double glazed and 6 come with a full kitchen. Guest laundry, wireless internet, and off street parking. 0.3 km to town centre and 4km to Lake Hood (10 seater van for drop off). Hosts: Liz & Trevor Whiting.

103 Archibald Street, Tinwald

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 84 69 253

**P** +64 3 307 1354

tinwaldmotels@xtra.co.nz



experience mid canterbury

# methven & mt hutt



## points of interest

Ski or snowboard the slopes of Mt Hutt Ski Area

Feel the thrill of jet boating the Rakaia Gorge

Freefall at 200kph – extreme exhilaration

Tee off at a country golf course

Mountain bike the scenic tracks or downhill forest runs

Soar high above the alpine lakes and rivers via hot air balloon or helicopter

Enjoy a relaxing massage after a long day on the slopes



Methven is at the heart of nine Canterbury ski areas and over 1000 kms of New Zealand's best heli-skiing terrain.

Tranquil yet exhilarating, relaxing yet vibrant, Methven offers a perfect escape no matter what your taste or budget. Just one hour from Christchurch on Inland Scenic Route 72, this alpine-themed village buzzes in winter, while in summer it is humming with events such as markets, multisport challenges and some very social golfing.

Even if you are not a skier or snowboarder, there are many reasons to visit Methven at any time of year, all based in an amazing space. Within minutes of arriving you can enjoy a country golf course, horse trekking through the countryside, hiking or mountain biking nature trails, enjoying a massage or sampling a brew at a local pub while the warm Nor'west breeze turns the sky fiery red.

A hot air balloon or heli flight gives you a bird's eye view of our patchwork textured landscapes and the Southern Alps. Venture into the high country for fishing, tramping or hunting experiences or step it up a gear with a high octane skydiving experience. Take 4WD high country adventure and witness the unspoilt beauty that was captured in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

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# Methven

[amazingspace.co.nz](http://amazingspace.co.nz)



Just an hour from Christchurch on Inland Scenic Route 72, the township of Methven buzzes in winter with Mt Hutt Ski Area on its doorstep, some of the world's finest heliskiing terrain and six Canterbury ski fields all just an easy drive.

Dave Mitchell

Surrounded by an amazing landscape of braided rivers, backcountry lakes and mountains, Methven is your year round recreation 'space to play' with a fantastic range of activities, including fishing, hunting, mountain biking, hiking, hot air ballooning, jet boating, skydiving and more.

Phone 0800 147 722

[AMAZINGSPACE.CO.NZ](http://AMAZINGSPACE.CO.NZ)





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p: 03 302 8811

e: [service@methutt.co.nz](mailto:service@methutt.co.nz)

 [www.nzski.com](http://www.nzski.com)

## Methven Heritage Centre & NZ Alpine & Agriculture Encounter

Visit NZ's Alpine & Agricultural Encounter, a place of education and inspiration.

The Encounter tells the stories of the mountains, plains and the people who live there, bringing to life the fascinating stories behind the development of two industries central to New Zealand - snow sports and agriculture.

Climb into a header cab, operate an excavator or see how milk is made. Experience being in an ice-cave or laugh at the antics of early Kiwi skiers.

The Encounter is located at the Methven Heritage Centre, which also has modern conference facilities for 435, the i-SITE Visitor Centre, an Art Gallery and Café.

**160 Main Street**

**P +64 3 302 9666**

**info@methvenheritagecentre.co.nz**



## skydivingnz.com

Experience the awesome adrenalin rush of a tandem skydive or complete the latest training programme in one of life's most exciting adventure activities.

Whichever you choose, we guarantee a friendly team of internationally qualified instructors, state of the art equipment and world class views from coast to coast and Mt Cook to Kaikoura.

As you take the plunge and freefall at speeds of up to 200kph, you realise that nothing could have prepared you for this indescribable sensation. The adrenaline, the excitement, the relief.

No experience is necessary. Available everyday, weather permitting. Allow approx 2 - 3 hours from your arrival at the dropzone. Courtesy coach available from Christchurch & Methven. Take the plunge with New Zealand's longest established skydiving organisation.

Located on the inland scenic route, 11 kms from Methven.

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 144 944**

**P +64 3 302 9143**

**info@skydivingnz.com**





amazingspacegolf.co.nz

## Amazing Space Golf

Amazing Space Golf have hand picked some of the finest 'real country' courses in Canterbury including eight of Mid-Canterbury's finest country golf courses and created a range of custom golf tours for your group. Offering a complete booking service including customised transfers from Christchurch Airport & City, accommodation reservations and handling all your travel arrangements. Live the Amazing Space.

93 Main Street

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info@amazingspacegolf.co.nz



backcountry.co.nz

## Backcountry New Zealand

The original "Backcountry New Zealand - Hunting & Fishing Guides" has established itself as one of the leading fly-fishing & hunt guiding services with decades of experience in Mid Canterbury. They deliver quality hunting and fishing excursions with the highest level of professionalism and safety. Enjoy personalised experiences that are informative and exceed expectations. Hosts: Nigel & Myriam Birt and their team of guides.

PO Box 72, Methven

**M** +64 21 644 507

mail@backcountry.co.nz



methvensportsmassage.co.nz

## Methven Sports Massage Clinic

Located in the centre of town, we welcome you to experience the ultimate in relaxation and therapeutic massage. We provide qualified therapists, contoured electric tables and sumptuous waxes and oils. Superior deep tissue, relaxation and hot stone massage. Online booking for instant confirmation via the website.

4 McKerrow Street

**P** +64 3 302 8323 **M** +64 27 681 3201

jenny@methvensportsmassage.co.nz



mtthutthelicopters.co.nz

## Mt Hutt Helicopters

Heli adventures in the Southern Alps. Situated near Methven, our helicopter flights allow you to discover the diverse scenery of the Ashburton Region. From the patchwork Plains, to braided rivers, snowcapped backcountry mountains and dramatic glacial peaks.

Flight options include: Secluded heli-picnics, Heli-jet boat adventures, Glacier Scenic flights. Heli-skiing runs from \$198pp.

880 Forks Road

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 443 547

**P** +64 3 302 8401

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## Methven Travel Ltd

Methven Travel provides regular shuttle services from central Christchurch and Christchurch Airport & return. Bookings are essential, phone for enquiries & reservations. No charges for ski & board bags. Non-scheduled special departures, one day tour options in the mid-Canterbury high country and charters are available on request. Skierised rental cars and ski bus available.

93 Main Street

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[info@methventravel.co.nz](mailto:info@methventravel.co.nz)



## Arabica Café

Enjoy delicious food served with style by internationally experienced chef in the heart of Methven. With a menu to suit all tastes and appetites, the sheltered courtyard and polished floorboards give Arabica a relaxing and cozy atmosphere. Open for breakfast, lunch and light snacks six days a week with dinner on Fridays nights only. Vivace Espresso and fully licensed. "Good Food, Wine & Coffee Is Our Business".

36 McMillan Street

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[dhsheldon@elive2u.co.nz](mailto:dhsheldon@elive2u.co.nz)



## Blue Pub

Come to the world famous Blue Pub in the centre of Methven; renowned for its great food and service, awesome live entertainment & relaxed atmosphere. Newly renovated, we offer quality accommodation at a budget price and are the 'place to be' whatever the weather; indoors in our Samuels Summit Bar or outside in the sunshine on our verandah and courtyard.

Cnr Barkers Road & Kilworth Street

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[info@thebluepub.co.nz](mailto:info@thebluepub.co.nz)



## Brown Pub

The Brown Pub is located right in the middle of town and offers the Main Bar, the Fireside Bar, a family restaurant, fresh, clean affordable accommodation and naturally a great time. Warm in atmosphere and welcome, you will feel right at home from the minute you walk in the door of this true country pub!

Cnr Main Street & Forest Drive

**P** +64 3 302 8045

**F** +64 3 302 8085

[stay@thebrownpub.co.nz](mailto:stay@thebrownpub.co.nz)







abisko.co.nz

## Abisko Lodge, Apartments & Campground

In the heart of Mt Hutt Village, a short one minute walk to the specialty shops, i-SITE Visitor Centre, supermarkets, ski hire shops, nightspots, bars, clubs and restaurants. 13 ensuite lodge rooms with heating, electric blankets, refrigerator, flat screen TVs, tea and coffee making facilities.

The best value-for-money two and three bedroom apartments in Methven, sleep up to 8 with full kitchen facilities and private lounge with log burners. Spacious and split level living. Powered campground with modern and clean facilities.

On Site: WiFi access, Spa & Sauna (fee applies), Licensed bar.

Door-to-door mountain transfers.

Free on and off street parking.

Free tour booking service.

On-line booking on our website.

Proudly ranked #1 of 15 Specialty lodging in Methven on TripAdvisor.

**74 Main Street, Methven (Mt Hutt Village)**

**P +64 3 302 8875 F +64 3 303 3029**

**accommodation@abisko.co.nz**



belugalodge.co.nz

## Beluga Luxury Lodge

Beluga Luxury Lodge is a beautiful kiwi villa set in mature gardens. Located just 5 minutes walk from the shops, cafes and restaurants in the heart of Methven & 30 minutes drive from Mt Hutt.

Beluga offers all the facilities of a boutique hotel with a range of accommodation including stylish Lodge Rooms, a private Garden Suite and the Minke Holiday Cottage (which sleeps nine and is great for groups or families).

Free WiFi for all guests.

Lodge Room & Garden Suite guests also have free use of the outdoor spa, honesty bar, Lodge lounge with open fire & reservation service.

Rooms are luxuriously appointed and include quality linen, flat screen TVs, Sky, iPod docks, fluffy robes & slippers. A delicious breakfast is included in the rate.

So whether you are here to be active, to enjoy a romantic getaway, or just take time out, Beluga offers you the perfect luxury-break destination.

**40 Allen Street, Methven**

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**M +64 21 2527821**

**info@belugalodge.co.nz**



Guest & Hosted  
★★★★★

Enviro Award  
Bronze



puddinghilllodge.co.nz

## Pudding Hill Lodge and Function Centre

Only 10 minutes from Methven and 5 minutes from the Mt. Hutt access road, Pudding Hill Lodge is an excellent accommodation option for families or large groups.

Perfect for conferences, weddings, family functions and retreats, Pudding Hill Lodge offers a range of accommodation including motels, newly renovated chalet accommodation and family rooms, with beds for up to 100 guests.

Activities and team building options are available on-site as is a fully licensed bar. Catering options are available for groups and functions.

Pudding Hill Lodge has green open spaces, children's playground and farm animals including miniature ponies and alpacas. A games room is available with pool and table tennis and giant chess and giant connect four!

Pudding Hill Lodge is an affordable venue, and guarantees an enjoyable and memorable experience with friendly and personal service. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

**Pudding Hill, Methven**

**NZFREEPHONE 0800 783 445**

**info@puddinghilllodge.co.nz**



skitime.co.nz

## Ski Time Restaurant, Lodge and Apartments

All about comfort & service. Ski Time's open fires cosy atmosphere and warm welcome will ensure you never want to leave!

We are located only 5 minutes walk from the town centre of Methven and 30 minutes drive from Mt Hutt Ski Area.

Ski Time includes a fabulous restaurant and bar including adjoining lounge with gas fire and comfy leather couches. This is the only restaurant in town with views to the mountain and offers great food and service with a wide range of fine wines!

Our accommodation is tasteful and well appointed. Choose from standard or standard deluxe rooms including quality twin, double and triple bedrooms all with private ensuite facilities.

Also available are our modern apartments right next door to Ski Time. Spacious and well appointed. The complex offers both studio and 2 bedroom apartments which can be linked together to make a spacious 3 bedroom villa.

Wireless internet available.

**Racecourse Avenue**

**P +64 3 302 8398 F +64 3 302 8394**

**res@skitime.co.nz**





terracedowns.co.nz

## Terrace Downs

Terrace Downs offers in-house and casual visitors a unique one-stop New Zealand getaway destination located within an easy hour's drive from Christchurch International Airport.

Perched on the edge of the spectacular Rakaia River, the Resort boasts stunning views up to Mt Hutt and is within close proximity to various ski fields.

Catering to guests of all ages the resort features deluxe one-to-four bedroom accommodation, three on-site dining options as well a selection of resort-operated leisure and adventure activities to choose from including 18 hole championship golf course, archery, claybird shooting, jet boating, horse riding and a day spa.

Coleridge Road, Windwhistle

**P** +64 3 318 6943

[info@terracedowns.co.nz](mailto:info@terracedowns.co.nz)



bigtreelodge.co.nz

## Big Tree Lodge

Beds not bunks! When you stay here you get value for money. No hidden costs! Self-catering with made up beds, free WiFi, tea and coffee, laundry facility, ski/snowboard lockup, bicycle friendly. Single, twin, double, triple & quad rooms. Lonely Planet says "Transformed from a one-time vicarage this friendly and relaxed lodge has lovely wood-trimmed bathrooms, and a comfy, heritage ambience."

25 South Belt

**P** +64 3 302 9575

[info@bigtreelodge.co.nz](mailto:info@bigtreelodge.co.nz)



brinkleyresort.co.nz

## Brinkley Resort

A High Country self-contained accommodation style resort situated in the Alpine heartland village of Methven at the foothills of majestic Mt Hutt. We are a two minute walk to the centre of town and are conveniently positioned on the transport route for all mountain bound tour operators

The resort has 80 self-contained apartments comprising of 40 studios and 40 quality two bedroom apartments.

43 Barkers Road

**P** +64 3 302 8885 **F** +64 3 302 8862

[info@brinkleyresort.co.nz](mailto:info@brinkleyresort.co.nz)

Self Contained  
& Serviced  
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## Central Luxury Apartments

Luxury apartments located in the centre of Methven Village. Fully self contained one or two bedroom apartments. King, queen or single bed. Spacious lounge/dining area. Full kitchens & air Conditioning. Private decks & internet. 32" flat screen LCD TV. Laundry in your apartment. Drying room and ski storage. Spa bathroom or ensuites. Excellent disabled apartment.

7 Methven-Chertsey Road

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 128 829

**P** +64 3 302 8829

apartmentsnz@xnet.co.nz



## Methven Resort

- 45 studio rooms, all ensuited
- 2 suites
- Open fires
- Restaurant and Bar
- 25 metre swimming pool
- 3 free hot pools
- Full internet kiosk
- Ski locker room/drying room
- Full Conference facilities

51 Main Street

**NZFREEPHONE** 0800 224 440

**P** +64 3 302 8724 ann@methvenresort.com



Miles Holden

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# mt somers & highcountry



## points of interest

Enjoy outdoor ice skating and curling surrounded by native beech forest

Hang on for a wild white-water raft ride on the Rangitata River

Journey into remote high-country with its sparkling lakes and rivers

Visit Mt Sunday, home of Edoras in the Lord of the Rings

Stretch the legs on one of the many walkways ranging from ½ to 2-day trails

Horse trek or Clydesdale wagon safaris through the Hakatere Conservation Park

Trophy hunting with specialised guides

Pop in and have a drink with Ken – aka Lynda Topp





Enter New Zealand's dramatic backcountry. Mt Somers and the high country is an outdoor recreational paradise - tramping and hiking, horse treks, mountain biking, fishing for trout and salmon, windsurfing on the lakes, bird watching, ice skating and curling. The newly established Hakatere Conservation Park includes many of these options in a wide and dramatic landscape.

The Mt Somers Conservation Area features short bush walks and renowned two-day hikes - the Mt Somers Sub-Alpine Walkway and the Round-the-Mountain Mt Somers Track.

Lakes Emma and Roundabout, accessible by four-wheel drive, offer excellent fishing, while Lake Camp is popular with boaties, water skiers and fishermen. Lake Clearwater, with its small village of holiday homes, is popular for windsurfing, sailing, rowing and fishing. It is an important wildlife refuge for the rare and endangered Great Crested Grebe. The Maori Lakes and Lake Heron also offer good fishing and are also important wildlife refuges.

Stay and enjoy heartland hospitality. Staveley, Mt Somers and Mayfield are located on Inland Scenic Route 72 and offer a range of accommodation and wining and dining options.

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# Staveley, Mt Somers & Highcountry

## Gateway to the *Hakatere Conservation Park*

Curling • Ice Skating • Sharplin Falls • Mt Somers Track  
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## Erewhon Station

Erewhon is The Lord of the Rings country at the head of the Rangitata River in the Southern Alps. The Station includes a large Clydesdale Horse Stud and we endeavour to use horses instead of vehicles.

We can tailor a high country experience for you ranging from a one hour wagon / saddle ride to a genuine NZ adventure to our mountain huts. Experience a ride like no other as we take you off the beaten track into this breath-taking landscape of rivers, tussocks, mountains & glaciers.

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## Rangitata Rafts

Undoubtedly one of the best full day adventures in New Zealand. Beautifully set in the rugged beauty of the Southern Alps (Lord of the Rings country), the spectacular Rangitata Gorge offers the most scenic and exciting rafting New Zealand has to offer.

Full training is provided on the gentle slow moving water before reaching the exhilarating grade 5 rapids. With 2.5 hours on the water there is time for an optional 'cliff jump' and swimming in the calmer stretches.

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Journey to the remote and beautiful Mt Potts high country station, home of Mt Sunday. This peaceful mountain was transformed into Edoras, city of the Rohan people in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Immerse yourself in natural unspoilt beauty - sparkling clear lakes, glistening blue rivers, rugged mountains and fresh crisp mountain air. Includes lunch, selection of movie replicas for photo opportunities, commentary by local kiwi guides.

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## Staveley Store

Stop a while and enjoy an Award winning coffee with some of our homemade baking or a famous Staveley Baking Company sausage roll.

Old style charm, locally made arts and crafts, always a friendly welcome from staff and locals, finalist in Ashburton cafe of the year and gateway to Sharplin Falls and the Mt Somers Track.

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## Mt. Potts Lodge

Mt. Potts Lodge is located in the epic landscapes of the Canterbury Plains. We offer twin rooms, shared rooms and cottage, camping facilities.

The bar and restaurant serves delicious food and drinks all year around.

All accommodation has under floor heating.

Prices include towels, linen, a three course meal, and breakfast at the lodge.

Mountain bike hire, fly fishing & organised hunts.

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## Topp Lodge

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# rakaia



## points of interest

Have a picnic on the banks of the Rakaia River

Fish for a salmon, the catch of the day

Experience the excitement of Mid Canterbury adventures in NZ's first 4D Movie Ride

Take a walk along the banks of Rakaia's braided river

Visit Barrhill historic Village

Select a memento at the local craft shop or Rakaia craft market



At Rakaia, 50 kms south of Christchurch, after crossing the longest bridge in the Southern hemisphere, you'll be welcomed by a striking salmon landmark heralding some of the best salmon fishing in New Zealand in one of the world's best examples of a braided river. Fishing season is October to April and the annual Rakaia Fishing Competition attracts anglers from all over the world.

Salmon World is a must stop! Complementing the existing restaurant and bar are two new attractions - a Rakaia Gorge Themed Aquarium with all fresh water fish and New Zealand's first 4D Movie Ride Experience. Strap yourself into a seat on a moving platform, out go the lights, the screen comes to life, and you are off! Experience the excitement of adventures in a jet boat through the Rakaia Gorge, a helicopter flight over the Mid Canterbury Alps, a balloon flight over the Plains and more, without ever leaving your seat.

Several private gardens are open to the public. The domain on the western edge of the town and the reserve by the Salmon Statue provide attractive, landscaped picnic areas, children's play area and clean toilet facilities.

## more information

- Rakaia River Holiday Park – Pg 60
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## Salmon World & Salmon Tales Café

Opposite the Big Salmon in Rakaia, Salmon World is a unique complex built in the shape of a salmon.

The licensed Salmon Tales Café offers an exciting dining experience with indoor and outdoor flow. Relaxing pond setting for café or night dining.

Enjoy the fish feeding in the Salmon World's Freshwater Aquarium, ride the river in the 4D Movie Experience.

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## Rakaia River Holiday Park

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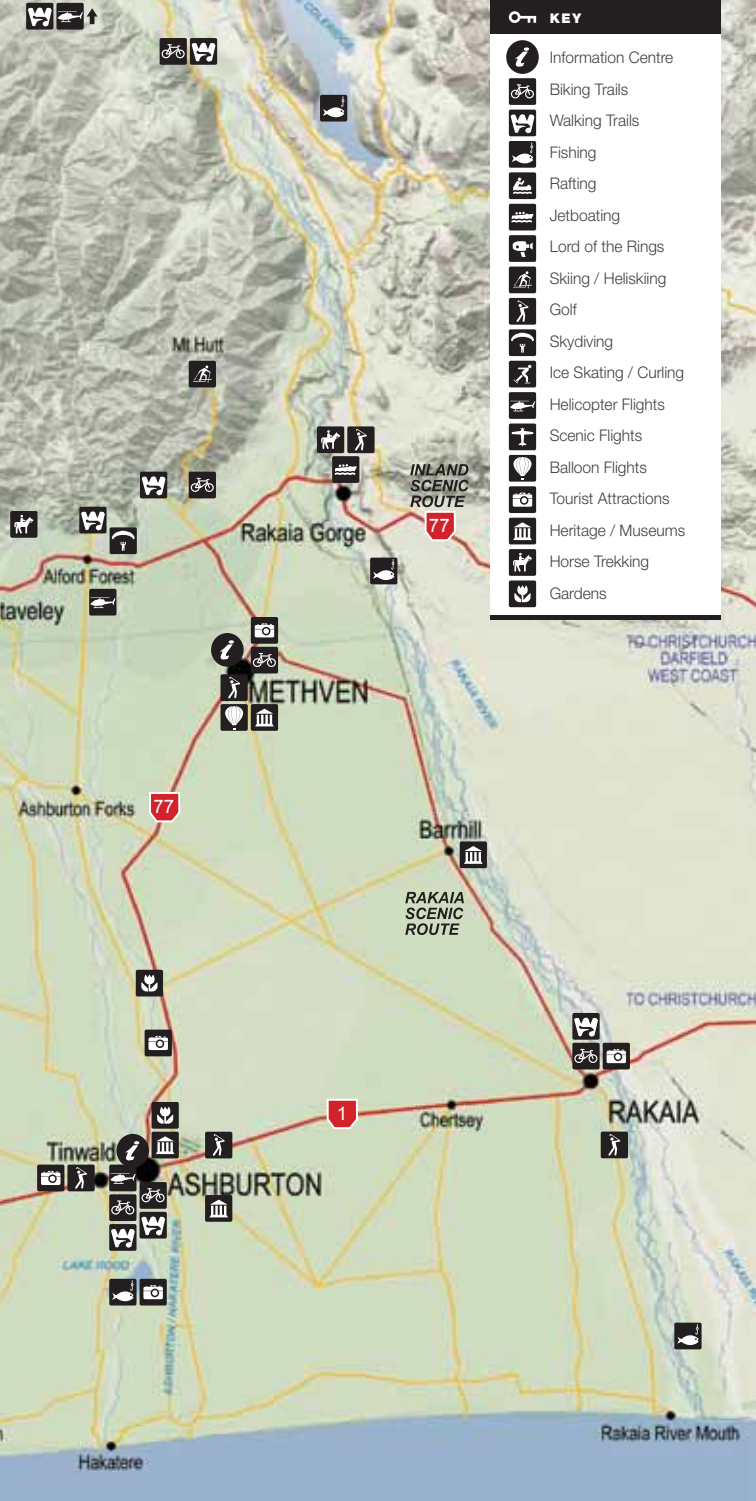
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