

EXPLORE SELWYN

A GUIDE FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

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FROM THE LAND 

FOOD LOVERS



If freshest is best, then look no further!

Selwyn grows some of the best produce in Canterbury, supplying tasty ingredients to cafes and restaurants. From delicious brunches to burgers and fine dining, our eateries are passionate about making your dining experience a memorable one.

Love beer and wine? Go straight to the source for a taste at one of the wineries or at the local brewery in Lincoln.



STARGAZING



Selwyn has a unique and special landscape that ranges from the mountains to the sea. The skyscape is outstanding by day and by night.

Book a star gazing tour at the West Melton Observatory where you will be shown planets, craters on the moon, and star clusters.

If the timing is right, you may see the mystical Aurora Australis or Southern Lights. It's best to see from the shores of Te Waihora/ Lake Ellesmere. Or head inland to capture astrophotography at Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill.



STAY IN SELWYN

Relax in a lodge with mountain views or stay at one of the many Canopy Camping experiences tucked away in nature.

Immerse yourself in a high-country station and enjoy private walking and biking tracks in the hills. Wake without a schedule in your private quarters and watch the farm come to life.

Book in for a few nights at a motel, campground, backpackers, or a bed & breakfast where you'll meet friendly locals who love to share their top travel tips.



RELAXING LEISURE



Take the road less travelled and drive the Inland Scenic Route Highway 72. Slowly wind your way through quaint country towns and across rivers. It's a great way to explore with stops at cosy cafes and local museums along the way.

Visit our award-winning gardens and historical homesteads with nurseries that bloom across the seasons. Or if golf is your calling, there are eight courses including Hororata, Tai Tapu, Weedons, Lincoln, Greendale, Burnham, Ellesmere and Fable Terrace Downs.

If you enjoy fishing, you'll find chinook salmon at Lake Coleridge. Find a spot along the Selwyn River or stop by the Rakaia Gorge during January to March where you might catch salmon at the river mouth.

ARTS AND HERITAGE

Selwyn is a place of stories celebrated through history, art, and culture. Widely acknowledged as New Zealand's most recognizable painting, Cass Railway Station is located along the Great Alpine Highway 73. Stop by and capture your own masterpiece.

The country's first major hydroelectric power station was opened at Lake Coleridge and is still in operation. Pack a lunch when you go to visit as there is some lovely picnic spots at the Domain.

Get on a bike or put on your walking shoes to see the historical Little River Rail Trail, where trains once transported timber, seeds and mail to and from Banks Peninsula.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



The Southern Alps are just a 90-minute drive from Christchurch and there is easy access for all alpine activities along the Great Alpine Highway 73. You'll find hiking tracks, caves, waterfalls, and mountain biking trails on your journey!

The highway passes six welcoming ski fields with a range of facilities. Enjoy uncrowded skiing in winter and great trails to explore in summer.

If you're feeling adventurous, take a ride in New Zealand's only airboat along the Waimakariri River, horse trek in the high country or float across the Canterbury Plains in a hot air balloon.



WILDLIFE AND NATURE

Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere is an internationally significant wetland and wildlife habitat. Some of the species you will find here exist nowhere else on earth! You may notice cultural and ecological restoration projects in action, working to rejuvenate the lake and surrounding water ways.

Drive inland and discover the treasure that is Kura Tawhiti/ Castle Hill. Once covered in mighty totara, but now best known for its limestone formations and striking pou whenua protecting the site; it is home to the rare Castle Hill buttercup. This place has deep cultural significance to Māori and has legally protected Tōpuni conservation status.

Not far from Kura Tawhiti/ Castle Hill, Arthur's Pass National Park is home to the worlds only mountain parrot, the curious kea. You may spot one at Arthur's Pass Village or on a hike in the hills!



PLAN YOUR TRIP

Whether you're looking to head out for a day trip or mini escape, check out some of our top recommended itineraries.



ONE DAY

A day of adventure into the mountains. Visit Washpen Falls, Windwhistle and the Rakaia Gorge.



TWO DAYS

A weekend of art and vintage treasures. Visit Prebbleton, Lincoln, Leeston and Hororata.



THREE DAYS

A tour for the foodies. Visit West Melton, Darfield, Windwhistle and Springfield.

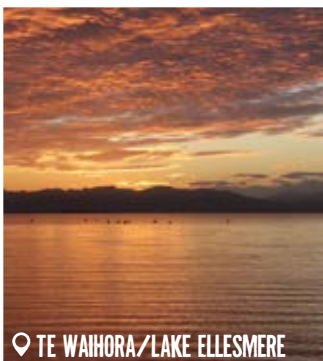
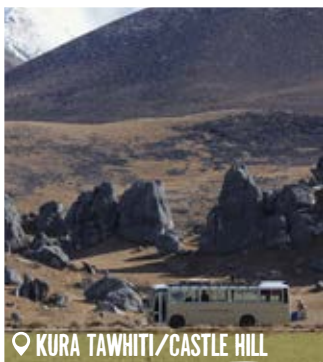


FOUR DAYS

Winter family fun. Visit Arthur's Pass and the Selwyn ski fields.



PLACES TO SEE



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CRAIGIEBURN

BROKEN RIVER

CHEESEMAN

MT. OLYMPUS

PORTERS

KURA TAWHITI
CASTLE HILL

TAWERA
SPRINGFIELD

SHEFFIELD

WAIMAKARIRI RIVER

KŌ O TE UPOKO
KIRWEE

OKAKEA
WEST MELTON

ŌTAUTAHĪ
CHRISTCHURCH

PREBBLETON

TAI TĀPU

LINCOLN

TAUWHAREKĀKAHO
ROLLESTON

GLENTUNNEL

WHENUA KURA
DARFIELD

HORORĀTĀ

WHAKAMATAU
LAKE COLERIDGE

LAKE COLERIDGE

TE ATATIKI A TE WAKAARO
DUNSANDEL

KARUMATA
LEESTON

TAUMUTU

OTEWHATA
SOUTHBIDGE

TE WAIHORA
LAKE
ELLESMERE

RAKAIĀ RIVER

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TEKAPŌ
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