

# RECREATION GUIDE

WALKING, BIKING AND CAMPING IN SELWYN



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## Explore Selwyn

Selwyn is a dynamic region with diverse landscapes.

The stunning Southern Alps rise up against the skyline, behind rugged ridges and rolling foothills. Stretching from the braided Rakaia River to the Waimakariri, Selwyn's patchwork plains are home to farms and small towns across the region.

The hills and mountains offer a wealth of activities, from walking and mountain biking, to skiing, jetboating and horse trekking.





The rivers and lakes offer beautiful spots to fish or walk through native bush and wetlands.

Nature lovers can visit award-winning gardens and historic homesteads. Appreciate the night sky full of stars or simply taste the delicious flavours Selwyn has on offer from markets or vineyards.

For more tracks and trails in Selwyn

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# SAFETY INFORMATION

## Weather

- The weather in Selwyn can be unpredictable and change suddenly. Please check local forecasts before setting out.

## Skills and experience

- Refer to the track grades to choose a track that best suits your level of ability and fitness.

## What you'll need

- For walking and mountain safety information, even for day walks go to [mountainsafety.org.nz](http://mountainsafety.org.nz).
- Emergency locator beacons are highly recommended. Find out where you can hire them from at [mountainsafety.org.nz](http://mountainsafety.org.nz). Beacons are also available to hire from the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre.
- Take an appropriate means of communication. Mobile coverage is limited in remote areas.
- Make sure you have enough food, water, clothing, equipment (including shelter) and emergency rations for the worst-case scenario.

## Plan ahead

- Be sure to tell family and friends of your plans before you head off and an estimated time of return.

## Track status

- For Department of Conservation (DOC) tracks, please check [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz) or with the DOC Arthur's Pass National Park Visitor Centre 03 318 9211 or [arthurpassvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:arthurpassvc@doc.govt.nz).
- For other tracks, please contact the landowners.

## Dogs

- Dogs are strictly prohibited from entering Arthur's Pass National Park, Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill and Lake Pearson Wildlife Reserve. Check the DOC website for the latest information.
- For tracks on private land, please contact the landowner directly as many of these tracks go through working farms and stations.

# TRACK GRADES

## Use of drones on public conservation land

- Drones are prohibited in Kura Tawhiti Scenic Reserve and Arthur's Pass National Park.
- A permit is required before you can use a drone on any other public conservation land. Check with your local DOC office or for more information visit [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)

## Short Walks EASY

- Easy walking for up to an hour.
- Track is well-formed, with a mostly even surface.
- Suitable for people of most abilities and fitness levels.

## Walking Tracks MODERATE

- Easy to moderate walking from a few minutes to a day.
- Track is mostly well-formed, some sections may be steep, rough or muddy.
- Suitable for people with low to moderate fitness.
- Walking shoes or light tramping/hiking boots required.

## Tramping Tracks ADVANCED

- Challenging day or multi-day overnight track.
- Track is mostly unformed with steep, rough or muddy sections, unbridged streams and river crossings.
- Suitable for moderate to high fitness levels and those with navigational and survival skills.
- Sturdy tramping/hiking boots required.


## Track grading key


Grading – walking





Grading – cycling



Dogs on leash 

No dogs 

No drones 

Accessible tracks 

Department of Conservation

DOC

*The times indicated to complete each walk and bike track are a guide only. The information in this guide is intended to provide general information only. All reasonable measures have been taken to ensure the information is true and accurate at the time of print.*

# SHORT WALKS

Easy walking, suitable for people of most abilities and fitness levels.

## Darfield Town Walk



EASY

**60**  
MINUTES

Take a scenic and historic walk through the Darfield township. There are two walks to choose from. Both start from the Clock Tower on the main road. The town walk takes you on a circular route past the primary school, Baptist Church and Trinity Church grounds before returning to the Clock Tower. The second walk takes you through the Railway Reserve subdivision where the original Homebush Railway Station has been relocated. Head along Kowhai Drive to the sports field and around the lake. Return to Clock Tower via North Terrace. Markers are provided.

► **Start: The Darfield Clock Tower (corner of Ross Street and South Terrace).** 🐕 Dogs on leash.

## Harts Creek



EASY

**40**  
MINUTES  
1.46km

Enjoy an easy stroll following Harts Creek for about 1km to Harts Creek Wildlife Management Reserve on the western side of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere. A boardwalk through the reserve leads to a bird hide to view wildlife. This end section may be closed for extensive repairs on the boardwalk and hide. Check the DOC website for current status.

► **Start: Corner of Lower Lake Road and Timber Yard Road, Leeston.** 🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**





## Kirwee Walk



MODERATE

**40**  
MINUTES  
3km

The walk goes along Courtenay Road to Hoskyns Road, up to the walkway, through the reserve, and back on to Tramway Road then down to the kiosk. You can also opt for a shorter trip by cutting through the Kirwee Showgrounds and down High Street.

Toilets are available at the corner of the reserve beside the playground.

► **Start: Courtenay Road, Kirwee.** 🐕 **Dogs on leash.**

## Selwyn Heritage Walks

Scan the QR code to download the Township Trails Selwyn app and discover a network of self-guided walking tours around the district.



## ALSO VISIT

### Lake Coleridge

- Around the Village Loop Track
- Hart Arboretum Tree Trail Loop Track

### Arthur's Pass

- Arthur's Pass Millennium Walk

### Craigieburn Forest

- Craigieburn Nature Trail
- Craigieburn Bridge Hill Track

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## Lake Coleridge Tailrace



**5-30**  
MINUTES  
1km

This walk offers spectacular vistas stretching up the valley to the head of the Rakaia River and the Southern Alps. The track continues inland through stands of native trees, willows and other deciduous trees and follows the tailrace, finishing at the domain. Check out the lightning-struck tree and the spot reputed to be a moa cooking site.

► **Start: Lake Coleridge Domain and Powerstation.**

🚫 No dogs.

## McHughs Forest Park



**40-50**  
MINUTES  
3km

Established in 1893 to provide shelter and timber in an area where no natural forests occurred, McHughs Forest Park is a mixed exotic conifer plantation dominated by large mature Douglas-fir along with other large trees. There are several different flat tracks weaving through the forest.

► **Start: Car park on Horndon Street, Darfield.**

🐕 Dogs on leash.



## Old Coach Road



EASY

**30–45**  
MINUTES  
1.5km

A very pleasant and easily accessible forest walk loop from Greyneys Shelter. Approximately half the walk follows a gently graded section of the original coach road linking the east and west coasts. You have the option of a shorter loop track or an additional 15 minutes on the outer loop track, taking you to a great lookout point over the recent upgrade of SH73.

► **Start:** Car park at Greyneys Shelter on SH73, 6km south of Arthur's Pass village. 🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**

## Reid's Pit



EASY

Reid's Pit is a lovely 4.1 hectare reserve area featuring two walking/running tracks and four bike-only tracks that weave through landscaped ecological and recreational areas. The site was once a former gravel pit, located on the outskirts of Rolleston, but was restored as a walking and cycling area.

► **Start:** Access is off Weedons Road, Rolleston.  
🐕 Dogs on leash.

# WALKING TRACKS

Easy to moderate walking, suitable for people with a reasonable fitness level.



## Arthur's Pass Walking Track



MODERATE

2.5  
HOURS

This track provides the chance to walk from Arthur's Pass village to view the Dobson Memorial at Arthur's Pass summit. Return the same way. The track gradient is generally gentle, with some steep steps either side of Bridal Veil Creek.

► **Start:** At the Devils Punchbowl or Temple Basin car parks. 🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones.

## Cave Stream Scenic Reserve



MODERATE

Cave Stream is an interesting limestone landscape. There are two short (30 minute) tracks that lead to the cave entrances with nice areas for a picnic and paddle in the stream. You can also follow the stream through the cave (594m in pitch darkness – takes approx. one hour) with a three metre waterfall at the inlet end. Before attempting this, check the latest weather conditions. Minimum gear required to safely navigate the cave is listed on the DOC website [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)

► **Start:** Cave Stream car park. State Highway 73, Three km north of Castle Hill Village. 🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones.





## Coopers Lagoon MODERATE

Coopers Lagoon combines lagoon wetlands with a wild coastal walk. Expect to see abundant birdlife and classic wetland flora. Take the time to explore the area and observe the birdlife. Walk along the stony beach and collect interesting stones or driftwood. Be prepared for windy and exposed conditions. The water has strong currents and swimming can be dangerous.

► **Start: Follow McEvedys Road, Southbridge to the end.** 🐕 Dogs on leash allowed on beach.

## ALSO VISIT

### Lake Coleridge

- Lake Hill Track
- Lake Ida

### Arthur's Pass

- Village Historic and Interpretive Walk
- Bealey Valley Track
- Cockayne Nature Walk
- Otira Valley

### Craigieburn Basin

- Hut Creek Walk
- Dracophyllum Flat Track
- Lyndon Saddle

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## Devils Punchbowl



1  
HOUR  
2km

This walk through lush beech forest leads to a spectacular 131-metre waterfall, recognised as one of DOC's best short walks in the country. The well-formed track includes steps that take you 150 vertical metres up to a viewing platform at the base of the waterfall.

► **Start:** Signed car park off SH73 in Arthur's Pass Village.

🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**

## Dobson Nature Walk



30  
MINUTES

Approximately 200m from the car park, cross the road and follow the track as it leads you in a semi-circle through a rich variety of subalpine and alpine plants. The alpine flowers are in bloom from November to February. There are a few seats along the way with good views of the surrounding mountains.

► **Start:** The track starts at the Temple Basin car park, Arthur's Pass National Park.

🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**

## Helicopter Hill



4  
HOURS  
6km

Follow Mistletoe Track to Lyndon Saddle (2.3km). From the saddle, take Helicopter Hill Track to the summit (500m) for spectacular views of Craigieburn and Torlesse Ranges, and the limestone landscape of Castle Hill Basin. Unlike most of the Craigieburn tracks, Mistletoe Track is not a dual-use track for mountain bikes, so is a good family walking track.

► **Start:** Mistletoe Flat car park/camping site, Broken River Ski Area Road, Craigieburn Forest Park.

🐕 Dogs on leash. **DOC**



## Hogs Back Track



MODERATE

6  
HOURS  
14km

This dual mountain biking and walking track connects Castle Hill Village with Craigieburn Forest Park.

The track has an interesting combination of beech forest and open tussock interspersed with stunning views of the Craigieburn Ranges.

► **Start: Castle Hill Village access road to Thomas Bush, or Texas Flat on the Cheeseman Skifield Road.**

🐕 **Dogs on leash.** DOC

## Kowai Bush



MODERATE

0.5-1  
HOUR

The reserve offers a variety of meandering loop tracks set in dense beech forest. Kowai Bush Reserve is steeped in history as one of the earliest European settlements in the country. Today only a small remnant of the typical lowland beech forest remains, preserved by the efforts of Bevan Brown and the Harris Family.

► **Start: Kowai Bush Reserve, Kowai Road, Springfield.**

🐕 **Dogs allowed.**





## Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill



MODERATE

**40**  
 MINUTES  
 1.5km

Wander through majestic limestone rock formations in an area of special significance to Ngāi Tahu. This walk is also recognised as one of the Department of Conservation's (DOC) best short walks and has Tōpuni status for Ngāi Tahu due to its cultural reverence. Please treat this area with respect.

► **Start:** Car park at 8557 West Coast Road, SH73.

🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**

## Lake Coleridge Village Historic Walk



EASY

**30**  
 MINUTES

**2**  
 HOURS

Walk the village paths and learn about the area's history. Lake Coleridge Village was built around New Zealand's first state-owned hydroelectric power station, which was constructed between 1911 and 1914.

► **Start:** Post office building in the village centre.

🚫 No dogs.

## Walk to Lake Coleridge



MODERATE

**2.5**  
 HOURS

Views of the power station, Rakaia River, the village and the lake. This is part of Te Araroa National Walkway. Near the lake you can choose to follow Lake Hill Track or continue down Intake Road to the lake edge and Power Station Intake.

► **Start:** Hart Arboretum and follow the orange markers.

🚫 No dogs.





## Little River Rail Trail



MODERATE

GRADE 1



The Christchurch to Little River Rail Trail is a cycleway and walkway that mostly follows the route of an old nineteenth century railway line between Hornby and Little River via Prebbleton, Lincoln, Motukarara and Birdlings Flat. It passes through rural areas and settlements on the Canterbury plains, loops around hills and borders Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, and Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth. The full trail is 45km one-way, but is split into six sections. For more details visit [littlerivertrail.kiwi.nz](http://littlerivertrail.kiwi.nz)

Section 1: Hornby–Prebbleton

Section 2: Prebbleton–Lincoln

Section 3: Lincoln–Ahuriri Reserve

Section 4: Ahuriri Reserve–Motukarara

Section 5: Motukarara–Birdlings Flat

Section 6: Birdlings Flat–Little River

**🚫 Dogs are not permitted on the Motukarara to Little River sections.**

**🐕 On other parts of the trail, dogs are permitted but must be on a leash.**



## Rakaia Gorge Walkway



**3-4**  
HOURS  
10.4km

The walkway follows the rim of the gorge through spectacular geological areas, showing lava flows of rhyolite, pitchstone and andesite. It then descends into a gully under a canopy of forest and shrub, where you can see the entrances to several old Snowdon coal mines. The track then climbs out of the creek to a sign-posted junction. The walkway forms a loop from this point, with the right-hand track climbing across tussock-covered terraces directly to the lookout point. This walkway goes over private farmland. Please be respectful of livestock.

► **Start: Rakaia Gorge Road, SH77. Park at car park Selwyn-side of river and cross road to access track**

🚫 No dogs. **DOC**

## Washpen Falls



**2**  
HOURS  
3-4km

The track takes you through a canyon formed by an ancient volcano, thick in native bush and full of bird song. You will see waterfalls, caves and panoramic views of the Canterbury plains. The round trip takes at least two hours, but you can spend longer admiring the views or take a picnic. Admission charges apply via an honesty box to assist with track maintenance. A shelter situated at the end of the walking track is a great spot for picnics. For more information visit [washpenfalls.co.nz](http://washpenfalls.co.nz)

► **Start: 560 Washpen Road. Drive up to the hut to park.**

🚫 No dogs.



## West Melton Forest



West Melton Forest is a section of the Waimakariri River Regional Park, covering approximately 350 hectares of pine forest between Chattertons Road and Weedons Ross Road. Used mainly for recreational horse riding and horse-carriage driving, walkers and runners are also welcome – although horses have the right of way. Picnic areas are provided, with hitching posts for horses.

- **Start: Car park at Chattertons Road.**
- 🐕 **Dogs must be controlled at all times.**



# HIKING TRACKS

Challenging steep and unformed tracks, suitable for people of a high fitness level and ability.

## Bealey Spur



ADVANCED

**4-6**  
HOURS  
12km

This is a more gradual track than most of the alpine tracks. Follow the gentle climb up Bealey Spur through mountain-beech forest to expansive views of the Waimakariri River valley and surrounding mountains. It's well marked and is suitable for reasonably fit people who are well-equipped. The track ends at the historic Bealey Spur Hut. Note: this is an alpine environment so be prepared for weather changes.

► **Start:** Car park on SH73, near the Bealey Hotel and at the entrance to Bealey Spur village. From the car park follow markers up Cloudesley Road.

🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**

## Trig M via Coach Stream Route



ADVANCED

**4-6**  
HOURS  
11km

A challenging day tramp in open tussocklands marked with posts, rather than a formed track. The first part of the route is on an easement over private farmland, so no dogs are allowed. Keep to the marked route and close all gates.

Coach Stream Route links with Trig M Route where you have the option to follow this route back down to Starvation Gully on SH73 or continue along the ridge to reach Trig M.

► **Start:** Car park at the bottom of Porters Pass, SH73.

🚫 No dogs permitted from Coach Stream Route access.

🐕 Dogs permitted from Trig M access from SH73. **DOC**





## Peak Hill



ADVANCED

3  
HOURS  
3km

The route begins on a 500m easement across private farmland before entering Peak Hill Conservation Area. Please keep to the marked route. The route then climbs steadily to the summit of Peak Hill (1240m) where you will be rewarded with sweeping views of Lake Coleridge and surrounds. Please note this is very exposed to the weather – ensure you are prepared for all extremes.

► **Start: Signposted off Algidus Road, approx. 9km from the start of Algidus Road, Lake Coleridge.** 🚫 No dogs permitted on easement over private land. **DOC**



## ALSO VISIT

### Arthur's Pass

- Edwards Hut
- Carrington Hut Route
- Casey Saddle-Binser Saddle Route
- Avalanche Peak to Crow Hut
- Avalanche Peak
- Harper Pass

### Korowai/Torlesse

- Starvation Gully to Trig M
- Thirteen Mile Bush
- Foggy Peak/Castle Hill Peak
- Mt Torlesse via Kowai River
- Trig M to Rabbit Hill

### Craigieburn Ski Basins

- Broken River Ski Field
- Craigieburn Valley Ski Field

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## Te Araroa - The Long Pathway New Zealand's National Walkway

### Arboretum Track

### Road Connection to Lake Hill Track

### Lake Hill to Homestead Road



ADVANCED

**3**  
HOURS  
2.4km

Te Araroa Trail is a national trail covering the length of New Zealand that comes around Lake Coleridge to the Lake Coleridge Village. There are track notes for those heading south on this part of the walkway on [teararoa.org.nz](http://teararoa.org.nz) and orange markers for some of the track. If you are planning a day trip on these sections, it's recommended that you head north from the village to the lake and return the same way.

The terrain is a combination of tramping track and gravel road. For a gentler climb head up Intake Road or drive from Lake Coleridge Village up Intake Road towards the lake and walk the Lake Hill Track section of the track. Walkers are advised to print the track notes on [teararoa.org.nz/canterbury](http://teararoa.org.nz/canterbury). Ensure you have adequate supplies before heading into the Lake Coleridge area as there are no shops, fuel or other services.

► **Start: Hart Arboretum gate, Intake Road, Lake Coleridge Village.** 🚫 No dogs.



## Temple Basin Track



ADVANCED

**3**  
HOURS  
1.2km

This is a steadily steep track climbing 500 vertical metres to the Temple Basin Lockwood day-shelter. Best walked in summer, this is a nature photographer's dream with magnificent views of Mt Rolleston/Kaimatau on a clear day.

► **Start:** Temple Basin car park, SH73, 5km northwest of Arthur's Pass village. 🚫 No dogs. 🚫 No drones. **DOC**



# EASY OVERNIGHT TRAMPS



## Avoca Homestead

Stay in an historic six-bunk hut at the end of Craigieburn Road. Cycle or drive about 20km from the junction of SH73. Note there are many farm gates on this road, please leave them as you find them. There is a locked gate and car park. Continue past the locked gate on foot or bike for about 2km (30 minutes) to Broken River. You will need to ford the river to get to the Avoca Homestead.

This is a standard hut, you will need to purchase standard hut tickets before your trip. Bookings are not required so consider taking a tent during busy times. Information on hut tickets is available on the DOC website.

► **Start: Junction of Craigieburn Road and SH73.**

🐕 **Dogs permitted on a lead.** 🚫 **Dogs not permitted in the hut.** **DOC**





## Hawdon Hut

From the Hawdon Shelter campsite in Arthur's Pass National Park, follow the Hawdon River for about 9km to the serviced 20-bunk hut. There are numerous river crossings – do not attempt if flows are high or rain is forecast. You will need to purchase serviced hut tickets before your trip. Information on hut tickets is available on the DOC website.

► **Start: Hawdon Shelter campsite (from Mt White Road), Arthur's Pass National Park.** 🚫 No dogs.

🚫 No drones. **DOC**

# DOG-FRIENDLY WALKS AND PARKS

Dog owners can exercise their dogs off-leash in a safe and secure environment.

## Selwyn Dog Parks

Selwyn has four fenced dog parks to exercise dogs off leash. To ensure that our dog parks are a fun and safe environment for everyone and their furry friends, please follow these guidelines.

- Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting the dog park.
- Dogs must wear a collar with a current council registration tag at all times.
- Owners must always carry a leash.
- Dogs and children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Please do not bring small children into the dog park.
- Equipment in the dog park is for dogs only. Please do not let your children climb on the equipment or use the grounds as a play area.
- Dogs and puppies must be fully vaccinated.
- Owners are required to pick up and dispose of their dog's poo.
- No bicycles, skateboards or motorised vehicles allowed.
- Dogs that show signs of aggression must either be muzzled or removed from the park.
- Dogs that are sick or in-season are not allowed at the parks.

**For further information please visit [selwyn.govt.nz](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz)**



## **McHughs Dog Park**

### **Horndon Street, Darfield**

Located at the southern end of McHughs Forest Park, the dog park is a 275 metre-long, fully enclosed area. It offers a great mix of both shaded and non-shaded areas, drinking fountains, toilets and plenty of parking.

## **Foster Dog Park**

### **Corner of Springston Rolleston Road and Goulds Road**

The park is two hectares and fully fenced. There are three dog agility equipment areas, with water play and a secure area for small, young or nervous dogs. There are dog washing facilities, seating, picnic facilities and car parks.

*Closed Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30–9pm, Sunday 10am–12pm for Selwyn Dog Training Club, and occasionally at other times. Refer to Selwyn Dog Training Club website for further information.*

## **Leeston Dog Park**

### **Leeston Road, between the entrance to the A&P Showgrounds and the Ellesmere Heritage Park.**

The park is 1.8 hectares and fully fenced. It features exercise equipment including hurdles, jumps, balance beams, pole weave, ramps, and a tunnel. It also has a grooming table. Car parking is available next to the A&P Showgrounds entry, off Leeston Road.

## **Kakaha Dog Park**

### **Kakaha Park car park, Leadley Road, Prebbleton.**

This 1.5 hectare dog park provides separately fenced areas for small and large dogs to enjoy. It includes a range of dog agility equipment. Access can be gained from gates at the north and south side of the park.



## Dog-friendly Walks

Selwyn has several tracks that you are welcome to walk your dog along. Please keep your dogs under control and pick up after them.

Remember to take extra water and something for your dog to drink out of when going on longer walks.

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# BIKING TRACKS

From family-friendly trails to challenging off-road tracks, all levels and abilities are catered for.

## Craigieburn Trails



A network of dual-use mountain biking and tramping tracks located in the Castle Hill Basin area known as the Craigieburn Trails. These have been developed in formal partnership with DOC, the Castle Hill Community Association, with support from local mountain bike businesses. These trails add to the existing trail network within the Craigieburn Forest and Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Parks, and are mostly graded as intermediate mountain bike standard.

### Tracks include:

- Hogs Back
- Sidle 73 tracks
- Dracophyllum Flat Track
- Coal Pit Spur Track
- Craigieburn Edge
- Lyndon Saddle
- The Luge

*Note: Many tracks close for mountain bike use during winter.*

**For details on individual tracks and track closures go to [craigieburntrails.org.nz](http://craigieburntrails.org.nz)**

**🐕 Dogs on leash. DOC**



## Little River Rail Trail



The Christchurch to Little River Rail Trail is a cycleway and walkway that mostly follows the route of an old nineteenth century railway line between Hornby and Little River via Prebbleton, Lincoln, Motukarara and Birdlings Flat. It passes through rural areas and settlements on the Canterbury plains, loops around hills, and borders Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere and Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth. The full trail is 45km one-way, but is split into six sections. For more details visit [littlerivertrail.kiwi.nz](http://littlerivertrail.kiwi.nz)

**20**  
MINUTES  
4km

SECTION 1: Hornby–Prebbleton

**35**  
MINUTES  
7km

SECTION 2: Prebbleton–Lincoln

**50**  
MINUTES  
10km

SECTION 3: Lincoln–Ahuriri Reserve

**25**  
MINUTES  
4km



SECTION 4: Ahuriri Reserve–Motukarara

**70**  
MINUTES  
13km

SECTION 5: Motukarara–Birdlings Flat

**40**  
MINUTES  
7km

SECTION 6: Birdlings Flat–Little River

 **Dogs are not permitted on the Motukarara to Little River sections.**  **Dogs are permitted on other parts of the trail but must be on leash.**



## McHughs Forest Park

GRADE 1  
BEGINNER

30  
MINUTES  
4km

Established in 1893 to provide shelter and timber in an area where no natural forests existed, McHughs Forest Park is a mixed exotic conifer plantation dominated by large mature Douglas-fir and other large trees. There are several different flat tracks weaving through the forest.

► **Start:** Car park on Horndon Street, Darfield.

🐕 **Dogs on leash.**

## The Willows

GRADE 1  
BEGINNER

30  
MINUTES  
4km

The Willows is a recreational area near West Melton on the banks of the Waimakariri River. It hosts a shared walking and biking track, picnic and parking areas, fishing points, a motorhome camping area and native plantings. The flat, gravelled track is good for children and has plenty of off-shoots if you wish to go off-track to explore the riverside area.

► **Start:** Follow Thompsons Road to a car parking area.

🐕 **Dogs on leash.**





## Reid's Pit



Reid's Pit is a 4.1 hectare reserve area featuring two walking/running tracks and four bike-only tracks that weave through landscaped ecological and recreational areas on the outskirts of Rolleston.

► **Start:** Access is off Weedons Road, Rolleston.

🐕 **Dogs on leash.**





## Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park

### Starvation Gully/Lake Lyndon to Trig M

**GRADE 3**  
ADVANCED  **1.5**  
HOURS  
3.2km

From the signpost on SH73, climb the marked track through diverse shrublands, making your way across open ridges to reach Trig M. About halfway up, the track from Coach Stream joins this track from the southeast.

 **Dogs on leash.** **DOC**

### Trig M to Coach Stream

**GRADE 3**  
ADVANCED  **1.5**  
HOURS  
5.5km

The Coach Stream Route branches off approximately 1.5km down from Trig M. The route runs alongside a ridge before passing through a gate to a farm track through part of Benmore Station. A gate at the end of the 4WD track leads back onto public conservation land. Follow SH73 over Porters Pass back to Starvation Gully (an additional 4.5km).

Seasonal restrictions: part of this route is an easement passing through Benmore Station. This part of the track is closed from 1 October to 20 November each year for the lambing season.

 **No dogs.** **DOC**

### Avoca Homestead

**GRADE 2**  
INTERMEDIATE  **2-4**  
HOURS  
25km

Access to Avoca Homestead is via Craigieburn Road which turns off SH73 near Cass. This is a gravel road which provides car access to within a 30 minute walk of the homestead. There are at least six railway crossings along this road with no train warnings, so be alert for oncoming trains. There are also numerous gates across the road. Leave all gates as you find them. Please note the Broken River and hut ticket information on page 22.

 **Dogs on leash.** **DOC**



## Poulter Valley

GRADE **3**  
ADVANCED

**3.5**  
HOURS  
20km

**Grade 3 (Advanced) to park boundary**

**Grade 2 (Easy) beyond park boundary**

The Poulter Valley is one of few mountain bike trails in the country allowed in a national park. The trip offers great scenery, some challenges and a couple of good huts for an overnight stay. Mountain bikers must keep to the specified route.

From Mt White Road, follow the 4WD track for 13km, across river edges and sediment to reach the park boundary fence. This stretch follows a road that goes through Mt White Station, so please respect stock and farm activities.

From the park boundary fence, it is easy riding along an old 4WD track over river flats to the Casey Hut on a terrace overlooking the Poulter River. The last 1.5km of track has been diverted to follow the river to the hut, rather than entering the beech forest. The original Casey Hut burnt down in 2015 and a 12-bunk replacement hut was opened in August 2020 on a new site. Casey Hut is a serviced hut: adult \$25 and youth \$12.50 per night. Purchase hut tickets before your trip from a DOC visitor centre or a Backcountry Hut Ticket retailer (listed on DOC website).

Beyond the Casey Hut, cross the Casey Stream and follow another 4WD track across river flats for 4km to reach the Trust/Poulter Hut. This is the end point for mountain bike access.

 **No dogs.**  **No drones.** 

# CAMPGROUNDS

From designated freedom camping areas to commercial campgrounds with full facilities, you'll find the perfect camping spot in Selwyn.

## Camping in Selwyn

Relax and unwind surrounded by Selwyn's impressive landscapes at one of our great camping spots.

To make the most of your time, be prepared, travel safely and leave no trace – only footprints.

## Useful Sites

**[selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz)** – for a list of camping grounds and dump station locations in Selwyn.

**[doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz)** – for bookings and information on camping codes and laws.

**[campermate.co.nz](http://campermate.co.nz)** – visit the website or download the free app to find campsites, toilets and dump station information nationwide.

**[tiakinewzealand.com](http://tiakinewzealand.com)** – Tiaki promise to care for New Zealand on your travels.

**[newzealand.com](http://newzealand.com)** – information for responsible campers.














## Responsible Camping

- Dispose of rubbish responsibly. Use the rubbish bins provided or take away anything you carry in.
- Keep New Zealand clean. Always use a public toilet or toilet in your vehicle. See our map overleaf for toilet locations.
- Protect our environment. Use recycling facilities whenever they are available to help protect our environment.
- Use waste disposal stations. Dispose of all toilet and sink water at a council approved public dump station. See map overleaf for locations.
- Gas cookers/barbecues are permitted in Selwyn District Council and DOC reserves. Fires are strictly prohibited at all times. Anyone in breach of this may be prosecuted.

Dogs are welcome at all Selwyn District Council camping areas and must be kept under control at all times. Dogs are not permitted at DOC campsites in the Selwyn District except for the Mistletoe Campground.



- 1 Andrews Shelter Campsite
- 2 Avalanche Creek Shelter Campsite
- 3 Hawdon Shelter Campsite
- 4 Klondyke Corner Campsite
- 5 Lake Pearson (Moana Rua) Campsite
- 6 Mistletoe Flats
- 7 Glentunnel Holiday Park
- 8 Whitecliffs Domain
- 9 Harper River Campsite
- 10 Lakeside Domain Recreation Centre
- 11 Waihora Park Reserve Camping Ground
- 12 Chamberlains Ford Recreation Reserve
- 13 Coes Ford Recreation Reserve
- 14 Rakaia Huts Campground
- 15 Kowai Pass Domain Camping Ground

	
Toilets	Showers
	
Accessible	Cabins
	
Powered sites	Laundry facilities
	<b>PDS</b>
Cooking facilities	Public dump station
	
Dogs on leash	No dogs



## Public dump station locations

Darfield	68 North Terrace
Glentunnel	2652 Homebush Road
Lake Coleridge Village	3 Kowhai Drive
Leeston	12 Station Street
Rakaia Gorge	Evans Reserve, Windwhistle
Springfield	12 Domain Road
Southbridge	42 James Street



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## Arthur's Pass National Park

### 1. Andrews Shelter Campsite

**FREE**
**DOC**

Mount White Road, Arthur's Pass National Park

A basic campsite. You will need to be fully self-sufficient. River water is available, and there is shelter for cooking. Only camp in the designated area. Do not camp further up the road on private land. Please use the toilet facilities provided at the campsite.

**✖ No dogs. Booking not required.**

### 2. Avalanche Creek Shelter Campsite

**DOC**

Arthur's Pass Village, SH73

DOC/NZMCA campsite pass can be used here. Wheelchair accessible toilets available. Shelter for cooking available.

**✖ No dogs. Bookings required. See the overnight fees and book online at [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz).**

### 3. Hawdon Shelter Campsite

**DOC**

Mount White Road, Arthur's Pass National Park

DOC/NZMCA campsite pass can be used here. Located 24km south of Arthur's Pass Village in the Lower Hawdon Valley. Camp on the grassy flats and enjoy the many walks along Hawdon River. Shelter for cooking available.

**✖ No dogs. Bookings required. See the overnight fees and book online at [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz).**

### 4. Klondyke Corner Campsite

**DOC**

SH73, 8km south of Arthur's Pass Village

DOC/NZMCA campsite pass can be used here. This is a popular summer campsite, located at the junction of the Bealey and Waimakariri Rivers. The large grassy space is sheltered by trees. Shelter for cooking available.

**✖ No dogs. Bookings required. See the overnight fees and book online at [doc.govt.nz](http://doc.govt.nz).**





## Craigieburn Forest Park

### 5. Lake Pearson (Moana Rua) Campsite SH73, 35km south of Arthur's Pass Village

DOC

DOC/NZMCA campsite pass able to be used here. Conservation campsite and wildlife refuge, set on the edge of Lake Pearson. Power boats not permitted. Camp beside a high-country lake in the Waimakariri Basin; a good base for bird watching.

**🚫 No dogs. Bookings required. See the overnight fees and book online at [doc.govt.nz](https://doc.govt.nz).**

### 6. Mistletoe Flats Craigieburn Forest Park

DOC

Located off SH73 between Castle Hill Village and Lake Pearson. DOC/NZMCA campsite pass able to be used here. Set in a landscape of beech forest, tussock and rugged mountains with mountain biking nearby. Shelter for cooking available.

**🐕 Dogs on leash. Bookings required. See the overnight fees and book online at [doc.govt.nz](https://doc.govt.nz).**

#### DOC Camping Grounds

- To book a camping site go to [doc.govt.nz](https://doc.govt.nz)
- No dogs (except at Mistletoe Flats on leash only).
- All tap/river water must be boiled before use.
- All sites are unpowered.
- Do not light fires at any time of the year.
- Wasp populations can reach high numbers between January and March.
- Do not feed kea.
- During winter, alpine areas may be covered in snow and access may be difficult.
- For weather information, visit [metservice.com](https://metservice.com)
- Cash is still acceptable at these campsites using the self-registration kiosks and iron rangers (collection containers).





## Glentunnel

### 7. Glentunnel Holiday Park



**Glentunnel Domain Road, Glentunnel**

Situated in the township of Glentunnel, the Holiday Park is within walking distance to shops, a café and golf course. The terraced park is set among trees, next to the Selwyn River, with river access. With five cabins (from \$85), 88 powered sites (from \$44) and 77 non-powered sites (from \$40), there is a camping style for everyone. A member of NZMCA Campsaver Scheme.

**glentunnelholidaypark@xtra.co.nz or glentunnel.co.nz**

### 8. Whitecliffs Domain

**FREE**

**Hartleys Road, Glentunnel**

A lovely reserve on the banks of the Selwyn River offering fishing, swimming, picnic areas, casual recreation and bird watching. Dogs can be off leash but must be under control. Closed to vehicles for winter, but visitors welcome all year. Maximum stay is 28 days. This site may be closed at any time due to heavy rainfall or flooding.

**Booking is recommended, [selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz)**

**Fee: koha/donations gratefully accepted.**



## Lake Coleridge

### 9. Harper River Campsite Harper Village, Lake Coleridge

**FREE** 

Close to the shore of Lake Coleridge, this campsite is ideal for fishing, walking and enjoying the outdoors. Located at the head of Lake Coleridge, access to the campsite is by unsealed road. Untreated well water is available, however users need to be self-sufficient. Registration is not required for single night stays. To use the campground for more than one night you must register with TrustPower at least two weeks in advance.

[harpercamping@trustpower.co.nz](mailto:harpercamping@trustpower.co.nz) or [lakecoleridgenz.info](http://lakecoleridgenz.info)

## Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere

### 10. Lakeside Domain Recreation Reserve Timber Yard Road, Lakeside

**FREE**

This location offers fishing, boat ramps, picnic areas, casual recreation and is a great spot for bird watching on the lake. Camping permitted for three nights, after which permission is required. Campground may close over winter if the grounds get too wet.

**Bookings not required.**



## Motukarara

### 11. Waihora Park Reserve Campground



136 Park Road, Motukarara

Situated along the rail trail and Motukarara Raceway, this large grassy campground offers a relaxing space to stay. Short-term casual camping only. Two gas barbecues, a playground and tennis courts are available.

**Fees per night: \$10, payment is made at self-serve kiosk at entrance, please bring correct change.**

**waihorapark@gmail.com**

## Lower Selwyn River

### 12. Chamberlains Ford Reserve

**FREE** 

Old Bridge Road, Leeston

Set next to the Selwyn River, this location offers fishing, swimming, picnic areas, casual recreation and bird watching. Dogs can be off leash but must be under control. Open all year round. Maximum stay is 28 days. This site may be closed at any time due to heavy rainfall or flooding.

**Donations/koha appreciated. Bookings not required. Not suitable for large vehicles. Check river quality before swimming at lawa.org.nz**

### 13. Coes Ford Reserve

**FREE** 

The Lake Road, Springston

The reserve is set either side of the Selwyn River, making this an ideal place for swimming, fishing and picnics. Dogs can be off leash but must be under control. Open all year round. Maximum stay is 28 days. This site may be closed at any time due to heavy rainfall or flooding.

**Donations/koha appreciated. Bookings not required. Check river quality before swimming at lawa.org.nz**



## Rakaia Huts

### 14. Rakaia Huts Campground 107 Pacific Drive, Southbridge



Rakaia Huts, 'the fisherman's paradise'. Located at the mouth of the Rakaia River. Fees per night (two people): powered site from \$15, non-powered site from \$10. Dogs are permitted at the discretion of the campground manager.

[rakaiahutscampground@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:rakaiahutscampground@selwyn.govt.nz)

## Springfield

### 15. Kowai Pass Domain Campground 117 Domain Road, Springfield



Bordered by mature trees in a grassy domain with access to good facilities including a washing machine, dryer, kitchenette and common room. There are also tennis courts and a playground.

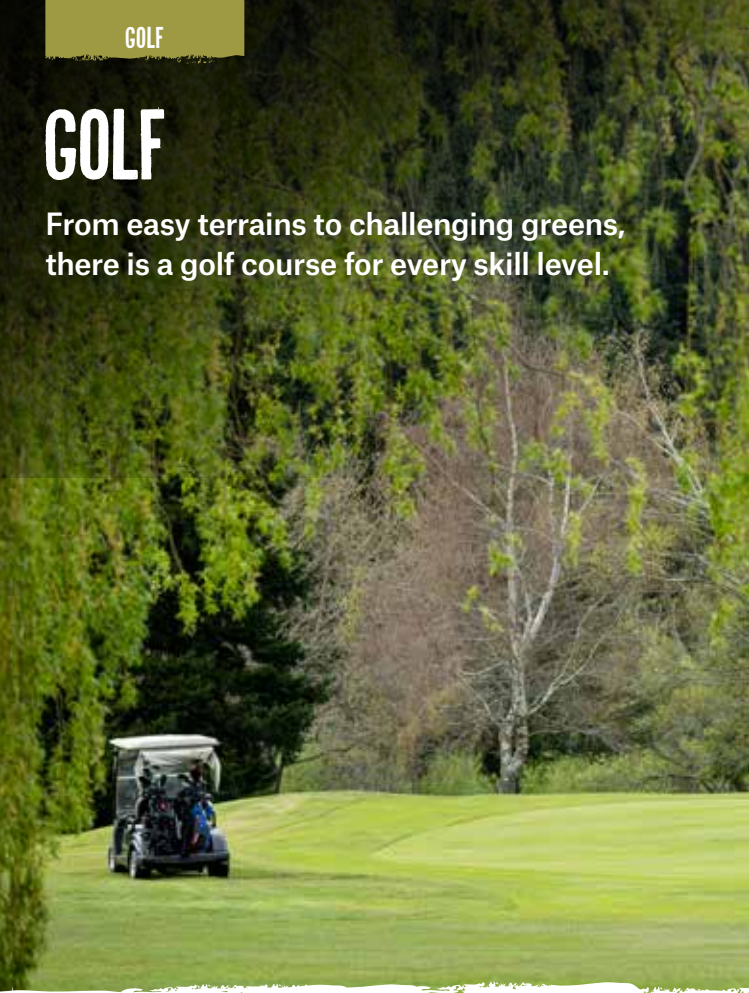
**Fees per night (up to two people):** powered site \$25, non-powered site \$10, extra adults \$5, infant 0-5 free.  
[timeistight91@hotmail.com](mailto:timeistight91@hotmail.com)





# GOLF

From easy terrains to challenging greens, there is a golf course for every skill level.



## Golfing in Selwyn

Test your sporting prowess or unwind with your nine irons and a buddy or two at one of Selwyn's eight golf courses.

Set amongst breathtaking mountain foothills and picturesque patchwork plains, Selwyn's golf clubs offer some of the best courses for novices and skilled players alike.

## Helpful Hints

Bookings are essential for visitors at some clubs, as you may not be allowed to play on club days.

Golf clubs, trundlers and carts are available to hire from most clubs. Visit their website to confirm and find out the green fees.





### **1. Burnham Golf Club** **Aylesbury Road, Burnham**

Located 6km from Rolleston, this course is an easy, flat walk with most fairways tightly tree lined. One water hazard and no bunkers. An internal out-of-bounds operates on fairway 12 due to its position beside the Burnham Military Training Area. Par 72 course.

**[canterburygolf.co.nz/clubs/burnham-golf-club](http://canterburygolf.co.nz/clubs/burnham-golf-club)**

### **2. Ellesmere Golf Club** **Feredays Road, Leeston**

The picturesque Ellesmere Golf Club is an 18-hole course, 3km south of Leeston. Situated on flat land that's suitable for players of all fitness levels. Interesting holes test both experienced and learner golfers.

**[ellesmeregolf.co.nz](http://ellesmeregolf.co.nz)**

### **3. Fable Terrace Downs** **623 Coleridge Road, Windwhistle**

Fable Terrace Downs offers one of the most stunning and unique courses in New Zealand. Set at the foothills of the Southern Alps, its views are not to be missed. Par 72 course. Driving range and golf shop available.

**[terracedowns.co.nz](http://terracedowns.co.nz)**

### **4. Greendale Golf Club** **Coaltrack Track, Greendale**

A great country course that ticks all the boxes. Located on the banks of the Selwyn River, this par 72 course is well maintained, with tactically placed trees, water hazards and out-of-bound challenges to keep you on your toes. Just 15km from Dunsandel. Golf cart available to hire.

**[greendalegolf.co.nz](http://greendalegolf.co.nz)**

### **5. Hororata Golf Club** **2597 Homebush Road, Glentunnel**

Enjoy the beautiful outlook from what is said to be one of New Zealand's best country courses. Soil-based greens, well-maintained fairways and a magnificent wandering creek that bisects six holes. Designed for golfers of all levels. Clubs, trundlers and carts are available to hire.

**[hororatagolf.co.nz](http://hororatagolf.co.nz)**

## **6. Lincoln Golf Club** **Boundary Road, Lincoln**

This nine-hole course, situated in the university town of Lincoln, offers a challenging but stunning playing experience. The parkland setting has tree lined fairways and uninterrupted views of the Southern Alps. Must have your own clubs.

**[lincolngolf.co.nz](http://lincolngolf.co.nz)**

## **7. Tai Tapu Golf Club** **Akaroa Main Road, Tai Tapu**

Voted New Zealand Golf's favourite nine-hole course in the country, Tai Tapu is a compact, picturesque course for golfers of all abilities. With lush, tree lined fairways and generously sized greens, this course presents a different challenge at every hole. Equipment available to hire.

**[taitapugolf.co.nz](http://taitapugolf.co.nz)**

## **8. Weedons Country Club** **McClelland Road, Weedons**

This terrific country course boasts tree lined fairways and many doglegs to ensure a challenge for even the best golfers. Par 73 course, 18 holes. Weedons Country Club lies just 5km from the heart of Rolleston. Golf clubs, trundlers and carts available to hire.

**[weedonsgolf.co.nz](http://weedonsgolf.co.nz)**



# FISHING

Enjoy some of the best spots to fish in Canterbury.



## Fishing in Selwyn

Selwyn's beautiful lakes and rivers are great places to catch brown and rainbow trout, as well as salmon.

Check [fishandgame.org.nz](http://fishandgame.org.nz) for full details, as well as information on fishing licences and rules.

- You'll need a current Sports Fishing Licence. If you intend to fish for sea-run salmon, you'll need an additional salmon licence.



- There may be a limit on the number of fish you can catch, and/or requirements on how big the fish must be to keep.
- If using a boat, check the Environment Canterbury website for advice and rules [ecan.govt.nz](http://ecan.govt.nz)





## Rakaia River

The Rakaia is a large, braided river that supports the best salmon run in the region. Access to the river mouth is easy but the walk can vary as it may move position significantly. Access by road is possible through settlements on both sides of the river mouth.

Many anglers use off road bikes to travel over the soft shingle between the road end and mouth. Boats can be launched at the North Rakaia Huts boat ramp and at times from the riverbed near the South Rakaia Huts (4WD only). The South Rakaia Huts are reached by turning left at Rakaia and travelling down Acton Road for 23km. The North Rakaia Huts are reached by following the signs while travelling south out of Southbridge.

### The Mouth to SH1

Access to this part of the river is best on the south side of the river. All access roads run off Acton Rd (east of Rakaia). Some of the most popular are Dobbins Ford (16.2km from SH1), Griggs Rd (an unformed shingle road directly opposite Griggs Rd, about 11km from SH1), Maginisses (track marked by a sign "Maginisses" on the gate, about 8.8km from SH1), Golf Course (track runs along the eastern boundary of the golf course about 5.6km from SH1) and the Main Road Bridge (the road is a continuation of the Old Main South Road, about 1km east of SH1).



### **Rakaia Terrace Road (north side above SH1)**

Several good access roads lead off Rakaia Terrace Road including the Gun Club (6.2km from SH1), Darrochs Road (8.7km from SH1), Steeles Road (22.3km from SH1) and Sleemans Road (28.7km from SH1).

### **Above The Rakaia Gorge**

A road leads up to the south side of the river where there is good access. Take the turn-off to Glenfalloch a few kilometres on the south side of the Rakaia Gorge bridge on Inland Scenic Route 72. This road meets the river about 10km above the gorge.





## **Waimakariri River**

This river is similar to the Rakaia however, because it is close to Christchurch, it can get more congested during salmon runs. It is the most heavily used recreational river in the South Island. The Waimakariri River has salmon fishing during the season and has good runs of sea-run brown trout. Access to the river is excellent.

### **The Mouth**

The Mouth can be accessed on the north side through the Kairaki settlement and is popular for salmon and kahawai fishermen. The south side of the mouth can be accessed on a motorbike or by a 4WD vehicle through the locked gate at Spencer Park. Keys for this gate and beach permits are available (at a cost) from the Spencer Park Ranger.

### **McIntosh's Rocks**

A very popular fishing location. Take the shingle road (Ferry Road) on the right-hand side which veers off the Kaiapoi to Kairaki Road as it sweeps to the left, 2km short of the mouth. Park at the end of this track and walk over the stopbank to the rocks. A net is recommended for landing fish at McIntosh's Rocks. Although best known for salmon fishing, McIntosh's can also provide very good trout fishing, especially around dawn and dusk. There is a wheelchair fishing platform at McIntosh's Rocks. A key is available from Blackwells Department Store in Kaiapoi to unlock the gate.

### **North Side (SH1 to Browns Rock)**

A system of riverside roads and stopbanks run along the north side of the river between SH1 and Browns Rock which provides excellent access. This track starts underneath the Old Highway Bridge south of Kaiapoi and runs to Browns Rock, just a few kilometres short of the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge.



## **Old Main North Road – South Side**

This track runs off the Old Main North Road next to Readymix Concrete and goes a short distance upstream to the confluence of the South Branch. It continues a couple of kilometres downstream before ending at a locked gate just below Stewarts Gully.

## **SH1 to McLeans Island**

Good access is available from the stopbank running along this stretch of river. The stopbank can be accessed from the top at McLeans Island or from Dickeys Road at the bottom.

## **McLeans Island to the Gorge**

A number of roads running from Old West Coast Road lead to the river. The most used are Weedons Ross Road, the Willows, Intake Road, Cooks Road, Courtenay Road and Kimberley Road.

The Waimakariri Gorge Bridge is on SH72 (Waddington to Oxford). There is access to both sides of the river here. The most popular is on the south side of the bridge where a shingle track leads down the terrace and out onto the riverbed. This is a popular boat launching spot.

Take Harman Gorge Road, turn left into the shingle track at the bottom of the cutting near the Woodstock Homestead and follow signs to the river. This is also a popular boat launching spot.

## **Above the Gorge**

Good access is available where SH73 gets close to or crosses the river. This stretch starts just past the Cass township and runs until Bealey Bridge. Vehicles are not permitted in the riverbed near the Bealey Bridge as this is a National Park with strict restrictions on vehicles. Access the north side by turning right into a shingle track just before SH73 reaches the Waimakariri. This track leads down the terrace to the Mt White Bridge.

## **The Selwyn River**

The Selwyn River contains reasonable numbers of brown trout in the lower reaches but is often dry and flows underground in the middle reaches. Access is good from the Upper Selwyn Huts to the mouth, and it is here that most fishing occurs. During daylight hours natural bait and spinning are popular, with flyfishing happening after dark.

### **Harts Creek**

Harts Creek is a good flyfishing stream, especially towards the mouth. Follow Lake Road to its intersection with Timber Yard Road (heading south), turn left down the latter and turn left again onto a small bridge not far from the corner. A car parking area is at the end of the track and a DOC walkway leads down to the mouth. Fishing at the mouth is good after dark but the river between the car park and the mouth can offer good flyfishing during daylight hours. Access to the river above the car park requires the consent of the landowner.

## **North Canterbury Lakes**

### **Lake Coleridge**

Lake Coleridge is the largest and most heavily fished lake in North Canterbury. It supports one of very few New Zealand populations of landlocked chinook salmon, which are the most common catch in the lake. Brown and rainbow trout are also abundant.

Opening weekend (the first Saturday in November) is a big event with hundreds of anglers on the lake and lots of fish being caught. There are many well-known fishing areas around Lake Coleridge:

Ryton Bay can be reached by following the Lake Coleridge Road to just before the point it crosses the Ryton River. A left fork in the road here takes you to Ryton Bay where the river enters the lake.

The top end of the lake where the Harper River enters is reached by continuing up the Lake Coleridge Road after crossing the Ryton Bridge, past Lakes Evelyn and Selfe, through the ECNZ village and turning left after crossing the Harper River. The first right leads to a camping area known as "The Boat Harbour" from which access to the southern shore of the lake is easy. Park at The Boat Harbour, cross the walk bridge and head down the south shore of the lake. The Harper confluence is another popular fishing spot.



## Lake Lyndon

Lake Lyndon can be accessed directly off SH73 just over Porters Pass. Access to the lake is excellent and good catches of rainbow and brown trout can be had. In the past, the lake has tended to hold large numbers of smaller fish, but there appears to be fewer, larger fish now.

## Lake Pearson

Lake Pearson is one of the larger North Canterbury lakes. Mackinaw (American lake trout) are present in the lake but are rarely caught. Those that are caught tend to come from the eastern end of the lake. Brown trout are the most common catch. Lake Pearson is easily accessed from SH73 which runs along the southern shore.





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## **Activities**

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.

Explore Selwyn's little-known historical places. From ancient stone outcrops (Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill) to one of the first state-owned power stations in Lake Coleridge still working today.

Visit famous art sites such as Cass Railway Station along the Great Alpine Highway (SH73) made famous by Rita Angus, or visit museums and community art galleries with changing exhibitions and workshops throughout the year.

**[selwyn.nz/thingstodo](http://selwyn.nz/thingstodo)**

## **Ski Selwyn**

Selwyn is home to the best unique ski areas in New Zealand! With world class off-piste skiing, uncrowded slopes, awesome terrain and kiwi hospitality, all just over one hour's drive from Rolleston.

Craigieburn, Porters, Cheeseman, Temple Basin, Mt Olympus and Broken River feature mixed terrain riding from beginner to advanced, on-mountain accommodation, on-site café and bar and snow schools with highly qualified instructors.

**[selwyn.nz/skiselwyn](http://selwyn.nz/skiselwyn)**



## Itineraries

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

Take a break and experience the many boutique accommodation options from high country stations, local B&B's, or glamping under the stars.

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# EXPLORE SELWYN

Discover the hidden sights of Selwyn on foot or bike. Wander Harts Creek and Coopers Lagoon and spot the native bird species. Explore McHugh's Forest in Darfield or the native ferns of Kowai Bush.

Trek up to Washpen Falls or along the Rakaia Gorge Track. Walk among limestone formations at Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill or venture underground at Cave Stream.

Cycle the Little River Rail Trail along the old rail corridor beside Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere to Birdlings Flat, or challenge yourself on bike trails that zigzag the tussocky slopes of the Craigieburn Forest Park.

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