

# SELWYN

## FROM THE LAND

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN GEMS IN THE SELWYN DISTRICT THIS AUTUMN

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Make the most of the autumn sunshine, diverse landscapes and local produce in Selwyn and explore what the district has to offer.

## HAZELZ NEW ZEALAND

Originally sheep and beef farmers, Alan and Janet Mathewson from Kirwee made the move to growing hazelnuts in 2003 and are now the site of The Hazelnut Company Ltd (trading as 'Hazelz New Zealand').

Starting out with limited knowledge on hazelnuts, the move to developing an orchard was a steep learning curve for them. They saw a great future in nuts as a healthy food source and knew the quality of imported nuts left a lot to be desired.

The orchard is currently the country's largest producing hazelnut orchard with 6,600 trees. As well as their own crop, they process around 80% of the country's hazelnuts with over 100 hazelnut suppliers throughout New Zealand.

If you're eating a local hazelnut product chances are it's from Kirwee. Try the new Deep South hazelnut and chocolate icecream with hazelnuts straight from the Hazelz factory.

Want to get your hands on some? Visit the Lyttelton Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings, place an order online, or get a group together and book a tour through the factory for the full experience.

Find out more at [hazelnut.co.nz](http://hazelnut.co.nz)



## FROM THE PEOPLE: SIMONETTA THE CULINARY ARTIST

Simonetta Ferrari saw something special in the historic homestead and 100 year old organic country garden at Gonyah when she bought the property. "It had immense potential and I could use my skills here," she said.

Traditional methods and organic produce are important to Simonetta. The range of European country-style spreads, chutneys, oil products, liqueurs and baked goods are sold under the label 'Buoni Saporì', which means 'good flavours'. The products are handmade with fresh produce.

"What is important to me is that I have done something that has contributed to people's lives. But also that there's something left after, something that helps the environment. I've got an eco-project down by the river. That's my legacy."

Read the full story at [selwyn.nz](http://selwyn.nz)



## LOCAL PRODUCE

Locally owned and operated, The Leeston Grocer is the perfect stop if you're after good quality produce at affordable prices. Fresh fruit and vegetable is always available and friendly staff are on-hand to help – pop in today and say hello.

Find out more [f theleestongrocer](https://www.facebook.com/theleestongrocer)





## GOT A SWEET TOOTH?

Local artisan chocolate manufacturers, **Chocolate Traders**, located near Ladbrooks, produce a huge variety of chocolates. The family-run business, has products stocked all over New Zealand but can also be found locally in Industria Rolleston Square and Lincoln New World.

With Easter just around the corner it's worth checking out their Vintage Easter bunnies or if you're in need of a gift they have a large range of boxed chocolate assortments and over 18 different types of flavoured chocolate.

Want to know more? You can visit their factory shop during the week for tastings and watch the chocolatier hand-crafting the chocolate treats.

Find out more at [chocolatetraders.co.nz](http://chocolatetraders.co.nz).



## TIME FOR ADVENTURE

This is one for the adrenaline junkies. Start with a bite to eat or brunch at the **Highway Café** in Springfield and take a picture at the famous Springfield donut. Liven up your day and enjoy beautiful scenery with an exciting and fun jet boat ride in the stunning Waimakariri River Canyon with **Alpine Jet Thrills** at their Springfield departure point.

After an action-packed adventure you'll need to refuel! The Famous **Sheffield Pie Shop** has been feeding travellers for over 40 years and is the perfect stop when heading through Sheffield. They've got all your original classics, as well as some creative new flavours. Check them out and see what all the hype is about.



## SO CLOSE BUT A WORLD AWAY

Located only an hour's drive from Christchurch city along the Inland Scenic Route, **Lake Coleridge** is a perfect destination for an autumn getaway.

This diverse alpine valley of snowcapped mountains, high country lakes and braided rivers offers plenty of opportunities for recreational enthusiasts or a perfect spot to simply chill out and enjoy the last rays of autumn sunshine.

Jet boat along the Rakaia River, fish or try wind surfing at Ryton Bay. On land, head off on a walking or biking track, go horse trekking or enjoy a round of golf at Terrace Downs. In autumn, local gardens and the village at Lake Coleridge stand out amongst the high country landscape.

At the end of the day retreat to one of the accommodation options throughout the area. Take in the night sky and mountain backdrops of the Mt Hutt range and the Southern Alps. All so close but a world away.

Find out more at [lakecoleridgez.info](http://lakecoleridgez.info)



## MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT

**Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden  
Autumn Exhibition 2020**  
Saturdays and Sundays 7–22 March  
11am–3pm  
199 Cossars Road, Tai Tapu

**Arthur's Pass Autumn Fête**  
Saturday 21 March 10am–3pm  
93 West Coast Road, Arthur's Pass  
Free

**Malvern Autumn A&P Show**  
Saturday 28 March  
Sheffield Domain

**Terrace Station Heritage Garden  
Autumn Open Days**  
Sunday 29 March and Sunday 26 April  
11am–3pm  
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**Christchurch Food Show**  
3–5 April, 10am–5pm  
Horncastle Arena

## AUTUMN WALK: KOWAI BUSH

Enjoy an autumn walk through the **Kowai Bush Reserve**, located 10 minutes before Springfield. The reserve is a set of meandering loop tracks set in dense beech forest. Once a thriving community built around farming and the Midland railway, Kowai Bush Reserve is steeped in history as one of the earliest European settlements in the country. Kowai means "between the waters" and in the 1800s it was dense native bush with abundant bird life.

Today only a small remnant of the typical Lowland Beech forest remains, preserved by the efforts of Bevan Brown and the Harris Family.

This moderate, low intensity walking track takes 30 to 60 minutes and shows how the native forests used to be. The tracks are not too steep, which also makes it appropriate for children (but not pram friendly).