

# A DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS

With river, beach and mountain walks, 60 km of cycleways, 10 km of swimmable coastline, boutique shops, fabulous eateries and a number of activities to do such as cruise, kayak or row up the Kaiapoi River, find out why Waimakariri is the perfect place to make a day of it.



## 2pm – Ashley Gorge Reserve

When back down the mountain, take the scenic drive to the Ashley Gorge Reserve and cool off with a swim in the river. Known for its pristine waters and untouched landscape – this is a true gem. Discover why this is a popular spot for locals and enjoy the birdsong. Top tip, bring sandfly repellent, just in case! Overnight camping available, bookings essential.

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ASHLEY GORGE RESERVE, 697 ASHLEY GORGE ROAD, OXFORD  
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## 9am – Mt Thomas Conservation Area

Set off on an early morning hike up Mount Thomas with a friend or your family, bearing in mind it's five hours to the top! There are plenty of shorter walks in the foothills for you to discover as well if you prefer. We recommend taking a picnic lunch to enjoy whilst taking in the views. Alternatively, stop at one of the cafes in Rangiora for top ups.

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50 MINUTES FROM CHRISTCHURCH  
HAYLAND ROAD  
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR TRACK DETAILS

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## 5pm – Black Beech Pizza and Wine Bar, Oxford

With a 10-minute drive to Oxford you can then honour those hunger cues with a deliciously different pizza from Black Beech Pizza and Wine Bar. With thirteen flavour options you'll be sure to find one that tickles your fancy. Top tip – It is a wine bar after all, so enjoy your pizza with a glass of their recommended pairing.

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10 MINUTES FROM THE GORGE  
46 MAIN STREET  
OPEN EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY

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