

# Waimakariri

## THE MUST DO'S IN WAIMAKARIRI



### WANDER

Immerse yourself in nature by exploring the **Mt Thomas Conservation Area** (Hayland Road, Loburn - 10 minutes from Rangiora). Whilst on your adventure, listen to the birdsong of Waimakariri. Depending on which trail you choose, you can enjoy expansive views of the district. Check the Discover section of our website to choose the trail that best suits your fitness and desires.

With numerous flat walks around lakes, amongst native bush, parks and along our rivers you are spoilt for choice when it comes to walking in Waimakariri. One of our top picks is **Northbrook Waters** (Cotter Lane, Rangiora) which was once the site of early European Industry - it is now a reserve for wildlife and recreation.

Marvel at local creations on display at our three contemporary **Art Galleries**; Art on the Quay (Ruataniwhai Kaiapoi Civic Centre, 176 Williams Street, Kaiapoi), The Chamber Gallery (Rangiora Library, 141 Percival Street, Rangiora) and Oxford Gallery (72 Main Street, Oxford).



### PLAY

With five golf courses on offer you can pick and choose where to perfect your swing. If time is tight then head for 9 holes of golf at **Riverlands** (45 Doubledays Road, Kaiapoi) or experience the state of art driving range at **Pegasus Golf & Sports Club** (Mapleham Drive, Pegasus).

Taking a ride in New Zealand's only commercial airboat is a must. Skim your way across the braids of the Waimakariri River and get the blood pumping! Contact **Alpine Jet Thrills**, bookings are essential 0800 26 36 26.

Cruise up the Kaiapoi River to where it meets the Waimakariri River on the iconic **Kaiapoi River Queen**. Enjoy the serenity and views whilst enjoying a hot lunch. Check [www.kaiapoiriverqueen.co.nz](http://www.kaiapoiriverqueen.co.nz) for sailing times or call 027 435 0596.

With several wide, sandy beaches on offer - a stroll, surf or swim at **Waikuku Beach** is a must. While down there stop and take a wander around the **Lavender Fields** farm (Waikuku Beach Road) and discover their range of natural skin and sleep products.



### EXPLORE

If you are a keen shopper then you are spoilt for choose with plenty of **Boutique Shops** in Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford. Peruse our comprehensive shopping guide on the Discover section of our website.

If gardens are your thing, then take some time to admire **Broadoak** (Jacksons Road and Mill Stream, Keetly Place, Ohoka) with a garden tour, and peruse the sculptures on display at the **Rusty Acre** (1 Roscrea Place, Ohoka).

Delight in local produce and craft at the **Ohoka Farmers Market** (Mill Road on the Ohoka Domain) every Friday morning from 9 am - 12.30pm and **Oxford Farmers Market** every Sunday from 9am - 12 pm (Main Street, Oxford).



### EAT & SIP

For a complete list of fabulous dining experiences in Waimakariri head to our Eat and Sip page on our website. Otherwise, here are a few of our favourites:

**RANGIORA:** Situated opposite each other on Conway Lane are **Fresca Mediterranean**, for the taste of the Med and **Fools of Desire** for locally inspired cuisine. **Lemon Grass** is an authentic Thai restaurant located in a countryside orchard just outside Rangiora (56 Fletchers Road, Loburn). Bookings are essential 03 310 3102. If you're looking for a burger with a difference, then try **ALT Kitchen** (7 Durham Street) conveniently connected with **The Good Drop** who have numerous craft beers on tap.

**OXFORD:** Taste the deliciously different gourmet pizza at **Black Beech Pizza and Wine Bar** (46 Main Street).

**KAIAPOI:** Take a break and enjoy a high tea experience at **Paris for the Weekend**, situated on the bank of the Kaiapoi River (Charles Street). **Red Eight Café** (Williams Street) is known for their delectable cabinet food and have extra sweet treats on offer every Friday. Just down the road is brew pub **The Platform Brew Bar**, which boasts incredible views of the Kaiapoi River. Taste the difference at **Golden Tumeric** (3/61 Williams Street) with their wide variety of Indian flavour combinations. Wanting a show with dinner? Then book in at **Teppanyaki Takao** (73/77 Hilton Street) where they expertly cook delicious Japanese cuisine on a hot plate in front of you.

For more information see our website [www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz](http://www.visitwaimakariri.co.nz)

