



EXPLORE TIMARU DISTRICT

Download the free Timaru Trails app to discover fascinating history, art scene and scenic walking and biking tracks.

The Timaru Trails app will have you:

- ✓ Walking scenic coastal tracks, past the site of ancient shipwrecks and lava flows.
- ✓ Uncovering the tales of our cemeteries and heritage sites.
- ✓ Exploring our vibrant street art and sculptures.

DOWNLOAD FREE
Timaru Trails and ROAM Apps from Google Play or the App Store

CHOOSE
Scenic walking tracks, self-guided heritage trails or driving routes

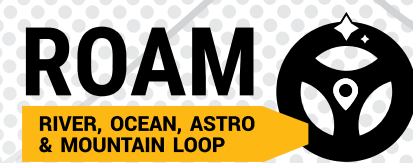
TAKE
A tour of best spots in one App



All of this within an easy driving loop



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EXPLORE THE CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Journey through an area of stunning and diverse landscapes from the Pacific Coast to the mountainous high country.

The ROAM loop app will have you:

- ✓ Visiting iconic South Island locations like Aoraki/Mt Cook, Caroline Bay and the Clay Cliffs.
- ✓ Wining, dining and coastal walking in little seaside city Timaru.
- ✓ Checking out the geology and wineries of the Waitaki Valley.
- ✓ Discovering towering silo art and a cool eco-sanctuary in Waimate.

GETTING HERE

DRIVE We're centrally located on the East Coast of Te Waipounamu/ South Island, about halfway between Dunedin and Christchurch. Or, if you take the inland scenic route between Christchurch and Central Otago, you'll find us too.

FLY Air New Zealand operates direct daily flights from Wellington to Timaru. Check out grabaseat.co.nz for special deals.

DRIVE TIMES FROM TIMARU

Pleasant Point	15 min
Temuka	20 min
Geraldine	35 min
Peel Forest	50 min
Tekapo	1 hr 20 min
Aoraki /Mt Cook	2 hr 35 min
Twizel	2 hrs
Oamaru	1 hr
Dunedin	2 hr 45 min
Christchurch	2 hr 20 min

INFORMATION CENTRES

TIMARU INFORMATION CENTRE
Landing Services Building, 2 George Street, Timaru.
Phone: 03 688 4452

GERALDINE INFORMATION CENTRE
Kiwi Country Complex, 38 Waihi Terrace Geraldine.
Phone: 03 693 1101

TEMUKA LIBRARY SERVICE CENTRE
Temuka Library, 72 - 74 King St, Temuka.
Phone: 03 687 7591

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COASTAL WALKS



TUHAUAIKI (JACK'S) POINT, TIMARU



RESIDENT ARTISTS



TREVOR GRIFFITHS ROSE GARDEN, TIMARU



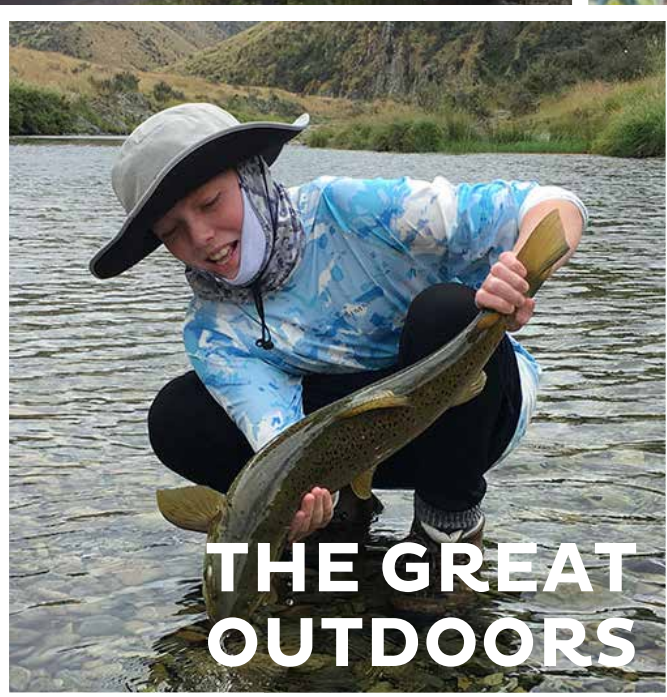
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS



KORORĀ/LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS, TIMARU



LANDING SERVICES PRECINCT, TIMARU



MĀORI ROCK ART



COCKTAIL HOUR



STREET ART

KORYU'S DREAM, GERALDINE



FOREST EXPLORING



STARGAZING



OUTSTANDING FOOD



REAL FRUIT ICECREAMS



FARMERS MARKETS



ACLAND FALLS, PEEL FOREST



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NAU MAI HAERE MAI WELCOME TO TIMARU DISTRICT



Timaru is located on the East Coast of
Te Waipounamu/South Island, around
halfway between Christchurch
and Dunedin.

Our central location makes us the
perfect place to meet up with friends and
whānau from across the South Island.

There are also direct daily flights from
Wellington to Timaru for our North Island
friends and whānau.

SUN & SAND CAROLINE BAY, TIMARU

OUR DISTRICT ▶

Timaru District is made up of Timaru,
Geraldine, Peel Forest, Temuka, Pleasant
Point, and a fantastic rural playground
from Caroline Bay to Mesopotamia.

GERALDINE ▶

A fabulous place to escape to is the
charming village of Geraldine. It's
home to outstanding eateries, scenic
walking tracks, day spas, artists in
galleries, stargazing and loads of
gourmet food producers.

It's a foodie destination and the perfect
place to stock up on gourmet goodness.
Think Barker's of Geraldine, Humdinger
Gin, Valley Brewing, Geraldine Cheese
Company, Al's Laboratory Hot Sauces,
Waihi Organics and more.

PLEASANT POINT ▶

Pleasant Point is en route from
Timaru City through to the legendary
Mackenzie.

The Pleasant Point Railway and Museum
is known as one of the best preservation
railways in NZ, attracting families and
train enthusiasts from around the world.

It's also home to Strawberry Divine,
people drive from all around to chill
out in this cool space and sample their
delicious real fruit ice cream.

TEMUKA ▶

The home of Temuka Pottery and
fabulous op-shops and vintage stores.
At last count there are six stores selling
vintage goods, rooms full of furniture
and treasure to discover. The op shop
scene in Timaru District is vibrant, our
stores are full of good finds.

MESOPOTAMIA ▶

An area of outstanding natural beauty,
fascinating pioneering history and
outdoor adventures. You can hike, fish
and hunt, take 4x4 tours, visit Dr Sinclair's
grave and the remnants of writer/poet
Samuel Butler's original homestead.
The Te Araroa Trail goes through this
magical area.

TIMARU CITY ▶

Timaru is the second largest city in
Canterbury. It's all about coastal
walks, outstanding food, and boutique
shops – all set in a pretty Edwardian
streetscape and centered around
beautiful Caroline Bay.

It's home to the world's smallest
penguin, NZ's most significant collection
of ancient Māori Rock Art, fabulous
eateries, boutique stores, important
heritage roses and everything else you'd
expect from an urban centre – minus
the big crowds.

PEEL FOREST ▶

Put Peel Forest on your list of places to
visit if you're into bush walks, waterfalls,
horse trekking, amazing scenery and
great food.

It's full of beautiful easy to achieve native
forest walks with waterfalls. Or, to test
your fitness, set aside half a day and
climb up Huatekerekere/Little Mt Peel.

It was home to renowned artist Austen
Deans, you'll find a memorial in the
village to him and a mural he painted in
the hall.



TIMARU DISTRICT MUST-DO

There's heaps to see and do here, so we've
put together some lists to get you started.

You can learn more about all of this,
and plan your trip over at
welovetimaru.nz

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TIMARU | TEMUKA | PLEASANT POINT
GERALDINE | PEEL FOREST | MESOPOTAMIA

OUTSTANDING FOOD

Our food producers are renowned for their
innovation, from iconic brands like Barker's,
to boutique artisan products that locals love
and visitors are finding out about.



THE OXFORD, TIMARU

- ▶ Go on a guided tour of the DB Brewery factory
- ▶ Visit during the South Canterbury Outstanding Food Festival (SCOFF), scoff amazing food and win prizes
- ▶ Experiment with flavours at the interactive tasting stations at Barker's Foodstore and Eatery in Geraldine
- ▶ Try a Denheath Custard Square
- ▶ Try a gin tasting at Humdinger Distillery
- ▶ Get a legendary real fruit ice cream at Strawberry Divine in Pleasant Point
- ▶ Pick up some cute cupcakes from Millie Rose in Timaru
- ▶ Sample locally brewed craft beer

ART & CULTURE

There are 11 museums to visit, fabulous art
galleries, and download the Timaru Trails
app to explore art, heritage and tales of the
Timaru cemetery.



SOUTH CANTERBURY MUSEUM

- ▶ Immerse yourself in art at the Aigantighe Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden in Timaru
- ▶ See more than 1200 old roses at The Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden at Caroline Bay
- ▶ Visit the memorials to mark the birthplace of legendary Phar Lap, and the site where Richard Pearse took the first manned flight. According to local legend!
- ▶ Visit pioneer graves in Mesopotamia
- ▶ Explore the South Canterbury Museum
- ▶ Discover the ancient art galleries of Aotearoa with Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre and Tours
- ▶ Explore five specialist vintage vehicle and machinery museums
- ▶ Get your selfie on at our street art sites

FAMILY FUN

There's so much to do here for families and
a lot of the best activities are completely
free. Explore our tracks, go stargazing, find
a 'WuHoo' and heaps more.



CENTENNIAL PARK, TIMARU

- ▶ Find free fun with WuHoo Timaru
- ▶ Swim in the ocean at Caroline Bay
- ▶ Visit our kororā/little blue penguins
- ▶ Go stargazing with Geraldine Observatory
- ▶ Horse trek through Peel Forest
- ▶ Explore canyons with Big Rock Adventures
- ▶ Take a train ride back in time at the Pleasant Point Railway and Museum
- ▶ Go native bat spotting
- ▶ Visit friendly farmyard animals
- ▶ Swim and picnic in our scenic gorges
- ▶ Mountain bike at Centennial Park

EPIC EVENTS

We've got lots to celebrate in Timaru
District. From large annual events to free
community events, you'll find it all on the
event calendar on our website.



CAROLINE BAY CARNIVAL

- ▶ **MARCH:** Caroline Bay Rock and Hop
- ▶ **SEPTEMBER:** South Canterbury Outstanding Food Festival (SCOFF)
- ▶ **OCTOBER:** South Island Masters Games
- ▶ **NOVEMBER:** Geraldine Summer Fete
- ▶ **NOVEMBER:** Timaru Soap Box Derby
- ▶ **NOVEMBER:** The Geraldine Festival
- ▶ **NOVEMBER:** Get to the Point
- ▶ **DECEMBER:** Caroline Bay Carnival
- ▶ **DECEMBER:** Timaru Festival of Roses
- ▶ **DECEMBER:** Christmas on the Bay

FAVOURITE WALKS

Timaru's seaside location means fantastic
coastal walks where you can see dolphins,
penguins and the occasional whale, or head
inland for beautiful bush walks.



HUATEKEREKERE, PEEL FOREST

There are heaps of fantastic walks throughout the
district, here are three to get you started.

- ▶ **Little Mt Peel/Huatekerekere, Peel Forest.** Known as one of the best day walks in Canterbury, the round trip takes around 6 hours, and you're rewarded with expansive views at the top.
- ▶ **Dashing Rocks Walk, Timaru.** Wander the cliffs past a historic lighthouse, and the site of ancient shipwrecks where the waves crash into volcanic rock. Start with brunch, or finish with sunset drinks, at the fabulous row of eateries at the top of the Bay Hill.
- ▶ **Riverside Walkway, Geraldine.** One of the best ways to experience Geraldine is on foot. This loop takes in a riverside walk, native forest, and the main shopping area. A project is underway to turn this into a sculpture trail – it's going to be amazing!



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