



StoneBridge

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Geraldine is surrounded by Timaru, Ashburton, Fairlie on the Inland Scenic Route between Christchurch and Mt Cook.

Geraldine offers a wide range of outdoor activities including white water rafting, kayaking, walking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing and golfing.

During winter, the village bustles with skiers based in the town and heading daily to nearby ski fields. Enjoy browsing Geraldine's charming, compact shopping area for souvenirs, merino wear, crafts, local artworks and other quality New Zealand made clothing and giftware.

Things to do onsite or within 2 to 35 minutes

- Relax in the hammock, take a punt on the water, stroll through the woodland StoneBridge gardens, be completely pampered by our local beauticians or take a spa or climb into our hot water spring, herbal garden baths.
- Watch a working dairy farm milk cows or sheep being shorn.
- Have a go at clay Bird Shooting
- Enjoy relaxed shopping for quality New Zealand made clothing, merino wear and souvenirs. Locally made arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork & hand knitted garments are available also from a number of delightful gift shops.
- Friendly Cafés, Wineries and Craft Beers including handmade chocolates, Talbot Forest Cheeses, award winning cheeses and famous "Barker's of Geraldine" fruit products and preserves. Try Elderflower beverages, virgin flaxseed oil and locally produced organic yoghurt. Visit The Brewery Café, where seven types of beer are brewed in the beautiful Gapes Valley or Opihi Winery, in the restored historic Clifton Cottage - sample several award winning varieties only a 25 minute drive south of Geraldine.
- Visit beautiful Peel Forest, Located in the stunning Rangitata Valley, with Rangitata Rafts offering some of NZ's best white-water rafting; experience kayaking, walking and mountain biking experiences with Alps2Ocean. Horse riding can also be enjoyed and local operators can provide you with access to areas not normally accessible to the public in Peel Forest.
- There are two golf courses within minutes of Geraldine. Play the new Mini Golf Course at Café Mes Amis in Orari. A quick 5 minute drive from Geraldine. The course is great fun with cut-out horses, cows, a milking shed and even railway lines!
- Watch a movie at the Historic Geraldine Cinema. If you time it right, you might be even able to experience a live music concert. Relax in the comfy couches and enjoy the latest blockbuster to arthouse movies. In the interval, buy an ice cream or some jaffas, especially if you are sitting upstairs!
- Visit Talbot Forest, an easy walk from the village. This is an excellent example of a rare remnant of lowland podocarp hardwood native forest – enjoy any of four easy shady walks. Within the reserve there are a couple of areas where you can park the car, so take a picnic lunch and enjoy the views. If you want to visit local gardens, summer is the best time and you are in for a treat. Before you travel, email or phone the Geraldine Visitor Centre on 03 693 1006 and we will advise which gardens are open to view.
- View the fascinating 'Medieval Mosaic' and see the re-creation of the Bayeux Tapestry, completed after 25 years of work and research. As well as enjoying this incredible replica, try your hand at puzzles to tease your mind and view The World's Largest Jersey, recognised in The Guinness Book of Records.
- Galleries, check out the local art galleries. There are several very talented artists living in the South Canterbury area. Visit Saffron Gallery, McAtamney Gallery or The Cottage Pantry to see their latest art exhibition
- Take a scenic flight with Air Rangitata, based north of Geraldine and just a 15 minute drive away. Visit the Rangitata Areodrome and see the Heritage Museum collection of aviation memorabilia and view the microlights housed there.
- Museums Visit the Geraldine historic Museum and learn about the early days in the area. The impressive collection at the Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Museum is also a must-see - over 1400 exhibits on display, including the only surviving 1929 Spartan biplane in the world and over 100 tractors, one of them the oldest working tractor in New Zealand. Nearby is Geraldine's Lace Museum, featuring a large private collection of antique lace and also thread, weaving, spinning and sewing items
- stop at Legends Café, the former Pleasant Point Post Office building is the birthplace of the famous Denheath Custard Square; now an international success story based on an old family recipe 20 minutes from Geraldine.
- walking or biking along all or part of the Opihi River Stop Back Track

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- Pleasant Point Museum and Railway, with a fully operational steam locomotive and the world's only Model T Ford Railcar
- Take a scenic drive over rolling South Canterbury farmland with beautiful views towards the mountains
- Visit Fairlie, 35 minutes from Geraldine. This bustling township and rural community is nestled into a rich hinterland with a majestic mountain backdrop. On one of New Zealand's most popular tourist routes, State Highway 8 (Inland Scenic Route), that has abundant trout and salmon river fishing, horse trekking activities and carriage rides.
- Lake Opuha boating and family leisure options
- 18 hole golf course
- Fairlie Heritage museum and Whisk & Page café - experience life and work in a rural community through farming implements, vintage tractors and vehicles from the past
- art galleries, local crafts and shopping
- Scenic helicopter flights, leaving from Farm Barn Cafe and retail outlet at nearby Mt Michael
- family friendly cafés, restaurants and à la carte dining
- home of multi award winning Fairlie Bakehouse – Lieber Pies and 'cronut' croissant-doughnuts amongst other delicacies
- winter pursuits, skiing at nearby Mt Dobson
- walk, hike, bike – Four Peaks High Country Track self-guided tours over a privately owned historic high country station, staying in original musterers' (shepherds) huts including 'Sutherlands Hut' the oldest surviving in New Zealand
- Visit Timaru, just 35 minutes south of Geraldine.
- Te Ana Ngai Tahu Rock Art Centre and tours to Maori Rock Art sites
- Art Galleries
- Cafes and Restaurants
- Caroline Bay - popular beachfront board walks, viewing lookout and childrens' play areas, one of New Zealand's Top 10 Beaches (AA 2014)
- relax at a cafe or restaurant on the Piazza area above Caroline Bay and enjoy stunning sea to mountain views
- CBay Aquatic Centre - a wide range of family activities including swimming, hydrosides and other aquatic adventures
- DB Brewery Tour
- Early settler buildings; Edwardian and Victorian Architecture
- South Canterbury Museum
- Aigantighe Art Gallery
- Mountain biking and walking tracks
- Rivers and scenic reserves, Hunting & Fishing
- Roses in summer - Timaru City even has its own rose, a vibrant red floribunda named "Trumpeter" after Louis Armstrong!
- Timaru Botanic Gardens
- Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden - over 1200 rose varieties in an architecturally designed setting
- Relaxed, unhurried shopping
- Farmers market every Saturday morning at Community House Carpark
- colourful annual events such as the Caroline Bay Carnival and Timaru Festival of Roses
- Free Wifi

Aoraki Development Business & Tourism (ADBT) and Vetta Technologies and have partnered together to provide you with free public WiFi in the Timaru CBD. Each day, you will receive 30 minutes of CBD WiFi access, free of charge! If you require a longer time period, plans are available. Learn more

- Lake Tekapo 1 hour from Geraldine. Your first glimpse of the beautiful turquoise blue lake is a hint of more to come in this magical spot that offers so much to the visitor. A huge range of activities can be enjoyed year round in the Tekapo / Mackenzie area, all of them accompanied by some of the most memorable scenery you will ever see.
- year round activities - wintersports playground to summer holiday activities galore
- great fishing in local canals, lakes and rivers
- visit the world-famous Mount John Observatory; 360° daytime views and amazing night sky stargazing at Earth and Sky
- Take a breath and relax at Tekapo Springs Spa
- walking and mountain-bike trails galore – all with dramatic scenic backdrops
- try a section of the Alps 2 Ocean cycle trail or ride the entire trail starting from Tekapo
- scenic flights over the southern alps and stunning southern lakes with Air Safaris
- enjoy a game of golf in New Zealand's highest golf course
- explore golden tussock grasslands and historic high country sheep farms on horseback
- the Church of the Good Shepherd – one of the most photographed churches on the planet with breathtaking views of lake and mountains through the altar window
- famous bronze statue in honour of the sheepdog – a tribute to the working dogs of the area
- breathtaking lake and mountain views offered by a wide choice of accommodation options



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