

Canterbury

Christchurch. Botanic Gardens, Port Hill's walking tracks. Punting on the Avon River. Day excursions to Kaikoura, Arthur's Pass, Hanmer Springs and Akaroa are available. Tranz Alpine, one of the world's greatest train trips, Christchurch/ Greymouth daily.

Akaroa, French Settlement on Banks Peninsula, boat trips to see Hector's Dolphins. Akaroa Information Centre www.visitakaroa.com

Hinewai Conservation Reserve on Banks Peninsula, privately owned 1250 hectares of native vegetation with over 12 kilometres of walking tracks open to all walkers. Great route information. Nice lodge for lunch. Hot water available. An amazing conservation story Contact Hugh Wilson 03 304 8501 evenings for group bookings. Very worthwhile.

Department of Conservation display garden, Motukarara, plants endemic to Canterbury Plains region. Approx. 30 mins from Christchurch on the way to Akaroa.

Mondays: Friday 8 am – 4 pm.

Saturdays: 10 am – 3 pm during the key planting seasons of Autumn (May) and Spring (September).

Christmas: Closed 22 December 2018 – 6 January 2019 inclusive.

The nursery is closed public holidays and between Christmas and New Year. Check the message on the answer phone before you visit to confirm that we are open. [03-329 7846](tel:03-329-7846)

Arthur's Pass National Park, limited accommodation available during summer months, book in advance. Excellent Department of Conservation Office in the township, visit there for up to date weather reports before attempting any walks.

Dobson Nature Walk, easy access to see a wide range of native plants.

Ranunculus lyalii in flower from early November. (depending on season)

Upper Otira Valley, best moderate walk to see an excellent range of native flora. *Celmisia armstrongii*, *Celmisia bellidioides*, *Myosotis explanata*, *Haastia sinclairii*.



Temple Basin, for the fit! Same range of flowers as Otira Valley only at a higher altitude. 12 hours return to Private Ski club huts. However if there are club members present you can utilize the canteen or have hot drinks for a donation, public shelter. Further 2 hours return to tarns on rough route up the skifield tow then left on the track before heading up to a saddle on right, some wear in grasslands shows where others have found a route. At the small saddle head slightly left up the boulder scree over the lip to the tarns. Ski field does not modify the landscape to make runs so plant life exceptional. Email info@templebasin.co.nz for possible group bookings of lodge in summer.

Mt Hutt, excellent road. Check with the Mt Hutt Ski Area Office in Methven 03 308 5074 between 0830-1700 weekdays to ensure the road is open before heading up the mountain. At weekends the gate is locked but walking access is available. *Myosotis macrantha*, *Ranunculus crithmifolius*, *Ranunculus haastii*, *Raoulia eximia*, *Aciphylla montana*, *Aciphylla aurea*, *Celmisia lyallii* to name a few. Good motel and B&B accommodation available in Methven.

Mt Somers. The Mount Somers Track provides a number of options, for an overnight tramp or day trip with impressive rock formations, historic mines and stunning views. It links the popular Pinnacles and Woolshed Creek Huts
Sharplin Falls car park to Pinnacles Hut 3 hours
The track climbs steeply through mountain beech forest/tawhairauriki to Dukes Knob before following Bowyers Stream to Pinnacles Hut. Beech forest, snow tussock and subalpine shrublands. Recommended.

Mt Cook National Park, an amazing experience. Magnificent views, especially at sunset (weather permitting). Awesome sound of avalanches.
Hooker Valley walk for *Ranunculus lyalli*. Check with the Information desk for further details on walks.
Accommodation at Mt Cook or Twizel. Further information from Mackenzie Tourism www.mackenzienz.com



Lake Ohau, road access to ski basin. Permission must be obtained from the Lodge. Accommodation available. *Celmisia hectorii*, *Gentianella patula*.