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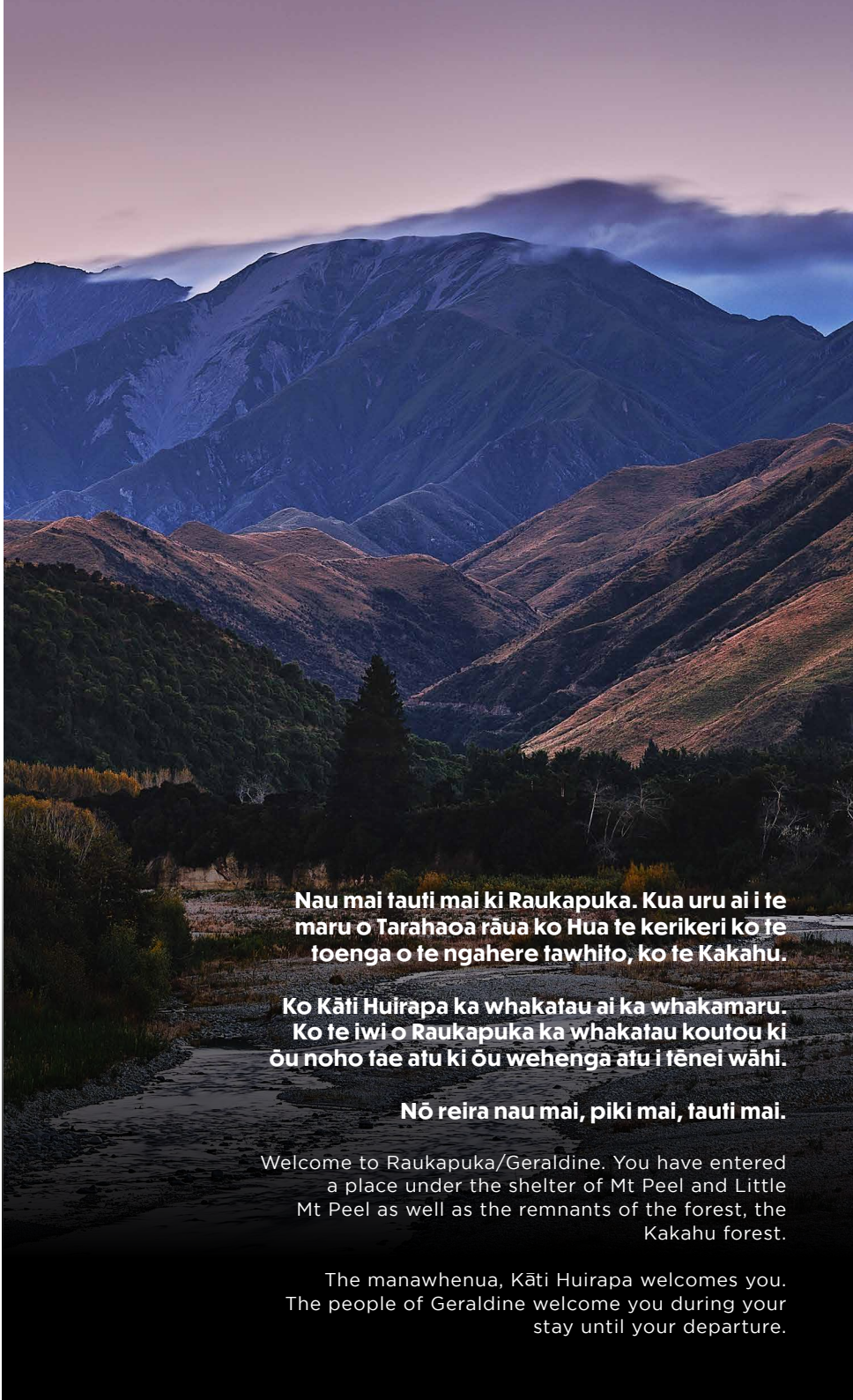
WELCOME TO GERALDINE

# The Heart of South Canterbury

Set in the heart of the Waitaha/Canterbury region, Geraldine is the gateway to the Timaru District, southern lakes and the beginning of the Starlight Highway to Takapō/Tekapo and the world-renowned UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve.

Geraldine is the perfect escape for a family-friendly holiday, romantic hideaway or replenishing break away, full of hidden surprises, foodie delights and pristine starlit skies.

Here in Geraldine, you'll enjoy a snapshot of New Zealand where Kiwi hospitality thrives!



**Nau mai tauti mai ki Raukapuka. Kua uru ai i te maru o Tarahaoa rāua ko Hua te kerikeri ko te toenga o te ngahere tawhito, ko te Kakahu.**

**Ko Kāti Huirapa ka whakatau ai ka whakamaru. Ko te iwi o Raukapuka ka whakatau koutou ki ōu noho tae atu ki ōu wehenga atu i tēnei wāhi.**

**Nō reira nau mai, piki mai, tauti mai.**

Welcome to Raukapuka/Geraldine. You have entered a place under the shelter of Mt Peel and Little Mt Peel as well as the remnants of the forest, the Kakahu forest.

The manawhenua, Kāti Huirapa welcomes you. The people of Geraldine welcome you during your stay until your departure.



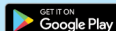


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### 1 Escape the Bustle

Stroll through Peel Forest, a precious and extensive podocarp forest with abundant bird life.

### 2 Unique Architecture

Admire the grandeur of the historical buildings and museums.

### 3 Truly Unique

Make Geraldine your base to visit the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve.

### 4 Make the most of Nature

Take time to stroll the beautiful forests and walkways within walking distance from the centre of town.

### 5 A Different Way of Life

Enjoy the unique country village atmosphere.

### 6 Discover the Heavens

Experience beautiful dark starry skies with the naked eye.

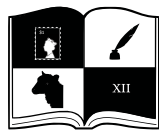
### 7 A Roadtrip to Remember

Explore the road to the Upper Rangitata River Valley, including 'wow' corner, for some of the most spectacular alpine and High-Country scenery in New Zealand.

### 8 Relax with the Family

In the picturesque Domain which is home to a children's playground, a beautiful mural & a coin operated gas BBQ.

# The booklover's destination

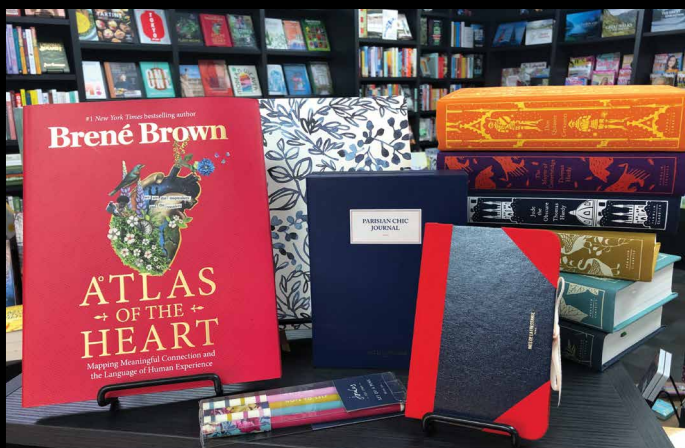


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## Rich History

**P**rior to European arrival, local Māori from Arowhenua favoured Geraldine's Waihi River as a favourite spot for mahinga kai (the gathering of food) and nearby Peel Forest remains a cherished taonga (precious treasure) to their people.

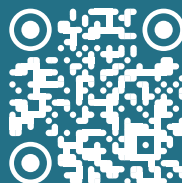
Geraldine was visited by Europeans in the 1840's, but it wasn't until 1854 that surveyor Samuel Hewlings built the first bark hut on what is now Talbot Street. To mark the birth of one of their daughters, Hewlings and his Northland Māori wife, Nga Hei, planted a tōtara tree, which still stands on Talbot Street today.

Sheep were quickly established in the area, together with pit saw milling of the flourishing native bush. When the bush had been cleared, wheat crops were grown across the plains.

Geraldine was an important junction for travellers making their way to the sheep runs in the hinterland and to the various sawmills established at Raukapuka and Waihi Bush (Woodbury).

Today Geraldine is in the heart of a prosperous farming area with sheep, beef cattle, deer, dairy, cropping and fruit farming in abundance.

Visitors can find out more about the rich history of the area at the museums around the town and by taking a self-guided tour of the Heritage Trail.



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## An Ancient Land

The hills around Geraldine were once covered with lowland podocarp forest, dominated by tōtara, kahikatea and mataī. Today only a fraction remains of what once stood, but there is still plenty to explore.

Talbot Forest – Explore a range of short walks amongst ancient trees just a few minutes from the centre of town. Keep an eye out for protected bat roosts.

Pekapeka-tou-roa/long-tailed bat - Geraldine is one of the few towns in New Zealand where it is possible to see these rare and endangered natives. See them flit like large butterflies at dusk as they emerge from giant tōtara and mataī in Talbot Forest.

Visit the Historical museum display on bats or the interpretation panel on Cox Street by the toilets to find out more.

The Timaru District area is rich in Māori rock art. Visit Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre in Timaru to learn about the rock art and explore rock art sites within easy drive of Geraldine.



# Peel Forest Village

The Green Man at Peel Forest café is the place to meet the locals and dine on hearty fare before or after exploring the area. Across the road, the Peel Forest Hall often hosts local events including the famous Peel Forest winter cèilidh (Celtic dance) which is a true family affair.

- Walk the village and explore the pioneering history which grounds this community.
- Visit historic Mt Peel Station, home of the Acland family, in December when the gardens open for viewing of the giant Himalayan lilies, *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, one of the largest varieties in the world.
- Gaze at the stained-glass windows in the tiny Church of the Holy Innocents, set among the majestic trees of Mt Peel Station.
- Wander the quiet churchyard, where famous crime writer Dame Ngaio Marsh, a friend of the Acland family, was laid to rest.
- Enjoy country hospitality at the Green Man Café after enjoying the fresh air, birdsong and views. Inside or out, you'll love the relaxed friendly vibe and delicious food.



## Peel Forest & The Rangitata Valley

Peel Forest, just 20 minutes from Geraldine, has been a popular spot for people wanting to get away from it all for nearly a hundred years. Originally a timber milling settlement, Peel Forest Park was established in the 1920's to protect the remaining native bush.

Today the forest no longer hums with industry, but instead is a peaceful haven full of native bird song as well as the home of the renowned Peel Forest Outdoor Centre. The Centre runs outdoor experiences for students, business team building exercises and school holiday programmes to encourage young people into the great outdoors.

- Stand in the shadow of ancient forest giants, with some trees more than 1000 years old.
- Enjoy extensive walking tracks, from the awe inspiring 30 minute 'Big Tree Walk' to the heady heights of Huatekerekere/Little Mt Peel at 1311m.
- Discover pristine waterfalls at Emily and Acland Falls, each a one-hour return walk.
- Observe a fantastic variety of ferns and fungi.
- Travel the road to the stunning Rangitata Valley and find yourself at the historic high country sheep station of Mesopotamia with breath-taking views of the Southern Alps.
- Visit the starting point of the walkway across the range towards Lake Takapō/Tekapo, part of the Te Araroa Trail, 'the long road' that snakes the length of the country.
- Try your hand at salmon fishing in the Rangitata River, which attracts anglers from around New Zealand and across the world.

The Rangitata Valley was immortalised on film in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, with the timeless landscape providing the backdrop for the Kingdom of Eorlas. This is a place where you can really relax and feel get away from it all.







## Woodbury

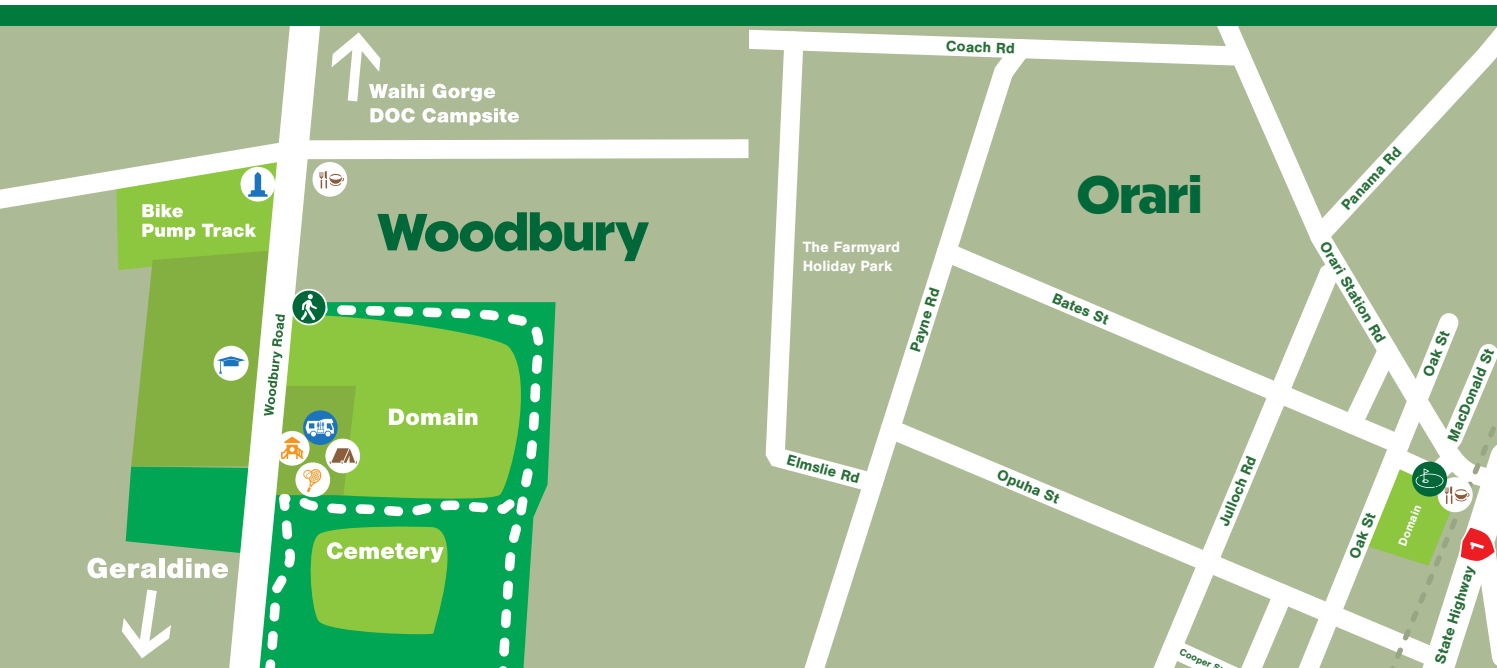
Woodbury is a delightful country village located 10 minutes inland from Geraldine and gateway to the Waihi and Orari river gorges, a popular summer camping destination, and the Four Peaks mountain range.

- Dine, indoors or out, at the fully restored Woodbury Store café in the heart of the village.
- Camp at the attractive and graceful Domain with gas BBQ, playground, walks, tennis courts and more.
- Bounce around the kids' pump bike track next to the local school (outside school hours).
- Cycle the easy, quiet country roads or discover the nearby Orari River MTB Trail.
- Camp next to the Waihi river at Waihi Gorge DOC camping ground, with open fires and cool deep swimming holes in summer – follow the locals to the best spots.
- Explore the sights of Woodbury from your bike on the Woodbury Circuit bike trail.

## Orari

The Orari township, located just off State Highway 1, is the home to the historic racecourse which has been hosting races since 1859. Nowadays the annual Christmas Races meet, held at the end of November, is the highlight of the calendar and marks the beginning of the festive season in the area.

- The cosy Café Mes Amis offers outstanding fare as well as a small playground and rural themed mini golf for the whole family.
- Nearby Orari Hall and Domain is a lovely spot for a get-together, picnic or some outdoor fun.
- Camp at Farmyard Holiday Park which is a massively popular family holiday spot with stunning mountain views.
- Get hands-on with farm and other petting animals at the Farmyard animal experience.
- Visit historic Orari Estate garden and each December see the towering blooms of the giant Himalayan lilies, *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, one of the largest varieties in the world.





From a relaxed riverside stroll, hidden just steps from the bustling town centre and boasting radiant spring displays of rhododendrons, to challenging hikes through native forest, Geraldine has plenty to offer walkers of all levels. And cyclists are well catered for with on and off-road rides, extreme single tracks as well as loop and pump tracks.

- Discover the new series of walks being developed as part of the Geraldine Sculpture Trail. Watch out for new sculptures added to the collection over time.
- Escape to Talbot and Peel Forests – the last vestiges of native bush in the Waitaha/Canterbury region and a must-do for visitors to the area.
- For more exploring, check out Te Moana Gorge, Waihi Gorge, Orari Gorge Scenic Reserve and Pioneer Park Conservation Area for walks and swimming spots.
- Walk in the footsteps of the pioneers as you follow an old tramway line from the 1880's in the Kakahu Lime Kiln area.
- Explore the towering Limestone cliffs found just along from the Kakahu Kiln walk.
- Add a twist of interest to your walk and discover more than a hundred caches hidden around the district with Geocaching.
- Take yourself, or the family, off-road riding the Orari River Trails, suitable for all levels, with some optional single tracks thrown in to keep it interesting and a little challenging.
- Burn off youthful energy at the Woodbury School Pump Track with jumps, bumps and fun for anyone who can pedal a bike (outside school hours only).
- Ride in the bush in the heart of Geraldine at Pekapeka Gully and Riddells Reserve – enjoy wide formed cycling trails as well as gnarly downhill single tracks that are not for the faint-hearted.
- Take your bike to Raincliff Forest, a little further out of town, for some excellent riding for all levels.





**“What started as casual banter around the dinner table during a family holiday, quickly turned into a dream come true.”**

House of Hop was born with great food and beer in mind. Our head chef, who has worked internationally, has been inspired by cuisines from around the globe, such as Mediterranean, Caribbean, Mexican, Alaskan and Texas BBQ.

Our food is fresh, flavoursome, and sourced locally where possible. We have a skilled brew team that puts a lot of love and time into our sensational range of craft beer. Set in beautiful rural Geraldine, our vision of a warm and welcoming space for all to enjoy combined with an energetic atmosphere has come to life. We look forward to sharing this with you!



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# FIND YOUR ADVENTURE

With stunning scenery, rivers, gorges and mountains right on our doorstep, it's no surprise that there are lots of adventure activities on offer in and around Geraldine as well as more relaxed activities to help you unwind and feel at home.

- Practice your swing at Geraldine's two golf courses, Grande Vue (9 holes) and Denfield (18 holes) and play no fewer than a dozen courses within easy reach around the region.
- Traipse leisurely around new and historic gardens and homesteads as they open for viewing during the summer months and enjoy a tapestry of colour, scents and vistas created over generations.
- Make Geraldine your winter fun base to enjoy skiing and ice-skating within easy driving distance.
- Head into the hills to hunt, with deer, tahr and chamois plentiful.



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# Local Attractions

Geraldine's landscape lends itself to the wide variety of outdoor activities but there are also many visitor attractions and activities available to suit all ages, tastes and budgets. From adrenaline pumping adventure to a relaxing day out, you need never be bored in Geraldine!

## Old Fashioned Fun

Experience big screen cinema like never before at the historic Geraldine Cinema, complete with romantic love seats, sofas and blankets to curl up under.

## Keep the Kids Busy

Turn some tricks on your skateboard or scooter at Kennedy Park, kick a ball, wander the riverside trail or watch your toddler clamber around the under-5's playground.

## Get Some Cuddle Therapy

Feed lambs in season, cuddle soft bunnies or even take a donkey ride at Farmyard Animal Experience or Skipton Animal Park.

## Experience Automobile History

Get lost in mechanical history at one of Geraldine's three vintage museums; each with very different collections showcasing some very rare exhibits and run by volunteer enthusiasts always ready to share their knowledge.

## Fire up the BBQ

Picnic and play in the Geraldine and Woodbury Domains, each a leafy oasis in the summer with picnic tables, gas BBQ and playground.

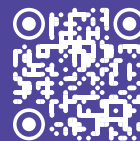
## Peaceful Picnics

Create your own picnic to enjoy at the Geraldine Lions Picnic area next to the Waihi River.



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## Try Something Different

Test your fancy foot work skills at soccer golf at the Geraldine Farmshop Café.

## Take the Clubs for a Swing

Try your hand at the rural-history themed mini golf next to Café Mes Amis in Orari. Try 9 holes at Grande Vue course or do the full 18 holes at Denfield, with club hire available.

## Get Your 5+

Pick free seasonal produce from the Incredible Edible public gardens and Orchard of Legends dotted around the town or pick your own summer berries from Stancrudu Berry Farm.

## Take in the Sights

Take a tour along the inland Scenic Route for stunning scenery and Lord of the Rings film sites.

## Cool Off in Summer

Swim and sun yourself at the Domain outdoor swimming pool.

## Explore the Timaru District

Discover Caroline Bay's golden beach, the birthplace of manned flight and take a vintage train ride all within a 30-minute drive of Geraldine.





# Staying in Geraldine

With more than a thousand beds on offer, the local accommodation providers cater for virtually every style, budget and preference:

- Cosy bed & breakfast places
- Historic homesteads and luxury lodges
- Holiday parks and campgrounds
- Motels
- Unique holiday homes
- Farm and homestay options

Geraldine is the perfect place to stay for the night if you're heading towards the Southern Lakes, Aoraki/Mount Cook and the Mackenzie district or as a base to explore the region, especially when you want to enjoy a more relaxed, genuine stay without the hustle and bustle.

As the gateway to the Starlight Highway to Takapō/Tekapo, you are well placed in Geraldine to enjoy the world-renowned night skies before getting a great night's sleep.

Come and stay with our friendly local hosts and experience a kiwi welcome you won't forget.



## Shopping In Geraldine

Geraldine and South Canterbury are known as the food bowl of New Zealand so shopping for artisan food products is a must-do experience while here. Follow the foodie trail for a taste of everything!

If you're a visitor from overseas, you'll be pleased to know that major credit cards are accepted.

Geraldine also caters for the everyday essentials and with a supermarket, gas/petrol stations, hairdressers, butchery, fish shop, post shop and pharmacy, you can get much of what you need right in the town.

From locally produced arts and crafts to a quality supermarket, from mementos to high fashion, Geraldine can cater for all tastes. The town punches well above its weight when it comes to shopping and its surprising variety of independently owned, boutique shops will soon have you sorted. Come and pick up a special gift for someone or spoil yourself and buy something of your own!

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## Eating & Drinking

We are very proud of the produce that begins its life here. In Geraldine you'll get to enjoy a taste of South Canterbury; we're the home of Barker's of Geraldine, The Geraldine Cheese Company, Humdinger Gin, Heartland Chips and Waihi Bush Flax Seed Oil, to name just a few.

The Geraldine Butchery is renowned the length and breadth of the South Island and is a must-visit while you're here. Here's a local's hint - the gourmet sausage selection is outstanding.

Geraldine really is a mecca for foodies, so come and taste food straight from the sun-drenched heart of the Canterbury Plains.

From cosy cafés to bustling bars, coffee culture flourishes in downtown and surrounding rural areas. In the warmer months the village green buzzes with al fresco diners basking in late sunsets, drinking locally crafted beers and wine; and in winter, with hearty fare in front of roaring fireplaces.



Every taste is catered for from fish 'n' chips to bistro-style cuisine, sophisticated dining experiences to traditional kiwi pubs and international cuisine. Whether you want to grab something quick or enjoy a long, relaxed dinner with friends, the Geraldine district provides the fruits of a feast.

If you want to take some produce home with you, make sure you go along to the Geraldine Farmers Market held each Saturday morning between October and April.



## Thriving Arts Scene

Artists and crafts folk are drawn to the picturesque beauty of the Geraldine district as well as the relaxed lifestyle.

- Visit one of the many galleries hanging art from renowned local and national artists.
- Tour the artist's own studios to view their work, learn more about them and their style.
- Wander our street art trail which was started by two mural artists during the first COVID lockdown and has flourished ever since.
- See a glimpse of John Badcock, and other artists, painting plein air in the countryside around Geraldine.
- Pop into Country Rumours for art, handcrafted gifts and uniquely New Zealand treasures.
- Catch a workshop at the Academy of Performance & Arts, a place where creativity comes alive through an array of regular and one-off opportunities to learn and experience a range of artistic genres.
- Check out the events calendar during your stay for live gigs, plays or other events happening in the area.

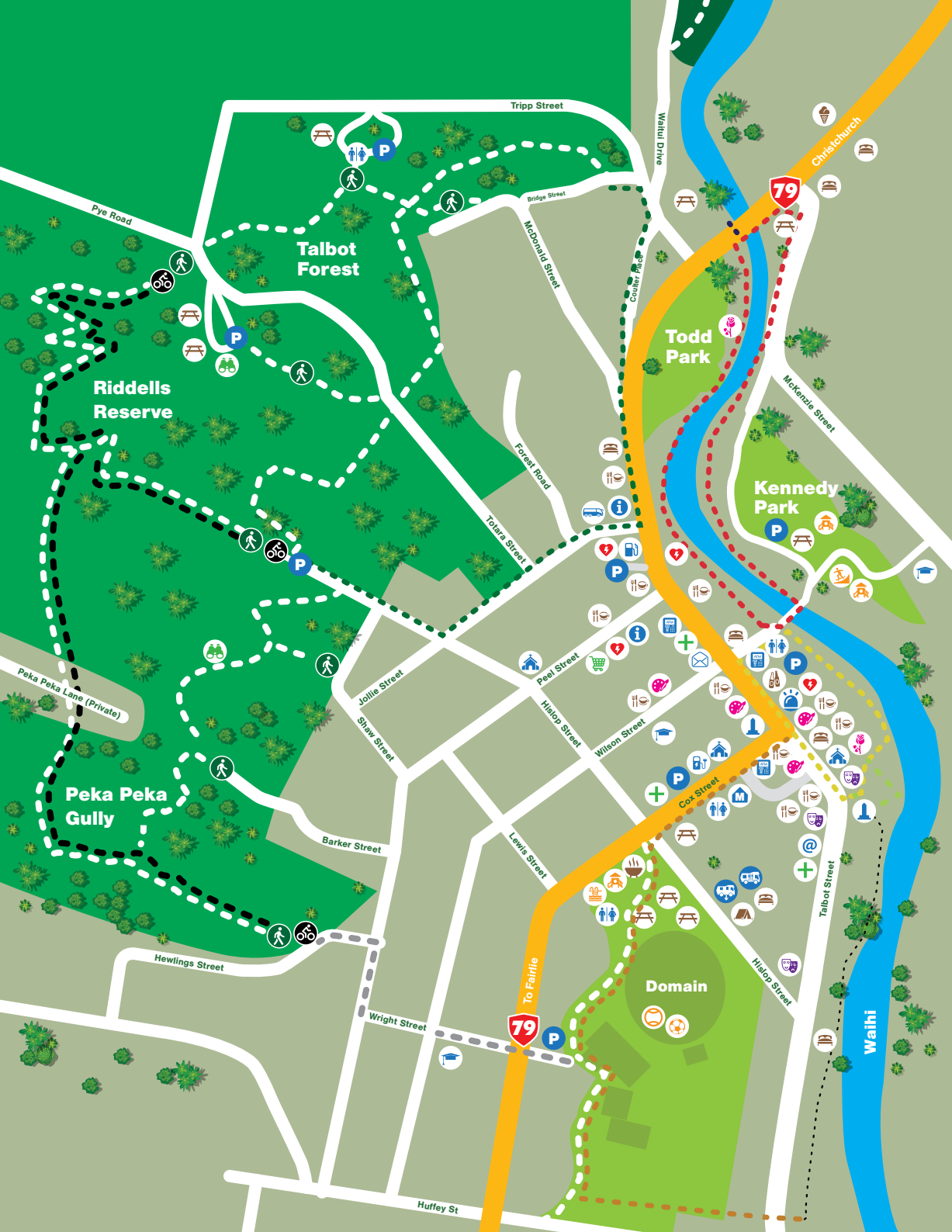


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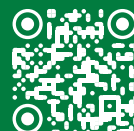
Waihi River Loop

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Trail on the  
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## WHERE ART MEETS NATURE



The Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail is a community project which aims to create a unique, free and accessible open-air gallery to showcase high-quality art set among Geraldine's riverside woodlands, Rhododendron Dell, expansive Domain, and ancient podocarp forest.

Flowing water, the primordial forest's quiet, birdsong, and stories

of local history and culture will complement modern New Zealand art installations and create a special experience for all ages and interests.

The first loop, along the Waihi river, was completed in 2022 and is now open for use. Take a walk along the peaceful trail, mere steps from Geraldine's village centre, and watch for the development of future loops and the installation of sculptures.

Trail directions can be found on the walking maps page of this guide or by following directions on one of the signs located around town.

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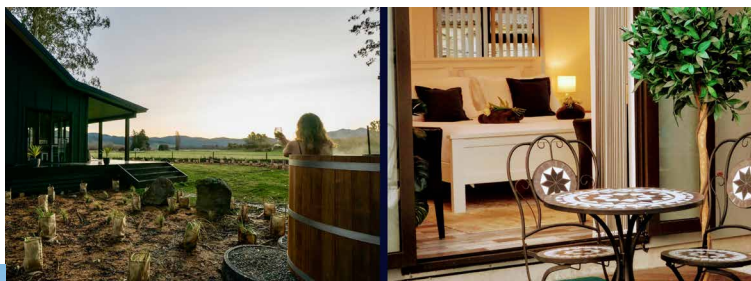
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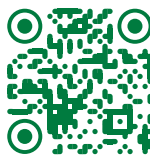
Featuring a number of exhibitions in the creative arts as well as a street craft market, live music, food and open gardens. This multi-day event is held in November each year.

### Geraldine Summer Fete

A one-day extravaganza of high-quality stalls set in a stunning country garden. Held in November each year.

### Geraldine Christmas Parade

A firm family favourite and arguably the best parade in South Canterbury.



**Check out our events calendar for much more.**

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**G**eraldine's thriving local community plays host to a number of events throughout the year, from annual festivals to touring performers and with Geraldine's stunning backdrop being a drawcard for those who love the outdoors, the town is often host to adventure sport races.



# Walk the Heritage Trail

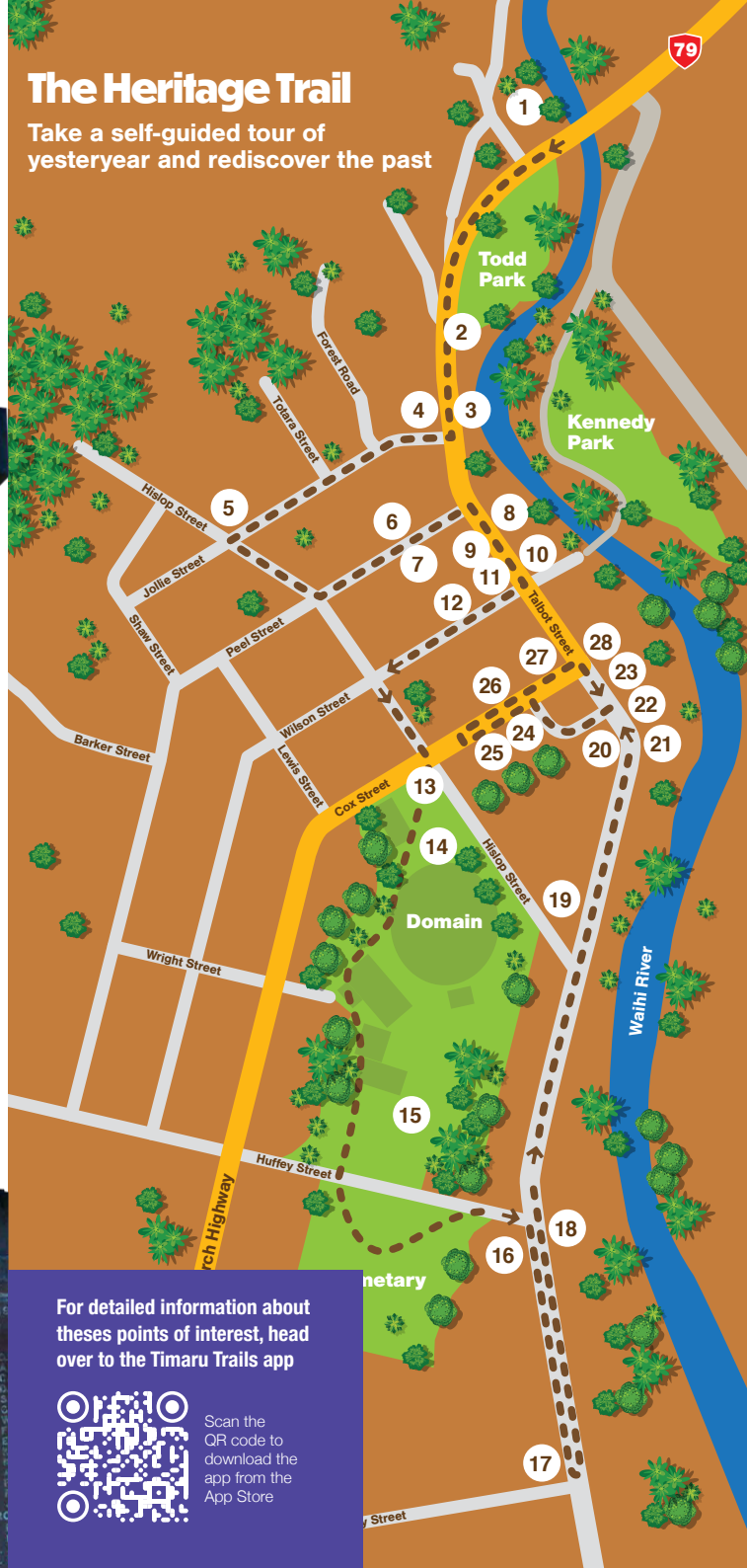
Take a self-guided tour and step back into yesteryear using the heritage trail map to learn more about Geraldine's rich pioneering history from the information panels located on the points of interest.

1. Waihi River Bridge (1977)
2. Stone Wall (1930)
3. Fire Bells
4. Mundell's (1884)
5. Church of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (1936)
6. Morrison's Church
7. Canterbury Farmers' Co-Operative Association (1895)
8. Morrison's Building (1867)
9. ANZ Bank (1929)
10. Crown Heritage Hotel (1906)
11. Turning Stone (1880's)
12. McKechnie's Cottage (1873)
13. Hislop Street Domain Gates
14. Commemorative Trees
15. Hockey Pavilion and Domain
16. Immigrant Cottages (1870's)
17. Elliot's Shop and Cottage (1906)
18. Balmoral Cottage (1880's)
19. Masonic Lodge (1879)
20. Town Hall (1924)
21. War Memorial (1922)
22. St Mary's Church (1882)
23. The Vicarage (1900)
24. Town Board Office (1885)
25. Wharton Building (1927)
26. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1950)



## The Heritage Trail

Take a self-guided tour of yesteryear and rediscover the past



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### DOC Peel Forest Campground

Serviced campground located beside the Rangitata River. Peel Forest is a remnant of the native forest that once covered the Canterbury Plains. The campground is closed from May to mid-September each year.

150 Rangitata Gorge Rd, Peel Forest

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### DOC Pioneer Park Campsite

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### DOC Waihi Gorge Campsite

Located on the banks of the Waihi River, this campsite is a popular spot surrounded by forest and only 14kms from Geraldine.

 Waihi Gorge Road, Woodbury

 03 693 1010

 geraldine@doc.govt.nz

 www.doc.govt.nz

### Fiery Peak Eco-Retreat

Romantic escape for couples. Set amongst 12 acres of trees, this beautiful open-plan chalet looks out across farmland to the mountains.

 662 Pleasant Valley Road, Geraldine Downs

 027 358 3022

 staygeraldine.nz

 www.facebook.com/staygeraldine.nz

### Four Peaks Motel

Enjoy modern, attractive units set in a quiet garden setting, located just a short walk from the centre of Geraldine.

 28 McKenzie Street, Geraldine

 03 693 8339

 fourpeaksmotel@xtra.co.nz

 www.fourpeaksmotel.co.nz

### Geraldine Motels

Self-contained accommodation within 200 metres of restaurants, cafés, a movie theatre and shops. We offer free Wi-Fi to guests and pets are welcome by arrangement.

 97 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 0800 400 404

 www.geraldinemotels.co.nz

 info@geraldinemotels.co.nz

### Geraldine TOP 10 Holiday Park

The only holiday park in Geraldine. Tranquil park setting amongst specimen trees. Tent/powered sites, cabins and self-contained motels. Free WIFI.

 39 Hislop Street, Geraldine

 0800 393 693

 www.geraldinetop10.co.nz

 info@geraldinetop10.co.nz

### Waikonini Homestead

A seven bed-roomed historic house built on acres of lush botanic gardens located 15 minutes from Geraldine. Waikonini is the perfect place to unwind!

 300 Horsfall Road, Peel Forest

 03 696 3868

 www.waikoninihomestead.co.nz

 waikoninihomesteadpeelforest@gmail.com

### Kotare B&B

Boutique homestay in a large garden on Geraldine Downs with Four Peaks and bush views. Disabled-accessible. Qualmark Silver 4 Star, with king-sized bed, breakfast from menu.

 161 Downs Road, Geraldine Downs 7991

 021 462 260

 kotarebandb.nz


 kotarenz5@gmail.com

### Ngā Whare Mānau

Nestled amongst native plants, stunning birdsong, views to the east coast sunrise and the amazing night sky, our vision is to provide you with a magical relaxing experience that showcases our natural environment and everything that connects us to our whenua (the land).

 26 Ribbonwood Road, Geraldine

 027 201 1920

 ahuwhenua.nz

 admin@ahuwhenua.nz

### Pukeko Cottage

Located in the heart of Geraldine, a well-equipped family-friendly holiday home. Literally walk across the road to the playground, park & pool.

 22 Cox Street, Geraldine

 027 358 3022

 staygeraldine.nz

 www.facebook.com/staygeraldine.nz

### Rivendell Homestay

A self-contained, self-catering studio unit in a beautiful location.

 74 Woodbury Road, RD 21, Geraldine

 03 693 8559

 rivendellnz@xtra.co.nz

 www.rivendell.nz

### Riverstone House B & B

Riverstone House bed and breakfast Geraldine is just a couple of minutes wander from some lovely bush walks and close to the Geraldine township (only 1.5km away).

 91 Pye Road, The Downs, Geraldine

 03 693 8332

 riverstonehouse.co.nz

 riverstonehouse@outlook.co.nz


### The Farmyard Holiday Park

The Farmyard offers a family and pet-friendly holiday destination for those wanting a unique experience. Day visitors are most welcome.

 50 Elmslie Road, RD 22, Geraldine

 03 693 9355

 www.farmyardholidaypark.co.nz

 farmyardholidaypark@xtra.co.nz



### Route 79 Holiday Park

North of Geraldine on SH72/79. Free Wi-Fi, powered and unpowered camping sites, cabins and self-contained motels. Pet friendly

 7 Keen Rd, Geraldine


 0800 247 8679  [www.route79holidaypark.nz](http://www.route79holidaypark.nz)

 [route79@rogersinc.nz](mailto:route79@rogersinc.nz)

### The Vicarage Geraldine

Boutique accommodation in the historic Vicarage in central Geraldine. Extensively renovated in 2019 to create special lasting memories with 6 superking rooms and a shared sitting room.

 69 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 027 693 9027  [www.thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz](http://www.thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz)

 [bookings@thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz](mailto:bookings@thevicaragegeraldine.co.nz)

## Eat & Drink



### Barker's Foodstore & Eatery

Our flagship Foodstore & Eatery is in the heart of Geraldine and showcases the Barker's of Geraldine and Barker's Professional ranges for you to purchase as well as taste in our exciting menu.

 71 Talbot St, Geraldine

 03 693 9727  [team@barkersfoodstore.nz](mailto:team@barkersfoodstore.nz)

 [www.barkersfoodstore.nz](http://www.barkersfoodstore.nz)

### Berry Barn Bakery & Café

Enjoy tasty Kiwi baking at its best from filled rolls and pies to slices and sweet treats. Great coffee with indoor and outdoor dining.

 76 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 9900  [berrybarn17@gmail.com](mailto:berrybarn17@gmail.com)

 [www.facebook.com/GeraldineBerryBarn](http://www.facebook.com/GeraldineBerryBarn)

### Café Mes Amis and Orari Minigolf

A family-based café with great coffee and homemade cabinet food. Enjoy outdoor dining, a round of minigolf or our playground.

 SH1, on corner of Orari Station Road, Geraldine

 03 693 7981  [www.cafemesamis.co.nz](http://www.cafemesamis.co.nz)

### Geraldine Farmshop and Café

Café & farmshop plus bouncy castle and soccer golf. Great coffee & food, licensed, local art & crafts as well as gift lines. Fruit, veg, honey, gluten free, condiments, meat, cheese, lollies, bird food, lots more.

 56 Main North Road, Geraldine

 03 693 9514  [www.geraldinefarmshop.co.nz](http://www.geraldinefarmshop.co.nz)

 [mccoll@farmside.co.nz](mailto:mccoll@farmside.co.nz)

### Geraldine Fish Supply

Traditional Kiwi fish supply, fish & chips, burgers, fresh/frozen seafood, open 6 days, Tues - Fri 12.00pm - 2.00 pm & 4.30pm - 8.00pm, Sat & Sun 4.00pm - 8.30pm.

 8 Wilson Street, Geraldine  03 693 8441

 [geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-fish-supply](http://geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-fish-supply)

### House of Hop

Our food is fresh, flavoursome, and sourced locally where possible. We have a skilled brew team that puts a lot of love and time into our sensational range of craft beer.

 3 Gaultier Rd, Gapes Valley

 03 697 4959  [www.houseofhop.co.nz](http://www.houseofhop.co.nz)

 [info@houseofhop.co.nz](mailto:info@houseofhop.co.nz)

### Mundell's Café

Offering both cabinet and all day menu - Including breakfast. Proudly using local ingredients where possible, with all food made on the premise.


 38 Waihi Terrace, Geraldine

 03 693 1101  [admin@mundells.nz](mailto:admin@mundells.nz)

 [mccoll@farmside.co.nz](mailto:mccoll@farmside.co.nz)

### Parkside Food

Your friendly local Parkside Dairy & convenience store providing a great range of hot food, homemade food, ice cream and grocery items.

 51 Cox St, Geraldine

 03 693 7609

### The Green Man at Peel Forest

Situated in the heart of the village, we offer a relaxed environment to enjoy a coffee, a sweet treat from the cabinet or even a pizza washed down with a craft beer.

 1202 Peel Forest Road, RD 22, Peel Forest



 03 696 3567  [www.thegreenmanpeelforest.co.nz](http://www.thegreenmanpeelforest.co.nz)


 [thegreenmanpeelforest@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenmanpeelforest@gmail.com)

### The Running Duck

This café is the quintessential Kiwi bach experience. Nostalgic vibes and welcoming service with great coffee, burgers and classic Kiwi food.

 1 Peel Street, Geraldine

 021 0255 2958  [hello@therunningduck.co.nz](mailto:hello@therunningduck.co.nz)

 [www.therunningduck.co.nz](http://www.therunningduck.co.nz)

### The Village Inn & Super Liquor Bottle Store

Nestled in picturesque Geraldine, in the South Island of New Zealand, a visit to our popular Dining Lounge & Bar, Sports Bar & Super Liquor Bottle store is a must!

 41 Talbot St, Geraldine

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## Verde

Verde serves breakfast, lunch, drinks and coffee and is open 7 days a week, including Friday nights during the summer season. Our beautiful gardens and veranda are the perfect place to relax and our inviting menu will have you coming back time and again.

 45c Talbot St, Geraldine


 03 693 9616

 [www.verdegeraldine.co.nz](http://www.verdegeraldine.co.nz)

 [info@cafeverde.co.nz](mailto:info@cafeverde.co.nz)

## Woodbury Store Café

Welcome to our lovely country café specialising in delicious house-made savoury dishes, cakes and slices, great coffee and licensed with handpicked NZ wines and craft beers.

 568 Woodbury Rd, RD 21, Geraldine 7991

 03 971 6292

 [general@woodburystorecafe.co.nz](mailto:general@woodburystorecafe.co.nz)

## Fresh Choice Supermarket

We are open 7 days from 7 am to 8 pm offering full-service butchery, deli, produce and bakery, as well as wine, beer, all your grocery needs and a great selection of food to go.

 7 - 11 Peel Street

 03 693 8529

 [operations@freshchoicegld.co.nz](mailto:operations@freshchoicegld.co.nz)

 [www.freshchoice.co.nz](http://www.freshchoice.co.nz)

## Retail



## Country Rumours

Country Rumours is the retail home for so much talent. A collection of crafts, art, jewellery, gifts, clothing and so much more, all made by New Zealand individuals and businesses. It is also the home of Waihi Bush Organic Farm health food products.


 11 Talbot Street Geraldine

 03 693 7957

 [countryrumours@xtra.co.nz](mailto:countryrumours@xtra.co.nz)

## Flowers Inc.

Step into Flowers Inc. and be immersed in beauty. From the gorgeous flowers and homewares to the stunning antiques and collectables.

 34 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 8930

 [flowersinc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:flowersinc@xtra.co.nz)

 [www.flowersinc.net.nz](http://www.flowersinc.net.nz)

## Forget Me Not Gifts

Our Gift shop stocks Candles, Soap, Skincare, Jewellery, Toys and gifts. Open 7 Days

 76E Talbot Street, Four Peaks Plaza, Geraldine

 03 693 8802

 [shop@alpacentre.co](mailto:shop@alpacentre.co)



### Geraldine Alpaca Centre Ltd

See us for high quality Alpaca Wool and Knitwear, Possum Merino Knitwear, NZ souvenirs, Gifts, Skin care and many more products. Open 7 Days

 76d Talbot Street, Four Peaks Plaza, Geraldine.

 03 693 7363  [shop@alpacacentre.co](mailto:shop@alpacacentre.co)

 [www.alpacacentre.co](http://www.alpacacentre.co)

### Geraldine Cheese

We craft cheese the way it was done 125 years ago. Open 7 Days

 76G Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 1111  [shop@geraldinecheese.co.nz](mailto:shop@geraldinecheese.co.nz)

### Geraldine Farmers Market

The Geraldine Farmers Market runs from September to April each year on Saturday mornings. This charming little market offers the vibe and atmosphere of all farmers markets. Open from 9 - 1 pm.

 77 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 [farmersmarketgeraldine@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketgeraldine@gmail.com)

### Geraldine ITM

Come in and see the Team and let us know what your Building Supplies needs are. "We'll see you right"! Hours: Monday to Friday 7:30am - 5:00PM : Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

 168 Talbot St, Geraldine

 03 693 9397  [sales@geraldineitm.co.nz](mailto:sales@geraldineitm.co.nz)

 [www.facebook.com/Geraldine-ITM-101103464836253](https://www.facebook.com/Geraldine-ITM-101103464836253)

### Geraldine Pharmacy

Find us on Facebook: Geraldine Pharmacy

 24 Talbot Street, Geraldine 7930

 03 693 8601  [www.facebook.com/GeraldinePharmacy](https://www.facebook.com/GeraldinePharmacy)

 [geraldinepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinepharmacy@gmail.com)

### Hammer Hardware Geraldine

Your one stop shop, if you need it, we'll have it. Camping, fishing & sporting, homewares, giftware, paint, power tools, plumbing, electrical, a huge range of hardware, key cutting and garden centre.

 27 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 7312  [geraldine@hammerhardware.co.nz](mailto:geraldine@hammerhardware.co.nz)

 [www.hammerhardware.co.nz](http://www.hammerhardware.co.nz)

### Humdinger Gin

Humdinger Small Batch Botanical Gin, crafted by nature in Geraldine. International award-winning gins, all of which use 100% natural botanicals to leave you humming. Taste the Buzz!

 3a Talbot St Alleyway, Geraldine

 027 463 4790  [www.humdinger.nz](http://www.humdinger.nz)

 [andrew@humdinger.nz](mailto:andrew@humdinger.nz)

### Louk Clothing

Located in the historic Old Post Office Building in Geraldine. Louk Clothing are proud stockists of quality NZ made clothing and accessories for the outdoors, lifestyle, or fashion.


 The Old Post Office, 47 Talbot Street, Geraldine



 03 693 9070  [www.louknzclothing.co.nz](http://www.louknzclothing.co.nz)


 [louknzclothing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:louknzclothing@xtra.co.nz)

### McAtamney Gallery and Design Store

Contemporary paintings, vibrant watercolours, historical landscapes, quirky ceramics, gorgeous jewellery, amazing photography, fabulous design wares.

 40a Talbot Street Geraldine

 027 305 3000  [carolyn@mcatamneygallery.co.nz](mailto:carolyn@mcatamneygallery.co.nz)

 [www.mcatamneygallery.co.nz](http://www.mcatamneygallery.co.nz)

### Peter Young Apparel

Quality clothing retailer; selling Aertex shirts and blouses, Canterbury branded products in men's and women's styles plus merino wear, luggage & much more.

 28 Talbot St, Geraldine

 03 693 7118  [peteryoungapparel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:peteryoungapparel@xtra.co.nz)

 [www.geraldine.nz/business/peter-young-apparel](http://www.geraldine.nz/business/peter-young-apparel)

### Talbot Silver Ltd

Uniquely inspired designer Jewellery. Sterling Silver designs, Pearls, Semi-precious and natural stones. Creative NZ designs available.

 5 Cox Street, Four Peaks Plaza, Geraldine

 03 693 8008  [www.talbotsilver.co.nz](http://www.talbotsilver.co.nz)

 [talbotsilver10@xtra.co.nz](mailto:talbotsilver10@xtra.co.nz)

### The Cottage Pantry & Gallery

Traditional shopping experience of yesteryear - quality pantry essentials. Attached historic cottage home to Art, gifts, confectionery and greeting cards. Open 7 days.

 24 Wilson Street, Geraldine

 027 247 2863  [www.cottagepantry.co.nz](http://www.cottagepantry.co.nz)


 [cottagepantry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cottagepantry@xtra.co.nz)

### The Kitchen Cupboard

Bringing boutique style and functionality to your kitchen by partnering your everyday kitchen basics with on-trend specialty items.

 34b Talbot Street, Geraldine 7930

 03 693 8632  [info@thekitchencupboard.co.nz](mailto:info@thekitchencupboard.co.nz)

 [thekitchencupboard.co.nz](http://thekitchencupboard.co.nz)

## The Page & Post Booksellers

Whether it's Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction, New Zealand, Religion, Classics, Poetry, Young Adult or Children's tales, we will have just what you want.


 26 Talbot St, Geraldine

 03 693 8647  [www.thepageandpost.co.nz](http://www.thepageandpost.co.nz)

## Record Keeper

The Record Keeper is an independent vinyl record store where you can enjoy a good coffee while listening to your favourite music.

 116 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 021 634 880  [stephen@recordkeeper.co.nz](mailto:stephen@recordkeeper.co.nz)

 [recordkeeper.co.nz](http://recordkeeper.co.nz)

## The Tin Shed

We are a country store stocking a vast range of quality New Zealand made merino wool and possum fur clothing and associated products.

 809 Rangitata - Orari Bridge Hwy, Geraldine

 03 693 9416  [shop@thetinshed.co.nz](mailto:shop@thetinshed.co.nz)

 [www.thetinshed.co.nz](http://www.thetinshed.co.nz)

## Outdoor Activities



### Alps 2 Ocean Ltd

One of NZ's most experienced tour operators, provides personalised high country 4wd tours into remote river valleys for independent travellers or groups, as well as a Te Araroa trail transfer & cycle tour options.

 RD 22, Peel Forest

 0800 425 772  [www.alps2ocean.co.nz](http://www.alps2ocean.co.nz)

 [info@alps2ocean.co.nz](mailto:info@alps2ocean.co.nz)

### Big Rock Adventures

Canyoning is the ultimate adventure activity, full of fun and is an exciting personal challenge. Kaumira Canyon near Geraldine is like a natural water park with cliff jumps, water slides, ziplines and abseiling down waterfalls in a pristine bush lined streamway.

 33 Cox Street, Geraldine

 0800 244 762  [info@bigrockadventures.co.nz](mailto:info@bigrockadventures.co.nz)

 [www.bigrockadventures.co.nz](http://www.bigrockadventures.co.nz)

### Geraldine District Golf Club

The Geraldine District Golf Club's 'Denfield' course is a very attractive 18-hole golf course. With its flat terrain it is an easy walk and set against a beautiful backdrop of mountains this course is a must-play. Golf clubs available for hire at reasonable rates. Licensed facility. New members welcome.


 10 Orari Back Rd, Geraldine

 027 842 2332  [www.geraldinegolf.co.nz](http://www.geraldinegolf.co.nz)

 [clubservices@geraldinegolf.co.nz](mailto:clubservices@geraldinegolf.co.nz)

## Grande Vue Golf Club

A unique 9-hole golf course in the middle of Geraldine township, we have a mix of rolling hills & flat land on our course. Green Fees \$15.00, club day Sundays with a 12.30 pm tee off.

 22 Gresham Street, Geraldine

 03 693 8396  [grandevue@snap.net.nz](mailto:grandevue@snap.net.nz)

 [www.aorangigolf.org.nz/clubs/grande-vue-golf-club](http://www.aorangigolf.org.nz/clubs/grande-vue-golf-club)

## Peel Forest Outdoor Centre

Be Challenged and Inspired. We offer Holiday Programmes, Grade 2 Kayak Training, Navigation Courses and tailor outdoor education packages and experiences for schools, clubs, organisations, businesses.

 1222 Peel Forest Rd, Peel Forest, Geraldine

 03 696 3832  [www.peelforestoutdoors.org.nz](http://www.peelforestoutdoors.org.nz)

 [info@peelforestoutdoors.org.nz](mailto:info@peelforestoutdoors.org.nz)

## Museums & Galleries



### Geraldine Historical Museum

Discover displays, stories and photos that tell our unique history plus hands-on exhibits. Family research and photos are available on request for a small fee.


 5 Cox Street, Geraldine

 03 693 7028  [gdemuseum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gdemuseum@xtra.co.nz)

 [www.geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-historical-museum-and-society](http://www.geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-historical-museum-and-society)

### Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Museum

This Museum is the finest of its type in the Southern Hemisphere with vintage cars, vintage tractors, vintage farm machinery and plenty of other interesting things on display.

 178 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 [geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-vintage-car-machinery-museum](http://geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-vintage-car-machinery-museum)

 03 693 8756  [geraldinevintage@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinevintage@gmail.com)

### McAtamney Gallery and Design Store

Vibrant watercolours, historical landscapes, quirky ceramics, gorgeous jewellery, amazing photography, contemporary prints.

 40a Talbot Street Geraldine

 027 305 3000  [carolyn@mcatamneygallery.co.nz](mailto:carolyn@mcatamneygallery.co.nz)

 [www.mcatamneygallery.co.nz](http://www.mcatamneygallery.co.nz)

### Roger Mahan Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has an extensive collection, much of which has come from Roger's personal collection amassed over his lifetime and is displayed in a 5600m<sup>2</sup> building.

 195 Main North Rd, Geraldine

 027 246 7466  [www.rmheritagecentre.org.nz](http://www.rmheritagecentre.org.nz)

 [info@rmheritagecentre.org.nz](mailto:info@rmheritagecentre.org.nz)



## Route 79 Museum

Located on the other side of Geraldine on State Hwy 79. Featuring an eclectic collection of cars, tractors, artillery pieces, motorbikes and wall displays. Open Hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri 9.30am - 4.30 pm & Sat/Sun 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

 10 Craig Rd, Geraldine  027 949 8291

 03 693 8970  route79museum@gmail.com

## Rural



### Woodley's Transport & Contracting Ltd

Operating for over 30 years, we have a wealth of knowledge and a large network of contacts that specialise in jobs of all sizes.

 1 Andrew St, Geraldine

 03 693 7377  reception@woodleys.co.nz

 www.woodleys.co.nz

## Real Estate Services



### Harcourts Blackham & Co Real Estate Ltd

Sales consultants, customer service, management and front office staff combine to give you a level of service and professionalism second to none.

 60 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 9005  enquiries.geraldine@harcourts.co.nz

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### Property Brokers

Property Brokers are Proudly Provincial, Proudly Local and Proudly Property. When we shake your hand, we mean it. We help and value our clients and each other. We are passionate about our communities and want to see them thrive.

 1 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 1315  geraldine@propertybrokers.co.nz

 www.pb.co.nz

### Bayleys - Whalan & Partners

All the sectors, all the experts. Bayleys are altogether better across Canterbury and proudly local in Geraldine. Leaders in the sale of residential, rural and commercial property.

 Four Peaks Plaza, Talbot St, Geraldine

 03 687 1227  timaru@bayleys.co.nz

 bayleys.co.nz/timaru

## Community Services & Information

### Geraldine Community Resource Centre

For local information, room hire, event information, document shredder, printer, loan projector/screen, community diary & more.

Open Mon - Fr 9.00am - 4.30 pm

 5a Peel St, Geraldine

 03 693 7001  geraldinecentre@xtra.co.nz


 www.geraldine.nz/resource-centre

### Geraldine Community Vehicle Trust

We operate a daily taxi service around town & on-demand shuttle service to the airport, bus pickups and other regional towns. Self-drive rentals also available.


 15 Peel Street, Geraldine

 03 693 1007  geraldine.mini.bus@gmail.com

 www.geraldine.nz/business/geraldine-community-vehicle-trust

### Geraldine Information Centre

We provide comprehensive, impartial information for the Geraldine area. Offering a booking service for local accommodation, activities and the Intercity bus.


 Mundells Complex, 38 Waihi Tc, Geraldine

 03 693 1101  www.geraldine.nz


 admin@mundells.nz

### Geraldine Library and Service Centre

Where you can borrow books, DVDs, magazines, talking books and jigsaws, as well as register your dog, pay your rates and purchase a cemetery plot.

 80 Talbot Street, Geraldine

 03 693 9336  libger@timdc.govt.nz

 www.library.timaru.govt.nz

### McKenzie Healthcare

Nestled at the foot of Four Peaks McKenzie Healthcare offers both standard and premium rooms for rest home, hospital and palliative level care, plus a secure dementia unit.

 2 McKenzie Street, Geraldine

 03 693 8299  reception@mhc.org.nz

 www.mhc.org.nz

## Explore the wider Timaru District



The Timaru District is full of activities, adventures, food, and shopping to please all.

Spend a few days exploring the area and take in the relaxed pace of life.

Caroline Bay, an AA Top 10 Beach, is the ideal place to start your holiday in seaside Timaru. Enjoy a stroll on the sand with a coffee in hand or a picnic on the shore before heading into Timaru's CBD. There, you'll find the likes of Millie Rose Boutique, Tuesday, and Preen. With an abundance of top restaurants, dining options are plentiful. A visit to The Oxford, Street Food Kitchen, and Saikou will not disappoint. With a cocktail in hand, Hector Black's is the perfect place to end your day.

If you feel like a day away from the coast, Timaru city is surrounded by quaint, charming towns steeped in heritage and culture. Head to Temuka, the birthplace of Temuka Pottery and Richard Pearse. Grab some lunch, indulge in some vintage shopping at the Green Hayes Emporium or Elegantly Waisted before a round of frisbee golf at the domain and an ice cream.

If you are into vintage trains, Pleasant Point is the stop for you! Featuring two steam engines and one of the world's only Model T Ford Railcars, it's a must visit! Otherwise hire an e-bike from Point E-Bikes and head to Strawberry Divine for a real fruit ice cream!



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Explore Timaru and surrounds, with the Timaru Trails App.

Scan the QR code to download the app, or head to [welovetimaru.nz](http://welovetimaru.nz) for more information.



## BARKER'S FOODSTORE & EATERY

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Nestled in the foothills of the Fours Peaks Mountain Range, where the Inland Scenic Route (72) and State Highway 79 meet, Geraldine is the perfect self-drive stopover on the way to Tekapo/Takapo, Aoraki/Mt Cook, the Southern Lakes, Wanaka, and Queenstown.

Taking Route 72 northwards is a wonderful way to explore rural Waitaha/Canterbury with Peel Forest, Mt Somers, the Ashburton lakes, Rakaia Gorge and more, all within easy reach of the drive route.

Less than a 2-hour drive from Otautahi/Christchurch airport, our picturesque town is handily located a few minutes off State Highway 1, midway between the bustling towns of Ashburton and Timaru.

Timaru, set on the edge of the stunning Caroline Bay, is the largest urban centre in the district and a must-visit destination while in the area. With the Timaru Airport only a 20-minute drive from Geraldine, and rental vehicles available on arrival, a fly-drive holiday is extremely easy.

The intercity bus network has daily stopovers in both Geraldine, and nearby Orari, for passengers travelling both north and south. The Geraldine Community Vehicle Trust can be booked for transfers to and from bus stops, around town and further afield.