

DISCOVER

Gateway to
Banks
Peninsula

LITTLE
RIVER

FROM THE HILLS TO THE SEA

From a leisurely stroll around the historic walkways to Banks Peninsula day trips with majestic views. Little River has a great selection of world-class hikes to enjoy. Refer to map inside.

Return times unless stated

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| 1 Heritage Walkway & Earthquake Memorial (40 min) | 9 Saddle Hill Reserve (2.5 hrs) |
| 2 Rail trail to Catons Bay (60 min) | 10 Port Levy Saddle to Hilltop (4.5 hrs one way) |
| 3 Okana Trail (10 min) | 11 Port Levy Saddle to Rod Donald Hut (50 min one way) |
| 4 Okuti Valley Reserve (30 min) | 12 Kaituna Valley to Packhorse Hut (2 hrs one way) |
| 5 Okuti Track to Hilltop (2.5 hrs one way) | 13 Kaituna Reserve (20 min) |
| 6 Montgomery Park Reserve (2 hrs)
To Giant Totara (10 min) | 14 Monument Track South to Te Ara Pataka Summit (1.5 hrs one way) |
| 7 Onawe Peninsula (60 min) | 15 Motukarara to Little River on the Railtrail (5 hrs one way) |
| 8 Te Oka Bay Track (3 hrs) | |

Detailed maps and brochures are necessary and can be purchased from Information Centres in Little River, Akaroa and Christchurch.

FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS

For a small place Little River has a surprising number of local events. Here are just a few:

JANUARY

Vintage & Classic Vehicle Show
Banks Peninsula A&P Show

FEBRUARY

Drum Festival

MARCH

Le Race - ChCh to Akaroa Cycle Race

Le Race Petite finishing in Little River

APRIL

Giant Country Bumpkin Pumpkin Festival

AUGUST

Lake Forsyth Float & Field Model Aircraft Show

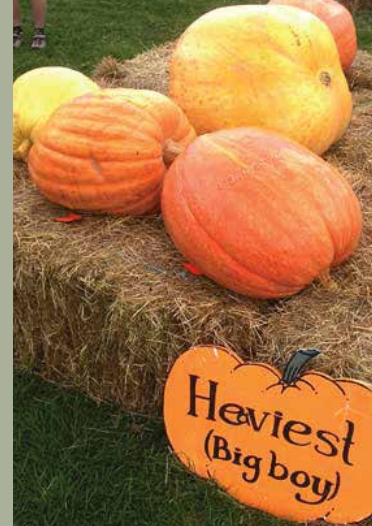
OCTOBER

Flower Power Garden Tour

NOVEMBER

Walking Festival

Manderley Home and Garden Festival



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WELCOME TO LITTLE RIVER

Nau mai haere mai ki Awa-iti



Little River is situated 45 minutes drive from Christchurch and 45 minutes drive from Akaroa. As the gateway to Banks Peninsula it is nestled amongst breathtaking hills in a wonderfully serene valley. A myriad of freshwater streams converge to

flow into the eastern end of Te Roto o Wairewa (Lake Forsyth). Cyclists on the rail trail wind their way past the lakes abundant wildlife and onto picturesque Kaitorete Spit. Neighbouring valleys and bays in this geologically rich area host many great walks, wildlife treasures, swimming and surfing beaches, forests filled with native wildlife as well as cultural and historically important sights.

Make Little River your base for discovering this amazing area.



CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT & HISTORIC

Little River was originally known by its local Maori name Awa-iti. The area has a rich cultural heritage as it was considered an important area for collecting Kai Moana (seafood). Te Roto o Wairewa is an important resource for tuna (eel) and harvesting is carefully managed.

The lake is also home of a legendary Taniwha (monster) called Tūterakiwhānoa. The Marae of the Wairewa runanga is now situated on the outskirts of Little River township. In the 1800's Europeans came for whaling and started to settle in the main valley and outer bays. Soon Little River began to thrive. This enabled the railway to be built which transported goods such as timber and cocksfoot grass seed to Christchurch. Eventually the railway became uneconomic to continue and the last train rolled out of Little River in 1962.

The vast totara forests that once covered the hills are now starting to return along with the wildlife that they support. Little River has always been considered a resting place between Christchurch and Akaroa but there are now more than 1000 permanent residents that live in this progressive and innovative town.

LOCAL PRODUCE

Enjoy some of the abundant, locally produced food from Banks Peninsula.

- ✓ Cheskin Orchard and Pottery
- ✓ Craft Station Local Produce Stall
- ✓ Peninsula Berries
- ✓ Barry's Bay Cheese Factory
- ✓ Akaroa Salmon from Wainui Wharf
- ✓ French Peak Winery
- ✓ Motukarara Asparagus Stall



ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND LITTLE RIVER

Enjoy the activities nature provides, relax with a coffee or feel inspired by the creative people living in our town.

- ✓ Craft Station & Historic Railway Station
- ✓ Gemstone Museum
- ✓ Little River Art Gallery
- ✓ Bird watching & Photography
- ✓ Hiking & Walks
- ✓ Holistic therapy & massage
- ✓ Picnics in the Domain
- ✓ Rail trail & Mountain Biking
- ✓ Surfing, Fishing & Swimming
- ✓ Bone Dude's Bone Carving Studio & Pottery
- ✓ Manaia Native Habitat, Mudslides & Film Set
- ✓ Phytofarm Herbal Learning Centre Tours
- ✓ Requests Boutique Cinema

DINE OUT

Little River has several options for daytime and evening meals:

- ✓ Little River Diner
- ✓ Little River Cafe & Store
- ✓ Little River Hotel
- ✓ Hilltop Tavern

