

Forrester Gallery

The gallery is situated in a stunning 1884 neo-classical Ōamaru stone building. Explore the regularly changing touring and local exhibitions with the educator, who can design an educational programme for your group on or off site.

9 Thames Street, Ōamaru | www.culturewaitaki.org.nz
Bookings: Elizabeth King | galleries@waitaki.govt.nz | 03 433 0853
Costs: Free
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4pm
Weekends and public holidays 1.30 - 4pm

Heritage Education Services

Education linked Māori, European, Natural History programmes tailored to suit your group's needs. We can work from any site eg Marae, Museum, seashore.

South Canterbury Museum Perth Street, Timaru
<https://museum.timaru.govt.nz/education>
Bookings: Fill in booking sheet or call educators Keely, Ruth or Marie: 03 687 7212
Costs: Koha to help cover travel costs
Hours: Monday to Friday, school hours

Janet Frame House

Visit the childhood home of acclaimed writer Janet Frame. Learn more about her time in Ōamaru and about what life was like in the 1930s and 1940s.

56 Eden Street, Ōamaru | www.jfestrust.org.nz
Bookings: Chloe Searle | jfestrust@gmail.com | 027 839 0423
Costs: \$5 per person
Hours: By arrangement

Steampunk HQ

Start with an informative introductory talk about Steampunk, its history, art and artisans followed by a self-guided tour of Steampunk HQ. If requested, groups can dress in Steampunk costume and build their own steampunk creations.

1 Humber Street, Ōamaru | www.steampunkoamaru.co.nz
Bookings: Jan Kennedy | 027 778 6547
Costs: \$2 per pupil, \$5 per accompanying adult
Teachers and staff free
Hours: 10am - 4pm daily

Ōamaru Library

A space to read, relax and recharge. Other activities such as storytime, library tours, Lego and research support may be available by arrangement.

62 Thames Street, Ōamaru | www.culturewaitaki.org.nz
Bookings: Fiona Kerr | library@waitaki.govt.nz | 03 433 0850
Costs: Free
Hours : Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am - 5:30pm
Thursday 10am - 5:30pm, Saturday 10am - 12:30pm, bookings are essential

Oamaru Mini Golf

This is an 18 Hole course. Each hole is about an attraction around the region.

Opposite the TOP 10 Holiday Park, 30 Chelmer Street
Bookings: info@oamarutop10.co.nz | 03 434 7666
Costs: \$5 per child, \$8 per adult
Hours: 9am - 4pm, weather permitting

Cycle and Vertical Ventures

Adventure and outdoor education specialists. Including; caving, indoor rock climbing, cycle and shuttles hire.

4 Wansbeck Street | www.cycleventures.co.nz
Bookings: Rob Connolly | 021 894 427
Costs: Call to confirm
Hours: 7 days a week if booked ahead

Totara Estate

An historic place that tells a significant story that shaped the Aotearoa we are today. Experience working life on the farm; see how agriculture has developed and participate in domestic chores and crafts. We are happy to work with you to prepare a programme that suits your level and age group. Combine your visit with a trip to Clarks Mill – an historic flour mill once part of Totara Estate.

565 Alma-Maheno Highway, State Highway 1
www.totaraestate.co.nz
Bookings: Marise Martin | mmartin@heritage.org.nz
03 433 1269
Costs: Koha entry or \$5 per child if scones and billy tea included
Hours: Thursday to Monday (inc) 10am - 4pm

Whitestone Cheese - Factory tours

Our guided tour provides a behind the scenes look at the cheese making process from 'make to taste'. You will experience cheese tasting, an informative talk and a tour of our factory.

3 Torridge Street, Ōamaru | www.whitestonecheese.com
Bookings: Daisy McClelland | tours@whitestonecheese.co.nz
0800 892 433
Costs: Group discount available

Waitaki Museum & Archive Te Whare Taoka o Waitaki

Join the educator to explore the natural and cultural history of the Waitaki. With brand new displays and unique hands-on activities, you can explore our exhibitions, or we can tailor lessons to your chosen topic.

60 Thames street Ōamaru | www.culturewaitaki.org.nz
Bookings: Elizabeth King | museum@waitaki.govt.nz
03 433 0852
Costs: Free
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4pm
Weekends and public holidays 10am - 12.30pm

Vanished World Fossil Centre and Discovery Room

Give children hands on experience in the fossil extraction room, try our "Dig a Fossil" activity, Rock Identification Challenges and Microscope activity.

Campbell Street, Duntroon | www.vanishedworld.co.nz
Bookings: Mike Gray | vanishedworldcentre@gmail.com
03 431 2024 / 021 159 79050
Costs: Adults \$10, children free or groups by negotiation
Hours: Summer 9:30am - 5pm daily, Winter 10am - 4pm daily

Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring Geopark

Join the geology educator for a hands on introduction to the unique geology of the area – from Gondwana to volcanoes to our ancient marine environment.

Based in Ōamaru | www.whitestonegeopark.nz
Bookings: Sasha Morriss | geoeducator@whitestonegeopark.nz
Costs: Please contact for details
Hours: by arrangement

Waitaki Aquatic Centre

We offer a range of swim programmes and activities. Our facilities include a 25 metre lap pool, fun pool, spa pool and fun activities for kids of all ages such as bombing tower, dive boards, tarzan swing and massive inflatables at selected times.

5 Steward Street, Ōamaru | www.waitaki.govt.nz
Bookings: Simon, Mary-Ann or Dianne | pools@waitaki.govt.nz
03 433 0410
Costs/hours: Check website or call us for information

Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony

Groups can ring to book a day tour; a peek into the penguins' nests, stroll through their habitat and learn about their fascinating lives. Or you can choose an evening viewing, watching the penguins return home from their day at sea.

17 Waterfront Road, Ōamaru | www.penguins.co.nz
Bookings: Georgie | penguins@bookings.co.nz | 03 433 1195
Costs: check website
Hours: seasonal, best to check website on the day

Oamaru Opera House

Join us for a back-of-house tour; see how a theatre works and learn about the building's history.

94 Thames St, Ōamaru | www.oamaruoperahouse.co.nz
Bookings: Matthew Wicks | mwicks@waitaki.govt.nz | 03 433 1624
Costs: Free
Hours: 8:30am – 4pm weekdays

Whitestone City

Set in an original grain store that was built in 1882 in New Zealand's most complete streetscape of Victorian commercial buildings. Come and play traditional games then ride on the only penny farthing carousel in New Zealand!

12 Harbour Street, Ōamaru | www.whitestonecity.co.nz
Bookings: whitestonecity@victorianoamaru.co.nz | 03 434 1100
Cost: by donation, group charges by arrangement
Hours: Weekends and school holidays: 10am - 4pm (last entry 3:30pm)

Waitaki Community Gardens

The Community Gardens is a collective space that hosts regular programmes and courses. Book in for an educational tour of the garden including a taste walk.

Chelmer St, opposite the Resource Recovery Park
Booking: Ra McRostie | waitaki.community.gardens@gmail.com
021 115 4884. Check us out on Facebook

Kayaking & sailing McKerrow's Pond Waianakarua,
Booking: Andrew Brown 027 442 3182 | www.wainak-lions.org

Kayaking & sailing Lower Waitaki Water Sports Trust
Ferry Road, Papakaio. Booking: ferryroadpond@gmail.com

Skyline walk and other Ōamaru walks
search 'walkways tracks' at www.waitaki.govt.nz

Bushy Beach penguins short walk
search 'Bushy beach track' at www.doc.govt.nz

Katiki Point penguins, fur seals & lighthouse
search 'Katiki Point' at www.doc.govt.nz

Ōamaru Gardens
search 'Oamaru Public Gardens' at www.waitaki.govt.nz

Friendly Bay Steampunk Playground
search 'Steampunk Playground' at www.waitaki.govt.nz

Waitaki Bike Skills Park for cycling & road safety skills
search 'Waitaki Bike Skills Park' at www.waitaki.govt.nz

Wanbrow Reserve for walking & biking
search 'Wanbrow Reserve' at www.waitaki.govt.nz, view maps

Ōamaru Reservoir mountain bike tracks
search 'cycling tracks' at www.waitaki.govt.nz, view maps

Oamaru Cinema
www.oamarucinema.co.nz

Alps to Ocean Cycle Trail
www.alps2ocean.com

Disclaimer: Information in this guide was correct at the time of printing. We apologise for any subsequent changes.

Ka Haere Ōamaru!

Let's Go Ōamaru

A guide to activities and adventures
compiled by the Forrester Gallery

