

About Timaru

Within the gentle curve of the South Canterbury coastline the Timaru District covers 2,602 square kilometres of diverse landscape.

Attractive towns, lush pasture, rolling downlands, green hills and clean rivers lie in the lee of New Zealand's magnificent Southern Alps in the west.

The District's north and south boundaries are naturally defined by two rivers, the Rangitata and the Pareora, both known for good fishing and swimming. A stretch of land in the northwest corner of the District sweeps through 64 kilometres of dramatic scenery beyond the Rangitata Gorge to Mesopotamia Station in the high country.

Over 42,000 residents enjoy life in Timaru District. Moderately-priced real estate, good medical services, excellent educational facilities, an abundance of sporting and recreational facilities and a friendly community all contribute to make Timaru District a welcoming and attractive destination. Enterprising businesses keep the workforce stable.

The temperate climate is conducive to the growing of all kinds of produce - from apples and berry fruits to asparagus, carrots, peas and pumpkin. A huge variety of flowers, including Calla lilies and peony roses are grown for both the domestic and export markets.

Timaru is strategically and centrally located on major transport arteries. Its airport and port facilities are provided as the natural distribution point for South Island exports/ imports.

Cultural activities eg, the Art Gallery are encouraged.

Sport has an important role to play in the daily lives of Timaru District families.

Visitors are always welcome at the District's seven golf courses.

Timaru District sits at the doorstep of many inland lakes where sailing, water skiing, boating, windsurfing and fishing are popular summer pastimes. At least five Central South Island ski fields are within easy distance - all less than two hours' drive from the coast. Whether it's dropping a line from the wharf at Timaru in the hope of hooking a fish, sailing offshore on the sparkling Pacific Ocean, or tramping in nature's bush-clad hills, there's something to interest the whole family in a District which takes pride in its many assets.