



Media release

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Enjoy Selwyn this summer

The summer holidays are just around the corner and there's plenty to do in Selwyn to keep busy and active.

Enjoy the fresh air in Selwyn with a wonderful range of walks in stunning locations like Arthur's Pass, Lake Coleridge and the Rakaia Gorge. Get outdoors and explore what the district has to offer on foot. For information on the different walks available, visit www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz/walks.

Selwyn has a range of fantastic vineyards and places to dine. The award-winning Selwyn Food and Wine Trail guide covers over 30 wine and food producers across Selwyn. Download a copy of the self-guided trail online at www.selwynfoodandwinetrail.co.nz or pick up a copy from a local Selwyn library.

Selwyn also has great scenery, off-road cycling tracks and colourful garden trails on offer. To see what's available, visit the Sensational Selwyn website at www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz. Look for the Country Garden Guide to 29 gardens and nurseries in Selwyn which are open to the public.

During summer you might want to get outside, exercise or make new friends. Selwyn District Council has developed an online sport and recreation directory which can help people do this. The directory includes around 200 listings and covers a wide variety of sport and recreation activities available in Selwyn including team sports, dancing, golf, horse riding and walking groups. Visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/sportsdirectory.

Swimming is a great way to keep cool and stay fit during the summer break. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston has a variety of pools including a toddler's area and leisure pool with lazy river. For entry prices and changes to hours over Christmas and New Year visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/sac.

During the school holidays, Darfield Pool is open from 1-7pm. More information on Darfield pool hours and prices is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/pools. Southbridge Pool is now open daily from 2-7pm until the end of the school holidays. Both Darfield and Southbridge pools are closed on 25 and 26 December and 1 and 2 January. For information on other community pools visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/pools.

Selwyn Libraries offer a great range of reading for people looking to relax over the summer break. People who are planning to head away during the holidays and want to be able to pack light might be interested in downloading magazines to read onto a tablet or iPhone. This can be done through the libraries new free Zinio magazines service which offers a great choice of magazines such as *Top Gear*, *Lonely Planet*, *Elle* and *New Zealand Gardener*. Selwyn Libraries also have many ebooks which can be borrowed for free and read on a tablet or iPhone. To access these services visit www.selwynlibrary.co.nz, or talk to a local librarian.

A great range of events are also happening this summer - check out what's happening by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/events or by following 'Selwyn District Council' on Facebook.

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Image attached: the Rakaia Gorge is a spectacular location for walking.