



Ashburton

District Tourism

www.ashburtondistrict.co.nz

trade handbook

www.ashburtondistrict.co.nz

Welcome

This rich agricultural region stretching from the alps to the ocean, and bordered by impressive braided rivers, encompasses the Ashburton, Methven/Mt Hutt, Mt Somers & High Country and Rakaia areas.

Within an hour from Christchurch International Airport you can be skiing or snowboarding, white-water rafting, skydiving, enjoying a country golf course, visiting gardens of blazing blooms, uncovering relics of aviation and transport history, hiking or mountain biking nature trails or enjoying traditional rural hospitality. A cluster of high country lakes lure avid fly fishers, a hot air balloon or heli flight provides a bird's eye view of a patchwork landscape, a 4WD adventure can take you on a journey into the high country wilderness.

Heritage trails, craft markets, art galleries, festivals and farm tours will fill your time with memorable New Zealand experiences.

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Ashburton Aviation Museum

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Heritage Services & Shops: Conference Services, Education Providers Transport: Flights

Displays include NZ's most unique aircraft including GR3 Harrier VTOL Jetfighter, 1933 Porterfield, B2 Canberra Bomber cockpit, 1942 German Veihe Glider. Open: Sat 9-4, Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Frid 1-3, Wed 10-3.

Tariff from: to 5.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals:
Seasonality: All Year

Hours: 1.00 - 3.00 Daily. X Wed&Sat
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 50 pax
Facilities Off street parking.



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 Ashburton Airport
 Seafield Road
 Ashburton

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Web: www.aviationmuseum.co.nz

Ashford Craft Shop

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts Services & Shops: Health, Beauty & Medical, Retail Shops, Retail Shops, Retail Shops

Offering nine exciting shops clustered around a historic Mill House. Café, art gallery, craft co-operative, antiques and collectables, beauty and natural health therapies and gifts, photographer, hair design, garden place, spinning, weaving and wool.

Tariff from: 5.00 to 2000.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision: Yes - Wholesale
Meals: Cafe on site
Seasonality: All year

Hours: 0900 - 1700
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 200 pax
Facilities Classes, showroom, museum



Trade Contact: Nicola Bota
 427 West Street
 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 308 9087
Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 308 8664

Email: craftshop@ashford.co.nz
Web: www.ashford.co.nz

Backcountry New Zealand

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Adventure Tours, Fishing, Hunting

One of New Zealand's leading guiding outfitters. Highest level of professionalism. Fly fishing guiding, Hunting guiding, New Zealand adventure. Members or the professional guides associations of New Zealand

Tariff from: 795.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision: Yes - Wholesale
Meals: Available
Seasonality: All year

Hours: 7 days
Licensed: Yes - New Zealand Professional
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 1-12 pax
Facilities



Trade Contact: Nigel Birt
 Methven

Phone: +02 1 644 507
Freephone:
(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 21 644 507
Fax +64 3 302 8701

Email: mail@backcountry.co.nz
Web: www.backcountry.co.nz

Erewhon Station

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Farm Tours, Horse Riding, Horse Riding



Tariff from:
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commission:
Meals:
Seasonality:

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity:
Facilities

Trade Contact: Erin or Colin
 Hakatere Potts Road
 Ashburton Lakes
 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 303 9739
Freephone:
(New Zealand only)

Mobile:
Fax

Email: erewhonstation@ruralinzone.net
Web: www.erewhonhorsestud.co.nz

Hassle-free Tours

Endorsed Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Adventure Tours, LOTR Tours

Lord of the Rings tours to the remote and beautiful location of Edoras. 4WD scenic tours into the spectacular Canterbury high country. Personalised tours around the Canterbury region. ½ day, 1 day & multi-day tours.



Tariff from: 215.00 to 375.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commission: Yes - Wholesale
Meals: Picnic lunch included
Seasonality: All year

Hours: 0700 - 2200
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 100 pax
Facilities

Trade Contact: Mark Gilbert & Nikki Marsh
 296 Prestons Road
 Marshlands
 Christchurch

Phone: +64 3 385 5775
Freephone: 0800 427 753
(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 27 540 0135
Fax +64 3 385 4365

Email: info@hasslefree.co.nz
Web: www.hasslefree.co.nz

Huntfish New Zealand - High Country Llamas

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Fishing, Hiking/Walking, Hunting



Tariff from:
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commission:
Meals:
Seasonality:

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity:
Facilities

Trade Contact: Tony & Suzi Pearce
 1649 Hakatere / Heron Road
 Mt Somers Gorge
 RD 1
 Ashburton

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Freephone:
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Mobile: +64 21 215 3092
Fax

Email: tony@huntfish.com
Web:

Lake Heron Ventures

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Hiking/Walking Services & Shops:Conference Services

Lake Heron Station is a 19,600 hectare farm station located in the heart of the South Island. Set in a stunning basin, with backdrops of glaciated mountains, tussock-covered hills, beech clad valleys and Lake Heron. A wide range of Activities available

Tariff from:	1635.00	Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	
Meals:	Lunches & Dinner on request	Capacity:	8
Seasonality:	Open all year round	Facilities	



Trade Contact: Anne & Philip Todhunter R D 1 Ashburton	Phone: +64 3 303 9014 Freephone: (New Zealand only)	Mobile: Fax	Email: anne@lakeheron.co.nz Web: www.lakeheron.co.nz
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Methven Heritage Centre

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts, Heritage Food & Wine:Cafes Services & Shops:Weddings

Newly refurbished, the Heritage Centre in central Methven has a 435 seat Auditorium, 90 seat Function Room with garden, Board Room, and a 70 seat Theatrette. Also Cafe, Art Gallery & i-SITE, a visitor attraction - NZ Alpine & Agriculture Encounter

Tariff from:		Hours:	9am - 5pm weekdays
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	Yes - Liquor Licenses can be a
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	Yes - To all rooms and Toilets
Meals:	Cafe on site/In-house catering	Capacity:	435 Maximum
Seasonality:	Open all year	Facilities	



Trade Contact: Jenny Sanders 160 Main Street Methven	Phone: +64 3 302 9666 Freephone: (New Zealand only)	Mobile: Fax +64 3 302 9663	Email: info@methvenheritagecentre.co.nz Web: www.methvenheritagecentre.co.nz
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Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: General Sightseeing Services & Shops:Retail Shops, Visitor Infomation

Book it with us - ski packages, activities, travel and accommodation. For friendly unbaised information and complete itineraries and reservations for Mid Canterbury and New Zealand see the Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre staff.

Tariff from:		Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	
Meals:		Capacity:	
Seasonality:		Facilities	



Trade Contact: Katherine Lorenzo 160 Main Street Methven	Phone: +64 3 302 8955 Freephone: (New Zealand only)	Mobile: Fax +64 3 302 8954	Email: methven@i-site.org Web: www.methveninfo.co.nz
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Mt Hutt Helicopters

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: General Sightseeing, Heliskiing, Scenic Flights, Scenic Flights, Skiing/Snowboarding Services & Shops: Conference Services Transport: Flights

Experienced alpine pilots committed to client safety and comfort for all types of helicopter operations. Heliski/Heliboard, fishing, hunting safaris, filming and photography, lifting and slingloads, all agricultural services.



Tariff from: 78.00 to 1900.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision: Yes - Wholesale
Meals: Available
Seasonality: All year

Hours: 7 days
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 1 load = 4 pax or 6 pax
Facilities

Trade Contact: Blair Chapman

880 Forks Road
 Alford Forest

Phone: +64 3 302 8401
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(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 27 437 5824
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Email: blair@mthutthelicopters.co.nz
Web: www.mthutthelicopters.co.nz

Mt Hutt Ski Area

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Skiing/Snowboarding, Skiing/Snowboarding, Skiing/Snowboarding Services & Shops: Ski & Snowboard Hire, Ski & Snowboard Hire

Summit Six, six seater chairlift offers access to a wide variety of trails while the novice area is serviced by a dedicated quad chair. 140m long Magic Carpet for beginners'. Mt Hutt has some of the best mix of terrain for skiers and riders of all levels.



Tariff from: 91.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals: Cafe
Seasonality: 9 June - 18 October

Hours: 0830 - 1600 (7 days)
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 3500 pax on Mountain
Facilities Kids4Free - 10yrs and under

Trade Contact: James Urquhart

Methven Snow Centre
 94 Main Street
 Methven

Phone: +64 3 302 8811
Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 308 8697

Email: jamesu@nzski.com
Web: www.nzski.com/mthutt/

NZ Alpine and Agriculture Encounter

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts, General Sightseeing, Heritage Food & Wine: Cafes

Tariff from: 14.00 to 17.50
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals:
Seasonality:

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity:
Facilities



Trade Contact: Jackie Hunter-Letham

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 Methven

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Mobile:
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Email: info@methvenheritagecentre.co.nz
Web: www.methvenheritagecentre.co.nz

Rangitata Rafts

Endorsed Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Adventure Tours, Rafting

In an incredibly scenic South Island valley, you will discover an extremely friendly, professional and exciting whitewater rafting adventure. Highly recommended by travellers themselves. View comments on trip advisor



Tariff from:	208.00 to 225.00	Hours:	0800 - 2000
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:	Yes - Retail	Disabled Facilities	
Meals:	Lunch and Dinner	Capacity:	56 pax or by prior arrangement
Seasonality:	End Sept - Beginning May	Facilities	Rafting base lodge with Toilet

Trade Contact: Alexandra Gualter

Peel Forest
RD 20
Geraldine

Phone: +64 3 696 3735
Freephone: 0800 251 251
(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 27 4332 449
Fax +64 3 696 3534

Email: info@rafts.co.nz
Web: www.rafts.co.nz

SkydivingNZ

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Skydiving

Tariff from:	335.00 to 440.00	Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	
Meals:		Capacity:	
Seasonality:		Facilities	



Trade Contact: Bookings Co-ordinator

Pudding Hill Airfield
5255 Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road
Methven

Phone: +64 3 302 9143
Freephone: 0800 697 593
(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 21 321 135
Fax +64 3 302 9140

Email: admin@skydivingnz.com
Web: www.skydivingnz.com

St Ita's Guesthouse

Qualmark

Accommodation: Guest & Hosted Activities & Attractions: Heritage

Relax in the beautiful Si Itas Guesthouse, a refurbished former convent school, situated in a small New Zealand town of Rakaia, Between Christchurch and Ashburton on State Highway 1. All spacious rooms with ensuites or private bathrooms and garden views



Tariff from:	90.00 to 140.00	Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	
Meals:		Capacity:	5 pax
Seasonality:	Open all year	Facilities	

Trade Contact: Miriam & Ken Cutforth

St Itas Guesthouse
11 Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road
Rakaia

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Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 302 7564

Email: stitas@xtra.co.nz
Web: www.stitas.co.nz

Terrace Downs Resort

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Fishing, Golf, Horse Riding, Horse Riding, Hunting, Jet Boating Services & Shops: Health, Beauty & Medical

The ever-changing landscape acts as the perfect playground for visitors of all ages and fitness levels and makes Terrace Downs a captivating year-round holiday destination for thrill-seekers and those who enjoy more genteel pursuits.



Tariff from:	4.00	Hours:	Various - refer website
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	Yes
Net Rates/Commission:	Yes - Wholesale	Disabled Facilities:	Yes
Meals:		Capacity:	
Seasonality:	Year round	Facilities:	

Trade Contact: Lisa Hurt
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Canterbury

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Mobile:
Fax: +64 3 317 9372

Email: lisa@terracedowns.co.nz
Web: www.terracedowns.co.nz

The Tin Shed

Endorsed Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts Services & Shops: Retail Shops, Retail Shops, Retail Shops

Break your journey between Christchurch & Mt Cook to enjoy complimentary coffee, shopping in a picturesque, rural setting for quality, affordable, NZ made woollen merchandise. Post your purchases worldwide.



Tariff from:	11.00 to 4000.00	Hours:	0800 - 1700
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commission:	Yes - Wholesale	Disabled Facilities:	Yes
Meals:		Capacity:	120 pax
Seasonality:	All year	Facilities:	Animal farm yard, complimentary

Trade Contact: Lesley Limbe
State Highway 79
R D 22 Geraldine
Rangitata

Phone: +64 3 693 9416
Freephone: 0508 504 006
(New Zealand only)

Mobile:
Fax: +64 3 693 9531

Email: tinshed@paradise.net.nz
Web: www.thetinshed.co.nz

Air Rangitata

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Scenic Flights

Tariff from:	295.00	Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commission:		Disabled Facilities:	
Meals:		Capacity:	
Seasonality:		Facilities:	



Trade Contact: Arch King
372 Rangitata Terrace Road
Ashburton

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Fax:

Email: info@airrangitata.co.nz
Web: www.airrangitata.co.nz

Ashburton Art Gallery

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts

The Ashburton Art Gallery presents an exciting and innovative exhibition programme, regular floortalks, free children's educational activities and music & performing art events throughout the year.



Tariff from:	0.00 to 0.00	Hours:	1000-1600
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	Yes
Meals:		Capacity:	100 pax
Seasonality:	All Year	Facilities	Off street parking

Trade Contact: Shirin Khosraviani
 Baring Square East
 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 308 1133
Freephone: (New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 21 079 2363
Fax: +64 3 308 1133

Email: info@ashburtonartgallery.org.nz
Web: www.ashburtonartgallery.org.nz

Ashburton Museum

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Heritage, Heritage

The Ashburton Museum features a range of exhibits depicting local, national and international themes which are regularly updated. Extensive records are available to researchers including genealogical, photographic, and local history information.



Tariff from:		Hours:	1000-1600
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	Yes
Meals:		Capacity:	45 pax
Seasonality:	All Year	Facilities	Off street parking

Trade Contact: Michael Hanrahan
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 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 308 3167
Freephone: (New Zealand only)

Mobile:
Fax:

Email: museum@ashburton.co.nz
Web:

Ashburton Society of Arts

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Art & Crafts, Art & Crafts

Bringing to you weekend schools, printmaking, weekly painting group, annual exhibition June/July, A week long summer school in January. Untutored painting weekends at various locations.



Tariff from:	20.00	Hours:	
Prices Valid To:		Licensed:	
Net Rates/Commision:		Disabled Facilities	
Meals:		Capacity:	
Seasonality:		Facilities	

Trade Contact: V. Henderson
 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 308 5460
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Mobile:
Fax:

Email: ashburtonsociety.arts@gmail.com
Web:

Ashburton Vintage Car Museum

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Heritage

Museum to display Vintage and Veteran Cars and other articles of motoring historical interest.



Tariff from: 2.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals:
Seasonality: All Year.

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 50 pax
Facilities

Trade Contact: Milner Jacob
 Maronan Road
 Tinwald
 Ashburton

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Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 308 3392

Email: mandjjacob@xtra.co.nz
Web: www.ashburton.co.nz/vintagecar

Coniston Homestead

Qualmark

Accommodation: Guest & Hosted, Guest & Hosted, Guest & Hosted, Holiday Homes, Self Contained & Serviced Activities & Attractions:Gardens Services & Shops:Weddings

The 1870's gardener's cottage is situated in a 6 acre garden on rural farm land adjacent to the town of Ashburton



Tariff from:
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals: By arrangement
Seasonality: All year

Hours: 0900 - 1900
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: 50 plus pax
Facilities

Trade Contact: Carolyn & Donald Williamson
 Coniston
 30 Methven Highway (SH77)
 Ashburton

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Freephone:
(New Zealand only)

Mobile: +64 27 435 4705
Fax +64 3 307 8179

Email: coniston@xtra.co.nz
Web: www.coniston.co.nz

Middle Rock Farm Tour

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Farm Tours, Farm Tours

A scenically located NZ Sheep farm producing fine wool for the apparel industry and prime lamb for export. Visitors are family guests for a personalised, half day visit where sheep farming systems are explained and observed.



Tariff from: 75.00 to 120.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals: Yes
Seasonality: Open by arrangement

Hours: By Arrangement
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity: Max. 2 coach loads, or 80 pax
Facilities

Trade Contact: Lyn Nell
 Middle Rock
 1160 Coleridge Road
 R D 2
 Darfield

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Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 318 6806

Email: highcountrytour@xtra.co.nz
Web: www.middlerock.co.nz

Plains Vintage Railway & Historical Museum

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Heritage

Plains Museum is located in the Tinwald Domain. It consists of a working railway & village, farm machinery, ornamental turning museum. It is home to many historic NZ Railways Locomotives, including the famous K 88 "Washington"



Tariff from: 2.50 to 6.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals:
Seasonality: Year Round

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities Yes
Capacity:
Facilities Off street parking.

Trade Contact: Inquiries
 Tinwald Domain
 Maronan Road
 Tinwald
 Ashburton

Phone: +64 3 308 9600
Freephone:
(New Zealand only)

Mobile:
Fax +64 3 308 9600

Email: info@plainsrailway.co.nz
Web: www.plainsrailway.co.nz

Regent Cinema

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Cinema, Cinema

Tariff from: 9.50 to 15.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals:
Seasonality:

Hours:
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities
Capacity:
Facilities



Trade Contact: Donna Favel
 Cnr Cass & Wills Street
 Ashburton

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Freephone:
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Mobile:
Fax +64 3 308 4472

Email: donna@regentcinema.co.nz
Web: www.regentcinema.co.nz

Winchmore Gardens

Qualmark

Activities & Attractions: Gardens Services & Shops:Conference Services, Weddings

Tariff from: 8.00 to 30.00
Prices Valid To:
Net Rates/Commision:
Meals: Availible by arrangement
Seasonality: October-March

Hours: By appointment
Licensed:
Disabled Facilities Yes
Capacity: 200 pax
Facilities



Trade Contact: Marg & Bob Verrall
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 Ashburton

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