

Welcome to

OMARAMA

Information Centre – Ph 03 4389 703

We hope you enjoy your time here. You may like to try some of the activities listed on this sheet! (Most are free – some have a minimal charge) – please visit our Information Centre or refer to our local website for the latest information and our monthly Gazette.

www.discoveromarama.co.nz

Resident Population - 300 Altitude 430 m

Annual Rainfall 700 mm Temp -10 to 30+ C

AHURIRI RIVER – picnic and swim in the pools created in our ever changing braided river just by the SH8 bridge 2km north of town – a DOC toilet is provided.

DOC CAMPING is also available at the river. A donation is required please and you must be self-contained and/or use the DOC toilet provided. Dogs are permitted but they must be under control – please ensure you respect others and the natural wildlife.

A20 – ALPS TO OCEAN CYCLE TRAIL – base yourself at Omarama or stay overnight on your way through - the full trail is from Mt Cook to Oamaru and turns at the Omarama intersection

FISH – Feed the fish and ducks at the Ladybird Hill Vineyard – just past the school

KIDZONE – Playground – 300m east of the shops on SH83 next to the Community Hall

BIKE PUMP TRACK – for cyclists - also next to the Community Hall – challenge yourself on a national-standard pump track

COMMUNITY PICNIC AREA – seats and tables by the stream – the entrance is opposite Mobil Garage – take gravel walkway through gate to river. Please leave the gate closed.

BIRD WATCHING – Ahuriri River Bed and beyond – view the extensive bird life on the river flats

AIRFIELD and PLANE SPOTTING– Daily glider launches weather permitting plus the Regional Champs are held in November and the Nationals bi-annually in January.

SAILORS CUTTING & LAKE BENMORE picnic areas - Popular Boat Harbour, jetty, swimming spot and great for bathing or water sports. Toilets available at Sailors Cutting or at Pumpkin Point (about 10 minutes east of Omarama).

BENMORE WALKWAY – 1 HOUR WALK – extensive views of upper MacKenzie basin from above Benmore Dam – leaves from Benmore Dam (turnoff Otematata 15 mins east of Omarama)

CONSERVATION PARKS – AHURIRI, RUATANIWHA, OTEAKE OR QUAILBURN, OHAU – a large selection of walks, tramps, hiking areas plus mountain bike tracks etc. too extensive to list here. Plus 4-WHEEL DRIVING - Please call at the local Information Centre or DOC office or check online for more information:

www.doc.govt.nz

BENMORE DAM & MERIDIAN ENERGY INFORMATION CENTRE - situated at Otematata just below the dam – great interactive and historical exhibits

CLAY CLIFFS – spectacular pinnacles formed from erosion on the Ostler fault line – parking at site - areas to climb or walk. Turn off is 4km north of Omarama on SH8 and is signposted - \$5 donation per vehicle – please enquire at the Info Centre first if possible for a token or payment.

MOUNT COOK – 1 hour's drive north of Omarama – numerous walks, DOC headquarters and Info centre at Mt Cook Village – plus the Sir Ed Hillary Museum and very extensive Mt Cook exhibits

FISHING – Extensive fishing opportunities for fly fishing, dry fly casting, nymphing, trolling. Fishing guides are also available – enquire at the I-Site or Tackle Shop

SALMON FARM - (about 15 minutes north of Omarama). You can feed the fish or you can purchase sashimi or whole/filleted salmon.

VINEYARD WALK - \$2 donation for walk up hill through vineyard – great views over Omarama and surrounds - plus up to Mt Cook – Applies during Vineyard opening hours. Closed in Winter.

BIKE HIRE – Bikes available for hire at the Information Centre

HORSE RACES – KUROW – Always 30 December each year.

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OTHER PAYING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

RETAIL SHOPPING – Bargain Hunting, Country Clothing, Souvenirs, Fishing Tackle Shop, Collectables, Blokes Shed and an Auto Museum ! 4-Square Discounter Foodcentre with Hot Bread, Lotto and Postal Agency – Mail and Courier Services

GOLF - \$15 PER PERSON for 9 hole Golf Course. Club Day is Saturday, Twilight Golf is held on a Wednesday evening.

HUNTING – Hunting Guides are available – please enquire at the Info Centre.

OMARAMA RODEO – always December 28th at Buscot Station (signposted from Highway 8)

SHEEP SHEARING Show at the Wrinkly Rams plus wool exhibits

CAFÉ'S, RESTAURANTS - See our website, local map or Information Centre for more detail. Café, vineyard or hotel dining options

HOTELS – MOTELS – BACKPACKERS – BED & BREAKFAST OR HOMESTAY OPTIONS – Several to choose from plus our local holiday park right in town

FUEL STATIONS – Mobil and Challenge

HOT TUBS – the Onsen Experience – fresh water, no chemicals – soak in the view in your own private tub!

GLIDING – TRIAL FLIGHTS AVAILABLE

FISHING – Extensive local tackle shop (at the Sierra Motels), Guides available – rods for hire

VINEYARD (Ladybird Hill) – local wine, fish feeding, café and dining, walk, outdoor chess set and great playground for the kids!

SKIING – OHAU – Spectacular winter skiing – with chairlifts. Lessons and equipment for hire – 45 minutes from Omarama to the skifield. Accommodation and dining also available at the Ohau Lodge.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY – Call 111 for Fire, Police or Ambulance *if an emergency!*

POLICE – If Not an emergency ph. 4389 559

KUROW Medical Centre 03 436 0760

TWIZEL Medical Centre 03 435 0777

HEALTHLINE – 0800 611 116

COMMUNITY CHURCH – open daily – check noticeboard outside the Church for service details

VETS – Omarama Vet Services 4389 868

VetLife – 4389 890

NZ POST OFFICE and POST COURIERS – situated at the Supermarket

NZ COURIERS – Agency at GlenCraigs

OMARAMA SCHOOL – 4389 815

WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL 0800 108 081

RADIO FREQUENCY – Port FM 90.9

National Radio – FM 97.3

RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK (DUMP)
Open Wed and Sunday each week 9 am until 12.30 pm. Open daily between 26 December and 3 January.

MY NOTES: