

6 The outdoors lifestyle



If the great outdoors lifestyle appeals, then you'll love the West Coast! Here we live among New Zealand's largest conservation estates, with a great variety of wild beaches, forest trails, lakes, lagoons, rivers and mountains. In other places, people may travel vast distances to find wilderness areas. Here, it's often right on your doorstep.

As one of New Zealand's 'must do' tourist destinations, the West Coast's population of 30,000 caters for 800,000 tourists each year. So there is no shortage of excellent cafés, restaurants, pubs, artists and craftspeople, retail shops and all the other trappings of modern society. The West Coast is one of the rare places that offer excellent mining industry career opportunities amidst one of the world's great tourist destinations.

The range of activities is limited only by your imagination, and there are many clubs to join and take advantage of our natural wonderland.

- Hiking and tramping
- Mountain biking
- Fly fishing
- Deep sea fishing
- White water kayaking
- Canoeing and sea kayaking
- Pleasure boating on lakes
- Wild river jet boating
- Glacier treks
- Mountaineering
- Hunting
- Surfing
- Evening barbecues on the beach
- 4WD off roading, quad bikes and motocross
- Horse trekking
- Beach jade hunting
- Jet skiing (river, lake, ocean)
- Swimming
- Caving
- Nature walks and wildlife encounters
- Skydiving
- Heritage and history sites
- Just chilling out with friends and family in the outdoors!
- And much more!



The West Coast also hosts some of New Zealand's best multi sport events, including the Coast to Coast, Buller Marathon, Brunner Cycle Race, Wild Coast Cycle Race and several others.

