

Kaiapoi History

Kaiapoi has a rich history as a significant trading post in New Zealand. Established as a major Ngāi Tahu trading settlement, Kaiapoi played a crucial role in the exchange of resources such as pounamu from the Arahura River, titi (muttonbird) from islands near Stewart Island / Rakiura, and obsidian from Mayor Island / Tuhua. The town's strategic location by the riverside facilitated the transportation of goods via waterways, making it a bustling hub for trade and commerce.



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Kaiapoi has Events throughout the year, scan the QR code for details



"Locals Tips" for things to do in Kaiapoi.

- **River Activities:** Enjoy a cruise on the River Queen with friends or family, explore the riverside by walking or biking, and visit the Kaiapoi Food Forest for picnics and forage for fresh produce.
- **Shopping:** Enjoy boutique shopping, check out The Footwear Outlet for a great selection of shoes, and NZULU for stylish clothing.
- **Cultural and Leisure Activities:** Visit the Ruataniwha Centre for library, museum, and art exhibitions, dine at various eateries offering diverse cuisines, and explore local cafes like Paris for the Weekend and Red Eight.
- **Shopping Destinations:** Explore Blackwells Department Store for fashion and homeware, Craze fashion for unique finds, and Kaiapoi Florist and Love your Home for lovely items. The Emporium is filled with local crafts.
- **Entertainment:** Experience the thrill of Woodford Glen's racing events, enjoy Trousellot Park with its skate park and rose garden, or visit the BMX track at Norman Kirk Park.
- **Weekly Markets:** Don't miss the Kaiapoi Farmers Market on Saturday mornings for fresh produce, located opposite New World. Ohoka Market on Friday mornings.
- **Water Fun:** Alpine Jet Thrills offers Jet boat rides and a unique Airboat adventure on the Waimakariri river. In warmer months, try Aqualand - an inflatable water park offering an exciting aquatic experience.

These activities offer a diverse range of experiences catering to different interests in Kaiapoi

Enjoy exploring Kaiapoi

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Kaiapoi New Zealand's best river town

This map and information helps you explore Kaiapoi. The headings and the map pins are in colours to help you find what you are looking for. Coffee cup for Cafes, Foodie pins are in Red, Retail shop pins are blue etc.

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Take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque riverbanks of the Kaiapoi and Waimakariri Rivers, spot abundant birdlife, and consider a kayak or canoe excursion for a more immersive experience.

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