



Invercargill City

1. Southland Museum and Art Gallery – check out latest exhibitions and meet Henry the Tuatara 🌿
2. Invercargill Heritage Trail - pick up a brochure 🌿
3. Visit the Invercargill City Library, enjoy storytime and crafts 🌿
4. Splash Palace – wave pool, lane pool, aqua jogging, water slide \$ 
5. Try Clip 'n Climb at Stadium Southland \$
6. Thomson's Bush has many loop tracks, a playground and picnic tables 🌿
7. Wander through Otakaro Park and admire the gardens and Water Tower 🌿
8. Cycle the tracks around the city 🌿 
9. Russell Square playground on Elles Rd - view the Whale's Tail 🌿
10. Try a cheese roll with a twist at Blue River's Sheep Milk Café, Nith St \$

11. Don Street umbrella - find your family name engraved beneath 🌿
12. Kick a ball around in Turnbull Thomson Park 🌿
13. City Gallery – art exhibitions 🌿
14. Walk or cycle the Invercargill Chorus Cabinet trail 🌿 
15. Catch the bus somewhere new \$
16. Grab a coffee and fluffly at a café \$
17. Head to the Farmers Market on Sundays 🌿
18. Otepunu Gardens – take a wander through the lovely riverside gardens or have a picnic 🌿
19. Star gaze at the Southland Observatory on Wednesday nights April – September \$ 
20. Sculpture walk on Esk St and Dee St 🌿
21. Go window shopping in City Centre 🌿
22. Take a street art scavenger hunt 🌿
23. View the motorbikes at E. Hayes & Sons 🌿
24. Southland Fire Museum – view 24hrs 🌿
25. Chipmunks indoor playground \$
26. Watch a movie at Reading Cinemas \$
27. Go ten pin bowling at Superbowl Invercargill \$
28. YMCA – climb their rock wall or try bouldering \$
29. Watch the cyclists at the Velodrome 🌿
30. Attend a drop-in gym session, weekdays, term time – Invercargill Gymnastic Club, Glengarry \$


101 fun & family

friendly things to do




In and around Invercargill



31. Join and hire toys from a toy library \$ 
32. Visit an edible community garden – Glengarry, South City, Otatara 🌿
33. Attend a local worship service 🌿
34. Watch a local rugby game 🌿
35. Grab your gumboots and go puddle jumping! 🌿
36. Visit one of your local playgrounds 🌿
37. Ride the BMX track at Elizabeth Park 🌿 
38. Roll on down to the Skate Park - Elles Rd 🌿
39. Visit the Elles Road Dog Park 🌿
40. Kew Bush Walk behind hospital 🌿
41. Waihopai Stopbank track - bike or walk 🌿
42. Invercargill Estuary Walkway - walk/bike around the Pleasure Bay Lagoon then rest by the replica boat. 🌿
43. Geocaching – take part in a real life treasure hunt - download the app 🌿 

Queens Park

44. Picnic on the grass or in the Band Rotunda 🌿
45. Visit the animal reserve 🌿
46. Exercise your way round the fitness trail 🌿
47. Visit the bird aviary and sit by the duck pond 🌿 
48. Have fun in the children's area with the water park and playground 🌿
49. Stroll through the vibrant gardens and glass houses 🌿

Outskirts

- 50. Visit Murihiku Marae and Te Rau Aroha Marae 🌿
- 51. Seaward Bush – discover native trees and listen out for the whistling frog 🌿
- 52. East Road Pets – visit animal area and reptile house 🌿
- 53. Visit the animals up for adoption at the SPCA 🌿
- 54. See Demolition World in Clifton 🌿
- 55. Explore Anderson Park – playground, gardens, ducks and Whare Whakairo 🌿
- 56. Picnic under fruit trees at Donovan Park 🌿
- 57. Pick apples and other fruit from roadside trees 🌿
- 58. Have a hit at the Greenacres Driving Range, Makarewa \$



Otatara area

- 59. Volunteer at Southland Community Nursery open Friday mornings 🌿
- 60. Bushy Point Nature trail – Bryson Rd 🌿
- 61. Otatara Scenic Reserve walk 🌿
- 62. Dine al fresco at Fosbender Park - BYO gas BBQ 🌿
- 63. Sandy Point Domain – short walks, mountain bike tracks and playground 🌿
- 64. View a historic whaling pot and anchors at Whalers Bay 🌿
- 65. Build sandcastles on Oreti Beach 🌿
- 66. Go swimming or surfing at Oreti Beach 🌿



Bluff area

- 67. Spot native birdlife on the Bluff Hill walks 🌿
- 68. Take a picture at the Stirling Point Signpost and Signal Station 🌿
- 69. Bluff Heritage trail – pick up brochure 🌿
- 70. Go beachcombing on Argyle beach 🌿
- 71. Ship Graveyard boardwalk at Greenpoint 🌿
- 72. Bluff Hill mountain bike tracks 🌿
- 73. Head to the Bluff Maritime Museum \$
- 74. Explore local galleries such as Oyster Allsorts Museum, and the Lighthouse Gallery 🌿
- 75. Have a swim at the Bluff Pool \$
- 76. Visit the BLUFF sign and trek the Foveaux walkway 🌿
- 77. Go fishing off the wharf or rocks 🌿
- 78. Search for the Aurora Australis and see the stars from the Ocean Beach carpark 🌿
- 79. Visit Beachcomber's Cottage, Clark Road, Greenhills \$
- 80. Awarua Communications Museum. Open every Sunday, 11am – 3pm \$
- 81. Discover Omaui Reserve & Beach with its bush walks and amazing vistas 🌿



Riverton area

- 82. Play mini golf in Wallacetown \$
- 83. Thornbury Vintage Machinery Museum. Open Sundays 1.30pm – 4.30pm \$
- 84. Te Hiko Museum in Riverton \$
- 85. Fly a kite at Taramea Bay 🌿
- 86. Frolic on the Taramea Bay Playground 🌿
- 87. Go surfing or bodyboarding at Colac Bay 🌿
- 88. Search the rock pools or collect mussels at Riverton Rocks 🌿
- 89. Visit a real life food forest or attend a workshop. Book at Environment Centre. Phone (03) 234 8717 \$



Surrounds

- 90. Tracks at Waituna Lagoon. This area boasts a white quartz beach and birdlife 🌿
- 91. Discover the Lignite Pit Secret Garden which was once a mine, Gorge Road \$
- 92. Pick your own blueberries in Otautau \$
- 93. Enjoy a day out in Winton 🌿
- 94. Collect pine cones with the family 🌿



Events

- 95. Buskers Festival in February 🌿
- 96. Southland Heritage Month in March 🌿
- 97. Kidzone in July \$
- 98. Polyfest in August 🌿
- 99. Holiday programmes run by the Library, Chipmunks, Sports Southland and Splash Palace \$
- 100. Attend an Orienteering event, see www.sporty.co.nz \$
- 101. Attend a local community market, see whatsoninvers.co.nz 🌿



Key

\$ = low cost

🌿 = free



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