

## Galleries and Museums

- **The NewDowse** See why cruise ship and tour bus passengers rave about this gem which inspires creativity with a changing array of exhibitions, creative events, hands-on activities and workshops, cafe and design store
- **Petone Settlers Museum** The story of Hutt Valley (Awakairangi) in this beautifully designed and built 1940s beachfront complex which commemorates the 1840 landing of the first New Zealand Company settlers

- **Expressions Arts & Entertainment Centre** Discover why Expressions has earned a top reputation presenting "Theatre for all". Music, drama, comedy, dance, childrens shows and now enhanced by the arrival of a new Stairway Concert Grand Piano. The visual arts galleries make a visit to Cafe Cibo very rewarding

## Tick the events programme

Outsiders know the Hutt Valley has some excellent events, make sure you do too! [www.huttvalleynz.com](http://www.huttvalleynz.com)



## Be proud that...

- Hutt City is an international centre for science; GNS Science, Industrial Research Limited, AsureQuality... Tick Cate Scientific in the events programme
- Petone was the first place that settlers from the New Zealand Company arrived on 22 January 1840. That's why we celebrate Wellington Anniversary Day on that date
- The Wellington home of Horse Racing is at Trentham, Speedway is at Te Marua, Kartisport is at Kairoko and Target Sports is at Trentham

## Be amazed that...

- There is an airstrip in the Belmont Hills
- Remains of the old Petone water supply still exist in the Korokoro Gorge
- You can go gliding at Kairoko, by the hidden valleys of Mangarua and Whiteman's Valley

## The Hutt Valley Story

Mythological history tells of two taniwha, Ngake and Whaitaitai who lived in Wellington Harbour when it was just a lake. The lake eventually became too small for the taniwha and they longed to escape into the ocean to the south. Ngake positioned himself on the northern edge of the lake and using his tail as a spring thrust himself towards the southern shores, smashing a passage way through to what is today known as Cooks Strait.

The force of the release of Ngake's coiled tail carved Awakairangi – the Hutt Valley. Awakairangi – river of food from the sky. As the name suggests, the Hutt Valley was once densely forested and abundant in bird life. Seafood formed a staple part of the diet of Maori and until the early 1940s eel, crayfish and watercress were harvested from the local streams and rivers.

Pito-one – belly button of the earth (Petone), is an historic site of national significance being the first place of arrival for English settlers from the New Zealand Company. This was the beginning of the relationship between Maori and Pakeha and the industrialisation of Aotearoa New Zealand.



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**Must Do TICKLIST**



## Our Harbour

- **Matiu / Somes Island** A strategic Pa, a quarantine station, a prison and now a wildlife refuge. Take the ferry ride out to the middle of the harbour and appreciate the region from a new perspective. You can lend and even camp on Matiu / Somes Island.
- **Pencarrow Head** Packed lunch, warm clothes and water: check! Now take the walk south from Burdian's Gate, Eastbourne to the historic lighthouse and beautiful lakes.
- **Eastbourne and Petone Beaches** Walk, relax, skip a stone, treasure hunt, go fishing, kayak, swim, build a sand castle...

## Attractions that are world class

- **Experience Stansborough** An interactive tour that shows the manufacture of unique high quality wool garments on historic looms and used on the big screen in Lord of the Rings and Narnia movies. Plus a great retail gallery.
- **Hetet Studios** Traditional and contemporary art works from three generations of the Heihei Whanau which is found on the walls of galleries worldwide. A unique complex nestled in the Tribal Village of Waiwheiu with personally hosted tours available
- **Staglands Wildlife Reserve** Enjoy NZ's most beautiful wildlife reserve in the picturesque Akatarawa Valley. Their licensed café has the best setting in the region
- **H2O Xtream** Get set to get wet at this exciting indoor aquatic experience
- **Lord of the Rings Film locations** Check out the 'Lord of the Rings' outdoor film locations along the Hutt River Harcourt Park and Kaitoke Regional Park
- **Spring of Life (Te Puna Wai Ora)** A refreshing Petone must do! Pure untreated artesian water on tap to residents and visitors



## Parks and Forests

- **Petone's original 1903 water supply** The beautiful and spectacular gorge of Korokoro Stream is highlighted by the first gravity fed concrete dam in New Zealand. Take a picnic!
- **Belmont airstrip and magazines** Well worth the walk from the end of Hill Road up to the airstrip, panoramic views and 62 magazines from WWII nestled into the hills of Belmont
- **Wetas in Percy Scenic Reserve** Bring some bread for the ducks and a torch for the weta tunnel
- **A night in a DOC Hut** An adventurous night away from it all in the Rimutaka Forest Park or the Tararua Ranges; Hutt City i-SITE Visitor Centre has hut passes
- **Kaitoke Regional Park** Easy access north of Upper Hutt, all year round for walks, overnight camping and summer swimming
- **Rimutaka Incline** Great views, historic sites and remnants of railway heritage; a beautiful walk or excellent mountain biking
- **Harcourt Park** So many options! Earthquake faults, children's pool, picnic areas, great concerts and jousting events and camping in the holiday park
- **Upper Hutt Hidden Valleys** Akatarawa Valley and Karapiro Area for fruit farms, walks, picnics, fishing and mountain biking with river and bush settings, Mangarua and Whiteman's Valley have an oasis at The Harley Tours Cafe and Short Straw Cafe



## The Hutt River

- **Get the Hutt River Trail guide** and walk, bike, swim, fish or simply picnic anywhere from Kaitoke to Petone
- **Shopping with cheap or free parking!**
- Unique shopping opportunities, galleries and the local café culture is a Jackson Street, Petone must do!
- High Street, Lower Hutt and Westfield Shopping Centre combine to offer some of the best shopping in the region
- Experience Upper Hutt with easy public transport to Main Street shopping and cafes

