

the **CROMWELL** handbook

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CROMWELL
Lake Dunstan

Everything you every wanted to know
about this premier location!

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TOWN FACILITIES

Cromwell has a surprisingly extensive range of facilities for a town of its size...

SHOPPING

Modern Shopping Mall and
New World Supermarket

INFORMATION

Information Centre
and Museum

Public Library

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Central Otago District
Council Service Centre

SPORTS

Central Otago
Sports Turf
*(artificial hockey field
complete with lighting)*

18-hole Golf Course

Indoor & Outdoor Bowls

Tennis/Netball Courts

Squash Courts

Sports Grounds

Skateboard Park

Heated Indoor
Swim Centre

Boat Club

Speedway

Equestrian Club

INDUSTRIAL

Dedicated
Industrial Areas

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EDUCATION

Early Childhood Facilities

Two Primary Schools

Year 7-13 College

Polytechnic

ACCOMMODATION

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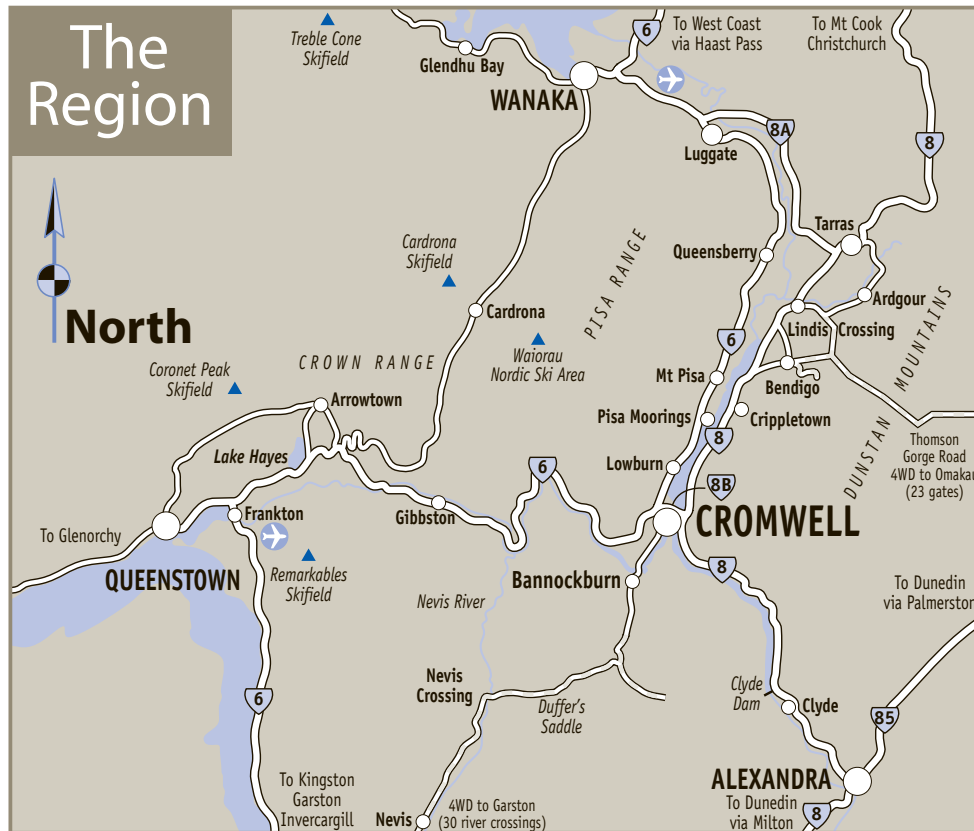
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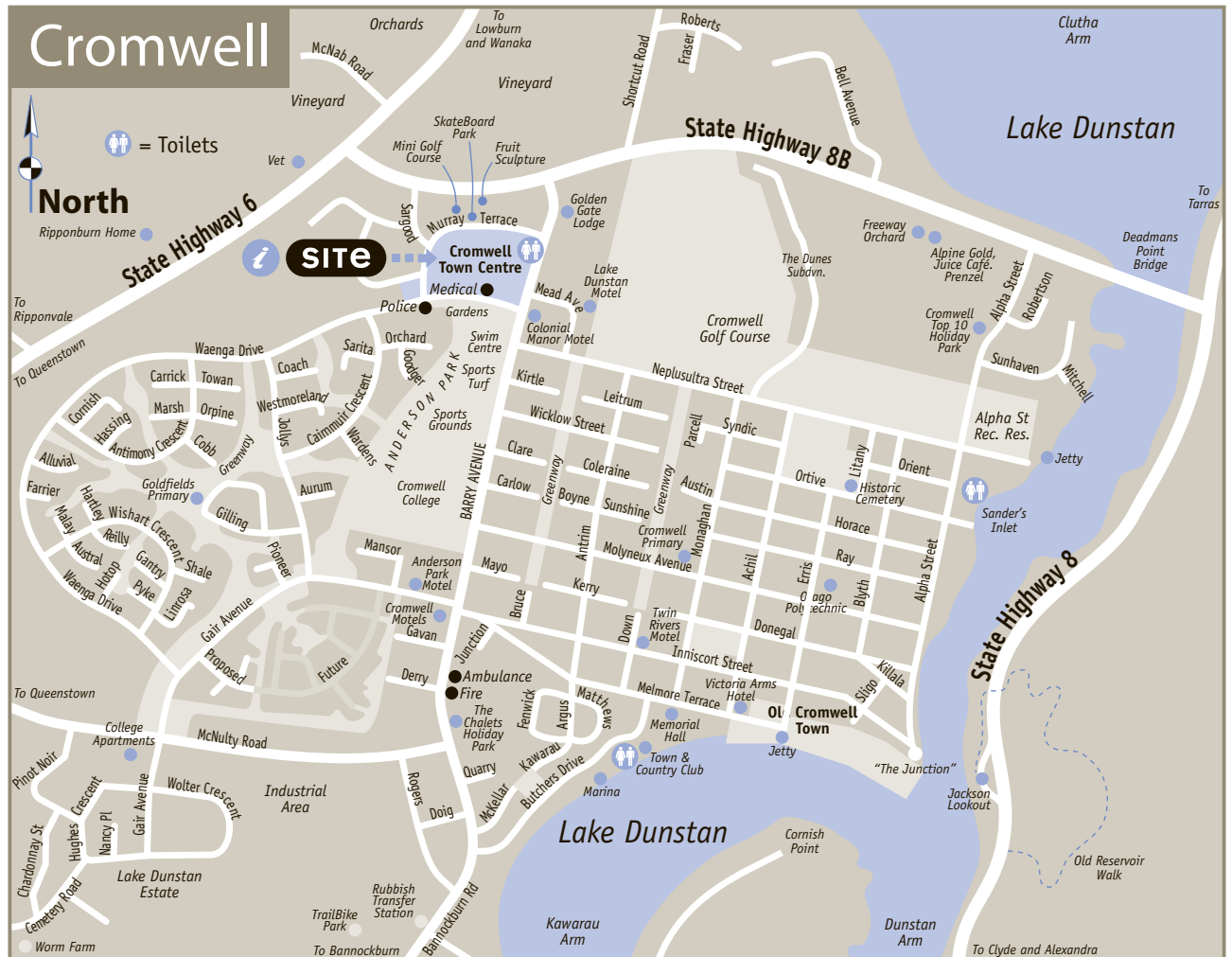


TRAVEL TIMES

All Central Otago towns are within easy reach of Cromwell, and much of the scenery along the way is astounding.

Driving times from Cromwell...

- Queenstown** 50 minutes
- Arrowtown** 25 minutes
- Wanaka** 40 minutes
- Clyde** 20 minutes
- Alexandra** 30 minutes
- St Bathans** 60 minutes
- Naseby** 75 minutes
- Ranfurly** 60 minutes
- Roxburgh** 55 minutes



Sparkling lake, wild landscape

Cromwell extends a warm welcome
to visitors to this unique part of New Zealand.

*Cromwell is located in the valley of the Upper Clutha,
deep in the heart of the dry interior of Central Otago...
in a landscape of bare brown hills, of tussock and briar,
of purple thyme and tors of schist, of broad basins and fertile valleys,
of Lake Dunstan's pristine waters and of gorges carved by two great rivers...
a landscape first trodden by the Maori hunter and trader,
opened to European settlement by the sheepmen,
exploited and transformed by the gold seekers and later by the dam builders...
and now home to the merino and deer farmer, to orchards and vineyards,
to artists and artisans and to those, tempted by the landscape and history,
climate and location and the myriad of pursuits offered on land and water,
to visit this 'timeless land'.*

Do your own thing...

Activities for individuals and groups who prefer to explore and experience places at their leisure include four-wheel driving the many hill tracks, trekking and mountain biking, visiting the Central Otago vineyards, exploring the old stone buildings, the Information Centre and Museum and Old Cromwell Town, and discovering the old mining landscapes.

Or let us entertain you...

Organised activities include guided fishing trips on Lake Dunstan, four-wheel drive tours, golf all the year round on the 18-hole championship course, snowmobiles in the winter, orchard tours, the wine trail, jet boating the Kawarau or Clutha Rivers, or guided tours to historic and scenic sites.

Great central location...

Cromwell is strategically located for easy day trips to all corners of Central Otago.

A convenient and affordable base for skiing...

The winter ski fields of The Remarkables, Coronet Peak, Treble Cone, Cardrona and Waiorau Snow Farm are all within a comfortable driving distance.

Choose from many accommodation options...

There is a variety of places to stay, from quality hotel and motel accommodation, to farmstays, homestays, camping grounds and chalets for backpackers.



Location

Central Otago on Lake Dunstan. 56km by road from Wanaka and 61km from Queenstown.

History

The town of Cromwell is the service centre for the Upper Clutha area extending to Haast in the west and Omarama in the north. It forms the hub where highways through Haast Pass, Lindis Pass, Cromwell and Kawarau Gorges converge.

The town was founded at the confluence of the Clutha and Kawarau Rivers and was up until 1863 known as 'The Junction,' serving the early gold miners who had flocked to the area after Hartley and Reilly announced the discovery of a phenomenally rich gold field immediately downstream from the confluence.

The first survey of the town was carried out in 1863 by surveyor J Aitken Connell of the firm Connell and Moodie, Dunedin. The town gradually began to take shape and in 1865 it was estimated that approximately 3,500 miners were in the gold fields, and that the town had a population of about 400. Once the gold ran out, Cromwell became the service centre for an extensive farming and fruit growing area.

Modern History

With the advent of the Upper Clutha Development project, Cromwell was chosen to be the administrative centre for the construction of five hydro-power dams within a 35km radius of the borough. A new suburb of 450 houses was developed to house project workers and the former business centre was relocated adjacent to the State highway in a sparkling new mall. A large industrial estate was developed and now supports a number of service industries. Education and sporting interests were catered for with the development of new schools, Anderson Park and the Cromwell Swim Centre.

Old Cromwell Town is a reconstruction of representative buildings from the original town. This development is located in Melmore Terrace and is open to the public. The town contains a number of historical buildings as well.

With the completion of Clyde Dam, filling of Lake Dunstan, and placement of further hydro development on hold, the population of Cromwell reduced quickly. However, with the purchase of hydro houses as holiday homes and resurgence in the building of new homes, the population is expanding with over 3,500 residents currently. The future for Cromwell is in farming, horticulture (orcharding and vineyards), and tourism. Cromwell is known as the 'Fruit Bowl' of the south, and Lake Dunstan has already increased the extensive range of recreational pursuits. Refer Recent History Section for further details.

Geographical Features

Cromwell lies to the south of the Upper Clutha Basin at an elevation of 200 to 220 metres above sea level. The town area is quite flat with terraces approximately three metres high breaking the town into three levels. The town layout is a mixture of old and new. To the east of Barry Avenue is the old grid pattern of roading, interrupted only by two linear greenways which have been converted from 'paper roads'.

To the west of Barry Avenue, the newer neighbourhood has a curvilinear roading pattern based around an extensive, irrigated greenway system. These greenways lead from the housing areas, firstly to Goldfields Primary School, and hence on to Cromwell College, Anderson Park and the Mall. The landscaped greenways ensure that pedestrians and cyclists have their own 'corridor' adequately separated from the motorist's.



The town itself is in a large flattish valley stretching from Bannockburn in the south, to Luggate in the west and Tarras-Lindis in the north. On each side of this valley are two mountain ranges, the Pisa Range (1960m) in the west and the Dunstan Range (1645m) in the east. Lake Dunstan has flooded the old Clutha and Kawarau Rivers and now surrounds the town. The Clutha Arm of the lake extends north of Cromwell; the Dunstan Arm to the south-east to Clyde; and the Kawarau Arm extends west around Bannockburn and into the Kawarau Gorge towards Queenstown.

Climate

The average rainfall in Cromwell is 300-450mm per year. Because of its inland location Cromwell has extremes of temperatures. Summers tend to be hot with temperatures getting up into the low 30's and in winter temperatures may drop to minus 10 degrees. Because of the dry climate, extensive use is made of irrigation especially in horticulture and house gardens.

Industry

Cromwell is the service centre for the Upper Clutha, a role which it has played since its development last century. In recent years there has been an upsurge in industrial activity, much of it associated with the construction of Clyde Dam. Apart from a number of light and heavy engineering and transport firms there is a ready-mixed concrete depot, concrete panel, roof manufacturing, a juice factory, a water trough/tank factory, aluminium and timber joinery and a thriving cottage industry in pottery, spinning, weaving and dried flowers. Large fruit packing sheds and stalls on the outskirts of the town are evidence of its location in the centre of Central Otago's stone fruit industry. An increasing number of wineries and tasting facilities indicate the importance of the local wine industry.

Things to do...

There is a host of things to do, and interesting places to visit, while staying in Cromwell. Apart from visiting the various pottery and craft shops, fruit stalls and vineyards, visitors should explore the area's rich historic background. Sites outside Cromwell town and worthy of a visit include the following:

To the south of Cromwell is Bannockburn. Places to visit include the Bannockburn Sluicings, the wineries, Carrick Goldfield, the Hotel, and Bannockburn Inlet. Walking or mountainbiking is the preferred means of seeing these areas. Over the hill from Bannockburn is the Nevis Valley, with a good weather track only, linking with Garston at the southern end of Lake Wakatipu.

On the way to Queenstown in the Kawarau Gorge is the Goldfields Mining Centre. Stop off at this complex and discover how yesteryear miners won gold. Working exhibits, static displays, jet boat rides and the tearooms make this site a must for every visitor to Central Otago. Further gold mining towns and relics can be visited at the Bendigo Goldfields.

Lowburn was once a small settlement adjacent to the Clutha River. With the formation of Lake Dunstan most of the township has been relocated into the Lowburn Valley. A drive around the Lowburn Valley-Burn Cottage loop road reveals cottage industries and vineyards.

The Old Reservoir walkway is located on State highway 8 to Alexandra. Car parking is available at Jackson's lookout. The strenuous climb to the reservoir will reward strollers with an impressive view over Cromwell, Lake Dunstan and up the Clutha Valley.

The Cromwell to Bannockburn Walkway was developed in 2004 and allows walkers and mountainbikers to walk or ride the lakeshore residential areas adjacent to the Kawarau Arm of Lake Dunstan.

The Cromwell Fruit Sculpture is located on State highway 8B and has become the district's icon. Built in 1989 by the Cromwell Rotary Club, the sculpture reaches a height of 13m and cost some \$70,000. It was given a \$20,000 re-paint in 2005.

Cromwell's newest attraction is Lake Dunstan... there are ample picnic areas and facilities around the foreshore as well as boat launching ramps. Fishing, boating, windsurfing, swimming and gold fossicking are activities people of all ages can enjoy.

Other places to visit include Luggate, Tarras, Ardgour Valley, Clyde Dam and the Roaring Meg. The Cromwell Chafer Beetle Nature Reserve is located along the Bannockburn-Cromwell Road and is easily accessible.

CLIMATE

*Annual averaged figures
from 50 years of data*

RAINFALL

406mm
(over 68 days with fall
of 1.0mm or more)

TEMPERATURE

Yearly mean 10.7°C
January mean 17.6°C
January max. 36.6°C
July mean 2.9°C
July min. -9.2°C

FROST

Average ground frost days
174 per year

WIND

Average speed 11.8km/h

THUNDER

2.5 mean days

GALE FORCE WINDS

0.3 days

FOG

23.8 days

HAIL

0.5 days

LIGHTNING

2.5 days

SNOWFALL

3.0 days

EARLY HISTORY

Today Cromwell's picturesque Mall and neat suburban streets belie the town's colourful and at times turbulent past. Streets that once echoed to the shouts of rowdy miners and the clatter of horses' hooves now lie serene with their borders of well-trimmed lawns and shady trees.

But Cromwell has not forgotten its historic past and in its Information Centre, its Museum and its cemetery can be seen reminders of other times.

The town had its beginnings in 1862 when two bearded miners, Horatio Hartley, an American, and Christopher Reilly, an Irishman, deposited in Dunedin eighty-seven pound weight of gold that they had recovered from a spot about a mile below the junction of the Kawarau and Clutha Rivers. The strike earned the two men a reward of 2,000 pounds for the discovery of a new goldfield and it precipitated a gold rush that threatened to denude Dunedin of its male population.

The rush opened up a wild and inhospitable area of the South Island. Freezing cold in winter and mercilessly hot in summer, there were no roads or bridges, no timber or fuel. The track through the Cromwell Gorge led through deep gullies and ravines and skirted precipitous cliffs but the miners came in their thousands. It was a rich field and the first gold despatched to Dunedin under the escort of Sergeant-Major Bracken and three troopers was a highly satisfactory 6,031 ounces.

In no time canvas towns sprang up as the miners and the entrepreneurs of the day sought to bring a little comfort to their harsh lifestyle. So it was with Cromwell. In its earliest days it was known as The Junction and the few photographs of the period that exist show it as a barren, treeless strip of ground bordered on two sides by the rivers. Miners flocked to the area and at one stage there were reputed to be 3,000 of them under canvas or in makeshift rock shelters.

Typical of the early arrivals in the district was John Marsh who, with his pregnant wife and their child of two, walked from Clyde to Cromwell

leading a packhorse carrying their worldly possessions. They settled at Cornish Point across the river from Cromwell and there, in a tent pitched in the lee of a rock, their twin daughters, Mary and Jean were born in 1863. The twins were the first white children born in the district. Marsh eventually became a town councillor and the proprietor of the Bridge Hotel.

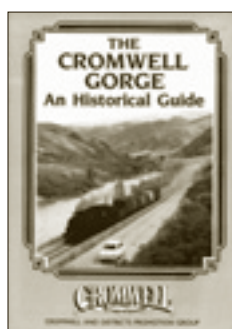
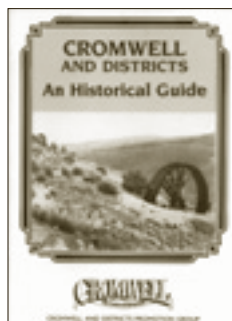
The pubs were quickly on the scene and until timber was floated down the Clutha from Makarora, they were just as makeshift in their construction as the miners' huts. At the height of their trade there were 30 hotels in the district catering for the needs of the thirsty miners. Some were no more than unsavoury grog shops but there were others that catered for a real need by selling stores and providing accommodation.

The town developed as a straggle of houses and shops on either side of the road that is now known as Melmore Terrace. The buildings were makeshift in the extreme. The Bank of New Zealand's premises were so narrow that the manager was unable to sleep full length in his bed located behind a curtain at the back of the counter. He solved this by cutting a hole in the wall for his feet and nailing a



FURTHER READING

These three historic booklets produced by the Promotion Group and available free of charge from the Information Centre.



gin case over it to protect them from the weather.

In 1866 Cromwell was made a borough and it was given a government grant of 500 pounds to see it on its way. Captain Jackson Barry, the town butcher and entrepreneur was elected mayor with a council of four.

The election began one of Cromwell's most colourful periods of local government. Barry was a man with a propensity to settle debates by direct action and at least one councillor made a hasty exit via the council chamber's window.

By 1871 the permanent population of Cromwell was 497. The town had three banks and a post office, in addition to a number of substantial buildings made of stone. The post office had an uncertain start when the first two postmasters succumbed to attacks of gold fever and departed to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

The discovery that gold wasn't always found on the river bottom led to the development of the sluicing technique and the building of many miles of water races to provide their motor power.

In the 1860's two pioneers of dredging, Franz Siedeberg and Hennan Schultz invented a type of spoon dredge. Mounted on a crude pontoon, a large spoon-like arm was used to pick up spoil from the riverbed and transfer it to shore where it was processed. It was a crude system but it worked and was to lead on to the bucket dredge which processed the spoil on board.

Just how much gold was taken out of the rivers will never be known but in 1873 Cromwell's total gold recovery was 19,947 ounces. In 1899 more efficient methods resulted in the Hartley dredge under Captain George McLay returning up to 1,000 ounces a week. Little wonder that in the same year 137 dredging companies were floated with an aggregate nominal capital of 4.5 million pounds. The story of dredging is well told in the display in the Cromwell Museum. It was an industry that dominated the life of the town but all good things come to an end and the last dredge disappeared from Cromwell in the 1950's.

The lure of gold brought Cromwell its share of scoundrels but it also brought men and women of courage and enterprise. It was this group who stayed on as the claims petered out, to develop the orchards, the farms and the business ventures that held the town together. It was a dry and hungry corner of New Zealand and the laboriously dug water races that had served the miners took on a new meaning as they were diverted to the needs of horticulture. But in the 1950's the engineers began to think of another use for water in the Clutha Valley. This time energy was to be the king.



The Cromwell Expansion Programme...

Introduction

In 1975 Cromwell was selected to be the accommodation base for future hydroelectric development works of the Clutha and Kawarau Rivers. The developers, the Ministry of Works and Development (MWD), had had an extremely varied history of developing hydro villages over the years. For example, Waitaki and Roxburgh were known for rows of small huts, while a refitted passenger ship was used for single accommodation during the Manapouri project. On the other hand, Twizel was originally developed as a temporary town, to be removed at the completion of hydro construction.

The largest structure under the hydro scheme was the million cubic metre concrete dam at Clyde. It was finally 'officially opened' on April 23rd 1994 and has a 432 megawatts capacity, which can be extended later to 610 megawatts. Lake Dunstan formed by the dam is 26.5 square kilometres. The estimated final cost of the hydro project was \$1.4 billion.

The decision was made to use Cromwell as the base for all five power developments by expanding the existing town to accommodate the hydro work-force. While at one time the peak population of Cromwell was expected to exceed 6,000, the scope and timing of the development plans have changed in response to power planning. Commissioning dates for Clyde, Luggate and Queensberry had been put back and in 1985 the Government announced its intention to protect the Kawarau River. The population of Cromwell consequently did not reach original estimates, but has risen from 1,000 in 1976, to 3,600 in 1986 (the height of work on Clyde Dam), back to 2,600 in 1996 (following completion of hydro works), and is now just over 3,500 (2004).

The expansion of the town involved construction of a much expanded housing area, upgrading and extending of existing facilities and careful consideration of the environmental, social, physical and economic impacts of rapidly developing a small rural town. A balance had to be achieved between local community interests and national power planning requirements; adverse environmental/socioeconomic effects and development opportunities offered by the project; and the town permanency versus the more limited duration of hydro construction work.

The special emphasis placed on matters such as housing quality, building design and landscape development not only enhanced the quality of life for incoming residents, but was recognition of the Crown's acceptance of the scale and impact of its development and its integration into the expanded town of Cromwell. In 1974 a start was made on the planned expansion of Cromwell by the formation of a Joint Planning Committee. This committee consisted of representatives from the MWD, Vincent County Council and Cromwell Borough Council (CBC). The report of the committee in January 1975 established a set of guidelines for planning, together with a structure plan showing the suggested broad layout of the town.

Expansion of the town began in 1976 when the population was a relatively static 1,000. Now, some 29 years after the expenditure of some \$80 million, several changes of central and local governments, various committees, technical teams, liaison committees, district scheme hearings and planning tribunal appeals, the town stands as a testament to all those involved with the programme.

Town Plan

Cromwell's original layout dated back to 1863 and followed the traditional grid pattern with the commercial centre sited close to the junction of the Kawarau and Clutha Rivers. As a result of the expansion of the town brought about by the Clutha Valley Development, Cromwell



now features as an integrated development.

1. Two neighbourhoods, each centred on a primary school. Neighbourhood One is identified as the original town and Neighbourhood Two is the newly developed area. Neighbourhood Two has been constructed on the western extremity of the original town.
2. A 'town centre' to bring Cromwell people together for shopping, civic, cultural, recreation and entertainment activities.
3. A relocated Cromwell College to a position between the two neighbourhoods. This reinforces the growing trend for community use of school facilities and enables the college to play a dual role with the town centre as a focus for community life in the town.

Services

Trunk Services

The siting of Neighbourhood Two on undeveloped land enabled the installation of trunk services before subdivision and building construction. Engineering design was carried out in co-operation with other disciplines such as architecture, town planning, landscape architecture and surveying. The advantage of installing the trunk services first avoided the 'threading' effect of putting large trunk services through existing reticulation.

Water Supply, Storage and Reticulation

Up until 1975, Cromwell's town water was supplied by two high country water races and two bores in the Clutha River bed. The water was untreated and stored in two uncovered reservoirs. Upgrading required an extensive short-term borefield supply; reservoir and reticulation systems.

Pumping from sources beneath the Clutha River enabled utilisation of high quality water which did not require treatment. This enabled annual savings of up to 25 percent to be made. A borefield within the Clutha River bed was established as an interim measure before the filling of Lake Dunstan. Submersible bore pumps were installed to pump against a 140m head some three kilometres to the reservoirs. A pump control building was located above the borefield containing electronic metering and alarm circuitry.

Reservoirs were constructed on a terrace to the west of the town. Apart from construction and hydraulic economics, siting took into account the requirements for minimal landscape treatment consistent with the visual influence. The site chosen was tucked in a small gully adjacent to a spur. The reservoirs were commissioned in 1978, have a seven million litre capacity each, and cost about \$630,000.

Trunk mains water reticulation system has a ring configuration ensuring a minimum mains pressure of 345kPa with additional flow capacity for irrigation demand where necessary. About 8km of pipework varying from 300 to 600mm diameter was laid to service the town.

The water system was improved in the late 1990's with the addition of two bores (to replace the Lake Dunstan source), and a chlorine retention tank - at a cost of some \$400,000. It was also extended to service the Bannockburn district. In 2005 the Cromwell Community Board will be extending the water supply to Lowburn and, in the future, plan to extend supplies to Pisa Moorings and Ripponvale.

Sanitary Sewerage Reticulation and Sewage Treatment

A piped reticulation system for Cromwell's sanitary sewage was introduced in the 1930's. Upgrading of the scheme was delayed pending hydro development. Until commissioning of the new system, raw sewage was discharged directly into the Clutha River. Investigations into a new system were started in 1975 and oxidation ponds were selected as the most suitable method as they provided the simplest form of acceptable treatment for small to medium sized communities.

The site chosen was a small derelict orchard south of the town, which was adequately separate from residential and recreational areas and to the lee of the prevailing wind. The tandem ponds were constructed below a natural terrace adjacent to the Kawarau River. They total 7.3 hectares and were commissioned in 1978 at a cost of \$290,000. Because the population did not reach the designed figure, the ponds were under-utilised for some time, but in 2000 they required upgrading due to population growth. The upgrading involved the installation of aerators to increase the efficiency of the ponds and cost about

\$150,000.

Reticulation of sewer trunk mains to service the town involved 6.5km of pipeline and three small pumping stations. In the 1990's the system was extended to service the new subdivisions at Pisa Moorings, Wakefield Bay and Lowburn. Present investigations include the disposal of waste to land in the Council-owned pine plantation.

Stormwater

The old urban area of Cromwell had no major stormwater disposal system, relying on soak pits and sumps. With the increase of 'impermeable' areas associated with Cromwell expansion, provision of major stormwater trunk mains was required to avoid surface flooding during rainstorms. Although the average rainfall for Cromwell is only 400mm, short duration, high intensity rainfall can occur in summer.

In all 6km of trunk stormwater pipeline was installed varying from 275 to 1,500mm in diameter, and costing about \$1.3 million. Three outfalls into Lake Dunstan were required, including one which cuts across the Cromwell Golf Course. Special contractual arrangements were required for this section to avoid closing the course. Landscape restoration on the course involved the importation of 1,600m² of 'ready' lawn from Dunedin.

Subdivisional Development

Development of an 80ha area of flat rural land into a housing neighbourhood of 635 sections in a short time involved many interested parties. These included the MWD, CBC, Housing Corporation, electricity supply and telephone authorities, town planners, architects, surveyors, engineers and landscape architects. Numerous discussions and meetings were held between all the parties involved.

The discussions led to the production of a set of agreed guidelines and requirements for the subdivision of land and the facilities to be provided by the subdivider. An Administration and Financial Agreement between the Borough Council and the Crown (A&F Agreement) was signed which set out responsibilities for design, construction, finance, ownership, operation and maintenance of services, facilities and amenities for the expanded town.

Consensus design was achieved to meet the objectives of engineers (sections able to be served economically), architects (space available for berms and greenways; irrigation for plant and grass growth), planners (section numbers sufficient; walkways focused on centrally places such as schools) and local supply authorities (transformers, cabinets and cabling able to be sited). The local community, including commercial interests, were represented through the Borough Council. Construction was undertaken from 1977 to 1984 by contractors under MWD supervision. Development of the neighbourhood was split up into seven stages of about 100 sections of around \$400,000 value, with the total cost for the whole neighbourhood being about \$5 million.

Another 'spurt' of activity has occurred recently with subdivisions of land at 'Mitchell's Orchard', Printers Bay, and Pisa Moorings. The Cromwell Community Board has also commenced the subdivision in the area known as the 'Gair Avenue' 17ha block with some 47 sections to be developed in 2005-06.

Neighbourhood Two

Two markedly different development concepts are evident in Cromwell: The standard grid pattern of Neighbourhood One, and the combination of greenways and cul-de-sacs in Neighbourhood Two. Within Neighbourhood Two there are four basic land uses. Roads and developed section make up 61ha, undeveloped sections 4ha (quickly being used up at present), greenways and open space 10.8ha and the primary school and kindergarten 2.6ha. Landscape planning and construction concentrated on two major components of the neighbourhoods: streets and greenways.

Streets

A particularly important aspect of the subdivision was the formation of a definite hierarchy of streets. There are three basic types: arterial, collector and cul-de-sac.

- Arterial: one street which encompasses the whole neighbourhood - Waenga Drive.
- Collector: loop streets off the arterial with cul-de-sacs off them to form the lowest tier i.e. Antimony Crescent and Wishart Crescent.
- Cul-de-sacs: footpaths on one side only. Open ended to link with the greenway system.

Areas within the neighbourhood are identified by the type of street development. This is reinforced by the surface treatment (chipseal, asphalt or in one case interlocking pavers)

CENTRAL OTAGO REVALUATION

2004
(Quotable Value)

Average House Value
\$270,000

Average Residential
Land Value
\$134,000

and landscape treatment. Landscape treatment for streets recognised a separate design be developed for each street in an effort to strengthen individuality of each housing group.

Two relatively innovative landscape features of the streets involved widespread use of ground cover and trickle irrigation in the berms. Ground cover such as slow growing junipers and natives were used extensively where it was considered street linearity required breaking; where maintenance such as mowing could be a problem, and where pedestrian conflicts occurred with street traffic. Trickle irrigation is a necessity because of the town's low rainfall. This involved the laying of 13km of pipe and installation of 50 control cubicles during the subdivision development contracts.

Greenways

A concerted effort was made to develop greenways in advance of the housing to hasten establishment and maturity of plantings. Major components of the greenways are the pathways, planting and irrigation system.

The pathway system basically links all major use centres such as the primary school, kindergarten and dairy with the housing areas via open ended cul-de-sacs heads resembling a tree and its branches. The 'trunk' links the primary school to the Cromwell College-Anderson Park-town centre complexes. Within the neighbourhood there are 4.4km of pathways which ultimately link to the major Anderson Park collector path. Constructed of asphalt they are extensively used by both pedestrians and cyclists. Lighting is provided by four-metre-high concrete poles at 40 to 50m spacing.

Planting of the greenways serves to provide shelter from wind and sun; screening of structures such as fences, garages and backyards; channelling of the pathway system by providing a visual corridor for cyclists and pedestrians, and botanical interest. Existing pine trees were few and far between and this called for a major tree planting programme following installation of greenway irrigation, trunk services, pathways and topsoiling.

The irrigation system developed for the 10.8ha of greenways comprises automatic controllers, underground pipework, solenoid valves and pop-up sprinklers. In all 200 sprinklers and five control cubicles are required to service the neighbourhood system. Watering is carried out at night to take advantage of reduced wind and evaporation and higher water pressure.

Housing

The 1975 Joint Planning Committee presented guidelines and recommendations for detailed design of housing for Cromwell expansion. To illustrate these general principles, a proposed layout of 30 dwellings in Neighbourhood One was promulgated. It features careful groupings of dwellings, specially designed ancillaries such as garages, walls and fences and comprehensive landscape design.

This development emerged as Stage One of the Cromwell Expansion housing programme and, when finished in 1977, was awarded a special commendation from the Otago Division of the New Zealand Institute of Architects. Thus Stage One was the training ground for future building of 450 houses in Neighbourhood Two.

Some innovations such as solar heating disappeared as the cost did not match the performance, however the basic form and standard of housing was carried through to the new subdivisional area. Housing design and contract administration (about 77 contracts) was undertaken by Housing Corporation, on behalf of the MWD.

Design features were applied to particular houses so that strategically placed groups set them apart from others, while maintaining a degree of intended commonality as a whole. Examples include use of hipped roofs and partial brick cladding against full cladding. House styles, roof pitches and materials and cladding, including Oamaru stone, all played a part in establishing identity.

As homes later transferred to private ownership, individual colour choices and alterations to exteriors added new character to the area. A measure of the degree of acceptance of the housing quality is the high number of MWD tenants who purchased their rental homes when they were made available following the project completion.

Cromwell Mall

As a result of hydro development, the old retail and commercial area of Cromwell was inundated by Lake Dunstan. Provision was made by the CBC in its district scheme for a new town centre, outlining basic shapes and objectives required. A town centre committee was appointed to plan and co-ordinate the centre's development. The primary objective

in planning for the centre was a high level of design quality, both in appearance and functional layout. The aim was to achieve an attractive focal point with optimum trading potential for both townspeople and tourists.

Basically the centre is arranged in an inward-facing square surrounded by access roads. There is parking and access on the outside and a landscaped pedestrian court within. The inner mall is narrowed and lengthened, divided into four main arms and forms the pedestrian shopping street.

The complex was built for an estimated \$12 million and includes 40 retail shops, 3 service stations, medical centre and dentist, professional offices, public toilets, information centre, borough offices, museum and library. Site development work was started in 1982 and The Mall was officially opened by the Minister of Works and Development in February 1985.



Exterior

The landscape concept for the exterior or surrounds of The Mall was undertaken with six basic criteria in mind.

- to provide a pleasant attractive environment for shoppers, tourists and staff;
- to provide a foil for the large mass of buildings;
- to visually break up expanses of carparks;
- to screen less attractive commercial sites;
- to provide shelter from Cromwell's winds;
- to keep maintenance to a minimum.

In all about 300 trees, 3,800 shrubs and 11,000 ground cover plants were planted. Landscape development involved shaping, topsoiling of lawn and shrub areas, installation of both trickle and pop-up sprinkler systems, grassing down and planting semi-mature tree stock and shrubs.

Building Architecture and Concepts

Most town centres are fragmented and to a degree disorganised because of the impossibility of overall control of all stages from concept to construction. This control was available for the Cromwell development. The Council's objective was to create, through the use of local materials, careful colour selection and modern architectural styling, a town centre that was both in harmony with the local environment and exciting in concept. To achieve the desired character, building controls were incorporated in the district scheme in the form of ordinances.

These included:

- typical roof configurations and heights;
- schedule of allowable building materials for roofs, shop fronts and other exterior walls;
- provision of verandahs;
- controls over signs to prevent them being too visually dominant.



Interior

The Mall interior is roughly cross-shaped with an enlarged central open space. Within it the location of various shops has been deliberately set so that each is exposed to the maximum foot traffic while contained within concentrated channels and relatively short travel distances.

Provision of an attractive shopping environment is the key to keeping the customer interested and seeking to discover the whole complex. This interest is maintained by features of the mall, which include verandahs to all shop frontages, an ornamental stream, paving, planting and landscape furniture. Total cost of the interior mall development was \$512,000.

Stream

The stream provides a symbolic version of the Clutha River as well as providing interest, movement and sound to the mall. It is 150 metres long and begins as a spring from a stack of schist boulders. The stream meanders past various shops into the central open space over a small waterfall and continues to a widened pool at the end point.

The stream edge comprises hardwood edging, stone cobbles, large schist rock and timber beams. The stream varies in width and depth but is generally about half a metre wide between banks 1.5 to 2m apart.

Paving

The mall comprises some 4,200 square metres (210,000 units) of interlocking concrete pavers. The pavers extend throughout The Mall, under verandahs and over the six bridges which span the stream. Two colours have been used: mid brown and grey. Lighter colours had potential for staining. The pattern resembles bold arrowheads, each pointing to the central open space and thereby drawing shoppers into The Mall.

Planting

Planter beds varying in height from 150 to 700mm have been used to soften the mall landscape. They are either bordered by hardwood as a nib or constructed from schist rock as a facing and capping. Native shrubs were used throughout the mall in an effort to display the range of local plant material to tourists and locals - these were later replaced in 1996 at the request of the shop owners. Semi-mature *Platanus* (plane) trees, some 4-5m in height, were used to create an 'instant' landscape effect. Irrigation to shrub beds and trees is through a concealed trickle system.

Anderson Park

An extensive sporting complex was been developed in the area between the two Cromwell neighbourhoods. Known as Anderson Park it involved a large landscape design and construction input. Completed at a cost of \$1.3 million (not including the cost of the swimming pool), the park was designed to service the needs of both the town and surrounding areas.

Anderson Park includes a college gymnasium and auditorium (which are both available for community use), sports changing sheds, nine tennis courts, eight netball courts (two with artificial lighting), four college sports fields (one with lighting) and two multipurpose fields (cricket/rugby/athletics), one with lighting suitable for night practice rugby.

Other features of the park include the \$2 million indoor swimming pools, formal garden/arboretum/rest area, sports club lounge facility and children's playground.

Anderson Park has a total area of 14.7 hectares with the college playing fields adding another 4ha. The park features pedestrian/vehicular separation with provision of numerous cycleways/walkways which link the park with housing areas. The sports fields were constructed to specific design criteria, including a complex underground automatically controlled irrigation system and a large scale tree-shrub planting programme including about 1,800 semi-mature trees, 2,700 shrubs and 500 ground cover plants. Carparking is provided by 160 sealed and grassed parks as well as substantial on-street parking.

Construction of the playing fields involved the stripping of existing topsoil and installation



of irrigation pipework and services (electric cables, sewer and stormwater drains). The operation involved the moving of about 80,000 cubic metres of material by relatively heavy machines. Special care and methods were required to avoid over-compaction.

In June 1997 the artificial sand surfaced 'Central Otago Sports Turf' was established on Anderson Park, adjacent to the Cromwell Swim Centre. Cost of the facility was about \$900,000. Full lighting capacity was installed to the turf in February 1998, and the existing rugby fields relocated. Lighting of one rugby field was also upgraded to allow for night games.

Conclusion

Providing accommodation for the majority of the workforce associated with the Clutha Valley Development at Cromwell offered both a great challenge and a unique opportunity for a small town such as Cromwell. The challenge was to accommodate a fourfold population increase in a manner that would not result in a segregation between the old and new parts of the town. The opportunity was one not given to many towns - of being able to upgrade and improve facilities and services many of which had not advanced much past those of a pioneering era.

Historically the layout of Cromwell followed the traditional grid pattern. Fortunately running north south through the then entire town were two unformed streets, or paper roads. The availability of these open spaces enabled, in what for development purposes was termed 'Neighbourhood One', to be established a street hierarchy not dissimilar from that being built in what was then called 'Neighbourhood Two'.

By closing these unformed streets completely and developing them as greenways, empathy with the concepts of development being pursued in the new areas was clearly established. Furthermore, these closures allowed the creation of many cul-de-sacs in the established town. Again, these newly created cul-de-sacs projected a visible relationship with the development being undertaken in the new residential areas.

The end result has been a functional town layout which, although the parts have been established to different parameters, provide an overall environment of pleasing greenways, walkways and tree lined street verges interspersed through the total street system. While such a regime has substantial ongoing costs in greenway maintenance, the quality of the environment created justifies this expenditure.

The upgrading of the trunk services in the established town were works of major importance. A massive, much-needed upgrading was carried out, thereby ensuring a better service in all these areas of the total population. The opportunity was taken to underground power services in most of the town and the development allowed for the first time in the town's history for a complete 'as built' record of services to be documented.

Cromwell has benefited enormously from the expansion programme. The tranquillity of life in Cromwell has been greatly enhanced and nothing has been done that would in any way change the statement of the well known southern writer Mr FWG Miller who wrote...

“Cromwell is not just a place, but a state of mind.”

Bannockburn

Just 5km from Cromwell on the southern extension of Barry Avenue is the expanding village of Bannockburn. In its heyday as the centre of gold sluicing operations, it was a thriving community with hotels and stores to serve its large mining population. But as the gold ran out the population drifted away leaving the village to its quiet charm. Stop at the Bannockburn Bridge and view the sign erected by locals. The two supporting pillars have been relocated rock by rock from the original suspension bridge that spanned the Kawarau River.

There is an excellent bowling green, a hotel and some interesting old houses and buildings. Two camping grounds serve the holiday visitors - one along Domain Road, and the other on Cairnmuir Road. Bannockburn is an area that is best explored on foot. Take your car further up the hill and turn right into Hall Road at the end of which is a quaint little church and magnificent view along the Clutha Valley and Lake Dunstan.

For those who wish to explore the old mining claims enquire at the Cromwell Information Centre for the *Walk Cromwell* brochure that includes the Bannockburn Sluicings along Felton Road. Well-marked tracks lead to the strange but beautiful lunar-like landscapes that have been carved out of the cliffs by the sluicing gangs. The Bannockburn Inlet is an excellent spot for a picnic and fossickers with the right technique and a little bit of luck can still find a trace of colour in the bottom of a gold pan. Turn left onto Cairnmuir Road, the first road over the bridge.

Since the formation of Lake Dunstan allowed for greater irrigation opportunities, the Bannockburn area has been transformed with numerous vineyard developments. Take a trip along Felton Road and Cairnmuir Road to discover vineyards, wineries and wine tasting/food opportunities.



Ripponvale

There can be few areas in New Zealand more beautiful than Ripponvale in all its autumn glory. The tall poplars which fringe this block of rich horticultural land become a sheet of gold in contrast to the varying colour of the fruit trees they shelter. But it was not always so. Until water was brought to the area it was unproductive land given over to rabbits and hungry sheep. The area was opened up for horticulture by the Cromwell Development Company which at one time had exclusive rights over every acre of land from the Kawarau River to Lowburn. The Ripponvale area was divided into 29 sections, and a water race was dug. The scheme went well for a short time but gradually an increasing number of the settlers began to get into financial difficulty. There was not enough water and the orchard trees the company had sold them were grafted onto unsuitable and water hungry stock. Some settlers survived but the area did not see any further large development until the 1980's when a number of fruit exporting companies began to develop the area.

These companies employ the most scientific of growing methods and balance their crops to achieve continuity of picking. Nectarines and peaches the size of grapefruit, as well as apricots and cherries hang lush on rows of close planted trees. Visitors aren't turned away but at the height of the picking season things do get a little hectic. Call at the various packing sheds including Mrs Jones' Orchard, Sarita, Webb's, and Jackson Orchards, they will tell you all about it.



Lowburn

Once the home of the largest gold dredge in the world Lowburn resounded to the screeching and grinding of the five storey monster, the *Austral Malay*. But that is long gone and the days of Lowburn as we once knew it changed dramatically with the filling of Lake Dunstan. The reshaping of the area to accommodate Lake Dunstan took away the bridge, the hall and church, the camping ground and the historic *Welcome Home Hotel*.

The new Lowburn lakeshore comprises an inlet and peninsula that houses floating jetties, public toilets, parking areas, and boat ramp for all on-lake recreational needs.

There had been a *Welcome Home Hotel* at Lowburn since 1865 and while the now flooded hotel was not the first, it contained some interesting historic features. As the headquarters of the Lowburn Curling Club there was always plenty of local colour. The bridge did not appear until 1938 when it replaced the punt which had served the district for 63 years. Lowburn had another claim to fame. It was the site of Cromwell's first and only radio station. Station 4ZC operating with an output of 25 watts was owned and operated by Mr John Bilton until 1938 when it was bought out by the government.

After checking out the Art Gallery located opposite the entrance to the Lowburn boat harbour, take the pleasant drive and follow Lowburn Valley Road, and loop back to Cromwell. The road passes a number of farms and small holdings as well as the relocated Lowburn Church and Hall, and various new vineyards. The road leads back to the main highway, a pleasant drive of 4km.

Tarras

The road to Tarras abounds with lakeside picnic spots. Turn left at the eastern end of the Deadman's Point Bridge and follow State highway 8 as it skirts the sparkling waters of Lake Dunstan. Magnificent views of farmland backdropped by the Pisa Range abound. Several new well-signposted picnic areas provide shady spots amongst the willows. Most have ample parking areas, picnic tables and seats, rubbish facilities and barbecue containers. In places the lake is shallow enough for the paddlers and there are some excellent swimming holes. The Lindis Crossing usually has shallow water for the small fry and the grassy banks and trees are sought after by campers and picnickers alike.

Watch out for the Rocky Point Pottery. Rocky Point was once the site of a hotel of that name and the pottery is set up in the old stables. It is open seven days and visitors are welcome. Close by is Bendigo Station, the property of Mr John Perriam. The old homestead at the rear of the more modern building has been restored and contains some interesting photographs and memorabilia of the district's early years. The old building is made available to charitable organisations for camps and depending on the suitability of the occasion it may be open for public viewing. Please enquire at the house. In 2004 Bendigo Station attracted worldwide attention with the discovery of *Shrek* the hermit sheep.

Nearby is the entrance to the Bendigo quartz mining site. This is managed as a Goldfields Park site although it is on private property and the public have free access. Turn right at Bendigo Loop Road (*about 18km from Cromwell*) and follow the flat section of the road for 3.5km. After studying the Information Kiosk at the bottom of the hill, turn right and up the steep grade for another 2.5km. It is a spectacular area with the crumbling remains of stone cottages amongst the scrub and briar. The *Walk Cromwell* brochure available from the Cromwell Information Centre pinpoints the various places of interest and it is advisable to remember that it is a potentially dangerous area. Abandoned shafts can be recognised by their adjacent spoil heaps or small clumps of vegetation such as briar.

It is hard to imagine that the area once supported three villages each with its own distinctive character. This was no easy goldfield and those who prospered did so through sheer hard work. The Aurora Creek area reveals mines hewn from the solid rock high on the cliff faces and linked by narrow rock walled roads. One can only speculate on what the work must have been like during the rigours of winter.

As you travel along Bendigo Loop Road you will be amazed at the growth of vineyard plantings that have occurred over the last four years. Further massive plantings are envisaged for this area, and some tasting/restaurant facilities will possibly follow in the future.

On to Tarras, baking in the summer sun. It is the last point to fill the tank before undertaking the trip north through the Lindis Pass. There is the Merino Shop which specialises in high quality products made from the wool of the district's famed merino flocks and an adjacent tearooms. Both are open seven days. There is a general store and a garage and a school, for Tarras is the service centre of a far flung farming district. It is a pleasant drive and the traveller is well rewarded by the views alone.

Kawarau Gorge

The Kawarau Gorge with its towering cliffs and rugged hillsides provides some of the most spectacular scenery in Central Otago. The Kawarau River drains Lake Wakatipu and on its way to join Lake Dunstan tumbles and roars through a series of rapids and swirling eddies. The gorge once supported a small town with two pubs, a school and a post office but that has long disappeared. On the far side of the river the remains of mining claims

can be seen. About 10km from the Cromwell end of the gorge the Goldfields Mining Centre operates a demonstration centre with a working exhibition of gold mining techniques. Visitors are invited to try their hand at panning and with a little bit of luck there will be colour in the pan. There is good parking and an excellent view of the rapids from the bridge. The Mining Centre is open daily, includes a gold gallery and café, and caters for large or small groups of visitors.

A little further on is the Roaring Meg Power Station and the site of the natural bridge across the Kawarau. In times of flood the river has raced right through the power house and it is a tribute to its construction that it still remains operational. A few hundred yards west of the powerhouse is a rough track that leads to the natural bridge. Here the river is confined to a narrow rift barely 1.2 m wide. It plunges through the gap with frightening force but it did not deter the early goldminers who used it as a crossing place. A number who jumped never lived to tell the tale. The river has claimed many lives and swimming is not recommended.

In 1924 a company was formed with the object of blocking off Lake Wakatipu and draining the Kawarau so that gold could be picked up from the bottom of the river. Special gold mining claims were taken out and work began on the construction of ten massive gates at the outlet of the lake. There was no lack of investors wanting to put money into the venture but the project was doomed to failure. The gates were completed in 1927 and it soon became obvious that although the level of the river dropped, its bed would never be laid bare. Strenuous efforts were made to improve the situation to no avail and the venture was eventually written off as a failure. The gates and dam now carry State highway 6 across the top and remain as a monument to man's endeavour.



Cromwell Gorge

Little did the two miners who struggled up the Cromwell Gorge in 1862 think that the land they were standing on and the river below would one day become a man made lake, its waters used to generate electricity. But Horatio Hartley and Christopher Reilly were more intent on the present than the future and their first strike was made on the eastern side of the river opposite the point known as Gibraltar Rock. A few days later they knew they had struck it rich when gold was washed in gleaming quantities at Hartley's Beach, about a mile below Cromwell on the western bank of the river.

The stretch of river was to become the scene of countless mining operations both on land and, as the dredgers got to work, on the river. In its earliest days the rough track that wound through the gorge would accommodate little more than a packhorse but the need for supplies eventually saw a road of sorts pushed through the gullies and scrub. By 1868 a mail coach was running to Clyde but the road was so dangerous that at times the passengers had to be left behind.

The railway was put through from Clyde to Cromwell in 1917, eventually replacing the wagon teams that had so laboriously hauled in the essential supplies for the miners. The discovery that the gorge was an ideal location for the cultivation of stone fruit led to the development of orchards on the rich silt terraces that had been built up over time. Each day during the fruit season the train clattered its way to the city markets with thousands of cases of cherries, apricots and peaches. The days of the orchards in the gorge were numbered but the large new horticultural developments on the outskirts of Cromwell more than took their place.

Handy to Hartley's Beach at a spot called Brewery Creek, George Wellington Goodger set up the Swan Brewery. The brewer was a German named Joseph Kuhlze and from all accounts he produced a tasty brew. Until then all beer had been brought from Dunedin and with freight costing 120 pounds a ton the local brew had the edge on its competitors. The building was burnt down in 1895 and although it was rebuilt it suffered a series of setbacks including the ignominy of becoming a cordial factory. In 1902 a flooded Brewery Creek washed away part of the factory, effectively ending another chapter in the history of Cromwell Gorge.

The Clyde Dam and the waters of Lake Dunstan flooded 12 orchards in the gorge and a total of about 2,300 hectares of land. Included in this was the historic meeting point of the Clutha and Kawarau Rivers. To balance this was the tremendous area that has become available for a multitude of recreational activities both on and about the lake. Be sure to obtain a booklet explaining the history of the Cromwell Gorge from the Information Centre.

A Town Like Cromwell

Now what's a town with a name like Cromwell doing with streets with names like Antrim and Monaghan and Clare and Wicklow? Begorrah that's Irish, isn't it? To be sure it is, with names from both sides of the border and Cromwell the most hated name in Southern Ireland.

According to local legend, the town was surveyed in 1862 by a North-of-Ireland surveyor, JA Connell, who didn't hit it off with the Southern Ireland miners working nearby. He threatened them with the curse of Ireland and, to pay them back for the hard time they had given him, he saw to it that the town was named Cromwell. He turned the screw a little bit further by naming the streets in the small area he surveyed after North-of-Ireland towns and counties.

But let us move on to the second survey carried out in 1875 by one James McKay. No Irishman was James but he seems to have had a great sense of fair play. Just to balance things up a little, he added the South-of-Ireland names to the map of the town. It was McKay who gave Neplusultra Street (*literally Nothing-beyond-here Street*) its name. Little did he know that just a little further north the river would yield a fortune in gold and that the barren sand would become a first class golf course.

Cromwell's Oliver

Smartly dressed in an iron waistcoat and suffering from a bad case of warts, Oliver Cromwell, sometime Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland, occupies pride of place in the Cromwell Library.

For 30 years he has looked down his puritanical nose, safe in his gilt frame, as the citizens of Cromwell go their lawful ways. Recently however, Southland artist Peter Beadle took the time to examine the large oil painting and he has suggested that it was worthy of more respect than it is currently getting. This in turn led to speculation on the origins of the painting and how Cromwell had managed to acquire it.

Former town clerk, Ron Farquhar, was able to fill in the details. In 1957 Cromwell was expecting a visit from the then Governor General, Sir Willoughby Norrie. Some time before his arrival, a large packing case with an obscure label was delivered to the council office. It was put to one side and promptly forgotten. Sir Willoughby duly arrived and shortly before the welcoming ceremony asked for his packing case. The borough foreman was hastily despatched to find it and bring it to the dais. The mysterious case was found to contain a portrait of Oliver Cromwell which Sir Willoughby Norrie presented to the town with the comment, 'Here he is, warts and all'.

According to Mr Farquhar, Sir Willoughby was a collector of fine paintings. He had discovered the painting in an obscure dealer's shop and had bought it because he had been born in Cromwell Road in London. His visit to Cromwell had prompted Sir Willoughby to present the painting to the town.

A close examination of the painting suggests that Peter Beadle's assessment of it may be correct. The artist's signature is obscured but markings on the back of the frame show that Oliver has changed hands several times. One note indicates that in 1947 the picture was sold for 12 pounds. Inflation being what it is today, Cromwell's Oliver could be worth a mint... well at least a gold mine. Whatever it is, there is no chance that he will be sold yet again to perhaps help defray the rates.

The Mall

They call it the newest old town in Central Otago, with good reason. Cromwell, the town that had its beginnings in the gold rush days, has been moved. For over 100 years the straggle of shops that comprised the town's business centre has served townsfolk and passing travellers.

But suddenly everything has changed. The rising waters of Lake Dunstan flooded the greater part of Melmore Terrace necessitating the rebuilding of the business centre on higher ground. The Cromwell Mall with its picturesque stream meandering between the walkways was the direct result.

Opened on 23 February 1985, the Cromwell Mall is one of the most modern of its kind in New Zealand. The architectural concept reflects in stylised form the sunbaked rocks of Central Otago and the life giving water of the rivers. Shady verandahs provide the opportunity to window shop and the invitation to browse in a selection of shops away



from the big city bustle. Prices are competitive. Check for yourself. A number of businesses are open seven days. There is an excellent selection of clothing and drapery, sports goods with expert advice for the skier, fisher or shooter, cycle shop, supermarket, petrol stations, butcher and



delicatessen, craft and souvenirs, a newsagent and electrical goods and repair services. There are several eating places ranging from takeaways and cafés to continental cuisine at prices to suit all pockets. All are within easy strolling distance of a spacious parking area.

Branches of the Bank of New Zealand, and the National Bank of New Zealand are handily placed to help travellers and townsfolk alike, and four ATM's serve visitors 24 hours a day. In 2005 the Southland Building Society opened a branch in the Mall. The public library is open most afternoons and Friday evening and a selection of New Zealand newspapers is available.

The Mall is more than a service centre; it is a meeting place for young and old. While the new and extensive skateboard park may attract young enthusiasts, the shady trees and the strategically placed benches in the Mall encourage shoppers or travellers to take time out for a rest or a picnic snack. Stand in the middle of the Mall and you are at the furthestmost spot from the sea in New Zealand. That on its own is worth a photograph. The local pharmacy and photo shops also stock photographic gear for visitors. Ask for directions if you are unsure; there will always be someone to help.

Information Centre

Open seven days, the Cromwell and Districts Information Centre and Museum in the Mall is a focal point for any visitor to Cromwell. Staffed by the Central Otago District Council, the centre displays the past, present and future of the Cromwell district.

Photographs and models aided by a video are used to good effect to show the various phases of the development of the district. There are excellent models of the old Cromwell business centre and railway station and some interesting archaeological displays. A number of pamphlets are available on places of interest throughout the country and district. The Information Centre welcomes large groups of visitors, such as school children - but please notify the centre before your arrival.

The Museum

The Cromwell Museum is one of the most modern of its type, and is located as part of the Information Centre complex. It departs from the traditional rural museum in that it does not house a vast conglomeration of unrelated artifacts. The emphasis is on a number of well set out displays that tell the story of a particular aspect of the district's history.

The area once boasted 30 public houses and the museum display features a typical hotel bar of the period. It graphically illustrates both the good and the bad social aspects of the hotels as they were in the 19th and early 20th centuries. A dredging display features the part played by gold in the history of Cromwell. The theme includes supporting industries such as the local coal mines and, what was reputed to be the largest gold dredge in the world, the *Austral Malay*.

Another theme is the Chinese miners, their lifestyle and their methods of work. Theirs is an interesting story and the display gives a unique glimpse of another life style. Overall the displays depict the part men and women played in the settlement of an initially hostile environment.

New additions to the Museum include models of the original Cromwell Bridge (now flooded), the Cromwell Railway Station, and a gold stamper model.

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Cromwell Cemeteries

In August 1865, Surveyor JA Connell provided a cemetery reserve of ten acres (4ha) at the back of the town, on the block bounded by Litany, Achil, Neplusultra and Ortive Streets. The Old Cemetery has become known as the Litany Street Cemetery and is open at all times to the public. It is located in the reserve that also contains the Cromwell Squash Club, Central Otago Vintage Car Club, old skating club (Scout Hall) and Lions Club storage shed. Although there is no register for the Litany Street Cemetery, an original 1871 plan was redrawn in 1982 and marks the known burials for the pre-1888 period whether or not there is a headstone on the site. Some of the headstones remain readable and tell unique stories of the life and hardships of the times.

As the town expanded the old cemetery was inconveniently near the residential area and drifting sand threatened to overwhelm it. In 1886, the old site was closed and its care entrusted to the Borough, with a new cemetery reserve of four hectares being set aside on the Cromwell Flats and vested in the Borough Council. The first burial there took place in May 1888, and was that of a Chinaman, Sem Si.

The 'new' Cromwell Cemetery is located to the south of the town, on Cemetery Road. Access is gained via the Lake Dunstan Industrial Estate from the McNulty Road end of Gair Avenue. It is administered by the Central Otago District Council and provides separate areas for burials such as:

- Beam burials - *headstones placed on concrete beam.*
- Serviceman's beam - *ashes and casket burials for RSA members.*
- Memorial structures - *garden plots and memorial structure permitted.*
- Public ashes beam - *plaques only allowed on concrete beam.*

In 1999 the Cromwell Community Board purchased a block of land adjacent to the cemetery for future long term expansion. This allowed the construction of a new accessway into the cemetery off McNulty Road via Gair Avenue, thereby allowing funeral corteges direct access from the town, rather than travelling along the State highway.

In 1989 the Dunedin Group of the NZ Society of Genealogists (Inc) and The Cromwell Family History Society transcribed the headstones in both the old Litany Street and new cemeteries. In March 1992, the group compiled an extensive Transcript that listed the following information:

- Burial register from 1 to 1519 including the years 1888-1990.
- Transcript of headstones from Old Cemetery - 1864 to 1940.
- Transcript of headstones from New Cemetery - 1888 to 1990.
- Transcript of local War Memorials - 1914 to 1945.
- Index of burials Block by Block - 1864 to 1990.

This extensive and valuable work is available for inspection at the Cromwell Library. Updates of burials from 1990 to the present are available from the Central Otago District Council, Cromwell.

By 2000 there were some 1,647 burials in the cemetery and it is estimated that it will be approaching capacity by the year 2020.

Further Information

Other sources of information are located in the Mall:

- **The Central Otago District Council Cromwell Service Centre...**
This office and meeting room houses the Administration Officer and Cromwell Community Board. Information on all services, rates, property, building and resource consents is available at this office. The Central Lakes Trust and Sports Central are also located in the office.
- **Cromwell Library...**
Located between the Cromwell and Districts Information Centre & Museum and the Cromwell Service Centre.
- **Cromwell Resource Centre...**
This office is located at 5 Murray Terrace, opposite the New World Supermarket. The Centre has information on all important addresses and telephone numbers; deals with various Government Departments such as Work & Income; health care services and providers; counselling agencies; community support groups; educational services; numerous sports clubs; arts, cultural, religious, youth and recreational groups. Cromwell Plunket is also located in this building.

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A Major Tourist Attraction

The Clyde Dam created a 26 square kilometre impoundment, called Lake Dunstan. The lake extends from Clyde, through the Cromwell Gorge and widens out beyond Cromwell. Cromwell is located at the junction of the roads to Wanaka, Queenstown and Mt Cook, beside the lake, which is highly accessible, and offers vast opportunities for relaxation and recreation.

Lake Dunstan has become a major tourist attraction, with facilities for yachting, rowing, boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and camping.

Early in 1982, work began on pre-forming beaches around Cromwell. Particular attention was paid to providing opportunities for family swimming and recreation. Many varied interests were catered for. Apart from swimming, fishing and boating, the opportunities abound for horse trailing, cycling, camping, playing or just browsing around. North of Lowburn are the Lowburn Collie Dog trial grounds, reputed to be among the best in New Zealand, and located beside the lake.



Lake Dunstan is considered to be one of the safest lakes in the country. The Central Otago District Council is responsible for the safety and navigation on the lake subject to the powers of the *Lake Dunstan Harbour Bylaw 1996* and the *Water Recreation Regulations 1979 (presently under revision)*. Copies of the documents are available from the Cromwell Service Centre in The Mall, but are summarised as follows:

- No-one shall operate a motorboat at a speed more than 5 knots within 30 metres of any other vessel or person in the water, or within 100 metres of the shoreline upstream of the Dead Man's Point Bridge, on the Clutha Arm.
- Water ski lanes are demarcated by orange/black posts and red buoys. They are for water-skiers only and are exempt from the 5 knot speed limit. Direction of travel is anticlockwise.
- Jet skis are treated the same way as any other motorised craft except that they must comply with certain noise restrictions.
- There are non-motorised zones created for swimmers and these are demarcated by yellow marker buoys.
- Remember the ten golden rules:

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| 1. Watch the weather. | 2. Don't overload the boat. |
| 3. Carry safety equipment. | 4. Wear an approved life jacket. |
| 5. Ensure engine reliability. | 6. Know the safety regulations. |
| 7. Guard against fire & petrol spills. | 8. Don't mix drinking & boating. |
| 9. Carry reserve fuel. | 10. Inform someone where you are going. |

Lake Dunstan is proving to be an extremely popular, and well used tourist and holiday facility, especially in the warmer months. For further information on the lake call into the Information Centre and obtain copies of several brochures dealing with the lake.

Fishing

The clear, sparkling waters of Lake Dunstan provide some excellent fishing spots. Despite the number of anglers who frequent the lake, the authorities consider that the area remains underfished. The reason is possibly a lack of knowledge of the area, and would-be anglers should enquire at any of the Cromwell sports shops or the Information Centre to obtain a copy of the Fish & Game/Clutha Fisheries Trust brochure, *Lake Dunstan*, before setting out.

Easy access is available to most parts of the lake. The entire length of the eastern shoreline



is accessed off State highway 8. The Clutha Arm is the most productive part of the lake and can be accessed directly from State highway 6, and through Pisa Moorings and Smith's Way.

The farmers who provide access tracks have three rules and they should be strictly followed. They are...

- no fires;
- no dogs;
- and leave gates as you find them.

A special rule might cover the lambing season but, if in doubt, enquire at the farmhouse. Fishing licences may be obtained at sports shops, garages or stores on either a seasonal, weekly or daily fishing basis.

Lake Dunstan has extensive aquatic weed beds (*Lagarosiphon major*) that provide beneficial habitat for fish and wildlife. However, anglers are required to apply some thought to their angling techniques and equipment. For instance, drifting a boat amongst the weeds beds, floating a bait, presenting a fly or casting a lure and you can be guaranteed good fun. Despite the presence of weed beds and several major flooding events, the lake has recovered and now provides a first class angling experience.



The Cromwell Chafer Beetle

On Christmas Day 1903, John Henry Lewis (1874-1924), a little known early Otago civil engineer with the Central Otago railway works and naturalist, discovered the Cromwell chafer beetle that was later to bear his name *Prodontria lewisi*.

The 81ha Cromwell chafer reserve is the first in New Zealand (and one of the very few in the world) to be created specifically to protect an insect - the Cromwell Chafer. It was gazetted in 1983 following surveys going back to the late 1960's of fauna and flora likely to be affected by the Upper Clutha hydro-electric power proposals. The reserve is located along Bannockburn Road, adjacent to the Transpower Cromwell Substation. It is managed by the Department of Conservation, who commission scientific studies that add to the body of knowledge of the chafer's lifecycle, ecology and conservation status.

Unique Beetle in a Unique Landscape

The Cromwell Chafer is one of the countries rarest and most confined animals. It evolved in the sandy soils around Cromwell and is now largely restricted to the reserve because its habitat has been destroyed or severely modified elsewhere.

A chunky, flightless beetle reaching 15mm in length, the Cromwell chafer emerges at night during spring to feed on cushion plants and other herbs. By day the adults hide themselves in the upper layers of sand. The larvae, which may survive two years, live deeper underground and feed on the roots of the *Raoulia* cushion plants, silver tussocks and other grasses. Adults live for only a couple of weeks, but they may appear on the surface from August to January. They are especially active on warmer nights and numbers peak in September-October. The chafers are unevenly distributed across the reserve. In some areas they number several hundred, in other areas only a handful survive.

Duneland Habitat

The chafer's habitat is of special interest to science - a rare example of an inland sand dune system, some 210 metres above sea level. Stable dunes underlie the younger windblown ones, and beneath the sand is a gravel bed - an alluvial terrace formed by ancient rivers. The dunes have been built up over thousands of years from sand brought down the Upper Clutha Valley by countless north-west gales.

Within the stable dunes, where most of the chafer larvae live, are layers of sandy loam enriched by organic material. The last ice age about 15,000 years ago contributed to the dune system.

No glaciers reached this area but the valley floor collected windblown silt and river-borne outwash gravels and other sediments.

In 1990 the reserve was declared a soil site of international importance by the New Zealand Society of Soil Sciences.

Vegetation

Herbs and grasses, notably silver tussock *Poa cita*, form the natural cover of this area of inland sand dunes. Two species of *Raoulia* cushion plant, *R. australis* and the less abundant *R. hookeri*, are thought to be important to the Cromwell chafer larvae and adults. The rarest plant is the native woodrush *Luzula celata*, which is regionally rare. This is the only known inland site in Otago. The dynamic nature of these dunes inhibited the establishment of native shrubland or forest over them. Today, introduced herbs and grasses provide much of the vegetative cover, among them pasture species such as sorrel (which chafers have been seen feeding on), browntop and sweet vernal. Flowering plants include Californian poppy, Vipers' bugloss, spur valerian, mallow, stone crop and briar rose.

Visitors are invited to visit the reserve and to read the interpretation plaques located adjacent to Bannockburn Road car park area.

Pisa Flat

In 2001 a small 26ha pocket of land, where one of the highest concentrations of rare plants in New Zealand grows, was purchased by the Nature Heritage Fund as a reserve. Known as Pisa Flats, the land is opposite Mt Pisa Station on State highway 6 about 8km from Cromwell.

The semi-arid land comprises drought resistant native herbs and grasses, including *Poa cita*, silver tussock. Plants only found in the area include *Myosotis uniflora* and *M. craspedia* as well as *Leptinella* and *Carmichaelia* (broom). The land has been described as the best

saline site remaining in the Upper Clutha region and was being threatened by expanding vineyard developments. Other uncommon, rare or little-known plant species found in the area include the sedge *Carex decurtata*, a cress *Lepidium sisymbrioides*, and tiny fern *Ophioglossum coriaceum*.

Birds Of A Feather

Climatic changes over a period of thousands of years aided in more recent times by the hand of man have modified the plant and animal life of the Cromwell area. The Pisa Range was once well forested with the giant totara but fire, either from natural causes or from the operations of moa hunters, removed the forest cover. When all else had rotted away, the tough totara logs remained as a source of firewood for the early settlers and a reminder of another environment. Despite fire, flood and sand storm, many of the native species of bird life survived only to become the victims of species introduced by man. The moa had disappeared long before the arrival of the first settlers while the weka has vanished from the area within the last 60 years. The little owl (*Athene noctua*) introduced early this century in an effort to control small birds in orchards has flourished to the detriment of the smaller native birds and the rare Cromwell chafer beetle.

Sometimes called the German owl, the little owl is characterised by a whitish face and a white undersurface with brown stripes. It walks freely on the ground and during daylight hours can often be seen perched on fence posts or tree stumps.

The rivers and ponds of the Cromwell area provide an ideal environment for ducks. Of these the mallard is the most common. It was introduced to New Zealand in the late 1860's but it did not become well established until the 1930's. It is prized as a game bird and on occasion interbreeds with the native grey duck. Slightly smaller than the mallard, the grey duck is distributed throughout New Zealand inland waters. Smaller still is the neat little grey teal occasionally sighted away from the main waterways.

More at home on the inland lakes, the paradise duck is an occasional visitor to the Cromwell area. The male is the handsome one of the pair; the female's colouring is more subdued with a white head as opposed to the dark of the male. Another lake dweller seen in the Cromwell area is the New Zealand shoveller duck. Its broad, flattened bill acts as a filter as its fossics for food amongst the mud or on the surface water.

The black shag with its seemingly insatiable appetite is the scourge of freshwater fish. Eels up to 60cm in length can disappear down its throat with ease. It is generally seen resting on a branch in solitary state as it digests its latest meal. Although Cromwell is as far from the sea as it is possible to get in the South Island, three types of gulls frequent the area. The black backed gull, the black billed and red billed gulls nest in riverbed colonies. The black fronted tern nests only in the South Island and is seldom seen during the winter months. A riverbed dweller, its staple diet is insects and fish. The South Island pied oyster catcher also nests only in the South Island. Its long, orange bill busily probes the sand and mud for worms and crustaceans and expertly deals with hapless bivalves.

Often seen on the highway making a meal of some unfortunate rabbit, the hawk makes a majestic sight as it flaps out of harm's way from the approaching car. There are two species, the New Zealand harrier and the New Zealand falcon. Both are aggressive in their search for food and do not discriminate between the chicks of native birds or those of domestic poultry.

The white backed magpie was introduced to New Zealand from Australia and has only come as far south as Cromwell within the last 25 years. Another importation from Australia is the dainty silvereye which makes its appearance in suburban gardens during the winter months when snow drives it down from the hills. Bread or fruit left outside will be picked clean by twittering flocks of these small, greenish birds with their silver circled eyes.

The early settlers began introducing European birds from the 1860's, some for sentimental reasons, others in the hope that they would control a real or imagined pest. The blackbird and thrush frequent most gardens as does the occasional starling. Flocks of goldfinch, redpoll and yellow-hammer are a common sight.

This is by no means a complete list of the birds to be seen in the Cromwell area and with a little bit of patience many more may be spotted. It is important to remember that many birds are totally protected and should be left well alone. Information on these species may be obtained at the public library.

Flowers

Water is the life blood of the Cromwell area and without it the land would revert to the barren sands and gravel that characterised it in the 1860's. The extremes of temperature

ranging from 30°C in the summer to -7°C in winter, coupled with an average rainfall of 400mm has resulted in the survival of the fittest amongst the uncultivated plants of the area.

On the farms, irrigation and oversowing with European grasses has removed much of the native ground cover. However, along the roadsides there is a profusion of colour as the hardier types of plant life begin their flowering season. Prominent amongst these with pale orange petals and greyish leaves is 'Johnny-go-to-bed', so named from the speed with which its petals fold when shaded from the sun. *Eschscholtzia californica*, Californian poppy, call it what you will, it makes a glorious sight when in full bloom.



Here and there amongst the sparse ground cover is the pale blue of Vipers bugloss, known locally as blue borage. *Verbascum*, with its thick, felty leaves and holly-hock like stem of yellow flowers quickly asserts itself on any bare land. Sometimes known as tobacco plant, *verbascum*'s dried leaves would have provided an acrid smoke for any early settler desperate enough to try it.

The spur valerian *Centranthus ruber* with its panicles of star shaped flowers and erect stems adds an occasional splash of scarlet to the hillsides, and especially along State highway 8 at the entrance to the Cromwell Gorge. In Central Otago it seems to be a refugee from an early settler's flower garden but in Italy its leaves are used in salads. The daisy (*Compositae*) is the largest of the New Zealand plant families. Along the roadsides its ubiquitous white petalled head appears in casual clumps adding its particular charm to the wasteland.

The New Zealand daphne (*Pimelea*) can be found off the roadside on the lower slopes of the Pisa Range. Erect and branching, its tiny flowers have a beautiful perfume. Less beautiful are the flat cushions of scabweed that cling to remnants of soil on barren land and stony riverbeds. Unlovely as it is, scabweed does have a use as it forms a nursery for other plants in the regeneration of new grasslands.

Likely to be close at hand is the curiously leafless native Cromwell broom, *Carmichaelia compacta*. The gullies are home to the prickly wild Irishman or matagouri. From November until January this jumble of prickles produces a tiny white flower with a sweet perfume.

The slopes of the Pisa Range provide a profusion of sub-alpine plant life but before you are tempted to go exploring, check at the nearest farmhouse. You will seldom be refused entry.

For those who prefer the quiet charm of the home flower garden a stroll around the older part of the Cromwell township can be rewarding. This is an excellent environment for roses and there are few gardens without at least one bush. If it is the blooming season look for the display in the formal garden behind the Swim Centre. There is a handy car park off Barry Avenue or Waenga Drive, or you can take a stroll from the Mall past the memorial fountain off Waenga Drive. Included in the gardens is one of the largest sundials in Australasia.

Cromwell Swim Centre

Indoor heated swimming pool complex with a main pool of six 25m lanes ranging from 1.08m to 1.8m deep. The second pool is 15 x 5m with a depth of 800mm. Both are heated to 29°. A large viewing gallery overlooks the pools. Bright and cheery atmosphere with fully qualified staff. Season is August to April.

Well appointed changing rooms - private cubicles, hot showers and lockers. Alongside the pool building are picnic and BBQ facilities with playground, shade trees and paddling pool.

A great selection of organised weekday activities including aqua aerobics, canoeing, water babies, learn-to-swim and life saving.

Open Monday to Friday 5.00am-9.45am, then 3.00pm-5.45pm, but closes at 4.45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Open Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays from 12.00 noon to 4.45pm.

Extended Summer Hours: as above but open until 6.45pm. (Mid December to end of January. Closed Christmas Day).

Future plans for the Swim Centre are outlined in the *Long Term Council Community Plan*. The concept plan includes provision for a therapeutic pool, gymnasium and meeting room. Total estimated cost for the extensions is \$1.5 million.

Cromwell Sports Club

The Cromwell Sports Club was incorporated in 1984 and built the clubrooms on the newly developed Anderson Park, in Barry Avenue. The land is leased from the Central Otago District Council. The idea of the Club was to provide suitable clubrooms and a meeting venue for various local sports clubs who, by themselves, could not afford to build or maintain their own clubrooms. The clubrooms cost in the vicinity of \$120,000 plus the provision of the ex-Rugby clubrooms that formed the 'north hall'. Further improvements such as car park and trophy cabinet were added later. The Club has been mostly debt free since its formation.

The constituent clubs are...

- **Cromwell Rugby Football Club**
- **Cromwell Association Football Club**
- **Cromwell Netball Club**
- **Cromwell Softball Club**
- **Cromwell Lawn Tennis Club**
- **Cromwell Cricket Club**
- **Cromwell Basketball Club**
- **Cromwell Badminton Club**
- **Cromwell Hockey Club**
- **Cromwell Golden Oldies Netball Club**

Each club has one delegate on the Management Committee (except Rugby who have three), and the committee meets each fourth Monday of the month. The committee's task is to maintain and administer the clubrooms on behalf of the constituent clubs.

In the days of Clyde Dam workers the Club was relatively wealthy as there was plenty of activity in the local sports scene. Grants were made to the constituent clubs for their requirements such as practice wickets, tennis nets, etc. That has changed and the club is just surviving. Renovation of the main hall in 1998 cost about \$30,000 and in 2003 the kitchen and bar were renovated at a cost of \$25,000. Income is generated from the bar, hall hire (small and large hall), and grants from gaming machine operators. Other one-off generators of income include the provision of staff for Cavalcade socials, and other large events such as Bavarian nights.

The Club runs the Cromwell Sportsperson of the Year dinner - one of Cromwell's few annual sit-down and prestigious events. The aim is to thank all the local sports people and administrators, and to provide entertainment in the form of a guest speaker. A recent new award has been the Cromwell Sports Club Youth Assistance Grant of \$500. Applications for this grant are advertised and the winner announced at the dinner. It is available for Under 20-year-old Cromwell people who incur extraordinary travel expenses while participating or training in their nominated sport. In general terms, it is considered that our best sports youth should not be hampered by the relative isolation from Dunedin.

Central Speedway Club

Located on Sandflat Road, the Central Speedway circuit was constructed by Ron Spriggs in the early 1990's, on a 20ha parcel of Council Endowment land. The Golden Central

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EVENT CALENDAR

Regular annual events

EARLY JANUARY

Dunstan Classic Regatta

LATE JANUARY

Dunstan Dinghy Regatta

APRIL

Lake Dunstan
Powerboat Marathon

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Club Sailing
October to April each year

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Speedway, as it was then known, attracted speedway fans from throughout the South Island for two or three premier meetings held over the Christmas holiday period. The track is one of the best of its kind, and the surrounding slopes provide a natural amphitheatre for the fans.

National events have been held in Cromwell attracting drivers from as far north as Auckland. Saloon cars, midgets, super modified, motorbikes and side cars are all seen racing on the speedway. There is plenty of room for parking and a variety of stalls cater for the needs of the hungry or thirsty patrons. Night lighting makes the spectacle more exciting and allows patrons to 'do their own thing' over the hot summer day before attending the night meeting. This is family entertainment at its best. Meetings are held late December and early January, as well as over the Easter break.

Lake Dunstan Boat Club

The Lake Dunstan Boat Club established their clubrooms, located on a promontory at McNulty Inlet, in the mid 1990's. The clubrooms are on a 3000m² portion of lakeshore land leased from the Crown. The clubrooms have stunning views over Lake Dunstan and the surrounding mountains. Apart from the clubrooms and storage rooms, the facility includes ample car parking space, secure external boat storage area, and boat launching ramp.

The modern clubrooms contain a fully equipped kitchen, barbecue facilities, and seating for 50 persons. Comfortable capacity of the room is 150. Other items include fully carpeted floor, parquet dance floor, and log burner or electrical heating. The clubrooms are available for hire and are suitable for functions such as weddings, funerals, club meetings and larger parties.

The Club organises several annual boat, yacht and power boat races and regattas; and has an associated diving club. The complementary Cromwell College Aquatic Centre is located on the opposite shore of McNulty Inlet.

Central Lakes Equestrian Club

The Central Lakes Equestrian Club is a voluntary organisation that has taken over the running of the Cromwell racecourse reserve following the cessation of the Cromwell Jockey Club. The racecourse has a proud history extending back to the first horse race that was held in connection with an athletic sports meeting in 1862, on the property then known as Round Hill Racecourse. The land comprises 94ha of generally flat land for the racecourse; and a further 28ha of aerodrome reserve which contains two airstrips. The racecourse land consist of lucerne paddocks, the race track and shutes, various amenity buildings and stock yards.



The land is leased from the Central Otago District Council and is used for pony club meetings, motor cycle rallies, visiting circuses, cavalcades, fireworks displays, country fair days etc. The Otago Racing Club hold an annual one day 'Cromwell Races' on the first weekend of March. This highly successful picnic race meeting attracts one of the largest crowds of any meeting in the South Island, with most patrons coming from Queenstown, Wanaka, and the remainder of Central Otago. It is hoped that the meeting will be expanded to a two-day meeting in the near future. An equalisator meeting for trotters is held by the Cromwell Harness Racing Club at the end of December each year.

The Management Committee of the Club has the objective to foster all forms of equestrian sports and amateur sport, and to manage the racecourse reserve for general public use. The Club is governed by its Constitution and Rules, the Deed of Lease with the Central Otago District Council, the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve Management Plan, and the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve Act 1876. The reserve is a large 'open space' area that is suitable for large gatherings of people, with adequate facilities to cater for those crowds.

Since taking over the management of the reserve, the Club has developed the farming base; built a new set of toilets and an implement shed; and has plans to replace the amenity building with a new \$500,000 building. Funding for this building will be undertaken

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in 2005-06 with the opening in late 2006.

Central Otago Sports Turf

The Central Otago Sports Turf was constructed on Anderson Park, Cromwell, following an exhaustive fund-raising campaign. The \$900,000 facility was supported with major donations from the Community Trust of Otago, Cromwell Community Board, and the NZ Lotteries Commission. It is now debt-free and saving is underway for a replacement turf that is estimated to be required in 15 years time.

The Turf was opened for play in June 1997, and was further enhanced by having full lighting facilities available in February 1998. It is managed by the Central Otago Sports Turf Trust who charge various hockey or sports clubs to hire the turf. Bookings are essential.

The artificial hockey surface is sand based as it was considered that water based surfaces would have serious problems in the cold, frosty weather. The facility comprises the turf, lights, dugout shelters and toilets.

Anderson Park is a wonderful place to run a tournament having all facilities close by... Sports Turf, changing rooms, netball, basketball and tennis courts, as well as parking and the Cromwell Sports Club social facility. Larger events and tournaments can be catered for with the erection of marquees to suit requirements. Cromwell has a proud history of running successful sports tournaments. It is a small town that 'can do things' and has large city sporting and organisational ability. If you are contemplating holding a sports tournament in Cromwell just ask for further information.

Golf

Cromwell's 18-hole tournament Golf Course, accessed from Neplusultra Street, is widely considered to be one of the best and most challenging rural courses in the South Island.

For further details refer to the *Activities Section*.

Bowling

The Cromwell District has two bowling clubs... one at Cromwell, the other at Bannockburn. The Cromwell Bowling Club is located on Alpha Street and incorporates an indoor facility. Several tournaments are held over the Christmas and Easter breaks.

Squash

The two-court Squash Club is located on Neplusultra Street, and includes a social facility. Enquire at *Cromwell Sportspower* in the Mall if you wish to join the club or have a game while visiting the town.

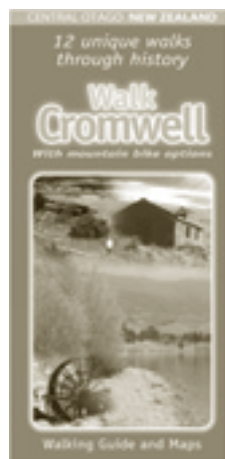


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Walking

The Cromwell District's physical make-up and climate make it especially suitable for getting out and about by either walking or mountainbiking. Walking is a relaxing recreational activity for all ages, which you can enjoy either on your own or with friends. It's safe, costs little and can be done almost anywhere or at any time. Walking causes less stress and



strain on joints than more high impact forms of exercise. Be sure to incorporate your other interests in your walk, such as photography, bird watching, nature hiking, historic touring, shopping or merely sightseeing.

To be effective, walking must be regular, and at least three times a week. Aim to do a minimum of 15-20 minutes of brisk walking each session. If that's too much to start with, build up to these times gradually. Wear light, comfortable clothing in summer and warm, waterproof clothing in winter. Wear well-fitting, well-cushioned shoes, preferably with good grip on the soles. Remember sunscreen and plenty of liquid to drink.

Information on good areas for walking in Cromwell is available from the Cromwell Information Centre, or do not hesitate to ask any shop assistants in The Mall. A comprehensive *Walk Cromwell* brochure is also available from the Information Centre.

Examples of local walks are...

- **Cromwell to Lowburn lakeshore walk...**
Start at Old Cromwell.
- **Cromwell to Bannockburn lakeshore walk...**
Start at the southern end of the Council oxidation ponds via Richards Beach Road. Alternately start at the Pearson Road end.
- **Bendigo Goldfields...**
Refer to information kiosk at base of hill along Bendigo Loop Road.
- **Old Reservoir...**
Starts at Jackson Lookout on State highway 8.
- **Bannockburn Sluicings and Stewart Town...**
Start at Felton Road information kiosk.
- **Carrick Goldfields...**
Start at Quartzville and walk to Carricktown and the Young Australian water-wheel. Check with Information Centre for conditions on the day.
- **The Cairnmuir Hill track...**
From Bannockburn to Clyde - obtain the Walk Cromwell brochure from the Information Centre before starting this tramp.
- **Roaring Meg and Lowburn Pack Tracks...**
Check with Information Centre before planning these tramps.



Cromwell has a lot of walking and tramping opportunities available. Your planning should include consideration of land ownership, rubbish disposal, fire season, and gates and stock.

Please visit the Cromwell Information Centre and get all the up-to-date information before you set off into the countryside.

Mountain Biking

The Cromwell district is well known as a great place in which to mountainbike. The variety of topography from flat to steep, dry conditions and good climate are conducive to good biking.

Mountain biking offers an enjoyable and exciting way to see the country and meet people whilst experiencing the outdoor environment.

Please follow the mountain bikers guide of ethics:

- **Respect others** - give way to all other track users regardless of circumstances. Keep left at all times. Always pass with care and make your presence known well in advance if approaching from behind as being startled will upset the most tolerant tramper.
- **Respect the land** - always obtain permission to use various farm tracks. Check with the Information Centre as to who owns various parcels of land and who you should approach for permission. Advise others to use suitable tracks and always stay on the track. Access to private land is a privilege, not a right. Avoid using soft, wet or unstable surfaces. Avoid skidding and keep off native shrubland.
- **Control your speed at all times** - and especially when visibility is poor. Assume there is always someone around the corner. Do not disturb wildlife or stock and give animals a chance to get out of your way.
- **Gates** - leave as you find them. If locked, climb over at hinged end, and over fences at a post.
- **Don't litter** - leave only tyre prints. Respect private and public property. Carry out what you carry in. Always wear an approved helmet.
- **Plan ahead** - don't travel alone and advise others where you have gone and when you are expected back. Take water, food, a basic First Aid kit, map of route, breakdown kit and raincoat. Be prepared for breakdowns, sudden changes in weather (take warm clothing) and pre-check your intended route with someone who knows the area.
- **But have fun!**

Some Local MTB Options

The following MTB options are an outline of what rides are available locally in the Cromwell district. Riders should obey all the rules as presented above, and it is suggested you clarify the routes with landowners, or obtain further details from the Information Centre. The map on the following page provides a quick reference to the localities described briefly below and further information may be obtained in the *Walk Cromwell* brochure.

1. Cromwell local

Various one hour rides are available around Cromwell and include the Old Cromwell Town to Lowburn ride along the Lake Dunstan foreshore. Other options include from Cromwell to Bannockburn via the oxidation ponds and Kawarau Arm of the lake; or further along to Ripponvale.

2. Northburn Pylon Track

Starts about 500m north of the Deadman's Point bridge and goes up the pylon track coming out at either Firewood Creek (*part of the Cromwell Lookout walk*) or Brewery Creek at the entrance to the Cromwell Gorge. One to two hours duration.

3. Cairnmuir Slide Track

Start at the Cairnmuir Road gate entrance to the DOC track and follow well formed tracks. Various options... to Cairnmuir Slide (*huge engineering works visible from State highway 8 through the Cromwell Gorge*); Clyde township via the DOC track; or to Bannockburn Heights Vineyard or Bannockburn Inlet.

4. Bannockburn Classic routes.

The two main routes comprise the Sports ride though farmland down into Bannockburn Creek (*suggest this route is undertaken as part of the annual race*); or the Classic route that involves riding to Hawksburn and back to Bannockburn via the pylon track. A further option allows riders to go past Hawksburn and continue onto Clyde via the Hawksburn Road.

5. Carricktown

Ride from Bannockburn along the Nevis Road to Duffers Saddle, and then down to Carricktown (*passing the Young Australian water wheel*) and Quartzville. Approximate times 3 to 5 hours.

6. Carrick Range

Ride from Bannockburn to Duffers Saddle, then partly along to the Young Australian but turn west, and then along the Carrick Range to Long Gully and then the Nevis River.

View the AJ Hackett High Wire Bungy, cross the Nevis and come out at the Queenstown Refuse Disposal site. Journey back to Cromwell along State highway 6. Allow at least six hours of good weather.

MOUNTAIN BIKING EVENT CALENDAR

The Cromwell Promotion Group organises five annual mountain biking/cycling events.

NOVEMBER

Garston to Bannockburn
Pub to Pub Gutbuster

Last Saturday in November.

75 kilometres of adventure
on the Nevis Road.

355 riders took part in 2004.

DECEMBER

Bannockburn
Mountain Bike Classic

Every 30th December.

Comprises three races in one
to suit all abilities.

519 bikers took part in 2004.

JANUARY

Lake Dunstan Triathlon

Every 2nd January.

Swim 500m, road cycle 21km and run
5km, OR canoe 5km, road cycle 21km
and run 5km.

214 took part in 2005.

Lake Dunstan
Cycle Challenge

Third Sunday in January.

This 92km ride around the lake is for
road cycles and mountain bikes.

278 bikers took part in 2005.

APRIL

Carricktown Crusher

First Saturday in April.

Up to Duffers Saddle, then straight
down past the historic towns of
Carricktown and Quartzville.

104 bikers took part in 2004.

7. Coal Pit Road

Ride from Bannockburn to Duffers Saddle, onto Nevis Crossing and then the north-west track to Coal Pit Road and Gibbston. Get picked up at Gibbston for return trip to Cromwell. Allow a good six hours. Note the option of continuing onto Garston at the Nevis Crossing exists but that is best left to the annual Garston to Bannockburn MTB race held each November.

8. Roaring Meg

There are various options to suit your energy levels.

a) Starting at Cardrona, follow the DOC Cardrona - Roaring Meg Pack Track (*map available at Information Centre*) to exit at the Roaring Meg power station in the Kawarau Gorge. Allow six hours.

b) Start at Cardrona and turn off at the top to follow the Cardrona - Cromwell Pack Track back to Swan Road at Lowburn. Allow six hours.

c) Alternatively, start at the Roaring Meg, ride up the track to the tops and transfer onto the Cardrona - Cromwell Pack Track and return to Swan Road.

9. Mt Michael

Start at Swan Road DOC Cardrona - Cromwell Pack Track, but turn south at the top and follow track back to Ripponvale via Mt Michael. Either way suitable.

10. Thomson Gorge

Follow the 4WD track from Ardgour Valley over the Thomson Gorge Road to Matakau and then to Lauder. Check out the brochure available from the Information Centre.

11. Dunstan Mountains

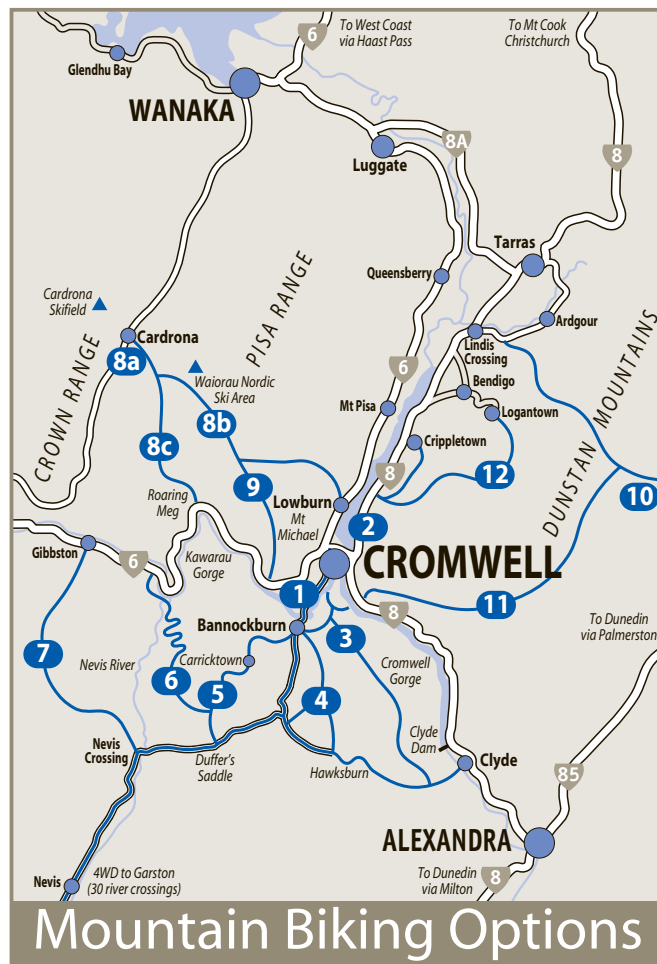
From Ardgour Valley, follow the Thomson Gorge track but turn south at Mt Moka and along the DOC walking track to Leaning Rock, then down onto State highway 8 in the Cromwell Gorge via either Firewood Creek or Brewery Creek.

12. Bendigo

Various options exist on this property. Starting at Devils Creek follow the pylon track to Cripple town; or go higher up and follow the DOC track to Logantown. Explore the Bendigo gold fields but take care with hidden mine shafts.

Exciting Event Calendar!

Mountain bike riding has become a popular recreational pursuit in Cromwell and is further enhanced with the local events as listed. The local roads, tracks and valleys are opportunities that are available for biking. However, as most have legal or landowner issues to determine, it is advised that bikers should check with the Cromwell Information Centre before starting out on their ride.



The following notes have been compiled to provide readers who are travelling through the Cromwell District with information of interest. It is to be hoped that once the readers attention has been drawn to the rich history and culture of the area, they will be motivated to explore further, or even stay a night or two in our 'special place'. The notes start with the Clyde Dam and Lake Dunstan, then traverse the two main State highways in a north to south direction.

Clyde Dam

In 1977 the catch-cry was *'Think Big'* when the New Zealand Government decided to start building the Clyde Dam. The largest concrete dam in the country also became 'big' in controversy and no other Government project had ever generated such staunch opposition or support. Nevertheless, the Clyde Dam today stands as a monument to progress in this country... progress that has come about through the modifications demanded by the public, but still allowing it to provide enough power to supply both Christchurch and Dunedin.



Lake Dunstan

The formation of Lake Dunstan behind Clyde Dam required the purchase of about 2500 hectares of land. Of this total some 605 were of productive land and included 107 hectares (or 19 in total) of orchard land. There were 60 residences affected; 50 commercial premises; and 280 people displaced. The total cost for land purchase was \$28.5 million.

Highway construction took more than 10 years to complete and involved 60 kilometres in length (over 40km of State highway), several bridges and major culverts. Work was undertaken by twenty major contracts and at least 20 million cubic metres of rock and gravel were involved. Although the main work was necessary in the Cromwell Gorge, work was also undertaken to upgrade the Lindis Pass so that construction equipment and housing was readily available from Twizel, in the MacKenzie Country.

The main bridges included the Deadman's Point Bridge at Cromwell with a length of 272 metres and cost of \$2.4 million; and Bannockburn's 147 metre replacement that cost \$1.4 million. The Old Cromwell Bridge remains some 10 metres under water as is the old Lowburn concrete structure. The Bannockburn Bridge was dismantled.

Particular care was taken during the formation of the lake to ensure the stability of reservoir slopes. Geological investigation work detected a number of areas of movement that required treatment, especially in the Cromwell Gorge. Stabilisation work was carried out in a number of areas and involved buttressing and drainage work. Buttressing involved the placement of rock at the base of the slide areas to add weight and strength to the 'toes' of the slides. Drainage involved the excavation of tunnels to provide permanent reduction of ground water pressure.

In the Cromwell Gorge there was some 15 kilometres of tunnels, and 140 kilometres of drilling for drainage. About five million cubic metres of rock was used in the buttressing work. Special care was taken on the highly visible Cairnmuir Slide in the Cromwell Gorge where a series of huge terraces were constructed to retain the potential landslide material. The total cost of the reservoir stabilisation project was about \$400 million.

In general terms the new highways have a character of their own and follow the shoreline of Lake Dunstan - the aspect will improve even more as the foreshore landscape plantings mature over the years.

State highway 6

The journey from Wanaka to Queenstown has the following highlights in the Lake Dunstan/Cromwell area.

- The lakeshore from the head of the lake at Bendigo to Pisa Moorings was left in its original state and comprises farmland and some potential grape growing areas.
- To the west of the highway are the increasing number of vineyards that are stretching out from Cromwell alongside Wanaka Road (State highway 6). The reason why grapes are a new and popular investment is the upsurge in wine use generally, the high 'growing degree days' in this vicinity, availability of irrigation because of Lake Dunstan, and the suitability for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes.

CLYDE DAM STATISTICS

CONSTRUCTION START

1977

RIVER DIVERSION

1982

DAM COMPLETION

1989

FIRST POWER

1992

FULLY COMMISSIONED

1993

OFFICIALLY OPENED

Saturday April 23, 1994

DESIGN CAPACITY

432 megawatts
(extendable to 610 MW)

TOTAL CONCRETE

1.2 million cubic metres

CREST LENGTH

490 metres

DAM HEIGHT

60 metres
(deepest foundations 100 metres)

LAKE SIZE

26.4 square kilometres

FINAL COST

\$1.4 billion

GENERATING PLANT

Four Hitachi vertical Francis turbines each driving 108MW, 125 rpm, 15.4kV salient pole Hitachi generators.

DISTRIBUTION

The switch gear is SF6 gas insulated and housed within the powerhouse structure. Transmission is connected to the 220kV Roxburgh/Twizel overhead lines.

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

The dam incorporates a 'slip joint' to accommodate any earthquake and allows for up to two metres of movement.

- Approaching Lowburn you will view the large terrace slopes. These are known as the Lowburn glacial outwash terraces and are the best example of fluvio (water) glacial outwash terraces in the country. They are also present in the Bendigo area and represent a sequence of widely spaced and extremely well defined landforms. The local Central Otago District Council has initiated moves to preserve these terrace slopes, or risers. Near Clark Road there has been a large cherry orchard development on top of the terrace (but out of view from the highway) - this export-related orchard has been developed by an Canadian cherry grower, Hugh Dendy.
- The Lake Dunstan lakeshore extending from the Lowburn Collie Dog Club grounds to south of Cromwell was preformed before lake filling. Generally the beach slopes have all been created at slopes of 1:8, or in potential erosion areas, 1:10. The shoreline is extremely popular in summer for boating, sailing, fishing, picnicking and passive recreation.
- Nearing Lowburn, travellers pass the 45th Parallel monument that was erected by the Cromwell Promotion Group.
- The Lake Dunstan Boat Club has been built at McNulty Inlet (slightly visible from highway), as has the Cromwell College Aquatic Centre which trains people in most aspects of boating. Because of its small size, Lake Dunstan is seen to be the safest lake in the country.
- A controversial aspect of the lake formation has been the growth of lakeweed, *Lagarosiphon major*. This South African oxygen weed is present in most North Island lakes and makes recreation such as swimming unpleasant. Before lake formation was started it was predicted that the weed would colonise Lake Dunstan as it was already present in Lake Wanaka and the Clutha River. It does have a positive effect in that trout populations like the cover, and good fishermen have learned to appreciate that fact. Some \$50,000 per year is spent on spraying the weed away from the most used recreational areas of Lake Dunstan.
- Cromwell has been called '*the newest town in New Zealand*' since major changes swept through the small community in the mid 1970's. It is no longer a sleepy little post-gold rush town that was comfortable as a service centre for the surrounding orchards and farming community. With 450 new homes that were used to house hydro workers, the town has been revitalised and now boasts as being a small town with large town facilities. New subdivisions, schools, a Polytechnic, sports and cultural facilities, and infrastructure such as water, power and sewerage system, has created a modern bustling and vibrant town. The presence of Lake Dunstan and the expanding wine industry have acted as a major attractions for new property owners and developers.
- The Cromwell Fruit Sculpture was erected by the Rotary Club of Cromwell and has become the town's icon. Built in 1989, the four fruit (pear, apple, nectarine and apricot) weigh over nine tonne, are 13 metres high, and have been repainted three times.
- Looking south from adjacent to the Cromwell Racecourse, travellers will be able to see the major grape growing area of Bannockburn. This was the first area to be developed following the formation of Lake Dunstan and the raising of the water, that allowed for greater irrigation opportunities in this 400mm per annum rainfall country. Bannockburn is quickly becoming the best quality Pinot Noir growing area in the country, if not the world.
- Passing the Cromwell Racecourse travellers view the relatively new orchard development that specialises in summerfruits (cherries, apricots, nectarines, peaches and apples). The loss of orchards because of the Clyde Dam have more than been replaced by modern orchard syndicates growing new varieties for export. With existing and proposed developments, Cromwell is quickly becoming the '*Cherry Capital of New Zealand*'. Important stop-off points are *The Big Picture - an Essential Wine Experience*, the adjacent *Gallery Fare on 6* café, and the *Jones Family Fruit Stall*.
- Passing out of the Cromwell basin, travellers enter the Kawarau Gorge on their way to Queenstown. The highway travels through a spectacular steep gorge notable for the volume and fast flowing nature of its water. The Kawarau Gorge is continually being modified by landslides and extensive work is required to maintain the narrow and twisting highway. Features in the gorge include the Goldfields Mining Centre (note that the geological Pisa Fault is visible just before the Centre's car park), and the small historic Roaring Meg power station (there is also an Upper Meg power station). Motorists should be aware of the dangerous conditions with frost and black ice during the winter months.

State highway 8

The journey from the Lindis Pass to Clyde along State highway 8 has the following highlights...

- As noted above, the rather tortuous Lindis Pass highway from Omarama was significantly upgraded for reasons relating to the construction of the Clyde Dam. Although the improvements are widely appreciated, the highway can still become dangerous with frost and snow conditions in the winter months. Care must be taken.

- The small township of Tarras introduces the traveller to the Cromwell District. This rural service centre is becoming more tourist-oriented with buses stopping to allow passengers a rest before or after the Lindis Pass trip. Although the past emphasis in this area was on farming of merino sheep and cattle, the land use possibilities are expanding and include alternative crops and vineyards.
- Passing the road to Wanaka (State highway 8A), the Lindis River is crossed on a somewhat awkward single lane bridge. The original bridge was lost to flooding in the early 1970's. Flows in the river vary considerably and depend on the amount of upstream extraction by irrigation needs.
- The Bendigo Loop Road presents an interesting diversion from the State highway, with access to the historic Bendigo goldfields being gained along a dusty metalled road. On the southern leg of the Loop Road, large scale plantings of grapes has been undertaken in land pockets that use the areas suitable microclimates.
- Opposite the Bendigo Station entranceway, the head of Lake Dunstan is visible as is the Bendigo wetlands area. This area preserves the previous riverine environment that was part of the Clutha River system, and now protects various wildlife and ecosystems.
- From Bendigo Loop Road the State highway has been reconstructed at a higher level to allow for Lake Dunstan. As part of the recreational development of the area, several picnic areas, toilets, boat ramps and large scale landscape plantings were provided. The lakeshore between Bendigo and Cromwell has developed into a very popular recreational resource used by visitors and residents alike.
- Picnic areas include: Rocky Point, Bendigo, Crippletown, Devil's Creek, John Bull's Creek and Northburn.
- At Northburn, a small subdivision marks the location where the previous road crossed over to Lowburn via the concrete Lowburn Bridge. That bridge (now under water) was locally known as the longest bridge in the country as it had a 'hump' in the middle and travellers couldn't see the other end.
- Also at Northburn is a small vineyard that is the start of what could be an extensive area of grape growing on a terrace slope overlooking the lake.
- From Northburn, the Cromwell lakeshore becomes increasingly visible with large buildings such as the Golden Gate Lodge, Freeway Orchard and Alpine Gold's juice factory.
- The Deadman's Point Bridge and Cromwell have been discussed above. State highway 8B links with State highway 6 via Cromwell.
- Passing the SH8/SH8A intersection, travellers obtain good views of the Cromwell lakeshore. At the Junction of the Clutha and Kawarau Arms of Lake Dunstan is the Jackson Lookout. Good views of the lake and Cromwell are available, as is a short, but strenuous, walk up to the Old Reservoir.
- The reconstructed Cromwell Gorge highway involved a huge engineering effort and is now a first class highway. Before the Clyde Dam, the railway traversed the gorge with its terminus at the Clutha Cabins vicinity. Many of the large scale landslide stabilisation projects such as rock buttresses, tunnels and pumping stations are clearly visible.
- Just past the Jackson lookout, is Clutha Cabins, the site of a previous small camp ground, brewery, and rabbit factory. At Brewery Creek, a stopping area and monument commemorates the start of the 'Dunstan Gold Rush' in 1862.
- The old Cromwell (Dunstan) Gorge was noted for its apricot orchards but these have all gone apart from a few trees in a recreation area at Jacksons. Other recreation areas in the gorge are located at Champagne Gully and Diary Creek... both have public toilet facilities.
- Note an extensive booklet, *The Cromwell Gorge. An Historical Guide* is available free from the Cromwell Information Centre.

A suggested **Mix & Match** week-long visitor programme for Cromwell...

Day One

Walk around the Mall and visit Cromwell Information Centre/Museum (*free entry with donation for Museum*). Plan the week's holiday and obtain all your free brochures and maps of the district, and book your travel or other activities in Queenstown or Wanaka.

Lunch at Fusee' Rouge Café or the Tin Goose in the mall.

Drive to Bendigo stopping at Rocky Point Pottery & Country Shop. View vineyard developments along Bendigo Loop Road, then drive up to Bendigo Historic Area (*rough/steep track in places*). Walk carefully around mine shafts and old stone buildings. Travel back down the hill, further around Bendigo Loop Road, back to the highway, and then to Tarras for a cup of tea or ice-cream.

Day Two

Visit Old Cromwell Town, and walk along the Lake Dunstan lakeshore. Have a cuppa at the Grain & Seed Café. Some interesting old shops to investigate.

Lunch at the historic Victoria Hotel.

Visit the Cromwell Swim Centre and take the family for a swim; look around Anderson Park - the Rose Gardens (*including Australasia's largest sundial*), and the Central Otago Sports Turf. Visit the Cromwell Golf Club and take in as many holes as time permits.

Day Three

Head north on State highway 6 towards Wanaka. Visit Jackson Orchards packhouse; drive around Burn Cottage Road - the loop road to Lowburn and on the way to Wanaka. Call into Pisa Moorings and Wakefield Bay - new subdivisions on the shores of Lake Dunstan. Pass through expansive new vineyard territory.

Continue on State highway 6 and lunch on the waterfront of Lake Wanaka.

Look around Wanaka's shops and new subdivisions. Drive to Glendhu Bay and call into Rippon Vineyard. On the return trip attempt the Maze at Wanaka's Puzzling World; look around the Warbird's Museum and head back to Cromwell via Lake Hawea and State highway 8A.

As an alternative, after Pisa Moorings visit Mt Pisa Station and take a 4WD trip into a typical high country sheep farm.



Day Four

Arrange a fishing trip on Lake Dunstan with Trout Fishing Services or Wild Trout NZ. Or drive to McNulty Inlet and view Rotary Glen, the Cromwell College Aquatic Centre (*where holiday programmes are run for kids to learn sailing, windsurfing and rowing*), and the Lake Dunstan Boat Club. Visit the Juice Café and Prenzel tasting and continue towards Clyde via the \$100 million Cromwell Gorge highway. Stop at Jackson Lookout and take the walking track to Cromwell's Old Reservoir (*the views are worth it!*); then stop at the Hartley-Reilly Memorial in the Cromwell Gorge. View the construction of the Cairnmuir Slide project, and stop at the Clyde Dam viewing area. Walk over the dam.

Lunch at Clyde restaurants such as Oliver's, the Post Office or Blues.

Drive back to Cromwell and spend time walking or mountain biking around the unique greenway system; and drive around the old part of Cromwell looking at stone buildings, the Litany Street Cemetery, and various stone churches.

Day Five

Drive out to Bannockburn (*The Heart of the Desert*) and visit the new vineyards down Felton Road and Cairnmuir Road. Visit and taste wine at Felton Road Winery, Olssen's Garden Vineyard, Mt Difficulty Winery, Sir Clifford Skegg's Akarua Winery (and The Lazy Dog Restaurant) and Carrick Winery. At Felton Road take the self-guided walking track around the Bannockburn Sluicings (*but beware in hot weather*), and visit the ruins of Stewart Town.

Lunch at the Bannockburn Hotel garden bar, and look at the various historic photographs on display in the hotel.

Continue the drive into the Nevis Valley viewing the Bannockburn Post Office and Carrick Woolshed on the way. The 26km metalled road winds up and over the Carrick Range with the highest point at Duffers Saddle, and reaches the Nevis River. Explore the Nevis Valley, and for those with 4WD's there is an opportunity to continue on to Garston (80km).

Day Six

Drive to The Big Picture on the corner of SH6 and Sandflat Road. This new café is billed as 'The Essential Wine Experience'. Continue on to Jones' Family Orchard and take in an orchard tour. Continue on and reach the Goldfields Mining Centre in the Kawarau Gorge and discover past methods of gold mining and irrigation. Pan for gold, visit the Gold Gallery, and go for a jetboat ride up the Kawarau River and Lake Dunstan on Goldfields Jet.

Lunch at the Goldfields Café. Note that a new *Goldfields Museum* is planned for this site in the near future.

Continue along State highway 6 to Arrowtown, and then Queenstown. On the way look at the Roaring Meg power station, the numerous vineyards, and the original AJ Hackett Kawarau Bridge Bungy site.

Day Seven

Take in a Church service - times are indicated in the local Bulletin news sheet; have a rest day or picnic on the numerous picnic areas around Lake Dunstan; and catch up on the activities not seen or achieved during the previous six days.

Lunch in The Mall.

Wander around the shops and New World; look at the Real Estate windows; visit the Skateboard Park; and look at the Cromwell Fruit Sculpture. Relax for your trip home.

Remember that the Information Centre is open daily (*except Christmas Day*) from 9am to 5pm Mon-Fri and 10am to 4pm Sat-Sun for any inquiries.

Enjoy your stay!

This provides an in-depth tour of all you need to know about the Cromwell district. You can even download this Handbook from this site. Starting at the Home page, global visitors can click their way around the following pages...

Four Seasons

A land of contrasts showing pics of spring, summer, autumn and winter.

Kawarau Gorge

Visitors from Queenstown to Cromwell and Central Otago can plan their trip through the spectacular and historic highway. Includes an informative map of all the points of interest.

History

Provides background information into the district's glittering beginnings.

Things To Do

Describes activities, walks, outings and mountainbike opportunities. Similar to this Cromwell Handbook.

Accommodation and Dining

All options are listed and brochures displayed.

Photo Gallery

Over 40 images are provided to give an insight into life in Cromwell.

High Resolution Images

These are for reproduction and are provided in CMYK.TIF format suitable for print production purposes. Six typical Cromwell scenes are provided to cover the following items... Fruit Sculpture; picnic on Lake Dunstan; orchard in bloom; vineyard scene; Cromwell Golf Course; and Old Cromwell Town.

Regional and Local Maps

These can be easily printed out to be used as your touring guide.

Calendar of Events

Planning your holiday? The events calendar will let you know what's on during the year and when you should visit if you have specific interests. Various mountainbike and cycle races organised by the Cromwell Promotion Group are outlined and entry forms and results are provided.

Links

...to local educational institutions, businesses and services.

The wine industry

Welcome to Central Otago,

...the fastest growing wine region in New Zealand.

There are currently 1100ha planted in vines, with over half of this total planted in the last two years.

The region is becoming famous throughout the world for its stylish Pinot Noir. This variety now accounts for 70% of plantings and Central Otago wineries hold many National and International awards for Pinot Noir. Central Otago Pinot Noirs have complex flavours of cherries, mushrooms, herbs, autumn berries and spice.

As you visit the wineries of the Cromwell District look out for the various specialities of each one and taste a wide variety of makes and styles. There are currently 75 winemaker licences in the Central Otago region, so it will not be difficult to find a wine which is just right for you.

Heather McPherson

PRESIDENT, CENTRAL OTAGO WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Central Otago's wine industry

Central Otago is the southern-most grape-growing region in the world located at latitude 45° south (similar to both Oregon's Willamette Valley, USA, and Bordeaux in France). The region's vineyards are located east of the resort town of Queenstown and include the small towns of Wanaka, Cromwell and Alexandra. Central Otago is well known as the foremost producer of New Zealand's stonefruit, primarily cherries and apricots.



Early history...

The first wine-grapes were planted in Central Otago in 1864. Despite the district's potential as a wine growing area being recognised by French and Australian viticulturists from the 1860's onwards, wine-grapes were not commercially grown again in Central Otago for more than a century. Modern day wine growing began with a trial wine-grape vineyard that was planted at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) Orchard near Alexandra in 1972 and shortly followed in 1975 with experimental plantings at Rippon Vineyard, Lake Wanaka. The first commercial release of a Pinot Noir from Central Otago was the 1987 vintage from pioneer Alan Brady at Gibbston Valley winery.

Diverse locations...

The Central Otago region is comprised of four quite distinct sub-regions that are separated by rugged river valleys and mountains ranging from 1400 to 2000 metres. The region is centred around the Cromwell basin (which includes Bannockburn in the south, Lowburn/Wanaka Road and Bendigo to the north) and contains 70% of the region's vineyards. (Refer to the location map following.) The Gibbston area is located to the west on the north facing slopes above the dramatic Kawarau river gorge and accounts for a further 20%. Alexandra (7%) to the south-east is a somewhat similar basin to Cromwell and Wanaka (3%) to the north where vineyards tend to be located on gentle slopes on the shores of spectacular Lake Wanaka.

Of the 1100 ha of grapes planted in Central Otago,



Pinot Noir comprises 70%, with Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling accounting for about 8% each. Average vineyard size is small although this has much to do with topography.

An ideal climate...

Central Otago lies in the rain shadow of the Southern Alps and its climate can be described as semi-continental, being characterised by hot, dry summers and cold, dry winters. The vineyards are planted at altitudes between 200 and 300 metres above sea level and are also the furthest inland one can be in New Zealand. Humidity is very low lessening the risk of fungal infections. Rainfall is also very low at 300 to 500 mm per annum and on average falls equally throughout the year. Such is the rain-shadow effect from the Southern Alps that only 80km west is Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound which records the second highest annual rainfall on the planet of 10,000 mm. All vineyards so far have required irrigation for vine establishment, however some vineyards may become less reliant on irrigation as vine age increases.

Summers can be very hot with temperatures often in the low to mid 30's. As day length decreases closer to harvest so do the temperatures allowing for a slow finish to the ripening and a long 'hang time'. By this stage night-time temperatures are usually rather cool. Harvest can begin as early as late March and can extend well into May. High sugar levels or potential alcohols are usually easily achieved and the challenge appears to be managing the vineyard to obtain flavour and tannin maturity with other components in balance. Heavy frosts are common during winter and can occur at any time between March and November. As a result most vineyards are situated on moderate to steep, north facing slopes. Frost protection (either wind machines or overhead sprinklers or misting systems) is necessary on flatter sites to help protect against late spring and autumn frosts.

Challenging soils...

Soils in Central Otago have a low natural fertility, a factor less important than climate when judging land suitability for vineyards, because fertility can be relatively easily adjusted with fertilisers. In fact many viticulturalists welcome the low fertility as it inhibits vigour, and places additional stress on the vines, resulting in smaller berries and more concentrated fruit flavours. Soils tend to be fine sandy loams above gravel and therefore quite porous. The low water holding capacity of the soils, combined with the long dry summers, provides a challenge to viticulturalists to provide sufficient water to maintain the vines without over-irrigation. Most vineyards monitor soil moisture on a regular basis to maintain the vines slightly above stress level. Soils are generally alkaline with pH in the range 5.9 to 9.0.



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FURTHER READING

Soils for Horticulture

Land User Guide No 2

PD McIntosh, 1992

Going for Gold

An analysis of the
wine-growing industry
in Central Otago

Horticultural and Food Research
Institute of NZ Ltd, 2000

The Climate of Otago

Otago Regional Council, 2001

The industrial areas

Cromwell offers a large range of industries that service the district and region. There are two main areas, both of which were developed during the 1980's in response to construction of the Clyde Dam, and subsequent vineyard developments.

Cromwell Industrial Area

The Cromwell Industrial Area was originally developed by the Cromwell Borough Council as a 'private industrial area'. It is now 90% developed although some further room exists between it and the Lake Dunstan Estate.

Some of the industries located in the Cromwell Industrial Area include:

- Engineering workshops - construction and servicing of mining plant, craft, and large scale works.
- General and stock carrying firms.
- Tyre servicing.
- Mechanical repairs, used car parts and vehicle painting.
- Timber and aluminium joinery.
- Plumbing and electrical contractors.
- Contractors - roading and construction.
- Farm and horticultural supplies.
- Concrete and aggregate supplies.
- Concrete tank and post manufacture.

The future of this area includes the development of some 6ha of land. Possible uses for this area include a film studio, truck-stop takeaway, gas depot, joinery, pipe making factory, etc.

Lake Dunstan Estate

The Lake Dunstan Estate was originally an industrial area for the Clyde Dam construction works. It was purchased by private interests and now provides a large area for a variety of industrial uses.

The original MWD Project Office has been purchased by the Cromwell College for Student Accommodation, and the Project Laboratory developed as the regional office for Delta Energy. The area is large and the services available extensive with large areas being developed in 2004-05 to service the industrial needs of Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago.

Some of the industries located in the Lake Dunstan Estate include:

- Large construction firms.
- Landscape maintenance services.
- Three wineries and a major bottling plant.
- Large scale concrete and metal forming workshop.
- Aluminium joinery.
- High quality lock-and-leave self storage.
- Specialist concrete manufacture.
- Two freight-forwarding companies.

Cromwell has a well-developed industry base that services both the local district as well as Queenstown and Wanaka. The areas are well established and ample room exists for further large or small scale development.



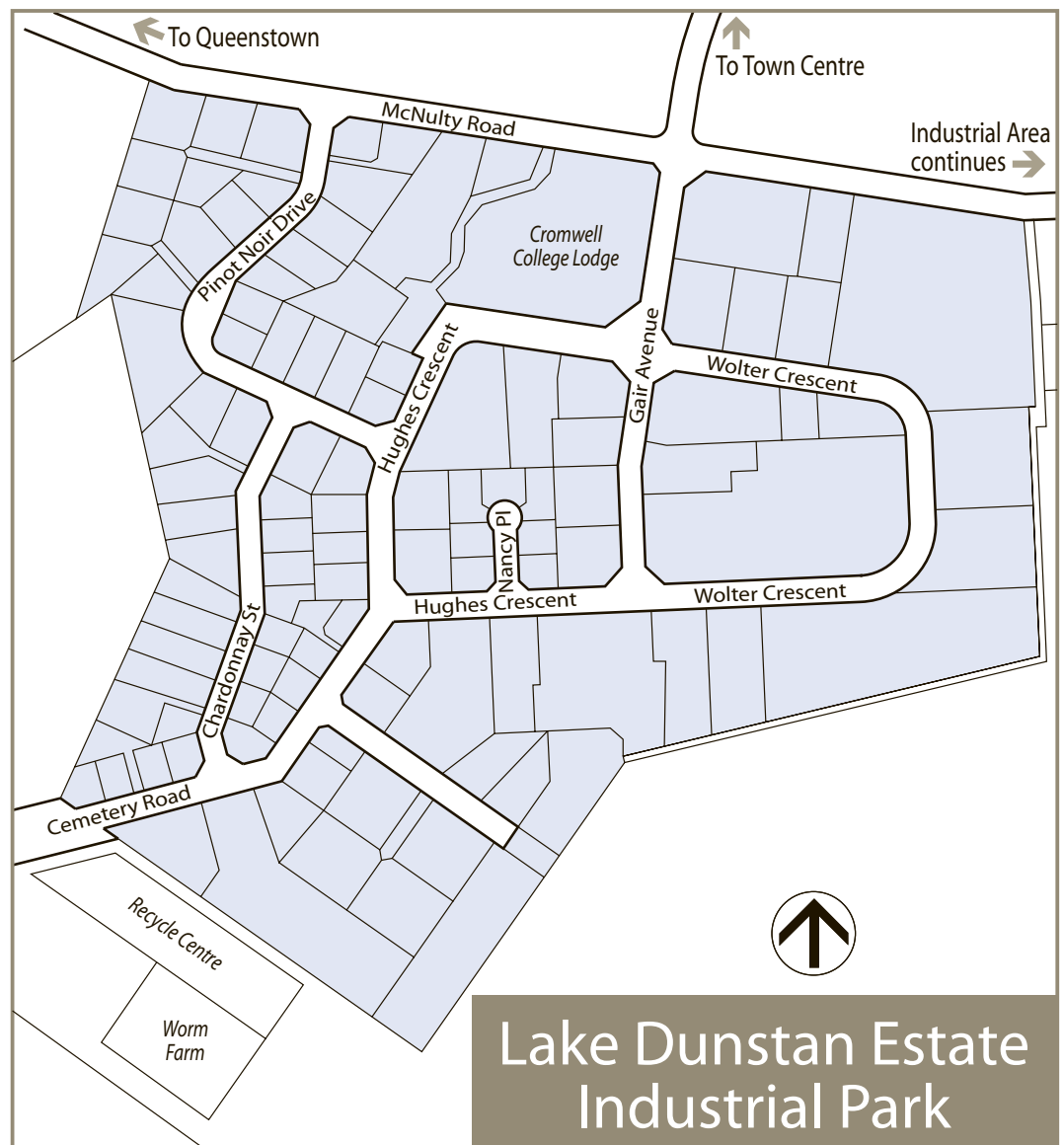
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Twice the Size at Half the Price!

"As industrial land gets more valuable and scarcer in the Wakatipu Basin it's a natural move to look just down the gorge to Cromwell - the hub of Central Otago. The prices at Shotover Park have hit \$525 per square metre compared to the best of Lake Dunstan Estate Industrial Park on McNulty Road, Cromwell, at far less than half that price.

As trades people and service suppliers are quickly learning, if you want to do business in the boom areas of Queenstown, Wanaka or both, Cromwell is really the hub of Central Otago.

It's a fact all large freight items travel from Christchurch by B-Train, get decontainerised in Cromwell and get dispatched from there to their final destinations.

Cromwell has 'land to burn' in respect of industrial availability. For instance, Lake Dunstan Industrial Estate Industrial Park has been a major supplier of land for the past ten years.

We have a great mix here, everything from Delta, who service the entire Central Otago area from here, to NZ Couriers and wine making facilities and storage for clients throughout the Gibbston Valley, right down to Alexandra, Wanaka, Omarama and of course, Bannockburn.

If you work on a 'national pricing' list or have fixed retail price for say making windows, joinery etc, then usually the freight content is one of the smallest components and often passed on to the purchaser. Try telling your customer the rent is \$1000.00 per month and see if he or she cares.

A legacy from the 'dam days' is that there is a highly acclaimed Cromwell College with spare capacity in the town with the best sports grounds and facilities south of Christchurch. Of course the Polytech is right there with national courses year round.

Housing is much more affordable, as anybody who has had to either build or rent recently in other parts of Central Otago, namely Queenstown or Wanaka, will notice. There are also five ski fields within an easy one hour drive of Cromwell.

With affordable rent, amphitheatre views, investment in Lake Dunstan Estate Industrial Park is the smart business decision for the discerning buyer."

PAT CUMMINGS, DIRECTOR, LAKE DUNSTAN ESTATE.

Cromwell College

"Learning is more effective when it is fun"

Cromwell College is a Year 7 to 13 state co-educational school established in 1978.

The College provides a broad-based general education catering for students of all ability levels. Our smaller size and experienced and committed staff ensure that students have their particular capabilities catered for. Our senior students are offered a very wide range of national courses leading to National Framework qualifications.

Wonderful facilities...

The College has excellent grounds and facilities. Classrooms are spacious and well-equipped. Art, workshop technology, information technology, and physical education are all catered for in specialist workrooms. As well as a modern gymnasium and auditorium the College utilises adjacent community facilities such as the indoor swimming pool and the hockey turf.

The College also maintains a state of the art Aquatic Centre on the shores of Lake Dunstan providing a base for instruction in sailing, windsurfing and kayaking.

A well-rounded education...

We endeavour to provide a complete education for all our students. As well as academic study students are encouraged to take part in music, art, drama, and sport and to take on leadership opportunities both within the school and the wider community.

Beyond the traditional...

We recognise that our students need a national and international perspective. Accordingly, we utilise our wonderful location and our caring, family atmosphere to offer innovative programmes which attract students from beyond Central Otago.

Outdoor Pursuits Programme...

The Outdoor Pursuits Programme is an exciting opportunity to experience a wide range of activities in the Central Otago region while continuing your secondary education. Since 1995 the College has offered this unique residentially based programme.

From the shores of Lake Dunstan to the tracks on the Pisa Range and the peaks of the Cardrona Skifield, the programme covers it all. Kayaking, windsurfing, sailing, tramping, mountain biking, rock climbing, abseiling and of course skiing and snowboarding; these are all part of a year at Cromwell College. There are opportunities in nearly all activities to achieve NZQA credits at levels two and three.

As well as your academic programme at school, your year at Cromwell College will require a commitment to spending each Sunday in the pursuit of new skills. The programme is designed for participation to be the key element of success.

Cromwell College Golf Academy...

This exciting programme gives you the opportunity to improve your golfing skills while continuing your secondary education at one of New Zealand's best-equipped rural secondary schools. Cromwell College has an active and successful record of golfing achievement. Our teams have won Otago-Southland championships and competed at the national finals. Individual students have been selected for school and adult provincial representation and development squads.

The Cromwell Golf Club is widely regarded as one of the best 18-hole courses in the South Island. Nearby are such challenging venues as Millbrook, Kelvin Heights and Arrowtown. Central Otago's climate virtually guarantees year-round golf from the dry heat of summer to the crisp, clear days of winter.

Your year at Cromwell will include regular golf instruction with Cromwell College's golf coach and Millbrook professionals, weekly competition as a full member of the Cromwell Golf Club, regular opportunities to play at other Central Otago courses and entry to

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement reflects our prime task...

"Cromwell College will encourage all students to accept responsibilities and achieve to their maximum potential in a safe, supportive and caring environment."

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selected tournaments and competitions.

Accommodation...

Students in both programmes are accommodated in modern, well-equipped apartments under the guidance of caring supervisors. They learn essential skills such as budgeting, nutrition, food preparation and time management. It is an important link between adolescence and adulthood. The emphasis in these programmes is on character building, leadership opportunities and development of self-confidence. The friendships formed and skills learned last a lifetime. The Cromwell College Accommodation Centre has recently been subject to an \$850,000 expansion allowing for new apartments, and bunk-room accommodation for visiting teams.

Worldwide appeal...

International students are also an important component of life at the College. In the past students from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and USA have enjoyed a year of study at Cromwell College. These students have access to all the school's programmes as well as specialised ESOL instruction suited to their own levels.

Cromwell College's mixture of academic excellence, innovative programmes, and outdoor adventure help form the basis of unique and effective secondary school. We are extremely proud of our students, our dedicated staff, and our emphasis on a family atmosphere.

Please contact the college for more information.

The Legend Of Kopuwai...

The Cromwell College auditorium contains some unique examples of contemporary Maori art and carving. The work was created on the premises by a group of young carvers from Tauria YMCA in Wanganui, assisted by local residents. Taking up the full width of the rear of the auditorium is a mural depicting the legend of Kopuwai.

Kopuwai, the ogre of the Clutha River, lived in a cave near Cromwell. He was a terrifying creature with the head of a dog and a man-like body covered in scales. He was a man-eater and he was accompanied by a pack of ferocious dogs.

One day a beautiful young woman named Kaiamio became separated from her fishing party and she was captured by the terrible Kopuwai. Fascinated by her beauty, Kopuwai decided to keep Kaiamio for a wife instead of devouring her. Eventually Kaiamio escaped and returned to her tribe who avenged her years of captivity by burning Kopuwai out of his cave and killing him.

The left-hand panel at the front of the auditorium depicts the legend of Aoraki.

The four sons of Raki, the Sky Father, left the shores of the earth mother and put to sea. They paddled for some time but they could find no land. Eventually their canoe struck an undersea ridge and sank, turning to stone in the process. The west side of the canoe was higher than the east and the brothers tried to save themselves by climbing up to it but they too were turned to stone.

Aoraki, the eldest of the four brothers became Mt Cook and his three brothers became the three peaks nearest to it. Thus the South Island was formed and received its most ancient name, Te waka-a-Aoraki. Much labour was required to make the South Island fit for man's occupation and the panel depicts the benevolent god, Tu-te-Rakiahanoa going about his work as he forms the land from the great canoe.

The right-hand panel depicts the food sources of the early Maoris in the Central Otago region. The giant moa straddles the waters of the region's great rivers where the eel and the freshwater mussel are to be found. Within this landscape could also be found the tuatara, the kea and the kaka.



Detail of the mural depicting the Legend of Kopuwai.

Old Cromwell Town

A unique venue for the arts and local events...

Cromwell's original business district at the junction of the Clutha and Kawarau Rivers was flooded when the Clyde Dam was commissioned.

Enterprising volunteers saw the opportunity to save what they could of the old town and recreate some of it on an adjacent, higher site. And now we have Old Cromwell Town, a unique heritage precinct, freely open to the public as a window to the past. It serves as a setting for local artisans, cottage industries and special events.

Remarkable authenticity

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of Old Cromwell Town is its authenticity. The original buildings have been restored with precision while the reconstructions are extremely faithful, thanks to many of the town's local tradesmen, artisans in their own right.

Submerged, but not forgotten !

Now an historic precinct of national significance - being the only historic gold town to have survived inundation. 'Submerged - but not forgotten.'

The Board of Old Cromwell Town Incorporated has inherited the task of providing the management support for the Old Cromwell Town precinct.



EVENT CALENDAR

Regular annual events

NEW YEAR

Captain Barry's
Summer Fête

EASTER

The Junction Function
Easter Fair

LABOUR WEEKEND

Market Day

Plus

Special Events

HIGH LIGHTS

In addition to a wonderful walk through our history, Old Cromwell Town currently offers you the following:

Café

Craft Shops

Local Artisans

Farmers Market

This regular event is held on Sundays from 9am to 1pm, September to April. Check with the Information Centre to determine the next market date.

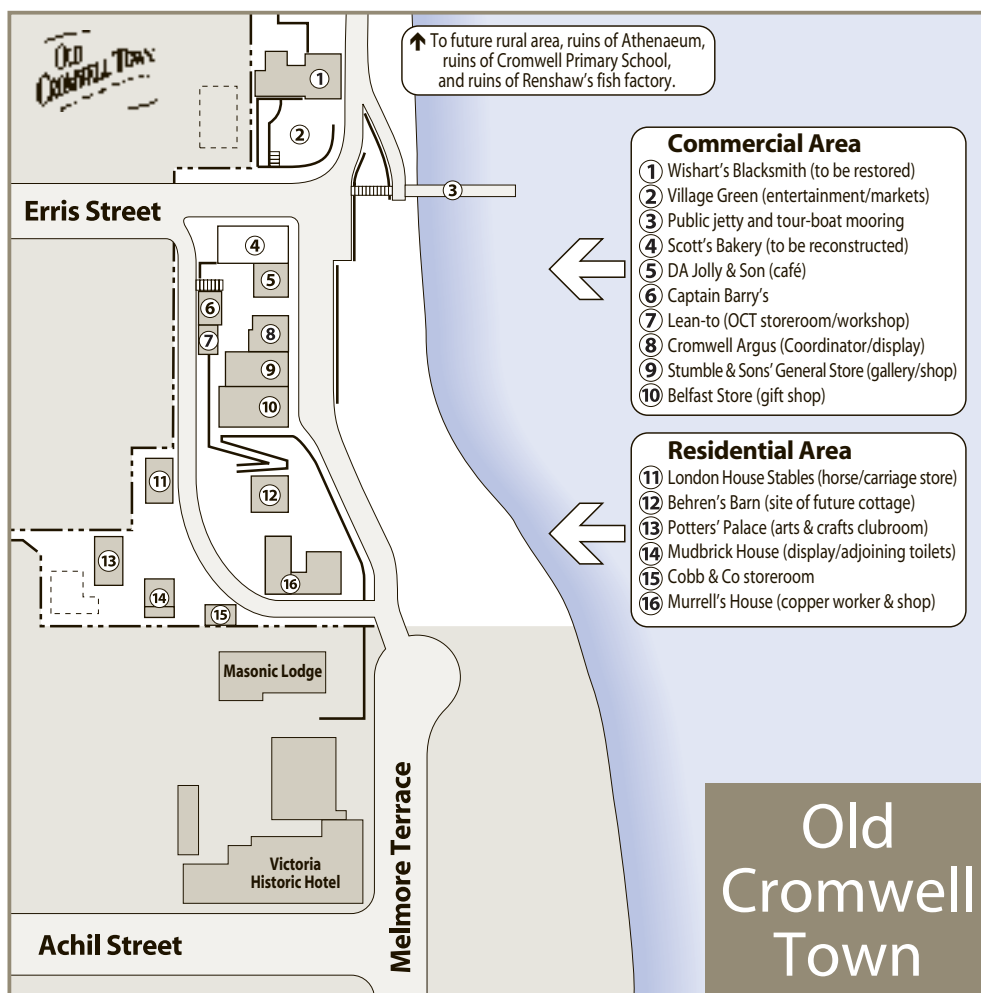
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Real Estate

Location and opportunity...

The Cromwell District real estate market is in a buoyant mood fuelled by low interest rates and the revival of the rural economy. Pushed along by interest in grape, cherry and lifestyle blocks, people have realised the many attributes that the district enjoys. These include the proximity to Queenstown and Wanaka, good climate, big town facilities, less stressful lifestyle and an abundance of investment opportunities.

Optimism you can see...

Drive around the Cromwell District and you can't help notice the mass plantings of vines, olives, nut trees and other horticultural crops that are transforming the previously barren landscape. There is a very positive feel in the whole area, with huge investments in land and a steady increase in property sales over the last year.

Cromwell is a 'real life' town that is still affordable for families, and is attractive to investors from within New Zealand and overseas. With the increase in employment opportunities there is a shortage of rental property, as is the case in neighbouring Queenstown and Wanaka. Tenants are renting in Cromwell and using the daily workers' bus to commute to other towns. Short-term rentals for the winter ski-season are also in demand with five ski-fields within easy reach of Cromwell.

Recent developments include the Lake Dunstan Industrial Estate expansion where new and old industries are being set up. The Council is also developing the 'Sargood Business Area' that should be complete by mid-2005. Almost three-quarters of the new sections have been 'allocated' to businesses that will be new to the area.

A growing reputation...

The medal winning wines of Central Otago and Cromwell are also lifting the profile of the area with more and more land being planted. There are five main vineyards in Cromwell at present, all producing notable wines which, together with the excellent fruit growing reputation already enjoyed here, make this one of New Zealand's fastest growing viticultural areas.

The Cromwell District has heaps on offer, and lots of opportunities to suit everyone's needs. Take the plunge and buy in Cromwell now, either to live here and enjoy all that the area has to offer, or as an investment for the future... the potential for the town and district is huge.



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Fruitgrowing

A unique Microclimate...

Cromwell's arid climate makes the basin a unique region for cherry and apricot growing. Cold winter climate provides ample winter chilling for healthy trees, low summer rainfall and regular sunshine provides the perfect location to produce export Summerfruit.

The Cherry Capital of New Zealand

With new varieties of cherries, the harvest season can now extend from mid December until late January. Cherry plantings in 1999 and 2000 will place Cromwell as the single largest cherry growing area in New Zealand. By the harvest of summer 2005 export production will increase tenfold to exceed 3000 tons. Current exports of New Zealand cherries are to Taiwan, Korea, South East Asia, USA, Australia and Europe.



Taste Central Fruit !

You can taste the joy of Central Otago fruit in the many roadside fruitstalls along the highways passing through Cromwell.

HARVEST CALENDAR

CherriesDec-Jan
ApricotsDec-Feb
Peaches.....Dec-Mar
Nectarines.....Jan-Mar
Plums.....Mid Dec-Apr

FURTHER READING

Beating the Odds

A social and economic analysis of the summerfruit industry in Central Otago.

Horticultural and Food Research Institute of NZ Ltd, 1999

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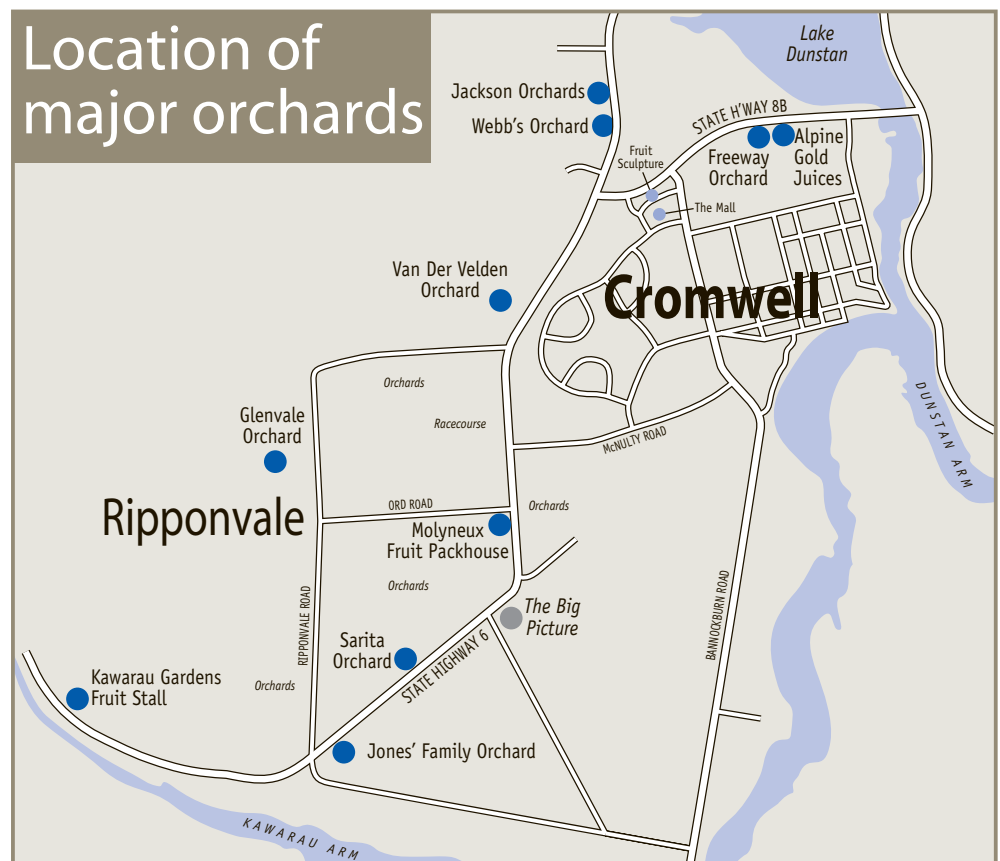
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Location of major orchards



Otago Polytechnic

Cromwell Campus

"For a life less ordinary"

Mountains can be classrooms. Apples can be teachers. Computers can open doors. With Otago Polytechnic's courses in Cromwell, Wanaka and Queenstown, education doesn't have to be ordinary!

FULL-TIME COURSES AVAILABLE

BUSINESS & COMPUTING

Certificate in Business Systems

ADVENTURE TOURISM

Ski Instructor Certificate (Level 4)

Snowboard Instructor Certificate (Level 4)

Certificate in Snowboarding and
Avalanche Safety Management (Level 4)

Certificate in Skiing and
Avalanche Safety Management (Level 4)

Diploma in Outdoor Leadership and Management (Level 5)

Certificate in Mountain Recreation (Level 3)

Certificate in Mountain Recreation (Leadership) (Level 4)

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

Certificate in Hospitality Operations (Level 3)

Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)

Certificate in Professional Cookery (Level 4)

National Certificate in Hospitality (Cookery) (Level 3)

HORTICULTURE

Diploma in Horticulture (Level 6)

Diploma in Viticulture (Level 6)

National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4)

Certificate in Sports Turf Management (Level 4)

Certificate in Stone Masonry (Level 4)

PART-TIME COURSES AVAILABLE

BUSINESS

Computing 4 Free

NZIM Certificate in Management

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

Avalanche Safety Management
Bar Manager Training

Food Safety
Barista Skills

Wine Appreciation

HORTICULTURE

Growsafe
Dry Stone Wall Construction

Plant Propagation
Oamaru Stone Carving

Introduction to Viticulture
Fly Fishing for Beginners

Pruning Fruit Trees & Roses
Olive Growing

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General Drawing

Figure Drawing

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Applying for a course...

Applications are welcome at any time from anyone resident in New Zealand. Options are also available to international students.

Your past work and life experience counts at Otago Polytechnic. An initial evaluation will determine if you have already earned some course credits. If you want to pursue a particular qualification, but haven't completed the required prerequisites, that's no reason to give up. Most of the courses are not only excellent career moves in their own right, but they can also lead on to more advanced programmes.

Molyneux Restaurant, Cromwell...

A training ground for budding Central Otago chefs and service staff. Open to the public from 6.30pm to 11.00pm on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. Bookings essential, call 445 9900.

Otago Polytechnic Driving Range, Bannockburn Horticultural Unit...

Built by sports turf management students so you can practice on the real thing.

Crops Centre, Bannockburn Horticultural Unit...

Are you a keen gardener? Or considering growing crops for a living? Advice is provided to the public by this research centre.

Alpine Gold

"The Taste of Central Otago"

Alpine Gold brings together the natural gifts of New Zealand's pristine alpine environment and captures them in a bottle so you too can enjoy what we like to think of as the true taste of Central Otago. Our unique range of fruit juices and pure mineral waters not only taste great, but they are 100% natural, totally original and full of character and charm.

Benger Gold Premium Fruit Juices...

"stunning true fruit flavour" - CUISINE MAGAZINE

This is juice like no other, made the old-fashioned way for you to enjoy. We use only the finest naturally sun-ripened fruit from our mountain orchards which is pressed to retain maximum flavour and body, then blended with a hint of the purest Alpine mineral water. You won't find any preservatives here.

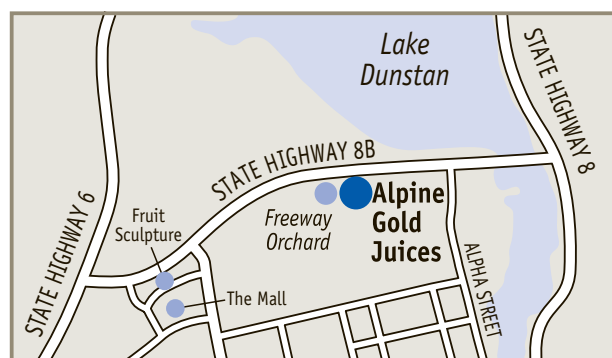
There is a definite Central Otago flavour to our range of quality natural juices, including Nectarine, Apricot, Apple & Raspberry, Apple, Orange and Tomato.

We also produce a classic-style Apple Cider, bringing together a unique blend of Cox's Orange and Granny Smith apples... the original clear cider.

Alpine Pure New Zealand Mineral Water...

Alpine Pure is a mineral water of exceptional quality, sourced from a deep underground stream flowing from the Mount Pisa range situated on the fringe of the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Naturally high in calcium, Alpine Pure offers an added health benefit.

Both locals and visitors alike enjoy our unique range of beverages. We welcome you to our retail centre to take the time to sample our range. Factory tours are also available on request.



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Goldfields Mining Centre

The Goldfields of the Central Otago region were amongst the richest in the world and the scene of major gold rushes in the early 19th century. Mined for over 100 years, Goldfields is the region's official gold mining demonstration site.

Gold Panning...

The awesome power of gravity-fed water drives the operating machinery at Goldfields. Guided tours reveal the huge canyons carved by sluice guns, the mine shafts and crushing power of the stamping battery. Try your luck at gold panning. You can keep what you find, it's all included in the Goldfields experience.



Operating sluice gun.

Gold Room...

A beautiful museum and gold room stocks a wide range of golden jewellery, much of it created by local craftsmen using the purest of New Zealand gold.

Mining Village...

Goldfields is a living memory of the miners who lived and worked in the fields and mines of the Kawarau Gorge. An authentic Chinese village replicates the living conditions of the early miners complete with displays of household utensils and mining equipment.



Authentic Chinese village.

Café...

Delicious home-baked morning and afternoon teas, lunches, group barbeques or special functions. Goldfields is licensed to cater to a wide range of visitor needs. In summer, relax amongst beautiful gardens on the banks of the Kawarau River, or in winter, by a cosy fire.

Facilities available...

The size, scope and range of facilities at Goldfields offer exciting opportunities to create a unique environment for hosting special interest and incentive groups. With more than 50 hectares set amongst stunning scenery of the spectacular Kawarau Gorge, Goldfields can offer the widest possible range of activities whether on land, on the water, or in the air.

Water-based activities on the Kawarau River...

- Jet boating
- River boarding
- River rafting

Airborne activity from Goldfields can involve...

- Helicopters
- Parapenting
- Flying Fox

Goldfield's restaurant capacity of 100 guests can be easily extended through the use of marquees to handle groups of up to 400 at any time, catering for most styles of food through lamb on a spit, roasts and barbecues to any form of buffet meal.

On-site entertainment options include themed parties or treasure hunts based round the gold mining era, with bands and entertainers available to suit most tastes and requirements.

The entire Goldfield's site can be hired for an afternoon, and evening, or for the whole day.

Enquire as to options, ideas and costs.

Exciting Development...

In 2006 it is proposed that the lease of the Goldfields site will be taken over by the *Goldfields Museum Charitable Trust*. This Trust will develop an extensive educational and heritage facility that will be based on Otago Gold. The proposed development will cost \$1.5 million for stage one, and include a Gold museum and tunnel. This development, along with the extension of the car park, will open in 2006, all going to plan!

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クロムウェル・・・探検、そして発見。

春夏秋冬・対照美の大地

暑く長い夏

摂氏30度半ばまで上昇する気温、温かいそよ風、
きらめくダンストン湖の水面、愛らしい野の花でふちどられた道路。
渴ききった山岳と丘を覆うタソック草。
発見を求める旅が始まる・・・
ゴールドマイナーたちの夢の跡、廃虚の街を散策し、
パノックバーンの入り江、涼しい柳の木陰で水とたわむれる。
夏・・・光と影の対照美

黄金の秋

煌きながら舞い落ちる木の葉に彩られた田舎路を彷徨い歩く。
忘れがたい風景として心に残るでしょう。

雪訪れる冬

街のパブで燃え盛る炎を囲み、地元産のワインを堪能する。
暖かな部屋の外、山脈は濃青から純白の雪化粧へと彩りを変える。

花咲き誇る春

さくらんぼ、杏、桃、すもも、桜、リンゴの花が咲き乱れ、
柳やポプラの鮮やかな緑も、新しい季節の息吹きを謳歌する。



輝かしき起源

クロムウェルはクルーサ川とカワラウ川の合流点「ザ ジャンクショ
ン」として知られてきました。

1862年、二人の探鉱夫（ゴールドマイナー）、ハートリーとライリ
ーが、合流点の下流付近で金を発見しました。金の発見が知れ渡る
と、たちまち数千人もの探鉱夫たちがこの地に流入しました。
ゴールドラッシュの後、クロムウェルは広範な牧畜業と果樹園の
サービスセンターとなりました。

地理的にはリンディス峠とハースト峠の中間に位置し、また、クイ
ーンズタウン、ワナカ、アレキサンドラの交通上の駅としての役割
をも担っています。

クライドダム建設に伴い、クロムウェルは住宅供給地となり、町は大きく変化しました。人口は2倍に増加し、旧タウンセンターはサービスの向上、先進的な教育とスポーツ施設の供給を目的として、現在のモールに移転しました。

新しいタウンセンター「モール」には商店、カフェ、各種サービス業の他、図書館、町役場、診療所などがあります。

クロムウェルの今後の展望は、牧畜、園芸、葡萄栽培、ワイン製造と観光業にあります。

ダンストン湖には、ボートランプ、桟橋、ピクニックエリア、遊歩道や並木路などの設備が整っており、広範囲に渡るリクリエーションを提供しています。ボート、ウィンドサーフィン、釣り、水泳、ピクニックなどを楽しむ家族連れで賑わっています。



ホリディをお楽しみいただくために

1. 到着後すぐにモールのインフォメーションセンターにお立ち寄りください。ローカルの知識豊富なスタッフが適切な旅のアドバイスをいたします。
2. このパンフレットを一日の計画を立てるのにお役立てください。数々のアトラクションについての詳細・パンフレットは、インフォメーションセンターにあります。ツアーや宿泊の御予約もセンターで受け付けています。
3. ピクニックランチ、飲み物、スナック類をお忘れなく。さあ、冒険の始まりです。

安全で快適な旅を！

(固有名詞の名前は現地英語の発音で記載してあります)

クロムウェルについて

人口 3000 人。海拔 220m、ニュージーランドでも最も海から離れた街。日照時間は年間平均 2,200 時間。気温差は冬のマイナス 10℃から真夏は 37℃、年間降水量は 400mm。年間でおおよそ 3.5 日の降雪と、174 日間の降霜が記録されています。

最寄りの街からの交通時間

クイーンズタウンークロムウェル 50 分 (62km)

ワナカークロムウェル 40 分 (55km)

クイーンズタウンーワナカ (クロムウェル経由)
90 分 (117km)

クイーンズタウンーワナカ (クラウンレンジハイウェイ経由)
60 分 (71km)

クロムウェルーアレキサンドラ 20 分 (30km)

What to do/Exploration Guide

アクティビティ・観光案内

散策とピクニック

クロムウェルの歴史を訪ねてください。旧タウンの保存区には開拓時代の物語があなたをお待ちしています。

また、近年整備された街の緑地帯遊歩道、ダンストン湖畔沿いの遊歩道もお勧めです。

ダンストン湖畔には多数のピクニック・バーベキューエリアが整備され、トイレも要所に設置されています。

ドライブ

周辺地域の詳細地図はインフォメーションセンターに用意してあります。湖を一周して景色をお楽しみになるほか、地図に案内してあるアトラクションをお試してください。

スポーツ

クロムウェルには各種スポーツ施設がそろっています。

チャンピオンシップゴルフコースを始めとして、スポーツターフ、芝ボーリング、スカッシュコート、温水プール、テニスコート、ネットボールコートがあります。

アウトドア

各種ウォータースポーツ、釣り、マウンテンバイク、4WDドライブ、ハンティング、トランピング、乗馬、ジェットボート、バードウォッチング、スノーモービル・スキー（冬期）、金採取体験ツアー等、多数のアウトドアアクティビティを体験できます。

ツアーなどの詳細はインフォメーションセンターまで。

Lowburn ローバーン

クルーサ川河畔に位置していたローバーン地区は、ダンストン湖造成の折りに水没し、コミュニティは現在の場所に移動しました。

教会、公会堂も新しく建設されました。

ローバーンヴァレー道路は、古い石造家屋の残るストラスバーンファームへと続きます。

果樹園でのフルーツピッキング

地中海性気候の恵みにより、上質のアプリコット、ネクタリン、桃、さくらんぼ、リンゴが豊富に栽培されています。

ほとんどの果樹園でツアーが催され、さくらんぼ狩りなどのフルーツピッキングが体験できます。

葡萄園・ワイナリー

セントラルオタゴはニュージーランドでも急成長中のワイン製造地です。現在セントラルオタゴ地方の60%の葡萄園はクロムウェルに集中し、ほとんどのワイナリーで試飲、購入ができ、ワイン試飲ツアーも開催されています。

セントラルオタゴのワインは世界でも高い評価を受け、人気は年々高まっています。



Bendigo Goldfields ベンディゴ 鉱山跡

ベンディゴは金の採掘で半世紀以上栄えました。ベンディゴグループ道路の頂点に位置する旧ベンディゴ居住区からは、狹隘かつ急傾斜な車道が、石造りのコテージが今も残るローガンタウン、さらに高地のウェルシュタウンへとうねりながら登っていきます。

ウォーキングトラックもあり、散策には最適です。

注・垂直の採掘口は地下 170m まで達します。事故防止のための柵や金網が設置されていない採掘口もいくつかございます。低木類の繁みなどに足を踏み入れないように、また道路、遊歩道からはずれないように特にご注意ください。

ダンストン湖

クライドダム建設にともない、クルーサ川はダンストン湖へと姿を変えました。40m 上昇した湖岸には栈橋、バーベキュー設備を備えたピクニックエリアなどが多数、設置されています。

海拔 194m、面積は 26 m²、湖岸線の長さは 106km に達します。

トラウトフィッシング

ダンストン湖はトラウトフィッシングでも有名です。

旧クロムウェルタウン区

1980 年、クライドダム建設に伴い、湖面は上昇し、旧街区や、広範囲の果樹園は水面下に没しました。しかし、街は新しく生まれ変わり、果樹産業は更に成長し、美しい湖周辺には無数の休憩エリアが整備され、ホリディに訪れる人々を楽しませています。

また、旧建築物の移築や最建築も行われ、メルモアテラスに位置する旧タウン保存地区は、クラフトショップ、カフェ、レイククルーズの拠点として観光客で賑わっています。

Bannockburn バノックバーン

夏のキャンプで人気の高いクロムウェルの郊外、バノックバーンはかつては金の発掘で栄えました。旧郵便局、古い石造りの家などが当時のまま完全な状態で保存、ホテルなどは今も使用されています。現在は葡萄園、ワイナリーで有名になっています。

Essential Services

インフォメーションセンター・博物館

モール内、10:00-16:00 Tel 03-445-0212

診療所 33 モール ワエンガドライブ方面より入る Tel 03-445-1119

警察 ワエンガドライブ、ニューワールドスーパーマーケット向かい
Tel 03-445-1999、緊急連絡先 111

消防署 緊急連絡先 ダイヤル 111

郵便局 モール、ペーパープラス内

銀行 B N Z、National Bank、WestpacTrust ATM モール

ショッピング モール商店街、駐車場、カフェ

サービスステーション Sell (深夜 12 時まで)、Caltex (午後 9 時まで)、BP (午後 8 時半まで)、Mobil (午後 7 時まで)

車の故障

AA サービス 24 時間 (CR モーターズ) Tel 03-445-1844

Anderson オート緊急サービス Tel 03-445-0964/025-366-669

BP 牽引緊急サービス 24 時間 Tel 03-445-1234/025-210-6282

Felton Road Wines

Contact	Caroline Box
Postal Address	Bannockburn, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions	After Bannockburn Bridge, turn right onto Felton Road, 3km on left
Phone	64 3 445 0885
Fax	64 3 445 0881
Mobile	
Email	wines@FeltonRoad.com
Website	

Description	Vineyard and winery, producers of fine wines from Central Otago
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	10.30am to 5pm daily
Months operating	Closed weekends May to October

Cost	
Per person.....	\$3
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	\$5
Group size.....	
Number of tastings included in price.....	Usually 3 - refundable with purchase

Other details	Group rate includes vineyard and winery tour - non refundable, bookings essential. Associated merchandise only, no food available.
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Mt Difficulty Wines

Contact	Matt Dicey
Postal Address	PO Box 69, Cromwell
Street address, directions	Felton Road, Bannockburn
Phone	64 3 445 3445
Fax	64 3 445 3446
Mobile	
Email	info@mtdifficulty.co.nz
Website	mtdifficulty.co.nz

Description	Wine producer
Specialised information	Mail order or local retailer
Hours of operation	10am to 5.30pm
Months operating	All year - please ring for winter hours

Cost	
Per person.....	Free
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	\$2
Group size.....	15
Number of tastings included in price.....	

Other details	Come and enjoy a stylish lunch, taste some of our award winning wines and relax overlooking Central Otago's best views at Mt Difficulty's magnificent new tasting facility. <i>Cuisine</i> magazine included us in the top 10 things to do in Queenstown. Don't miss it!
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Olssen's Garden Vineyard

Contact	Heather McPherson
Postal Address	306 Felton Road, Bannockburn
Street address, directions	As above
Phone	64 3 445 1716
Fax	64 3 445 0050
Mobile	
Email	wine@olssens.co.nz
Website	wine@olssens.co.nz

Description	Vineyard and wine tasting
Specialised information	Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy the grounds.
Hours of operation	10am to 5pm (<i>10am to 4pm winter</i>)
Months operating	All year

Cost	
Per person.....	\$4
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	\$5
Group size.....	By arrangement
Number of tastings included in price.....	5 (<i>depending on availability</i>)

Other details	
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The Lazy Dog Café - Wine Bar

Contact	Diana & Dean Harker
Postal Address	PO Box 11, Cromwell
Street address, directions	Cairnmuir Road, RD 2, Cromwell (<i>opposite Camping Ground</i>)
Phone	64 3 445 3211
Fax	64 3 445 3288
Mobile	0274 70 10 96
Email	
Website	

Description	Café & wine bar (<i>incorporating wine tasting and beer made on site</i>), sales
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	11am to late
Months operating	7 days

Cost	
Per person.....	
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	
Group size.....	
Number of tastings included in price.....	5 (<i>depending on availability</i>)

Other details	The restaurant is adjacent to the award winning Akarua Winery.
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Packspur Vineyard

Contact Anne & Laurie McAuley
 Postal Address 204 Heaney Road, Lowburn, RD 2, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Rapid 204, Heaney Road. Continuation of Burn Cottage Road/Lowburn Valley Loop Road off Wanaka Road.
 Phone 64 3 445 1638
 Fax 64 3 445 1639
 Mobile.....
 Email..... annelaurie@packspur.co.nz
 Website www.packspur.co.nz

Description Vineyard & winery. Wine made on property by Anne & Laurie McAuley
 Specialised information Visitors by prior arrangement. Mail orders welcome.
 Hours of operation By arrangement
 Months operating By arrangement

Cost
 Per person..... \$5 for 5 varieties
 Group rate (*per person*)
 Group size..... 10-12 maximum
 Number of tastings included in price..... 5 varieties (*deducted if wine purchased*)

Other details Tour of winery by arrangement

Quartz Reef

Contact Rudi Bauer
 Postal Address PO Box 63, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Building 10, Lake Dunstan Estate, Cromwell
 Phone 64 3 445 3084
 Fax 64 3 445 3086
 Mobile.....
 Email..... rudi@quartzreef.co.nz
 Website www.quartzreef.co.nz

Description *Chauvet* sparkling wine, pinot noir and pinot gris
 Specialised information
 Hours of operation 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday or by appointment
 Months operating

Cost
 Per person.....
 Group rate (*per person*)
 Group size.....
 Number of tastings included in price.....

Other details Sales - Cellar door and Mail order

Kawarau Estate

Contact Nicola Sharp
 Postal Address PO Box 43, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Rapid # 927, Wanaka Road, 10km north of Cromwell/Wanaka Road intersection
 Phone 64 3 445 1315
 Fax 64 3 445 1325
 Mobile..... 025 816 272
 Email..... wine@kawarauestate.co.nz
 Website www.kawarauestate.co.nz

Description Organic vineyard
 Specialised information No tours arranged
 Hours of operation No tasting/sales facility
 Months operating

Cost
 Per person.....
 Group rate (*per person*)
 Group size.....
 Number of tastings included in price.....

Other details

Mount Michael Wines & Estates

Contact Allan Scott Wines
 Postal Address McNab Road, RD 2, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . 500m from Cromwell town centre and famous fruit sculpture
 Phone 64 3 445 1351
 Fax 64 3 445 1359
 Mobile.....
 Email.....
 Website

Description Wine tasting & sales in cottage style outlet overlooking vineyard. Stunning mountain views, close to Cromwell. Pinot noir & chardonnay. Woodland garden wander. Interesting art to view.
 Specialised information
 Hours of operation 11am to 5pm
 Months operating October to April. Rest of year casual hours or phone for appointment. Tours welcome by appointment.

Cost
 Per person.....
 Group rate (*per person*)
 Group size.....
 Number of tastings included in price.....

Other details

Carrick Winery

Contact	Steve Green & Barbara Robertson Green
Postal Address	Bannockburn Road, RD 2, Cromwell
Street address, directions	Cairnmuir Road, Bannockburn. (2.5km from Bannockburn Bridge turnoff.)
Phone	64 3 445 3480
Fax	64 3 445 3481
Mobile	027 208 3194
Email	wines@carrick.co.nz
Website	www.carrick.co.nz
Description	Winery and restaurant.
Specialised information	Lunch on innovative regional cuisine and drink award winning wines overlooking the scenic Bannockburn Inlet and Carrick Mountain Range.
Hours of operation	11am-5pm daily
Months operating	By arrangement
Cost	
Per person	\$4 (<i>refundable with purchase</i>)
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	\$4
Group size	By arrangement only
Number of tastings included in price	Usually 4 (<i>depending on availability</i>)
Other details	

Aurum Wines

Contact	Joan & Tony Lawrence
Postal Address	140 State highway 6, RD 2, Cromwell
Street address, directions	As above (1.5km north of Cromwell.)
Phone	64 3 445 3620
Fax	64 3 445 3640
Mobile	
Email	lawrence@aurumwines.com
Website	www.aurumwines.com
Description	Wine sales and tasting
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	7 days 10.30am - 5.00pm in Summer
Months operating	Reduced hours in Winter
Cost	
Per person	
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	
Group size	
Number of tastings included in price	
Other details	

Akarua

Contact	Natalie Wilson
Postal Address	PO Box 120, Cromwell, Central Otago, NZ
Street address, directions	Cairnmuir Road, Bannockburn. (2.5km from Bannockburn Bridge turnoff.)
Phone	64 3 445 0897
Fax	64 3 445 0898
Mobile	
Email	natalie@akarua.com
Website	www.akarua.com
Description	Winery.
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	11am - 5pm, 7 days
Months operating	All year
Cost	
Per person	
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	
Group size	
Number of tastings included in price	
Other details	

The Big Picture

Contact	Phil & Cath Parker
Postal Address	PO Box 140, Cromwell
Street address, directions	Cnr Sandflat Road and State highway 6
Phone	64 3 445 4052 or 0800 wineadventure
Fax	64 3 445 4053
Mobile	021 331 453
Email	phil@wineadventure.co.nz
Website	www.wineadventure.co.nz
Description	Wine Adventure and Restaurant.
Specialised information	Wine flight and tasting, aroma room, restaurant, wine sales and vineyard.
Hours of operation	Summer 9am - 8pm, Winter 9am - 6pm
Months operating	All year
No. of trips per day	Hourly
Min. per trip per day	1
Max. per trip per day	45
Cost	
Per person	\$15.00 - tasting and film (\$5 viewer only)
Group rate (<i>per person</i>)	
Group size	
Number of tastings included in price	
Other details	Aroma Room - free of charge

Cromwell Golf Club

Contact Doug Harradine
 Postal Address PO Box 27, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Neplusultra Street, Cromwell
 Phone 64 3 445 0165
 Fax 64 3 445 0165
 Mobile 025 265 0218
 Email..... cromwell@golf.co.nz
 Website www.cromwell.nzgolf.net

Description Golf Club
 Specialised information The Cromwell Golf Course sits comfortably on land similar to that of the famous Melbourne sand belt. The combination of expansive rolling dunes of the front nine and the more traditional, tree-lined nature of the back, make for an endlessly interesting golfing experience.

Located in the heart of Central Otago's Lake District, where sunshine hours vastly outrank rainy days, the club is justifiably proud of the year-round dry underfoot and consistently excellent course conditions. At 5245m from the ladies tee, 5874 from the club tees, and 6214 from the championship tees, here is a course that will challenge golfers of all abilities.

Hours of operation Daylight hours
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Adult Green Fees
 18 holes \$25.00
 9 holes

Child Green Fees
 18 holes \$10.00
 9 holes

Club Hire \$15.00
 Child age 12 years
 Infant policy Accompanied by parents

Other details Weekly green fee \$85. Groups by arrangement

Tarras Golf Club

Contact John Templeton
 Postal Address Tarras, RD3, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . State highway 8, Tarras
 Phone 64 3 445 2519
 Fax 64 3 445 2518
 Mobile 025 228 4628
 Email..... john.templeton@xtra.co.nz
 Website

Description Country 9 hole Golf Club
 Specialised information
 Hours of operation Daytime
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Adult Green Fees
 18 holes \$7.00
 9 holes
 Child Green Fees
 18 holes
 9 holes
 Club Hire
 Child age
 Infant policy

Other details Tidy 9 hole country course, grazed by sheep, with fenced greens. Visitors welcome.

ACTIVITIES: HERITAGE SITES

Old Cromwell Town

Contact The Co-ordinator (Elisabeth Williamson)
 Postal Address PO Box 155, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Melmore Terrace, Cromwell
 Phone 64 3 445 1746
 Fax 64 3 445 1750
 Mobile
 Email..... oldcromwell@xtra.co.nz
 Website

Description Reconstruction of original buildings of Cromwell's main street, drowned by formation of Lake Dunstan behind Clyde Dam. Café, galleries and shops.
 Specialised information Guided tours - notice required.
 Hours of operation Precinct open at all times. Some buildings open to view 10am to 4pm daily.
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*).... No charge to visit precinct.
 Guided tours for groups of 10 or more \$25.00
 Other tours by arrangement.

Other details Wholesale tours available.

Goldfields Mining Centre

Contact Peter or Heather Egerton
 Postal Address PO Box 81, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Kawarau Gorge, 5 minutes from Cromwell, left hand side of Cromwell-Queenstown Road.
 Phone 64 3 0800 111 038
 Fax 64 3 445 1037
 Mobile 0274 332 245
 Email..... goldfields@xtra.co.nz
 Website www.goldfieldsmining.co.nz

Description Catering for those who wish to see first-hand how the miners lived & worked during the gold rush period.
 Specialised information Goldfields heritage, jet boating.
 Hours of operation 9am to 5pm
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Adult..... \$14
 Child \$6
 Child age Under 5 free.
 Infant policy \$34 Family.

Other details

Jackson Orchards

Contact	Jill Mansell or Kevin Jackson
Postal Address	State highway 6, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	On road to Wanaka, 2 minutes from Queenstown/Wanaka turn-off at Cromwell.
Phone	64 3 445 0596
Fax	64 3 445 3596
Mobile.....	027 220 2575
Email.....	jacksonh@ihug.co.nz
Website	www.jacksonorchard.co.nz
Description	Guided orchard tours including opportunity to pick your own fruit from December to April inclusive. Large fruit stall fully stocked with fresh produce, nuts, dried fruits, juices. Pristine rest rooms and attractive picnic area for visitors.
Specialised information	Tours take approx. 45 minutes & include tour of orchard & fruit picking Dec-April inclusive. May-November there is no fruit so visitors are given a basket of seasonal fruit instead.
Hours of operation	8am to dark
Months operating	12 months
No. of trips per day	By arrangement
Min. per trip per day.....	2
Max. per trip per day	No maximum
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	\$8.95 incl GST
Child	Free under 12yrs.
Child age	
Infant policy	
Other details	Bookings preferred 2 days in advance but can accept up to 1 hour in advance. Orchard guaranteed as showcase property - we endeavour to make the visit one to remember.

Jones' Family Orchard

Contact	Doug and Eletheria Jones
Postal Address	PO Box 19, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Rapid 489, SH 6, 5km from Cromwell on Cromwell - Queenstown highway.
Phone	64 3 445 0275 (<i>shop</i>) or 0800 502 755
Fax	64 3 445 0468
Mobile.....	025 226 2791
Email.....	jones.fam@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.mrsjonesorchard.co.nz
Description	Fruit and vegetable, nuts and honey sales. Orchard tours mainly coach tours.
Specialised information	Grower and packer of export cherries, apricots, nectarines, peaches, plums, pears and apples.
Hours of operation	Fruit shop summer 7.30am to 8.30pm; winter June - July 8am to 6.30pm. Daily.
Months operating	12 months
No. of trips per day	Varies, on demand
Min. per trip.....	8
Max. per trip	56
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	\$7.00 per person, includes some fruit (seasonal).
Child	
Child age	Children welcome
Infant policy	Under 3 years no charge
Other details	Tourist wagons carry 56 passengers. No special clothing required.

Freeway Orchard

Contact	Jill Checketts
Postal Address	C/- Jackson Orchards, SH6, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	State highway 8B, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1500
Fax	64 3 445 1508
Mobile.....	021 045 7685
Email.....	freewayorchard@ihug.co.nz
Website	
Description	Guided orchard tours including opportunity to pick your own fruit from December to April inclusive. Large fruit stall fully stocked with fresh produce, nuts, dried fruits, juices, honey and preserves. Clean rest rooms.
Specialised information	Tours take approx. 45 minutes & include tour of orchard and fruit picking Dec - April inclusive. May to November there is no fruit to pick so visitors are given a basket of seasonal fruit instead.
Hours of operation	7.30am to dark
Months operating	12 months
No. of trips per day	By arrangement
Min. per trip per day.....	2
Max. per trip per day	No maximum
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	\$4.00
Child	By arrangement
Child age	Flexible, all ages welcome, prices negotiated at time of booking.
Infant policy	As above
Other details	Bookings preferred 2 days in advance but can accept up to 1 hour in advance. Orchard guaranteed as showcase property - endeavour to make the visit one to remember.

ACTIVITIES: GUIDED FISHING TOURS

Trout Fishing Services

Contact	Dick Marquand
Postal Address	P0 Box 32, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Pick up as required, courtesy vehicle
Phone	64 3 445 1745
Fax	64 3 445 1745
Mobile	+64 27 434 4258
Email.....	dick@troutfishingservices.co.nz
Website	www.troutfishingservices.co.nz
Description	Guided trout fishing trips, two hours to 10-day safaris, fly fishing, heli-fishing, spin fishing, boat fishing, lakes, rivers & streams.
Specialised information	Equipment supplied caters for all beginners to experienced. Two boats, two guides, agent enquiries welcome. Member of NZ Professional Fishing Guides Association.
Hours of operation	As required
Months operating	As required
No. of trips per day	As required
Min. per trip per day.....	
Max. per trip per day	Boat, 3 per party. Fly fishing, 2 per party
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Adult.....	Charge on per trip basis
Child	
Child age	Under 12 accompanied by adult
Infant policy	Accompanied by parent or guardian
Other details	We operate throughout Central Otago, Maniototo, MacKenzie Country, South Westland, Fiordland, Southern Lakes, Northern Southland. Trips tailor-made to suit client's particular requirements.

Wild Trout New Zealand Ltd

Contact	Ken McGraw
Postal Address	17 Pisa Moorings Road, Wakefield Bay RD 3, Cromwell 9191
Street address, directions .	17 Pisa Moorings Road, Wakefield Bay, Cromwell-Wanaka Highway
Phone	64 3 445 0516
Fax	64 3 445 0516
Mobile	025 341 517
Email.....	wild.trout@xtra.co.nz
Website	
Description	Professional guided trout fishing services.
Specialised information	Lakes and rivers of Central Otago and other locations.
Hours of operation	Normal 7.30am-6.30pm. Other by negotiation.
Months operating	12 months
No. of trips per day	
Min. per trip per day.....	1
Max. per trip per day	3 persons per guide for boat fishing; 2 persons per guide for fly fishing
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Adult.....	\$350 per half day, \$650 per day
Child	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Other details	Member NZ Professional Guides Association. Clients require trout licence. Light lunches and refreshments provided for full day trips, refreshments for shorter trips. Free courtesy vehicle from accommodation.

ACTIVITIES: ECO TOURS & HORSE TREKKING

EcoExperience - Lake Dunstan

Contact	Dick Marquand
Postal Address	P0 Box 32, Cromwell 9191
Street address, directions .	Courtesy vehicle available in Cromwell area
Phone	64 3 445 1745
Fax	64 3 445 1745
Mobile	+64 27 434 4258
Email.....	dick@troutfishingservices.co.nz
Website	www.troutfishingservices.co.nz
Description	Relaxed boat tour of the Bendigo wetland area. A three hour personalised boat tour giving you a close-up view of the fish, bird life and waterfowl in their natural environment.
Specialised information	Light refreshments provided. Binoculars supplied on-board. Polarised glasses available for viewing fish. Life jackets supplied. Great photographic opportunities.
Hours of operation	Daylight hours. Weather permitting.
Months operating	All year round. Weather permitting.
No. of trips per day	As required. (Note each trip takes approx. 3 hours.)
Min. per trip per day.....	Minimum 2 with a max of 4 people per boat.
Max. per trip per day	
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Adult.....	Minimum charge \$165 (one or two people). 3 people \$235. 4 people \$295.
Child	
Child age	
Infant policy	Not suitable for small children
Other details	During winter months warm clothing is essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Prices valid for season October 1st 2004 to September 30th 2005.

Southern Lakes Pack Horse Trekking

Contact	Nic Kagan
Postal Address	RD 2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	92 Swann Road, Lowburn, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1444
Fax	64 3 445 1444
Mobile	
Email.....	nic.kagan@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.nzsouth.co.nz/kagan
Description	Pack horse treks in Lindis, Ohau, Old Woman, and Pisa Ranges
Specialised information	Ride alpine valleys, bush, high country tussock lands in small groups. Sleep in musterer's huts or tents, back country cooking. Some fishing & hunting opportunities.
Hours of operation	
Months operating	October to May
No. of trips per day	2 to 7 day treks available
Min. per trip per day.....	2
Max. per trip per day	6
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Adult.....	On request.
Child	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Other details	Overnight trips quoted.

Southern Lakes Spectrum

Contact	Irene Schrieber
Postal Address	P0 Box 1, Tarras
Street address, directions .	66 Thomson Gorge Road, RD3, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1320
Fax	64 3 445 1323
Mobile	027 497 2633
Email.....	info@spectrum.co.nz
Website	www.spectrum.co.nz
Description	Local tours to immerse you in the real Central Otago. From historic gold mining areas to modern vineyards producing award winning wines. From hidden valleys to spectacular lake and mountain scenery.
Specialised information	Wine adventures, specialist wine tours and home-hosted dinners to meet New Zealanders in their own homes. Wine Tastings at your venue with our wine expert.
Hours of operation	8.30am - 5.30pm daily
Months operating	All year
No. of trips per day	2
Min. per trip per day.....	2
Max. per trip per day	11
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	From \$90.00 to \$200.00
Child	2/3 adult price
Child age	Under 12
Infant policy	Under 5 free if accompanied by paying adult.
Other details	Private tours and charters available in our comfortable 11-seater minibuses.

Nevis Snowmobile Adventure

Contact	Robert & Sandy Brown
Postal Address	P0 Box 12, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Nevis Valley
Phone	64 3 445 0843
Fax	64 3 445 1621
Mobile	
Email.....	info@snowmobilenz.com
Website	www.snowmobilenz.com
Description	Nevis Snowmobile Adventure is a unique helicopter - snowmobile self-drive guided wilderness adventure.
Specialised information	12 minute inward flights from Queenstown; other departure points can be arranged. Special clothing provided.
Hours of operation	Departures 8am, 10am, 12 noon and 2pm.
Months operating	July, August, September
No. of trips per day	4
Min. per trip per day.....	4
Max. per trip per day	6
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	\$460
Child	\$360 (<i>conditional</i>)
Child age	12 years & under accompanied by adult, riding with an adult
Infant policy	
Other details	Reservations 64 3 442 4250

Cromwell Cruizez

Contact	Boyd & Jan Humphries
Postal Address	328 Cairnmuir Road, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Tours leave from Old Cromwell Town jetty.
Phone	64 3 445 3002
Fax	64 3 445 3002
Mobile	027 281 0052
Email.....	info@cromwellcruizez.com
Website	www.cromwellcruizez.com
Description	A fun and informative way to cruise Lake Dunstan. 'Oasis' is a modern purpose-built craft. Learn about the geology and history. Party groups for kicking back and relaxing and/or fishing excursions. Local wines and juices available on board. Wine trail link.
Specialised information	Coat, hat and gloves recommended in cold weather. Onboard toilet, but please use facilities on land prior to boarding.
Hours of operation	Standard cruises depart 10am and 2pm, 45mins duration.
Months operating	All year, except Winter by arrangement.
Max. no. of trips per day ..	4
Min. per trip per day.....	4
Max. per trip per day	20 for sightseeing, 12 for package cruises.
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	From \$45
Child	1/2 adult price
Child age	12 or under
Infant policy	Under 5 free if accompanied by paying adult.
Other details	Private tours, fishing and corporate charters available. Please enquire. We're flexible and can tailor make a cruise to suit.

Cromwell Swim Centre

Contact	Trevor Young
Postal Address	P0 Box 2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Barry Avenue, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 0919
Fax	64 3 445 1649
Mobile	
Email.....	
Website	
Description	Heated swimming pool complex. Main pool has six 25m lanes from 1.08-1.80m deep. Second pool is 15m x 5m with a depth of 800mm. Both are heated to 29°. Large viewing gallery, well appointed changing rooms (hot showers, private cubicles, lockers). Shade trees, paddling pool, playground and BBQ area alongside building.
Specialised information	Organised activities generally... Mornings: length swimming and adult & pre-school activities. Afternoons: public swimming.
Hours of operation	Open Monday to Friday 5am-9.45am, then 3pm-5.45pm, but closes at 4.45pm Tues & Thurs. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays from 12noon to 4.45pm. Extended Summer hours: as above but open until 6.45pm (mid Dec to end of Jan). Closed Christmas Day. Additional evening sessions (aqua-aerobics, canoeing, swimming club, water babies, adult swimming and learn-to-swim).
Months operating	August to April
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	\$3.00 single swim
Child	\$1.50 single swim
Spectator.....	\$1.00
Pre-schoolers.....	Free
Adult Concession.....	\$39.00 (15 swims)
Child Concession	\$19.50 (15 swims)
Locker Hire.....	\$1.50 (\$1.00 refundable)
Towel Hire.....	\$8.00 (\$5.00 refundable)
Togs Hire	\$8.00 (\$5.00 refundable)
Private Hire	\$70.00 per hour
School Hire	\$45.00 per hour
Infant policy	
Other details	Opens first Saturday in August, closes last Sunday in April.

Cromwell College Aquatic Centre

Contact	Cromwell College
Postal Address	Barry Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	
Phone	64 3 445 1121
Fax	64 3 445 1122
Mobile	Freephone 0809 500 825
Email.....	glenys.wing@cromwell.school.nz
Website	
Description	Offers sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and instruction for groups.
Specialised information....	Caters mostly for school groups hiring the centre and developing their skills in the three codes offered.
Hours of operation	School terms.
Months operating.....	As above.
No. of trips per day	
Min. per trip per day.....	
Max. per trip per day	
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Adult.....	As per set charges on application to Cromwell College.
Child	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Other details	Bookings through Cromwell College. Please phone Glenys Wing for any further clarification. 445 0975 (evenings)

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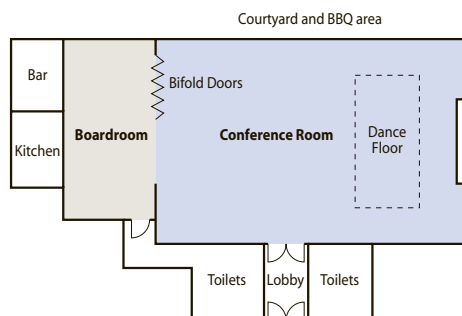
Our self contained Conference Centre provides:

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- Foyer area
- Air conditioning
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- Excellent natural lighting
- Recessed lights with dimmers
- Kitchen facilities
- Courtyard and BBQ area
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Equipment and services...

- Overhead projector
- Carousel projector
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- Photocopier
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Phone: +64 3 445 1777

Fax: +64 3 445 1776

Email: goldengate@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.goldengate.co.nz

The Conference Centre CROMWELL

Capacity...

	<i>Theatre style</i>	<i>Classroom</i>	<i>Dining</i>	<i>Cocktails</i>
Boardroom	40	20	35	40
Conference Room	150	90	150	180
Both rooms	250	120	180	220

Exhibition facilities are available in both rooms.

Golden Gate Lodge

Contact	Glen Christiansen
Postal address.....	PO Box 114, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Barry Avenue, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1777
Fax	64 3 445 1776
Freephone	0800 104 451
Email.....	goldengate@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.goldengate.co.nz

Description	Accommodation, cafe, bar, restaurant.
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★+ HOTEL.
Services available	Sky TV, restaurant, spa, complimentary tea & coffee, disabled facilities, pets by arrangement, telephone in room, sauna.
Specialised information	Overlooking Lake Dunstan, adjacent to town centre & 18-hole championship golf course.
Hours of operation	24 hours, 7 days.
Months operating	12

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	\$110.00 to \$150.00 per room
Twin/double	\$110.00 to \$150.00 per room
Extra person	\$15.00
Child	n/c
Other rates.....	
Child age	12 years & under.
Infant policy	FOC if sharing with adult.
Breakfast...	
Continental.....	\$11.50
Cooked.....	\$16.50

Other details	Cafe/bar, off-street parking, laundry facilities, bike hire, golf club & golf cart hire, TAB, pool table, gaming machines, juke box. Live entertainment Friday & Saturday nights. VISA, Bankcard, MasterCard, Amex, Diners. Cots available.
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Category 1	Double Beds
Number of units	23
Facilities.....	Shower over bath, TV/Sky, tea & coffee making facilities, electric blankets, telephone.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	1

Category 2	Twin
Number of units	
Facilities.....	As above.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	1

Category 3	Suite - King Size beds
Number of units	4
Facilities.....	As above + spa bath.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	1

Category 4	Double/Twin
Number of units	17
Facilities.....	As above.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	1

Victoria Historic Hotel

Contact	Paddy and Imogene Sugrue
Postal address.....	PO Box 102, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Melmore Terrace, Old Cromwell Town, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 0607
Fax	64 3 445 1923
Mobile	64 027 210 1447
Email.....	thevic@xtra.co.nz
Website	

Description	Family restaurant, bars, bottlestore, budget accommodation, gaming machines
Affiliation	
Services available	Function Room: suitable for meetings/birthdays
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	Bars 11am to 2pm. Restaurant 5.30pm to 9pm or 10pm
Months operating	All year

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	\$35.00
Twin/double	\$50.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Available
Cooked.....	

Other details	Meals: Children from \$7.00; adults from \$15.00
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Category 1	Budget serviced
Number of units	7
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Bannockburn Hotel

Contact	Glyn and Jeanette Whittaker
Postal address.....	Bannockburn Road, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0615
Fax	64 3 445 0695
Mobile	027 471 7177
Email.....	we3@ihug.co.nz
Website	

Description	Restaurant and bar.
Affiliation	
Services available	Sky TV. Meals. Catered functions.
Specialised information	Central to Bannockburn wineries and camping grounds.
Hours of operation	11am to late, 7 days. (24 hour licence)
Months operating	12

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	

Other details	Beer garden to suit group functions, off-street parking.
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Category 1	
Number of units	
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	

Anderson Park Motel

Contact	Don & Gill MacKenzie
Postal address.....	9 Gair Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0321
Fax	64 3 445 1523
Mobile.....	
Email.....	andersonpark@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.nzmotel.co.nz/andersonpark

Description	Motel
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Sky TV, playground, spa
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	24 hours
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$70.00 - \$100.00 (1-2 persons)
Extra person	\$15.00
Child	
Other rates.....	
Family units	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	\$7.00
Cooked.....	\$12.00

Other details	Cots available. Laundry, off-street parking
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Category 1	1 Bedroom
Number of units	8
Facilities.....	Cooking facilities, Sky TV
Max. no. in units.....	4-5
Rollaways.....	No

Category 2	3 Bedroom
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Family unit - Cooking facilities, Sky TV
Max. no. in units.....	6-7
Rollaways.....	No

Category 3	Studio
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Queen size bed. Cooking facilities, Sky TV
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Colonial Manor

Contact	Chris & Steve Brown
Postal address.....	Cnr Barry & Mead Avenues, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0184
Fax	64 3 445 1017
Mobile.....	
Email.....	colonialmanor@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.colonialmanor.co.nz

Description	Quality Assured motel-type accommodation.
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★★★★ MOTEL.
Services available.....	AA Host, MANZ, Golden Chain Gold Sky TV, disabled facilities, spa baths, complimentary tea & coffee, telephone in room, BBQ available, video library.
Specialised information	Adjacent heated swim centre. Close to golf course, sports club, bowls, tennis, town, conference centre, restaurants.
Hours of operation	Office open 7.30am to 9.30pm
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$93.00 - \$150.00 (2 pax)
Extra person	\$17
Child	\$17
Other rates.....	
Family units	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	\$9.00
Cooked.....	N/A

Other details	Double glazed, heating, cots available, landscaped gardens,. All units with TV, video, phones, electric blankets, hairdryers, ironing facilities, work stations.
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Category 1	Twin
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	1 on ground floor, 1 upstairs; 2 with shower; 1 with fully equipped kitchen, 1 tea, toast.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	Yes

Category 2	Double
Number of units	8
Facilities.....	Ground floor, 5 ensuite bath + shower over, 1 ensuite walk in shower, fully equipped kitchens
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	Yes

Category 3	Family
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Studio, queen bed + twin, ensuite bath + shower over
Max. no. in units.....	5
Rollaways.....	Yes

Category 4	Spa Bath Executive
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Spa bath, upstairs with balcony
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Cromwell Motel

Contact	Leah and Bruce Thomson
Postal address.....	6-14 Gair Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	0508 445 0373
Fax	64 3 445 1140
Mobile.....	
Email.....	cromwellmotel@xtra.co.nz
Website	
Description	Motel accommodation & backpackers
Affiliation	MANZ
Services available.....	Complimentary tea & coffee. Playground, phone/fax available, guest laundry. Pets by arrangement.
Specialised information	
Hours of operation	24 hours
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$60.00 - \$120.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Family units	
Child age	15 and under
Infant policy	Under 5's free
Breakfast	
Continental.....	\$7
Cooked.....	
Other details	Cots, high chairs and baby bath available, laundry facilities, off-street parking, close to sporting facilities, TV in lounge

Lake Dunstan Motel

Contact	Clare and John Swap
Postal address.....	3 Mead Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Take the first left off Barry Avenue, opposite The Mall.
Phone	64 3 445 1696
Fax	64 3 445 1877
Mobile.....	
Email.....	info@lakedunstanmotel.co.nz
Website	www.lakedunstanmotel.co.nz
Description	Motel accommodation
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★★★★ MOTEL.
Services available.....	Sky TV, disabled facilities, playground, complimentary tea & coffee, telephone in room, golf club hire.
Specialised information	Situated on Cromwell 18 hole golf course. Cots available.
Hours of operation	Office open 7.30am - 9.00pm
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$93.00 - \$105.00
Extra person	\$15.00
Child	
Other rates.....	
Family units	
Child age	
Infant policy	FOC
Breakfast	
Continental.....	\$8.00
Cooked.....	N/A
Other details	Free laundry, off-street parking, close to shopping & sporting facilities, free passes to local indoor heated swim centre, barbeque area.
Category 1	Studio
Number of units	15
Facilities.....	Full facilities
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	1-2

Twin Rivers Motel

Contact	Graham Murdoch & Andrina Melvin
Postal address.....	P O Box 122, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	67/69 Inniscort Street, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 0035
Fax	64 3 445 1343
Mobile.....	
Email.....	twinrivers.motel@actrix.co.nz
Website	
Description	Motel
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★ MOTEL, MANZ, Golden Chain
Services available.....	Spa, complimentary tea & coffee, telephone in room, gas BBQ, email facilities, microwave, hair dryer, children's playground, guest laundry with dryer.
Specialised information	Close to hotel, Town & Country Club, bowls, golf course, 300m to Lake Dunstan. Cots and high chair & portacot available.
Hours of operation	24 hours
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$85.00 - \$115.00
Extra person	\$15.00
Child	
Other rates.....	Family rates on application
Family units	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	\$8.00
Cooked.....	\$14.00
Other details	
Category 1	Studio
Number of units	6
Facilities.....	All self-contained, telephone, microwave, TV, hair dryer
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	1
Category 2	Single Bedroom
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Full cooking, Sky TV, telephone, microwave, hair dryer
Max. no. in units.....	5
Rollaways.....	1

Albury House

Contact	Ken & Judy McGraw
Postal address.....	17 Pisa Moorings Road, Wakefield Bay, RD3, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0516
Fax	64 3 445 0516
Mobile.....	025 341 517
Email.....	wild.trout@xtra.co.nz
Website	
Description	Luxury homestay accommodation. Meals by arrangement. Breakfast included in tariff
Affiliation	
Services available.....	
Specialised information	On shores of Lake Dunstan. In-house NZ Registered Professional fishing guide. Situated in the centre of wine trails and ski fields.
Hours of operation	Negotiable
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	\$160 per room
Single.....	n/a
Twin/double	n/a
Extra person	n/a
Child	n/a
Other rates.....	n/a
Child age	n/a
Infant policy	n/a
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Included in tariff
Cooked.....	Included in tariff
Other details	
Category 1	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Full private bathroom with bath, separate shower, TV, electric blankets
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	Negotiable
Category 2	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Full private bathroom with shower, electric blankets, TV
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	Negotiable
Category 3	Double
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Full private bathroom with shower, electric blankets, TV
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	NA

Aurum Homestay

Contact	Janet & Maurice Middleditch
Postal address.....	Short Street, Bannockburn, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Corner Short and Lawrence Streets, Bannockburn
Phone	64 3 445 2024
Fax	64 3 445 2027
Mobile.....	025 693 8248
Email.....	aurumgallery@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.nzsouth.co.nz/aurumhomestay
Description	Homestay
Affiliation	
Services available.....	
Specialised information....	Self contained annex.
Hours of operation	As required
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	\$85.00 - \$95.00
Double	\$95.00 - \$120.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Included in tariff
Cooked.....	
Other details	Smokefree, TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee and laundry facilities available, Visa, Mastercard
Category 1	Queen size room
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	1 private bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	
Category 2	Double room
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Guest share bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	
Category 3	Sitting room
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	

Cottage Gardens

Contact	Jill & Colin McColl
Postal address.....	3 Alpha Street, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Corner Alpha Street & SH 8B, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 0628
Fax	64 3 445 0628
Mobile	
Email.....	cottage.gardens@ihug.co.nz
Website	http://www.fiordland.gen.nz/jill.htm

Description	Homestay and bed and breakfast
Affiliation	NZ Bed & Breakfast Book (area co-ordinator)
Services available.....	Sky TV, complimentary tea and coffee, pets by arrangement, telephone in room, laundry facilities, off-street parking
Specialised information	Golf course, fishing & sporting facilities within 10 minutes drive. Ski fields one hour. Fruit harvest mid January to February. Overlooking Lake Dunstan.
Hours of operation	24 hours
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	\$40.00 family share. \$60.00 ensuite
Twin/double	\$90.00
Extra person	
Child	NA
Other rates.....	
Child age	NA
Infant policy	NA
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Include in tariff
Cooked.....	

Other details	Private verandah & entrance
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Category 1	Twin
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Ensuite
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	

Category 2	Single
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Family share
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	

The Dunes Homestay on the 9th

Contact	Helen & Neville Hucklebridge
Postal address.....	PO Box 219, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	13 The Dunes, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 3184
Fax	64 3 445 3184
Mobile	027 222 4284
Email.....	nh_hucklebridge@hotmail.com
Website	Refer www.cromwell.org.nz for activities

Description	Homestay at the golf course.
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Private ensuites, in-room tea & toast making facilities & fridge, phone/fax/email, 20" TV, Sky (most channels), Teletext, video player, selection of videos, electric blankets, hair dryer. Laundry. Golf clubs, trundlers & buggies by arrangement.
Specialised information	Brand new home. The Cromwell Championship Golf Course is our front lawn starting at the 9th tee. Our home is designed and sited to capture the views of the golf course and mountains.
Hours of operation	Bookings welcome 7am - 10pm daily.
Months operating	All year

Pricing (gross retail rack)	(10% Corporate & AA Member Discounts available)
Single.....	\$110.00 - \$125.00 (includes Cont. breakfast)
Twin/double	\$120.00 - \$135.00 (2 persons) (incl Cont. brkfst)
Extra person	\$60.00 (includes Continental breakfast)
Child	Negotiable
Other rates.....	Extended stays/off-peak negotiable
Child age	Negotiable
Infant policy	BYO cot and bedding
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Available in dining room or delivered to room (for self preparation)
Cooked.....	N/A

Other details	
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Category 1	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Private. Ensuite with shower.
Max. no. in units.....	2 + cot
Rollaways.....	No

Category 2	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Private. Ensuite w/shower. Private sitting area.
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	No (but has sofa bed)

Dunstan View Cottage

Contact	Wendy & John Martin
Postal address.....	11 Bell Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0598
Fax	64 3 445 0598
Mobile.....	021 1609 245
Email.....	martin_jw@xtra.co.nz
Website	
Description	Self contained cottage sleeps 6
Affiliation	
Services available.....	
Specialised information	1 km from Cromwell, 500m from lakeshores, handy to golf course, wineries, orchards, juice factory, restaurant and walks
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$95.00 - \$120.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	
Category 1	Cottage
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Self contained. Log burner. Bring own linen.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways	

Bannockburn Road Holiday Accommodation

Contact	Shirley & Maurice Turner
Postal address.....	35 Jocelyn Road, Bannockburn RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	478 Bannockburn Road, Bannockburn
Phone	64 3 445 0942
Fax	64 3 445 0940
Mobile.....	027 228 2117
Email.....	stay@bannockburnroad.co.nz
Website	www.bannockburnroad.co.nz
Description	Tastefully renovated villa sleeping maximum of 6 guests.
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Fully self-contained with coal range, gas hob, microwave, washing machine & dryer, electric blankets, hair dryer. Sheltered private deck, BBQ, quiet location.
Specialised information	Non smoking
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$170.00 double
Extra person	\$50.00 each extra adult. Single party bookings only.
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	Hamper supplied to cook own breakfast if required.
Category 1	Villa with 2 Queen rooms, 2 King Singles
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	6

Lake Dunstan Lodge

Contact	Judy & Bill Thornbury
Postal address.....	Northburn, RD 3, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	State highway 8, beside Lake Dunstan, 5km north of Cromwell Bridge
Phone	64 3 445 1107
Fax	64 3 445 3062
Mobile.....	0274 311 415
Email.....	william.t@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.lakedunstanlodge.co.nz
Description	
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Sky TV, spa, complimentary tea, coffee, fruit juice, fresh fruit & home made biscuits
Specialised information	Located on edge of Lake Dunstan, 6km from Cromwell
Hours of operation	
Months operating	
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	\$70.00
Twin/double	\$90.00 to \$140.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	3 course dinner \$25 per person
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Included in tariff
Cooked.....	Included in tariff
Other details	Free use of laundry facilities, enclosed spa pool available free for guests
Category 1	Queen
Number of units	2
Facilities.....	Ensuites
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	
Category 2	Twin
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Ensuites
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways	

The Loft

Contact Alex & Karen Huffadine
 Postal address..... 293 Ripponvale Road, RD2, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . As above
 Phone 64 3 445 1809
 Fax
 Mobile..... 025 781 513
 Email..... a.huff@xtra.co.nz
 Website www.centralotagofarmstay.co.nz

Description A large self-contained, private unit with Queen size bed, ensuite, private deck and gardens. TV, fridge, microwave, stereo.

Affiliation
 Services available..... Mountain bikes, waterskiing, orchard tour available by arrangement.
 Months operating All year

Pricing (gross retail rack)
 Single.....
 Twin/double \$160.00 per night (singles or couples only)
 \$150.00 per night for 3 nights or more

Child
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast
 Continental..... Included in tariff
 Cooked.....

Category 1 Queen
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 2

McKellar Court

Contact Carol & Norman Sinclair
 Postal address..... 9 McKellar Court, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . As above
 Phone 64 3 445 0206
 Fax 64 3 445 0226
 Mobile..... 027 474 5956
 Email..... norm.carol@xtra.co.nz
 Website

Description Bed & Breakfast overlooking the Kawarau Arm of Lake Dunstan with both mountain and lake views. Within walking distance of shops, hotels, eateries, Old Cromwell Town Historic Precinct. Handy to golf course and other sporting facilities. Within five minute drive of wineries and one hour of skifields.

Affiliation
 Services available..... Complimentary tea & coffee, laundry facilities, electric blankets, centrally heated, TV in rooms.
 Months operating All year

Pricing (gross retail rack)
 Single.....
 Twin/double \$120.00 per room
 Child
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast
 Continental..... Included in tariff
 Cooked..... Extra by arrangement

Category 1 Queen
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 2

Category 2 King or Twin (2 singles)
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 2

Quartz Reef

Contact June Boulton
 Postal address..... RD 3, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . Rapid # 349, State highway 8, Northburn, Cromwell
 Phone 64 3 445 0404
 Fax 64 3 445 0404
 Mobile.....
 Email..... june-boulton@xtra.co.nz
 Website

Description Bed & Breakfast homestay
 Affiliation
 Services available..... Complimentary tea & coffee, TV, microwave, fridge
 Specialised information.... Pottery on site. Lakeside accommodation with views of mountains and lake.

Hours of operation 24 hours
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)
 Single.....
 Twin/double \$100.00 - \$120.00
 Extra person
 Child
 Other rates.....
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast
 Continental..... Included in tariff
 Cooked.....

Other details Private top-quality accommodation

Category 1 Queen size
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Queen size double bed, TV, fridge, microwave, ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 3
 Rollaways..... No

Category 2 Twin (+ single in sitting room)
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Private bathroom and sitting room
 Max. no. in units..... 3
 Rollaways..... No

Queensberry Inn

Contact Bev Belsham
 Postal address..... Queensberry Inn, Wanaka Road, RD3, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . State Highway 6, 15 minutes north of Cromwell
 Phone 64 3 445 0599
 Fax
 Mobile..... 025 640 4093
 Email..... belsham@xtra.co.nz
 Website www.queensberryinn.co.nz

Description Bed & breakfast - separate farm house
 Affiliation
 Services available.....
 Specialised information Restored stone stable & cottage circa 1870
 with Heritage Covenant
 Hours of operation As required
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Single.....
 Double The Stables: \$135.00 breakfast included
 The Cottage: \$155.00 breakfast included
 Extra person
 Child
 Other rates.....
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast Full breakfast

Other details Dinner \$45.00 p/p by prior arrangement
 Tea/coffee facilities in room

Category 1 The Stables
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Double room with ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways.....

Category 2 The Cottage
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Queen room with ensuite
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways.....

River Rock Estate

Contact Graeme & Jan-Marie McDowell
 Postal address..... 1 Shortcut Road, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . As above
 Phone 64 3 445 0725
 Fax 64 3 445 0726
 Mobile..... 021 270 5518 or 029 270 5518
 Email..... info@riverrockestate.com
 Website www.riverrockestate.com

Description Bed & Breakfast
 Affiliation
 Services available.....
 Specialised information Cottage style accommodation set amongst the vines.
 Hours of operation
 Months operating 12 months

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Single.....
 Double \$145.00
 Extra person
 Child
 Other rates..... Corporate \$95.00 (2 rooms \$145)
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast
 Continental..... Available on request in room (included in tariff)
 Cooked..... Available at 'The Pub', 71 The Mall

Other details Guests dining at 'The Pub' receive 15% discount

Category 1 Luxury ensuite rooms
 Number of units 2
 Facilities..... King size beds. Heat pump/air-conditioning. Tea/coffee making facilities, fridge, microwave, TV/DVD/Sky, hair dryer, iron, internet connection. Golf clubs, gas BBQ on request.
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways..... no

Category 2 Luxury cottage
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Master bedroom with King size bed, second bedroom with Queen size bed. Heat pump/air conditioning, open fire (gas). Double shower, washing machine/dryer, iron, hair dryer. TV/DVD/Sky, dishwasher, range, microwave, fridge-freezer. Fully self-contained.
 Max. no. in units..... 4
 Rollaways..... no

Serendipity Vineyard Homestay & Familystay

Contact	Jo Lewis
Postal address.....	Rapid 229, Ripponvale Road, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 1864
Fax	64 3 445 1864
Mobile.....	027 454 7351
Email.....	serendipityvineyard@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.serendipityvineyard.co.nz

Description	Homestay plus Family Accommodation in an amazing setting overlooking Cromwell. Located in the epicentre of Cromwell's fruitgrowing region.
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Affiliation	
Services available	
Specialised information	Bikes available for hire.
Hours of operation	
Months operating	All year

Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$130.00 per night in Homestay (includes breakfast)
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	Budget Family Accommodation: Please enquire.
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	

Other details

Category 1	Homestay
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Modern self-contained bedsit unit, Double bed, luxurious bathroom, private courtyard with BBQ, laundry facilities on request.
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	

Category 2	Family Accommodation
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Full cooking, 2 toilets, 2 showers, laundry facilities, phone (phonecard access), own private garden with sheltered BBQ area.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways	

Stuart's Homestay

Contact	Elaine & Ian Stuart
Postal address.....	5 Mansor Court, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 3636
Fax	64 3 445 3617
Mobile.....	027 252 9823
Email.....	ian.elaine@xtra.co.nz
Website	

Description	Homestay bed & breakfast.
Affiliation	
Services available.....	
Specialised information....	
Hours of operation	
Months operating	

Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$80.00 - \$140.00
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	Not suitable for children under 10 years
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Yes
Cooked.....	Yes

Other details

Category 1	
Number of units	3 bedrooms
Facilities.....	1 Ensuite bedroom with Queen size bed, 1 Double bedroom with Queen size bed, 1 Twin bedroom with two single beds.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	

Villa Amo on Lake Dunstan

Contact	Pam & Ken Scott
Postal address.....	9 Shine Lane, Pisa Moorings, RD3, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0788
Fax	64 3 445 0711
Mobile.....	025 286 8316
Email.....	VillaAmo@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.villaamo.co.nz

Description	Homestay bed & breakfast
Affiliation	@home New Zealand, Qualmark Rated ★★★★★ GUEST - HOSTED.
Services available	Breakfast at a time convenient to you. Complimentary tea & coffee, fridge, hair dryer, bath robes. 20in TV with teletext, internet, fax. Outdoor spa pool.
Specialised information	Situated on shores of Lake Dunstan. Quiet and comfortable spacious rooms. Excellent fishing summer and winter. Rugged mountain scenery. Historic goldfields walks. Orchard and vineyard tours. Excellent golf course. Five ski fields within approx. one hour. Villa Amo is a smoke free zone. We take single party booking only.
Hours of operation	As required
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	\$130.00
Twin/double	\$145.00
Extra person	
Child	NA
Other rates.....	
Child age	Not suitable
Infant policy	NA
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Included in tariff
Cooked.....	Included in tariff

Other details	We can arrange a top professional fishing guide. Villa Amo is seven minutes drive north of Cromwell beside the lake.
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Category 1	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Guest share bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Category 2	Double
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Guest share bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Villa Rosa

Contact	Winsome Blair
Postal address.....	14 Donegal Street, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	14 Donegal Street, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1096
Fax	
Mobile.....	
Email.....	wdkb@slingshot.co.nz
Website	www.villarosa.co.nz

Description	Bed and breakfast.
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Accommodation
Specialised information....	
Hours of operation	
Months operating	

Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$95.00 first night, \$85.00 second, \$75.00 third,
Extra person	\$65.00 fourth, \$55.00 fifth night.
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	

Other details	
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Category 1	Queen Room
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Ensuite
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways	

Category 2	Double Room
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Shared bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	

Walnut Grove

Contact	Adrian & Olivia Somerville
Postal address.....	SH6, Lowburn, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above. Driveway alongside Jackson Orchards shed, bear left after 250 m.
Phone	64 3 445 1112
Fax	64 3 445 1115
Mobile.....	0274 774 695
Email.....	walnut.grove@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.walnutgrove.co.nz
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Description	Country homestay five minutes from Cromwell (shopping, restaurants).
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★☆☆+ GUEST - HOSTED. NZ Association Farm & Home Hosts
Services available.....	Complimentary tea & coffee, telephone in room, TV, heating, electric blankets, hair dryer
Specialised information	Adjoining working orchards, five minutes drive from Lake Dunstan. Orchard and mountain views. House set in four acres with large garden and walnut trees. Two cats, two dogs.
Hours of operation	As required
Months operating	12 months
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Pricing (<i>gross retail rack</i>)	
Single.....	\$125.00 from 1 Oct 04 to 30 Sept 05
Twin/double	\$140.00 from 1 Oct 04 to 30 Sept 05.
Extra person	
Child	
Other rates.....	
Child age	
Infant policy	No charge
Breakfast	
Continental.....	Included in tariff
Cooked.....	Included in tariff
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Other details	Laundry facilities, assistance given with sightseeing etc.
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Category 1	Queen
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Queen bed, ensuite with shower. Electric blankets, TV, hairdryer, telephone, heating
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No
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Category 2	Twin King
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	King size bed (can be two singles), facilities as above.
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Hiburn

Contact	Jack & Claire Davis
Postal address.....	Hiburn, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Swann Road, Lowburn, Cromwell
Phone	64 3 445 1291
Fax	64 3 445 1291
Mobile.....	
Email.....	hiburn@xtra.co.nz
Website	
Description	Sheep farm, merino sheep & red deer
Affiliation	@home New Zealand
Services available.....	Farm tour and activities. Barbecue lunch and farm show for groups \$25 per pax.
Specialised information	Excellent working sheep dogs, central location
Hours of operation	24 hours
Months operating	12 months
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	\$80.00
Twin/double	\$88.00 - \$140.00
Extra person	
Child	\$40.00
Other rates.....	
Child age	Under 12 years
Infant policy	No charge
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	Included in tariff
Other details	Cots available
Category 1	Twin
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Electric blanket, separate bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	
Category 2	Double
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	Electric blanket, separate bathroom
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	

Mt Pisa Station

Contact	Jackie & Murray MacMillan
Postal address.....	Mt Pisa, Private Bag, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	State highway 6, Wanaka Road
Phone	64 3 445 1223
Fax	64 3 445 1068
Mobile.....	
Email.....	mtpisa@xtra.co.nz
Website	www.nzsouth.co.nz/mtpisa
Description	One farm cottage sleeping 5
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Linen supplied
Specialised information	Nestled in heart of historic Mt Pisa Station. Bring own horse and experience trials and tracks, or go mountain biking. 4WD trips available. Lake Dunstan nearby has boating, fishing and windsurfing. Close to ski fields and expanding vineyard developments. Rabbit shooting encouraged.
Hours of operation	
Months operating	Labour Weekend to Easter
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
Single.....	
Twin/double	\$70.00 to \$80.00 for 2 persons
Extra person	\$10.00 per night (adult)
Child	\$5.00 per night
Other rates.....	\$25.00 per person in shearers' quarters
Child age	
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	
Other details	Dogs require current dosing certificate
Category 1	Mackies Cottage
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	1 double, 3 single beds
Max. no. in units.....	5
Rollaways.....	
Category 2	Shearers' Quarters (available year round, \$20.00 per person)
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	4 rooms
Max. no. in units.....	12 (in total)
Rollaways.....	

Smallburn Farmstay

Contact Peter Morton & Sue Skelt
 Postal address..... RD3, Cromwell
 Street address, directions . 94 Clarks Road, Lowburn
 Phone 64 3 445 1272
 Fax 64 3 445 1481
 Mobile..... 027 653 3061 or 021 140 6380
 Email..... smallburn@actrix.gen.nz
 Website

Description Farmstay bed and breakfast
 Affiliation
 Services available..... Evening meal by arrangement
 Specialised information
 Hours of operation
 Months operating All year

Pricing (*gross retail rack*)
 Single..... \$65.00
 Twin/double \$100.00 per couple
 Extra person
 Child By negotiation \$20.00
 Other rates.....
 Child age
 Infant policy
 Breakfast
 Continental..... Included in tariff
 Cooked.....

Other details

Category 1 Queen
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Guests share bathroom
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways.....

Category 2 Double
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Guests share bathroom
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways.....

Category 3 Twin
 Number of units 1
 Facilities..... Guests share bathroom
 Max. no. in units..... 2
 Rollaways.....

Cromwell Holiday Park

Contact	John & Kay Searle, Richard Wallis, Catherine Woods,
Postal address.....	1 Alpha Street, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 0164 (Reservations: 0800 10 72 75)
Fax	64 3 445 0431
Mobile.....	
Email.....	info@cromwellholidaypark.co.nz
Website	www.cromwellholidaypark.co.nz

Description	
Affiliation	Qualmark Rated ★★★★★+ HOLIDAY PARK. Top 10 Group Member, HAPNZ
Services available.....	Playground, disabled facilities, pets by arrangement, BBQ, dump station, TV lounge, laundry, car wash, internet kiosk, shop
Specialised information	Next to golf course
Hours of operation	8am to 9pm
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)			
	2 Persons	Extra Adult	Child
Motel	\$95.00	\$16.50	\$11.00
Self Contained Unit	\$82.00	\$15.00	\$9.00
Ensuite Unit	\$66.00	\$15.00	\$9.00
Delux Standard Cabin	\$55.00	\$13.00	\$8.00
Standard Cabin	\$44.00	\$13.00	\$8.00
Powered Site	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$6.00
Non-Powered Site	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$6.00
Child age	Under 15 years		
Infant policy	Under one year, no charge		

Other details	Cot, highchair, baby bath available
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Category 1	Standard Cabin
Number of units	10
Facilities.....	Supply own utensils, bedding and towels.
Max. no. in units.....	6
Rollaways.....	No

Category 2	Delux Standard Cabin
Number of units	4
Facilities.....	Breakfast making facilities, fridge, TV. Supply own bedding and towels.
Max. no. in units.....	6
Rollaways.....	No

Category 3	Ensuite Unit
Number of units	
Facilities.....	Breakfast making facilities, fridge, TV, shower & toilet. Supply own bedding and towels.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	Yes

Category 4	Self Contained Unit
Number of units	5
Facilities.....	Separate bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, shower, toilet, TV. Supply own bedding & towels.
Max. no. in units.....	8
Rollaways.....	No

Category 5	Motel
Number of units	
Facilities.....	One or two bedroomed options.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	

The Chalets Accommodation and Holiday Park

Contact	Sharn & Warwick
Postal address.....	102 Barry Avenue, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	
Phone	64 3 445 1260
Fax	64 3 445 1399
Mobile.....	
Email.....	thechalets@xtra.co.nz
Website	

Description	Budget accommodation/Holiday Park
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Playground, disabled facilities, TV room, showers, toilets, laundry, kitchens for camping. Parking. Meals for groups.
Specialised information	200m from Lake Dunstan
Hours of operation	9am to 8pm
Months operating	12 months

Pricing (gross retail rack)			
	1 Adult	2 Adults	Child
Rooms	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
Powered Site	\$10.00		\$5.00
Tent Site	\$9.00		\$4.00
Other Rates			
Child age	10 years		
Infant policy	Under 18 months, no charge		
Breakfast			
Continental.....			
Cooked.....			

Other details	42 powered sites - four ablution blocks, three kitchens. Portacot available.
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Category 1	Double
Number of units	18
Facilities.....	Handbasin, chair, table, wardrobes, etc
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Category 2	Twin
Number of units	30
Facilities.....	As above
Max. no. in units.....	2
Rollaways.....	No

Category 3	Bunk plus Single Bed
Number of units	10
Facilities.....	As above
Max. no. in units.....	3
Rollaways.....	No

Category 4	Single
Number of units	17
Facilities.....	As above
Max. no. in units.....	1
Rollaways.....	No

Bannockburn Domain

Contact	Maurie O'Connell
Postal address.....	Hall Road, Bannockburn, RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	Rapid #6, Hall Road
Phone	64 3 445 1450
Fax	
Mobile.....	
Email.....	
Website	
Description	Camping Ground
Affiliation	
Services available.....	Showers (mens & womens), toilets, laundry facilities (auto & wringer washers), TV lounge, Tennis courts & bowls adjacent. Children's playground. Pets by arrangement.
Specialised information	Two minutes from Bannockburn Inlet, Lake Dunstan, and from licensed hotel.
Hours of operation	
Months operating	September to May. Closed winter months.
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
	<i>Per Person</i>
Motel	By negotiation
Room or Hut	\$10.00
Powered Site	\$7.00
Non-Powered Site	\$7.00
Child age	Under 12 years no charge
Infant policy	
Other details	
Category 1	Motel
Number of units	1
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	4
Rollaways.....	
Category 2	2 Rooms and 1 Hut
Number of units	3
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways	
Category 3	Powered sites
Number of units	55
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways	
Category 2	Non-powered sites
Number of units	Unlimited
Facilities.....	
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	

Cairnmuir Camp

Contact	Peter & Rose Hoskin
Postal address.....	219 Cairnmuir Road, Bannockburn RD2, Cromwell
Street address, directions .	As above
Phone	64 3 445 1956
Fax	64 3 445 1956
Mobile.....	
Email.....	katam.enterprises@xtra.co.nz
Website	Refer www.cromwell.org.nz for activities
Description	Cabins and Campsites
Affiliation	
Services available.....	
Specialised information....	
Hours of operation	
Months operating	All year
Pricing (gross retail rack)	
	<i>1 Adult 2 Adults Extra Child</i>
Cabin	\$30.00 \$40.00 \$20.00 \$10.00
Powered Site	\$10.00 \$20.00 \$10.00 \$5.00
Tent Site	\$10.00 \$20.00 \$10.00 \$5.00
Other rates.....	\$3.00 Dump Station
Child age	15
Infant policy	
Breakfast	
Continental.....	
Cooked.....	
Other details	No pets.
Category 1	Cabin
Number of units	6
Facilities.....	Supply own bedding.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	
Category 1	Powered and non-powered sites
Number of units	
Facilities.....	Supply own bedding.
Max. no. in units.....	
Rollaways.....	



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