Little River Summer Festival. Six very special weekends.

18 January to 2 March 2014
The Little River Summer Festival celebrates all that is special about our Little River community. Six weekends of special events, from the Agriculture Show on 18th January to the Drum Festival on 1st March.

Our events are a little different, a little curious, a little loud plus a lot of learning.
A perfect summer destination within easy reach of Christchurch, Little River is approximately 40 minutes from Halswell and is a lot more than just the gateway to Banks Peninsula. With a population larger than Akaroa’s you may be surprised at what’s on offer. The weekend events are a mix of traditional rural to quirky and creative, so if you are looking for something different to discover we’d love to see you.

18th January
A&P Show. Little River Domain. 10am-5pm.
Something unique to the show is a foodies Peninsula to Plate Farms Produce Marquee. It’s fully covered with plenty of seating. Local producers will be selling their wares which include beautiful preserves, award winning extra virgin olive oil, fresh summer berries, spray free hazelnuts, fresh and smoked salmon and the list goes on! That beautiful produce will provide the backdrop for the Peninsula 2 Plate competition (2-4pm) which tracks prime lambs from their Peninsula paddocks, through the butchering process and onto the plate. A cut from each lamb will be cooked by Richard Till for a panel of judges. What more could a foodie want from a show? There is lots of extra, general information as well as contact details on. www.littlerivershow.org.nz. Adults $10, under 16 free tickets on the gate.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January
Little River’s Curious Places and Spaces.
10am both days. 4 Hours. Meet at Little River Craft Station. $20.

Very limited places and bookings are essential. Book exclusively from The Little River Visitor Centre. Ph 325 1255 or email littlerivervisitorcentre@xtra.co.nz. $20/person.
1st and 2nd February
Scary Slippery Slide Challenge.
1pm-3pm. Little River Campground. Okuti Valley
Fast fun filled competition for all the family, although it’s not for the faint hearted. These slides can be fast, wet and scary. Old fashion fun
Saturday enter the distance heats with the finals and free style tricks such as rolls, surfing, spinning and silliness on the Sunday. A $100 cash prize is up for grabs for over all winner. Stay the night at the campground and get free entry. Otherwise $5 entry.
http://bethere.co.nz/community/2014/13015-scary-slippery-slide-challenge

Thursday 6th February
Waitangi Day Community Day.
1pm-4pm. Awa Iti Domain Rugby Clubrooms.
A community fun day at the domain. Come down for a catch up and a feed.

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February
Little River Walking Weekend
After the success of the inaugural Banks Peninsula Walking Festival we have organised some special access local walks on the southern peninsula. Local guides with a wealth of knowledge will lead small groups through some spectacular areas. Walks for all levels of fitness are catered for, from an hours gentle stroll around the village to some steep day tramps. Very limited places and bookings are essential. Book exclusively from The Little River Visitor Centre. Ph 325 1255 or email littlerivervisitorcentre@xtra.co.nz. $5/person per walk. Participants are responsible for their own safety, equipment, food, clothing and transport. Wear suitable footwear and clothing from sun hats to rain coats. Please come prepared and arrive early.

Saturday 8 Feb, 10am. Up to 5 hours. Limit 8 people.
Te Oka Bay Reserve with Nick Singleton, CCC Park Ranger. A new track starting on Bossau Road and winding down to Te Oka Bay. This walk is a good opportunity to be introduced to Te Oka Bay Reserve. Hear about the natural and human history of the area and what the CCC has planned for the reserve over the next few years. Meet at Little River Craft Station.

Saturday 8 Feb, 10.40am. 1.5 hours. Limit 10 people.
Waterfall Walk with Mason. Meet at the Old School in Okuti Valley, before heading up to Reynolds Valley. Waterfall walk and plant talk with Mason, aged 11. Past the house and garden, through dense bush to the small falls. A real adventure for children and adults.

Saturday 8 Feb, 1pm. 2+ hours. Limit 20 people
Lake Forsyth/ Wairewa southern walkway via Kinloch Farm with Mark Farge. An easy ramble along and above the lake shore. A rare view point and access through Kinloch Farm. Meet at Craft Station and drive to Kinloch Farm wool shed.

Saturday 8 Feb. 10.30am, 1 hour. Limit 20 people
Coronation Library Walk- Fascinating stories of the buildings and sites guided by Little River Railway Trustee Kathy Bisman. From Little River Railway Station to Coronation Library building and return, via store, silos, heritage park, butcher shop, masonic lodge, theatre, domain and war memorial gates.

Sunday 9 Feb, 11am. 2-3 hours. Limit 10 people
**Saddle Hill Reserve (Puaitahi).** Guides Alison Evans and Niall Mugan. Straddles the high elevations of Okuti Valley, Peraki and French Farm. It is the newest DOC reserve on Banks Peninsula and was purchased by the Nature Heritage Fund, the Langer Trust and the Banks Peninsula Rod Donald trust in 2013. A walk around this 145 ha property promises spectacular views in all directions and a chance to visit rocky outcrops, lava domes, a mature forest remnant and sub-alpine vegetation. You will be guided by local ecologists who have become familiar with the plants, birds and wildlife in the area. Meet at Craft Station and drive to start (the red building on Bossu Road). It can be quite exposed so come prepared.

Sunday 9 Feb. 10am. 3 hours. Limit 10 people

**Hilltop Hike- Okuti Valley Reserve Road to Hilltop.** Meet at Okuti Reserve, Okuti Valley. Be one of the first to walk this yet to be open public track from the Okuti Valley floor climbing to the Hilltop via native and exotic bush onto the ridge and final stop a well deserved beer at the hilltop. Lead by locals Jim Mullins and Marcus Puentener. (beer not included!)


**22nd and 23rd February**

**Okuti Garden Wellbeing Workshops**

**Okuti Garden Eco Stay, Okuti Valley, Little River.**

A chance to learn about holistic health, natural therapies and healing arts. A weekend of talks, workshops, classes and demonstrations for anyone who wants to know more about holistic health and well-being. The program includes yoga, herbal medicine, Tai Chi, meditation, Acupuncture, Reflexology, Pascha Therapy, Art Therapy and much more. A wonderful opportunity to learn about these life-enhancing practices within the tranquil, healing spaces of Okuti Garden. Very limited places and bookings are essential. Book exclusively from The Little River Visitor Centre. Ph 325 1255 or email littlerivervisitorcentre@xtra.co.nz. $25/person per day or $40/weekend. Info from Jim on 325 1913 or [www.okuti.co.nz](http://www.okuti.co.nz).


**Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March**

**The Drum Festival**

**Little River Campground and Manaia Native Habitat, Okuti Valley. Little River.**

A celebration to rhythm and beat and dance from around the globe. A dedicated drum festival set in lush bush beside the Okuti River. Includes cultural drum groups performing rhythms from Africa, Asia, the Middle East & South America plus drum and dance workshops and evening camp-fire tribal drumming. Featuring Takumi Japanese Drum Group, Doug Brush, Wontanara and many more.

The program will be a moving progression of concerts with different groups performing in unique locations in the bush, beside the river, in the shade of the walnut trees and around the camp-fire. Riverside camping and native bush exploring & playground slippery slides ensures the weekend can be enjoyed by the whole family. 2pm Saturday 1 March to 3pm Sunday 2 March. Tickets from Eventfinder.co.nz or call 325 1014. $20/ day plus overnight camp fees. Kids under 14 free day pass.

PLUS LOADS MORE..... check out [www.littleriver.org.nz](http://www.littleriver.org.nz) for the every evolving calendar of events. Little River, come and stay sometime.