

Lakes



Lake Hood, on the outskirts of Ashburton, is a paradise for water enthusiasts catering for a wide range of water based activities from swimming to yachting. It also boasts an international eight-lane rowing course, a water ski park, lakefront dining and a residential subdivision.

However, the district's backcountry lakes remain its best kept secret. Within a short drive from Mt Somers you will find yourself surrounded by a series of delightful lakes famous for their fishing, unique wildlife, picnic spots and water activities.

Lake Emma and Roundabout, which can only be reached by four-wheel drive, are popular fishing locations, while Lake Camp is popular with boaties, water skiers and fisherman alike.

Lake Clearwater, characterised by a small village of holiday homes, is popular for windsurfing, sailing, rowing and fishing. It is also an important wildlife refuge for the rare and endangered Great Crested Grebe.

The Maori Lakes and Lake Heron are also important wildlife refuges and provide good fishing.