

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY Ideas



**Masterton &
Martinborough isite**

Family Fun



**Queen Elizabeth Park, Dixon St,
Masterton**

Kids Own playground – including flying fox, BMX, and skate park. Deer Park, Bike hire, and picnic areas.

Pedal boats on the lake – open daily 11am to 4pm.

Ph: 0279323036 (weather and water level dependent)

Mini Golf - open daily in holidays 11am – 5pm.

Miniature Train Phone: 0273551234.

Cobblestones Museum and Schoc Chocolates

Main St, Greytown

Phone: 06 304 9687 (Museum)

Phone: 06 304 8960 (Schoc Chocolates)

cobblestonesmuseum.org.nz

The Wool Shed, 12 Dixon St, Masterton

Open 10am to 4pm Weekdays

10am to 3pm Weekends & Public Holidays

Explore and learn all things sheep ! 2 combined woolsheds joint together makes for a fun and exciting way to learn and play. Get hands on with some of the shearing pieces and experience a tour with the friendly staff.

Movies



Regent 3 Cinema – 230 Queen St, Masterton

Phone: 06 377 5479

The Screening Room – 435 Queen St, Masterton

Phone: 06 378 6191 or Email thescreeningroom.co.nz

Circus Cinema – 34 Jellicoe St, Martinborough

Ph: 06 306 9442 Email: circus.net.nz

Carterton Event Centre Activities

Book all tickets on: <https://www.cartertonec.co.nz/whats-on/>

The Pantaloons present Peter Pan

Take a fairy tale flight to Neverland in the swashbuckling family adventure Peter Pan as it swoops into the Carterton Events Centre for another unmissable Pantomime production.

Monday 2nd October 2pm

Nee Naw and Friends

Best-selling author, musician and performer Deano Yipadee will have your child in stitches as they read, sing, laugh and bounce along with his collection of chart-topping Scholastic books and songs.

25th September 11am

Astrobiology Dome

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Tuesday, October 3 – 10:00 am – 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 4 – 10:00 am – 2:30pm



Pools



Masterton: 2 Dixon Street, Masterton

Ph: 06 370 0060

The Trust House Recreation Centre is fun for the whole family.

Heated pools, a hydro-slide, river ride, spa - Three outdoor pools are closed.

Opening Hours:

Mon to Friday: 6am to 8pm Sat/Sun & Public holidays

8am to 6pm for both the pools.

Getting out there

Go Zone Masterton

Playgrounds and trampolines. An awesome place to keep kids entertained indoors. Explore the multi-level structures, conquer the mega donut slide and play in the toddler zone and magical tiny town. Your kids won't want to leave! **Website: <https://gozone.co.nz/>**

Open every day from 9am-5pm. 45 Norman Avenue, Waingawa 5791

Staglands Wildlife Reserve

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe offers visitors the unique and exciting opportunity to connect with nature in a beautiful, natural environment. Feed and freely interact with wildlife in this very special place

2362 Akatarawa Road Upper Hutt 5372

Everyday 9.30-5pm

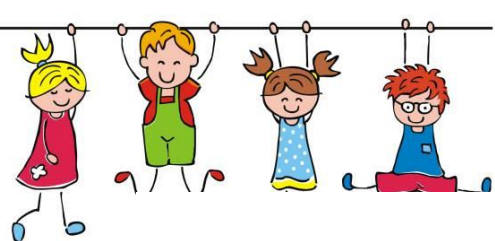
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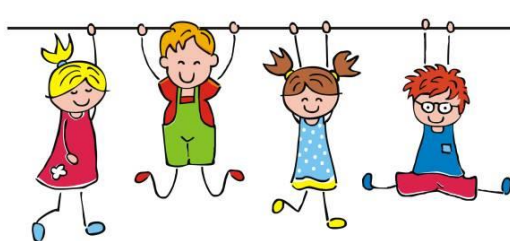
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Spring Equinox, Stonehenge Aotearoa

Come celebrate the Spring Equinox with us! Enjoy the sunset from Within the henge (if possible), learn about how your ancestor viewed the equinox then enjoy exploring the night sky.

Saturday 23rd September 5.15pm

Burger Night, Screening Room

Never before has a burger tasted so good, their chefs pride themselves on being masterful burger builders, considering everything from flavour, texture, holding-togetherness, and sheer beauty! These burger flavours change weekly.

Every Tuesday 11am-8.30pm

Thursday Night Food trucks

Thursday Night Food Truck market on the forecourt outside the Masterton Town Hall (on SH2/Chapel Street). Live music and games for the little ones (or not so little!). Hang out at one of the tables or grab a blanket and picnic chairs and chill in the park for a while!

Every Thursday 4.30pm-7pm

Mangatainoka Motors Show, Hot Rods

Tui Brewery invite you to come check out a display of themed cars and Motorbikes. With live music and yummy foods, you don't want to miss out.

Sunday 24th September. Entry is FREE

Cobblestones Country Fete

Meet the baby animals and watch the craft demonstrations, Make a mini sheep or peg doll. Learn how to sew, using an old sewing machine.

Homecooked lunch or afternoon tea on offer also !

Saturday 30th September 11am-3pm. 169 Main Street, Greytown 5712

Out And About



Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre
SH2 Between Masterton and Eketahuna.

Open 9am – 6pm Daily

Daily talks and tours on our native wildlife
Kaka and Eel feeding. Kiwi House and Inflight Aviary.
Whare Whakairo (Carving Workshop) and Kaka Café.

Junior Ranger Holiday Programme at Pūkaha

Seasonal activities include prepping the Kaka lunch, bug hunting, searching for koura in the river and feeding eels

Phone: 06 375 8004 Or Email: info@pukaha.org.nz

Mt Bruce Pioneer Museum, 1727 SH2, Masterton

A treasure trove to explore with hands on working displays.

Phone: 06 372 5859

Aratoi Museum of Art and History, Cnr Bruce & Dixon St, Masterton. Open Tues – Sun

Check out activities around road safety with displays and activities in conjunction with the Wairarapa Road Safety Council.

Phone: 06 370 0001 or Email: aratoi.org.nz

Master Bowl, Cnr King & Queen St, Masterton

Indoor bowling alley with café and bumper cars.

Phone: 06 377 7352

Dark Skys, Under The Stars

Tours from the comfort of your own backyard. They come to you. wherever you are in the Wairarapa. **Phone: 06 242 5194**

Star Safari Under 15 FREE

Best Telescopes in the Wairarapa! On cloudy nights they offer virtual reality tours of the sky so no one misses out! **Phone: 021 663 808**

Outdoor Adventures



Stonehenge Aotearoa

Open daily New Zealand's only open-air astronomical observatory. Guided Tours or self-guided trek through the stones.

Ph: 06 377 1600 or stonehenge-aotearoa.nz

Star Safari

Discover the night sky we love from the astronomical observatory in the heart of Wairarapa. Learn about astronomy, the night sky, history of astronomy and modern stargazing with our science communicators Hari and Sam. check website out for more information. Kids are FREE

Ph: 021 663 808 Or Star-safari.nz

Gladstone Horse Treks

Rides for all levels-one hour to full Day treks.

Ph: 06 372 7557 or gladstonehorsetreks.com

Greytown Honey Stables

Get up close and personal with the bees on a tour. Taste award winning honey. Check out the website for more information on tour times.

Website: Greytownhoney.co.nz

Phone: 027 577 8478 or greytownhoney.co.nz

Martinborough Manor

They have lots of animals for you to feed and pet as you wander around their orchard farm. In season you can milk a cow or a goat. You can help shift the sheep, talk to Buckleigh the Angora buck, or his wives, collect the eggs from the hens or the ducks (if there are any!) and feed the geese (employed as watch-geese in the orchard!) The tour takes 1.5hrs and can be tailored to big people or little people. Bookings essential.

Ph 0272493369 Or martinboroughmanor.co.nz

Bike Hire



Roto Cycle: Queen Elizabeth Park, Masterton

Indi Bikes: Naples St, Martinborough

Top 10 Holiday Park: Vintners Ln, Martinborough

Green Jersey: Kitchener St, Martinborough

Blackwell and Sons: 110 Main Street Greytown

Bike Tracks

Rivenrock

For all levels of mountain bikers. Open for the summer season from Oct – April on Sat, Sun and Wed evenings. Check their Facebook page for up-to-date info.

Phone: 0274 419031

Carterton Mountain Bike Park

2 Loop Trail for bikes. Two beginner's trails and a skills course. Located south end of Carterton – www.wmsc.org.nz

Greytown Woodside Trail

Follow the old 5km railway, walking & cycling track.

Remutaka Rail Trail

For experienced cyclists.



On Those Wet Days

Woolshed Masterton

Two authentic old wool sheds trucked in from local farms, plus a newly constructed gallery building – full of sheep farm gear, including shearing and wool handling equipment. Hands on activities and friendly staff.

Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm

Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

Sienna Studio

A fun and rewarding little activity to get you out the house and get creative ! Learn and have a play with a heap of art equipment. Finishing with a funky piece of artwork to take home. **Book: siennastudiocarterton@gmail.com**

The Social Kitchen

Local, social cooking classes at your place. If you are wanting to find something that is fun for all ages and want to try ace a technical new meal and from the comfort of your own place.

Ph: 027 278 7463

Aratoi Museum

These school holidays Aratoi has teamed up with Wairarapa's Road Safety Council to engage with the theme of ROAD SAFETY! Visitors to the gallery will test their knowledge of New Zealand road signs, creatively consider road safety, and explore the physics of momentum. The road safety display will be housed in Aratoi's entrance foyer.*Please be aware that choking hazards are present (marbles), so children must be supervised at all times.

23 September 2023, 10:00am - 8 October 2023, 4:00pm

Family Walks

Masterton:

Millennium Native Forest Reserve:

Entrance on Hillcrest St, 15 – 60-minute duration.

Henley Park Lake:

Entrance on Te Ore Ore Rd or Colombo Rd, 1 hour duration.

Donnelly Flat Loop:

Entrance at Mt Holdsworth, 1 hour duration.

Carterton:

Fensham Reserve:

Entrance on Belvedere Rd and Cobden Rd, 1 – 2 hours duration, 2 tracks to choose from.

Carter Scenic Reserve:

Entrance on Gladstone Rd, 30 – 60 minutes duration.

Greytown:

Greytown Woodside Trail:

Entrance on Cotter St, 1- 2 hour duration.

Featherston:

Featherston Domain Track:

Entrance on Bell St, 1-2 hour duration.

Barr Brown Bush Reserve:

Entrance on Underhill Rd, 1 hour duration.

Martinborough:

Rapaki Walk:

Entrance on Shooting Bucks Rd, 1-2 hours duration



Lansdowne Mountain Bike Park

The park has a series of professionally designed and built tracks and aims to make mountain biking readily accessible. The seven tracks in the park are suitable for all levels of riders, from beginners through to experienced riders with tracks of grades 2, 3 and 4. Grade 2 tracks are easy flow tracks with berms that weave down the hill, while the grade 3 tracks are flow tracks with small table-top jumps, that you can ride over or jump. The grade 4 tracks are harder flow tracks that have triple jumps and gaps with an easy line and hard line. The park is fun for all skill levels with trails built by professional track builders South Star Trails. Entrance is via any of the line tracks entrances in Lansdowne, at the top of Titoki Street, Manuka Street, also beside the water fountain in Manuka Street, Fourth street and at the bottom of Totara Street. Just follow the lime tracks, they all converge at the mountain bike park.



Wairarapa Scenic Road trip!

Coming from Wellington? Turn off the **State Highway 53** onto **Kahutara Road** follow the road for about 10 minutes turn left onto **Pahautea Road** and visit **Kahutara Taxidermy**. From animals from all over the world down to the tiniest insects. Kids LOVE the Massive Lion!

After the Taxidermy head to **Lake Ferry** following the **Katutura Road** for another 15 minutes before turning onto **Lake Ferry Road**. The **Pirinoa General Store** is your last stop for gas, Drinks and snacks, right across the road is the **Land Girl Café** where you can experience a very boutique environment while enjoying a coffee.

Continue to follow **Lake Ferry Road** until you arrive at the **Lake Ferry Hotel**, with a wide range of lunch & dinner options and awesome views of the coastline, you can even see the South Island on a clear day!

After lunch, you can head to Ngawi Where you can watch seals play, climb the lighthouse, Walk the pinnacles, and witness the boats coming in and out of the **Fishing Village**. Stop in at **Waimeha Camping Village** for ice cream, play golf, or relax in the cozy Restaurant with a fireplace and couches with lots of games to keep kids entertained.

Once everyone has relaxed, it's time to make your way back into town following **Cape Palliser Road**.

Contact Us
isite Visitor Information Centres

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Masterton, 5810
Phone: 06 3700 900
Email: masterton@wairarapanz.com
Web: www.wairarapa.nz.com

Waihinga Centre
The Square,
Martinborough, 5711
Phone: 06 3065 010
Email: martinborough@wairarapanz.com
Web: www.wairarapanz.com

Family Friendly Activities:
www.wairarapanz.com/school-holidays

