



The Gore District is a special place to live, work and play

We have all the advantages of a city - café culture, nationally renowned arts and events, and outstanding sports facilities – in a rural location. We call this combination **Rural City Living**.

These three words encapsulate what we are and what we offer. They tell the story of all the services, facilities, attractions and the lifestyle, while promoting the rural values and benefits they bring.

Don't take our word though, see for yourself on this [video](#)



Useful Gore websites you can visit:

www.goredc.govt.nz

www.gorenz.com

www.gorevisitorcentre.co.nz



The Gore District is...

The World Capital of Brown Trout Fishing, a title earned by the world class fishing on the Mataura River, which flows through Gore, and its tributaries. Gore's large brown trout statue is a national icon and photographed by thousands of tourists each year.

The New Zealand Capital of Country Music, a title we embrace once a year when we host the **New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards** (NZ's biggest country music talent quest) and the **New Zealand Country Music Awards** during a week-long festival around Queens Birthday Weekend (first weekend in June).



The arts and heritage hub of Southland with its world famous **Eastern Southland Gallery**. Nicknamed the 'Goreggenheim' by Saatchi & Saatchi boss Kevin Roberts, the Gallery features the remarkable and internationally renowned **John Money Collection** and is home to one of the largest holdings of works by major New Zealand contemporary artist **Ralph Hotere**.

Hokonui Moonshine - we celebrate the history of illicit whiskey making in the Hokonui hills around Gore at our **Hokonui Moonshine Museum**. You can even buy some 'Old Hokonui' whiskey, made to the original local recipe.

Vintage aircraft - the **Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre** houses mostly aircraft from the 1920s and 30s, including the largest collection of de Havilland aircraft in the southern hemisphere. It is unique in that nearly all of the aircraft on display actually fly.



You can also...

- attend South Island's biggest agricultural event, **Southern Field Days**, held every two years at Waimumu in early February
- see cutting edge fashion from up and coming NZ designers at the annual **Hokonui Fashion Design Awards**
- enjoy the District's illicit past at the **Hokonui Moonshiners' Festival** held every two years in early March.



Gore is also one of the few towns to still use its original Kerridge Odeon movie theatre albeit with the latest in movie technology.

Sports and recreation are a big part of our community. Apart from our award-winning **Bannerman Park** and **Gore Gardens**, we have the **Gore Multisports Complex** this features:



Gore Aquatic Centre

- An eight-lane 25m main pool with a water temperature of 28.5 degrees
- A leisure pool, including a toddler's pool, rain drop, water fountains, walk-in beach area, bubble pit & sprays. Water temperature is 31 degrees.
- A hydrotherapy pool shaped like a three leaf clover, with a water temperature of 39 degrees

MLT Event Centre

- Four indoor courts
- Activities include netball, volleyball, indoor soccer and tennis
- Laser Tag

Ice Skating Rink

- Ice Sports Southland's Olympic short course sized rink is the only one of its kind in Southland. Curling and ice hockey are played here.



Other outdoor activities include...

Cycling - local mountain bike enthusiasts have developed the Hokonui loop mountain bike track and the Hokonui Water Race Trail. Both tracks wind through pristine native bush and having varying degrees of difficulty.

Golf - the Gore Golf Course has one of the finest 18 hole courses in the lower South Island. The parkland course is relatively flat, and only 3km from the centre of Gore. Visitors are always welcome.

Walking tracks - Dolamore Park, located 11km from Gore at the south-west end of the Croydon Bush Scenic Reserve, encompasses 95 hectares and has many easy walking tracks. They range in length from 10 minutes to 4 hours and provide fantastic views of the Mataura Valley.



Gore has

- An array of local and big box retailers
- A hospital
- Gore Town and Country Club
- RSA
- A gym
- Camping ground
- Showgrounds
- **Nine cafes:** One Chef Kitchen, Ambience, Table Talk, Capri, Green Room, the Stables, The Junction, Jillz Cafe, and Rustic.
- **Three bars/restaurants:** The Thomas Green, Howl at the Moon, Scenic Circle Croydon Lodge
- Two off-licences: Liquorland and Super Liquor
- Churches catering for all denominations
- Gore Library

Gore - we are the centre of everywhere

with the south coast, the Catlins, Queenstown, Te Anau and stunning Central Otago within a two hour drive.

Click map to view online.

