

# Middlemarch Activities

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	Photography Tour	Farm Tours	Gym	Mountain Walks	Salt Lake
<b>Location</b>	In and around Middlemarch	The Rocks Station - a five minute drive from Middlemarch	Sports Pavilion, showgrounds, off Brown's Road, Middlemarch	Rock and Pillar Mountain Range	Kidd Road, Sutton.
<b>Description</b>	Take a guided tour with a local photographer to capture some truly unique images in this amazing landscape.	Tour one of the local stations, taking in the stunning views and learning about the day to day operation and history of the property.	Gym with a wide range of equipment.	If weather is fine and forecast favourable, a one day walk, or overnight tramp can be made to Big Hut, 1325m, close to the top of the Rock and Pillar Range. See spectacular schist tors and unusual flora and fauna. Other tracks too.	NZ's only inland salt lake is reached via a 40 minute walk through tussocks and amazing rock formations. An undulating track requiring moderate fitness.
<b>Availability</b>	All year round.	All year round.	All year round, Some times are booked for organised groups.	All year round when fine. Novices should avoid winter conditions.	All year round.
<b>Length of time</b>	Minimum - one hour.	1.5 hours.	To suit you. A key is available at a daily rate.	1 day return walk - allow 6 - 7 hours	Allow 1 to 1.5 hours
<b>Special requirements</b>	Camera and sensible walking shoes.			Warm clothing essential including wind & rainproof jacket, tramping boots or sturdy walking shoes. Take adequate water & snack food. Carry extra food and sleeping bag for overnight stays.	Sensible walking shoes.
<b>Price per person</b>	\$25.00 per hour	\$50.00 per person	\$10 per person, per day. This includes a \$5 bond, refundable on return of key. \$20 per month.	\$5 for map and day pack. \$10 overnight hut charge. \$12 each way transport to and from start for Big Hut walk, or use own vehicle.	Transport - \$30 return trip from Middlemarch. \$20 from Salt Lake to Sutton. Use own transport, or If fit, ride your bike.
<b>Contact details</b>	Lynnore Templeton 03 464 3005, 027 435 8005, <a href="mailto:info@therocks.co.nz">info@therocks.co.nz</a>	Lynnore or Andrew Templeton 03 464 3005, 027 4358 005, <a href="mailto:info@therocks.co.nz">info@therocks.co.nz</a>	Keys are available from Maggies shop, or from Beryl Marshall phone 03 464 3091 or 027 338 5332.	Noel Matthews 027 251 0049 <a href="mailto:inquiries@railtrailplanner.co.nz">inquiries@railtrailplanner.co.nz</a> <a href="http://www.middlemarch.co.nz/big_hut">www.middlemarch.co.nz/big_hut</a>	0800 292 534 (Cycle Surgery) to book shuttle. Booking Essential.
<b>Additional comments</b>	Bookings essential.	Bookings are essential		Big Hut accommodates 20. Own cookers and utensils needed.	

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	Swimming	Tennis	Lawn Bowls	Golf	Line Dancing
<b>Location</b>	Swansea Street. SH 87	Showgrounds, BrownsRoad	Swansea Street	Garthmyl Road. Close to Middlemarch township.	Middlemarch Community Centre, corner of Swansea St and Browns Road
<b>Description</b>	Unsupervised pool. Children under 14 need to be supervised by an adult.	Two courts and volley board. Artificial turf, ready 2016.	Bowls available. Caters for any age, any ability.	9 hole golf course	Visitors welcome to watch or join in.
<b>Availability</b>	Usually Labour weekend until Easter.	Nets up from September to May.	November to end of March.	All year round	Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm Mondays 6 - 9 pm
<b>Length of time</b>	Take as long as you like. Keys sold as all day keys so you can come and go.	During daylight hours	Minimum one hour.	Take as long as you like.	
<b>Special requirements</b>	Bring you togs. Babies/ toddlers require "swimmers nappies" (Available from Maggies)	Tennis shoes, or similar.	Flat shoes, e.g; sneakers.		
<b>Price per person</b>	Only swimmers charged. \$5.00 adult, \$2.50 child	Free with own gear. Racquets and balls can be hired. Minimum \$10 - partial refund on return.	\$10 per adult player, children free.	\$10 club hire, \$20 green fee for 18 holes, or part thereof.	\$3 Wednesday \$5 Monday
<b>Contact details</b>	Stephanie Macaulay 03 464 3366	Dawn Coburn - 03 464 3696.	Nola Tisdall 03 464 3883, or Joan Wilson 03 464 3473	Steve Barnes 027 292 5244	Lorna Williams 03 464 3718 Carol McKenzie 03 464 3227
<b>Additional Comments</b>	Keys available at Strath Taieri Hotel.	Courts used for hockey practice in winter. Volley board still available.	Check with the contact people first. Occasionally green maintenance will affect availability.	Call Steve to arrange club hire.	Suitable for old and young. Anyone can have a go. Dance by dance instruction provided.

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	Junction Crafts	Museum	Heritage Drive	Township Walks	Fishing
<b>Location</b>	Railway Station	Aberafon St	Strath Taieri district	Middlemarch	Taieri River, just minutes from Middlemarch.
<b>Description</b>	A great little craft shop selling locally made goods and crafts and some craft supplies.	Features railway and local farming and mining history, an early submarine and natural history collections. Genealogy enquiries welcomed.	Take in the local landmarks and stunning landscapes of the Strath Taieri. Self driven or travel with local guide.	Walks in the township can take you past three churches, to the cemetery, railway environs, war memorial, community garden, stone arches, two children's playgrounds.	For the novice pr experienced angler the Taieri River is a perfect location for a fishing adventure.
<b>Availability</b>	Open Fridays and Sundays 12 - 1.00 pm. Can also be opened on request.	From October until late January Fridays - Sundays 12 - 2.00 pm. Late January until end of April: 12 - 3.00 wed - Sunday. All year round on request.	All year round	All year round	With a licence, obtainable from Cycle Surgery, in fishing season.
<b>Length of time</b>		Allow 30 or 40 minutes, but much longer can be spent browsing, or chatting with friendly helpers.	1 to 2 hours.	Take as little or as long as you like.	Relax all day at the river.
<b>Price per person</b>	No admission charge	\$2.00 adult, children free.	Self guided - small cost for booklet. Cost on enquiry. Dependent on choice of time and route.	Free.	\$10 per rod plus price of licence.
<b>Contact details</b>	03 464 3145, 03 464 3091, 03 464 3094	Noel and Rebecca Matthews 03 464 3755, Dawn Coburn 03 464 3696, Irene Ramsay 03 464 3145	For self driven tours collect map and booklet from local businesses. For guided tours phone 0800 MIDDLEMARCH, or Noel Matthews 027 251 0049		Cycle Surgery 03 464 3762
<b>Additional Comments</b>			Bookings essential for guided tour.	Collect a booklet for brass rubbings from the Railway station or museum (\$2.00). Maps free, at local businesses. <b>Be aware of geo caches.</b>	