



WILDFLOWERS AND WINE

Features

- 4WD alpine crossing
- Spectacular views
- Vineyard visit and wine experience



This very scenic 4WD off-road day trip crosses the high country beyond the Remarkables via the Nevis Valley, crossing the Nevis River and travelling through strikingly different landscapes on the way to the wine growing region of Bannockburn.

The hills of the Nevis are spread with wild thyme, matagouri, hebe and many other native plants, providing a very pretty wildflower show at various times of the year.

We meet a local farming family, the only full time residents in this remote place.

Following the Nevis River part way, we leave behind the high country farmland and head towards the brown rocky landscapes so typical of Central Otago.





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Stopping in the moonscape above Bannockburn, your lunch table and chairs are provided by the magnificent rock tors. Enjoy panoramic vistas of Lake Dunstan. On a clear day you may see Mt Cook in the distance.

After lunch we wind our way down to the vineyards, calling first at Mt Difficulty for a tasting, then onto Felton Road for another. The Big Picture provides an amazing aroma room and a very different wine experience.

On the return to Queenstown via the lower road, through the Cromwell Gorge, we stop above the thunderous Nevis Rapid on the Kawarau River, before calling into the home of bungy at the historic Kawarau Bridge.



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