



New Zealand
Historic Places Trust *Pouhere Taonga*

TOTARA ESTATE



VISIT US

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OPENING HOURS

November–April:

Daily 10am–5pm

Closed Christmas Day and Easter Friday

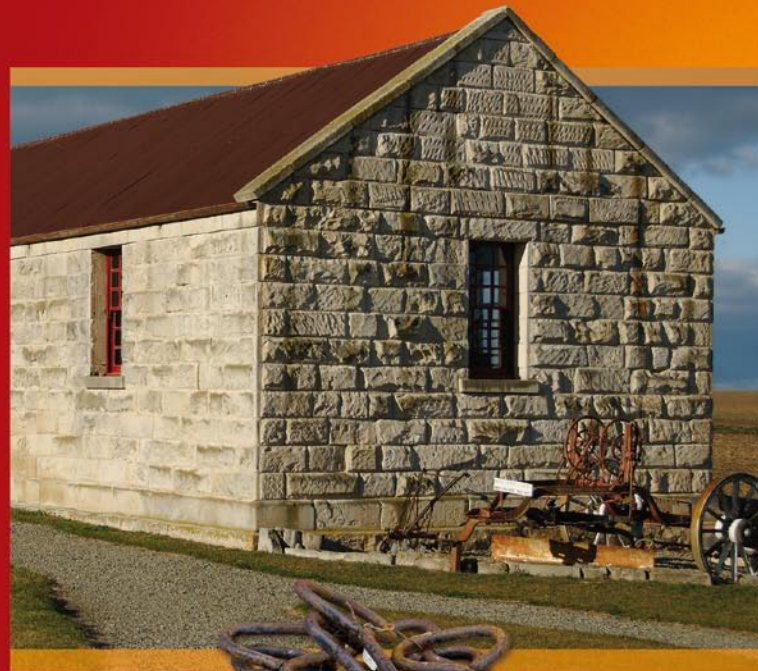
May, September & October:

Daily 10am–4pm

June, July & August:

By arrangement

Group and guided tour enquiries welcome.



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To find out more about Totara Estate and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust visit our website:

www.historic.org.nz

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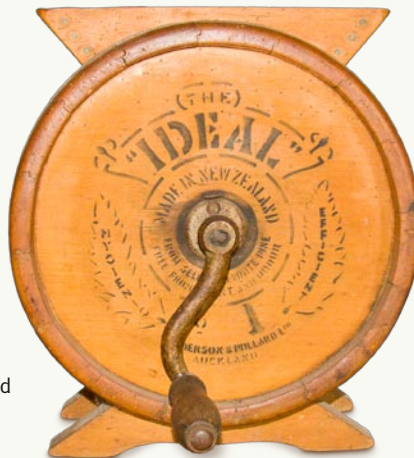
Oamaru



Step back in time to New Zealand's pioneer past at historic Totara Estate

Once a grand estate covering 15,000 acres, today Totara's restored farm buildings and displays are a tribute to the courage and determination of New Zealand's early pioneers, who helped shape this country and make it great.

We invite you to share in one of this nation's great stories and the odd good swagger's tale! Who knows who you'll meet when you visit Totara Estate. You could chance across one of the many characters who helped shape the stories and tales for which Totara is known. Perhaps the renowned cook Jimmy Hoey, famous for his brownie biscuits, or Estate clerk Sherry McIntyre, noted for his cartoons and illustrations that appeared regularly in the *Otago Witness* in the early 1900s. Maybe a passing swagger, such as Ned 'The Shiner' Slattery or Barney 'Whiterats' Winters and his performing mice. Or a maid sent from the big house to make the butter. See and feed early New Zealand sheep breeds. Take a walk to the Brydone Monument on nearby Sebastopol Hill - a tribute to these early visionaries. And afterwards, browse in our shop for that special reminder of a unique place, or relax in our picnic area and let the history sink in.



Totara Estate is the site where New Zealand's first shipment of frozen meat was prepared and sent to the other side of the world back in 1882. Today that daring dream is worth \$5 billion and is the country's most famous export industry. The Estate was purchased by the New Zealand Meat Board and gifted to the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, which restored and opened it to the public on the 15th February 1982, the centenary of the first frozen meat shipment from New Zealand.



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top left: Single men's quarters

(John Lamb)

top right: Period dress at Totara

Estate (NZHPT)

above: Totara Estate swaggers

(NZHPT)

left: Butter churn (NZHPT)

front cover:

The Granary (Andrew McMillan)

Branding irons (NZHPT)

back cover:

Horse brasses (NZHPT)