



# OPUNAKE

## Accommodation

You will find accommodation to suit everyone in Opunake. From camping grounds and backpackers to motels and hotels as well as B & B and holiday homes.

**Headlands Hotel**, 4 Havelock Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8358. [www.headlands.co.nz](http://www.headlands.co.nz)

**Opunake Beach Holiday Park**, Beach Road, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8525 or 0800 758009.

[www.opunakebeachnz.co.nz](http://www.opunakebeachnz.co.nz)

**Opunake Motel & Backpackers**, 36 Heaphy Road,

Opunake. Phone 06 761 8330. [www.opunakemotels.co.nz](http://www.opunakemotels.co.nz)

**Fabulous Flowers B & B**,

3 Napier Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8652

**Club Hotel**, 100 Tasman Street,

Opunake. Phone 06 761 8213

**Opunake Lake Lodge**,

15 Layard Street, Opunake.

Phone 09 479 4549 or 027 667

8662. [www.opunakelakelodge.co.nz](http://www.opunakelakelodge.co.nz)

**Ocean View Retreat**, 23 Hickey Place, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8551



## Dining Out

**Sugar Juice Café**, 22 Tasman Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 7062. Open 6 days. Tuesday-Sunday.

Breakfast/Lunch Tuesday—Sunday & Dinner Wednesday-Saturday.

**Opunake Surf Inn**, 28 Tasman Street, Opunake. Phone 06

761 8387. Open 7 days. Lunch 12—2pm. Dinner 5-9pm.

**Club Hotel**,

100 Tasman Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8213. Open 7 days. Lunch 12—2pm.

Dinner 6-9pm.



**SECO—Sandfords Event Centre**, Tasman Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8004. Open 7 days. 5pm—close.

Bookings by arrangement.

## Takeaways

**Chatterbox** 90 Tasman Street, Opunake.

**Opunake Fish Chips & More** 61 Tasman Street, Opunake.

Phone 06 761 8478.

**Opunake Chinese Takeaways**,

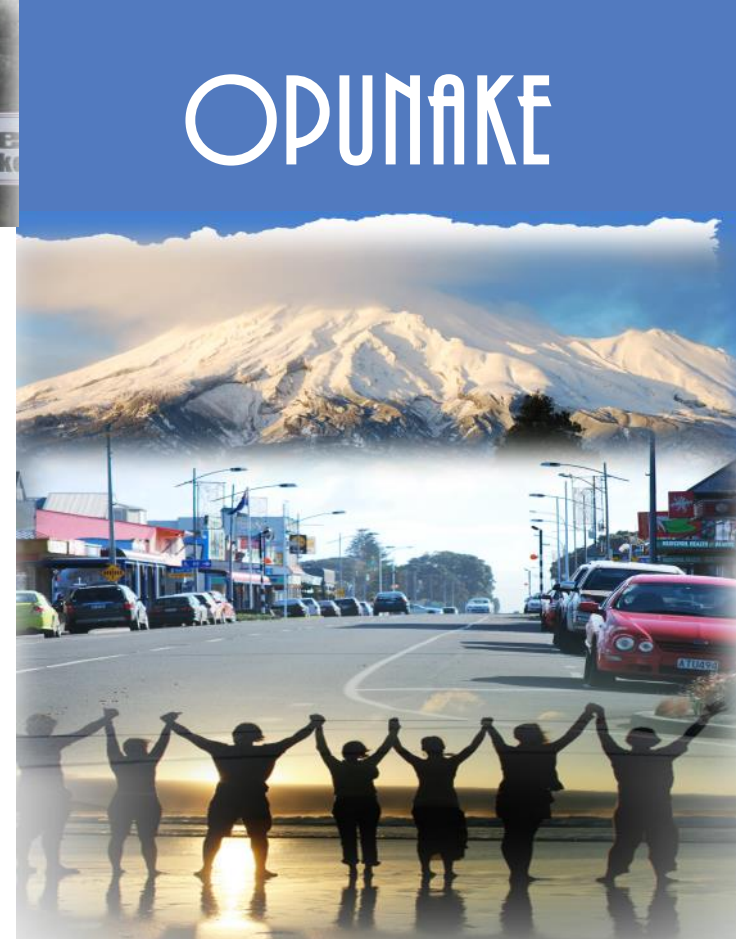
37 Tasman Street, Opunake. Phone 06 761 8087.

**White Dove Tearooms & Takeaways**,

63 Tasman Street, Opunake. Phone 06 761 7111.

## Driving Distance and Times

Opunake to New Plymouth	55 mins—62 km
Opunake to Hawera	35 mins—43 km
New Plymouth to Hawera	1 hr 30 mins—105 km
New Plymouth to Hamilton	3 hrs 20 mins—241 km



Drive along the scenic Surf Highway 45, catch glimpses of sea and lush green dairy pasture which the coast is famous for. Another attribute is our amazing natural surf breaks dotted along the coast road. Visit the Cape Egmont Lighthouse down the Cape and Bayly Roads, one the real thing, the other a newly built replica.

Opunake, pronounced O-puna-ke means 'the place of the prow of the canoe', has a population of around 1600 people and swells to over 2000 in the summer months. This amazing crescent shaped beach, voted one of the best swimming beaches in New Zealand, boasts terrific camping grounds, good swimming and fishing and a warm sunny spot for your holidays.

The shopping centre, relaxing cafes and lake are just a 2 minute walk from the beach.

[www.opunakenz.co.nz](http://www.opunakenz.co.nz)



## Things to see in Opunake

**Opunake Beach** is one of the finest swimming beaches in New Zealand. The beach is a wonderful place for picnics and has a gas barbeque, a children's playground and paddling pool and is one of the access points to the Opunake Walkway. The beach is a short walk from the town.



**The Opunake Lake** began generating power in 1922. Before this it was a natural basin of land and was the vegetable garden that supplied the Armed Constabulary in the 1880's. Today the lake is a playground for recreational water sports of all kinds. There are trout and eels for fishing as well as a safe



haven for water fowl. The walkway begins or ends at the lake. **Cape Egmont Lighthouse** was erected on Taranaki's west coast's most western point in 1881. It was bought up from Mana Island, Wellington by ship and bought ashore in pieces and reassembled. The lighthouse was electrified in 1951 by a diesel generator and later was connected to the national grid. The light could be seen from 22 nautical miles. These days a replica, complete with the original lens and lantern, stands beside the Cape Egmont Boat Club, 332 Bayly Road, Warea.



**Mt Taranaki** is an active but quiescent stratovolcano and is 2518m high. It is one of the symmetrical cone shaped volcanoes in the world. It last erupted around 1850-60. Egmont National Park surrounds Mt Taranaki in a 9.8 km radius. There are many tramping tracks around the mountain. Please enquire at DOC offices situated around the mountain before venturing out.

You will find **Opunake's Mural Trail** within the shopping area. There are a number of large murals which depict Opunake's history. The newest one painted on the Chemist Shop wall. See the Mural pamphlet at the Opunake Library Plus.



Beside the TSB bank there is a large bronze statue of **Sir Peter Snell**. Peter Snell was born in 1938 at the Opunake Cottage Hospital and attended primary school here. He went on to win three Olympic and two Commonwealth gold medals in Athletics.



**Maui Production Station**, Tai Road, Oaonui. In 1979, natural gas and condensate production began from the Maui A Off Shore Platform station at Oaonui, 8 kms north of Opunake. The Visitors Information Centre is open daily from 8 am—5.30 pm. See scale models of the Off Shore Platform and Installation.



**Egmont Soaps** manufactures fine soaps, toilet-ries and cleaning compounds. The soaps are made from environmentally friendly products and are 100% biodegradable, using a vegetable oil base with extracts from native plants. Egmont Soaps produce a range of soaps for people with sensitive skin. Visitors are welcome.

## Things to do in Opunake

**Opunake Walkway** is 7 kms long and takes a little over 2 hours to walk. It can be started from any point of interest. See the Walkway Pamphlet at the Opunake Library Plus.



**Opunake Golf Club**, Namu Road, Opunake. Green fees—\$15 per person. Open 7 days. Contact Dennis Chard. Phone 06 761 8652. Golf Clubs on request.

**Dreamtime Surf Company** -Surfboards for hire  
www.opunakesurf.co.nz - Wetsuits  
102 Tasman Street, Opunake - Clothing  
Phone 06 761 7570 -Accessories

**Actionaki** Contact Paddy Walsh  
www.actionaki.co.nz Phone 0800 824 836 or  
182 Opua Road, Opunake 027 230 5820  
Paintball, Claybird shooting, Surfcasting, Fishing & Team Building. By appointment only. Packages to suit your requirements. All day, half day, families and groups.

**Crafty Chics on the Coast** **Pastimes & Scrapbooking**  
69 Tasman Street, Opunake 87 Tasman Street, Opunake  
Contact Monique Sinclair Contact Rosie Corkill  
Phone 06 761 8678 Phone 06 761 8151



**Recreational Fishing**—Opunake has many suitable fishing spots within walking distance of the town. Middleton's Bay has a boat ramp for deep-sea fishing.