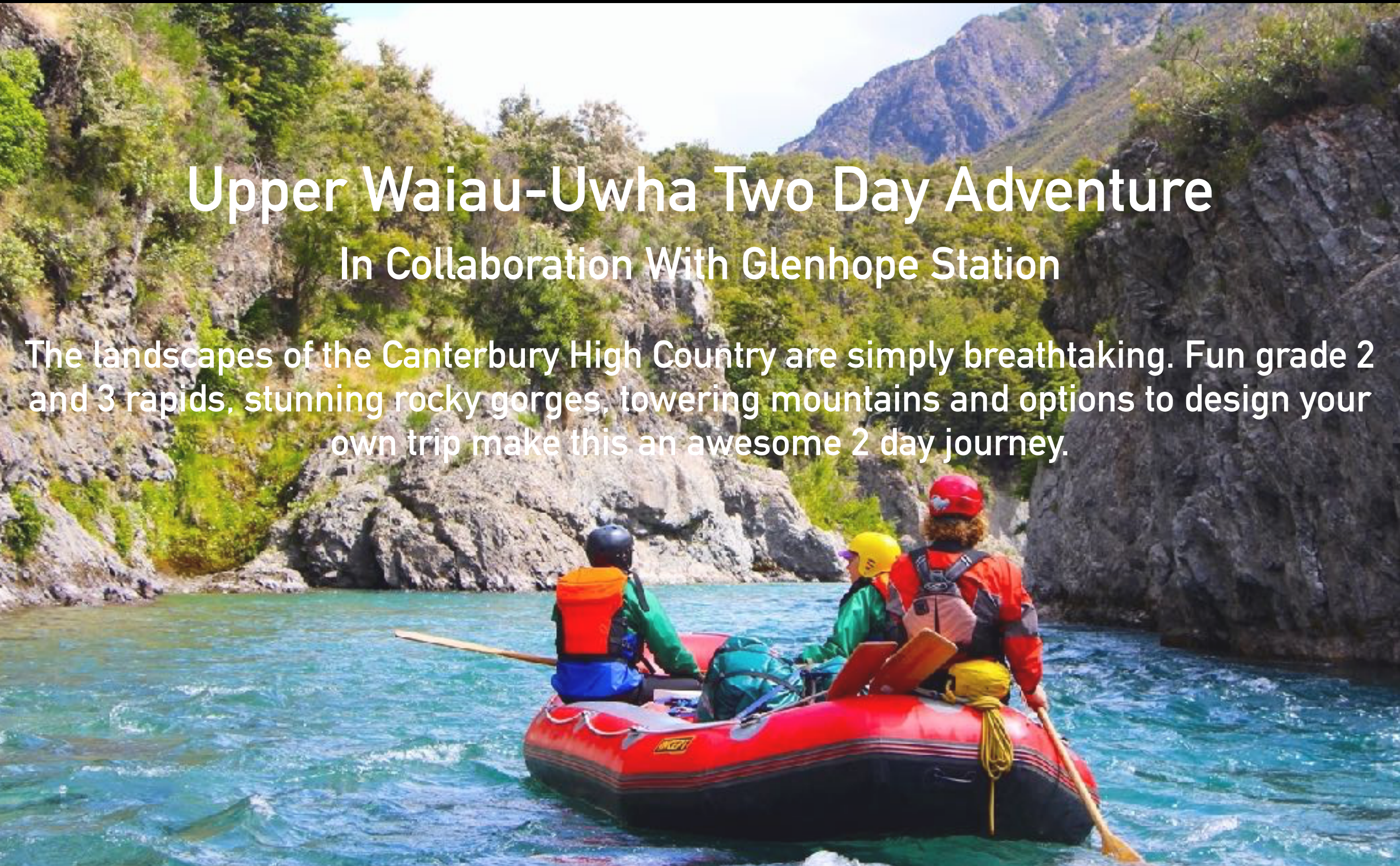


Upper Waiau-Uwha Two Day Adventure

In Collaboration With Glenhope Station

The landscapes of the Canterbury High Country are simply breathtaking. Fun grade 2 and 3 rapids, stunning rocky gorges, towering mountains and options to design your own trip make this an awesome 2 day journey.



The Waiau-Uwha

The name Waiau translates to river of swirling currents and on this journey you will soon see why.

In Māori lore this female river and the male river Waiau-Toa (the Clarence River) are lovers. At their head waters these rivers are close together but they separate as they flow toward the Pacific Ocean. Floods on the river occur when Waiau-Uwha mourns for her lover and her tears melt the snow at her source.

Waiau-Uwha begins in the Spenser Mountains. This mountain range forms a natural border between the East and West Coast of the South Island.

This adventure comes with stunning, rough East Coast landscapes of towering mountains, narrow gorges, tussock valleys and pure clean water.



Day One

To access the Upper Waiau-Uwha River we travel through the lush Magdalen Valley which is part of the Glenhope Station, a working high country farm with stunning landscapes.

Choose how your group travels to the river. Talk to us about combining options, if that suits your group better.

- 1) Four Wheel Driving - A relaxing option that allows you to travel through the heart of the farm and stop for photos along the way.
- 2) Mountain Biking - Work up a sweat and earn your lunch on a bike ride with amazing views. (Grade 2 biking)
- 3) Helicopter - Experience extra special views of Glenhope Station and the surrounding area.

After lunch beside the Waiau-Uwha it's time to get ready to raft. We get into our river gear and listen to a comprehensive safety briefing and set off on our adventure downstream. No previous rafting experience is needed as our guides will teach you everything you need to know.

Today you will raft through a variety of landscapes beginning with entertaining rapids that flow through a rugged East Coast gorge. Before we reach the cabin for the evening the river opens up into a wide valley with views of the surrounding mountains



Day Two

We start the day with a leisurely breakfast and then load the rafts up for the second leg of the river trip.

A beautiful gorge that has it all, steep rocky walls, tall waterfalls and pockets of green bush, make this section of the river a photographer's dream.

The grade three rapids are entertaining with lots of wave chains and on hot days there are plenty of opportunities to go for a swim. The river flows out to Lewis Pass road. The Hope and Waiau-Uwha rivers meet and we keep following the river down another nine kilometres to the take out.

We are normally back in Hanmer Springs by mid afternoon so there is plenty of time to drive back to Christchurch or to the West Coast.



Accommodation and Food

Option: Glenhope Cabin or Tent

The cute cabin on Glenhope Station sits above the gorge with stunning views of the valley we have travelled down. While we prepare the food, you can take time out to swim, try your luck with a fishing rod or just sit back and take in the scenery.



If you would prefer to camp out for the night we find a beautiful spot by the river, set up tents, build a fire and relax for the rest of the afternoon

All food is supplied for the trip: dinner, breakfast and two lunches. If you have any special dietary requirements or any strong food preferences please let us know in advance. Some on-river snacks will be supplied but feel free to bring some of your own favourites. You can also bring some wine/beer for the evening at camp.

The Basics

Pick up times: 10am in Hanmer Springs or 8.30am from Reefton

Duration: 2 Days

Age limit: 10 yrs and above

Cost: The cost for this trip is dependent on the options that you choose. Call us to discuss your own unique trip.



You need to bring

For Camping

Sleeping bag (supplied on request, \$40 hire fee)

Warm clothes for camp

Warm hat

Raincoat

Small torch

Shoes to wear around camp

Towel

Insect repellent

Toiletries

For the River

Swimwear/underwear for under the wetsuit

(two piece for ladies recommended, a one piece is hard to toilet in)

Old running shoes

Sunscreen

Personal medication i.e. asthma inhaler

Don't forget to pack your sense of adventure!

Inland Adventures will supply

Helmets

Life jackets

Wetsuits

Splash jacket

Thermal top

Wetsuit socks

Small dry bags for sunscreen etc

Big dry bags for your clothing etc



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