

Cruise ship passengers might like to... explore our heritage and watch a local movie!

Explore our heritage. Rakiura Museum boasts a nationally significant collection and showcases the development of industries based on Stewart Island's rich natural resources which first attracted the Maori followed by a cosmopolitan mix of settlers - sealers, prospectors, timber millers, ship builders, whalers, fisherman and tourism providers.

At the Museum, ask for a Rakiura Heritage Walk brochure which plots a fascinating perambulation to ten historical sites including the island's oldest structure, Acker's Cottage at Harrold's Bay. On the way back take a detour to Ringaringa Point and discover the history of missionaries at Wohlers Monument. Bathing Beach track rewards walkers with golden sands and the option of a swim in sheltered clear waters, and at low tide remnants of timber are visible from early milling days at Mill Creek.

Observation Rock is a popular lookout across Paterson Inlet. Fuchsia Walk provides a short bush walk for those wishing to avoid Golden Bay Road and links with Raroa Reserve Track to the peaceful Thule Bay and quaint boat sheds.

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Watch a movie. Shown three times daily at Bunkhouse Theatre "A Local's Tail" is a quirky 40 minute film about Stewart Island as seen through the eyes of Lola the dog. Have your questions answered and learn about the highs and lows of island pioneers past and present.

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