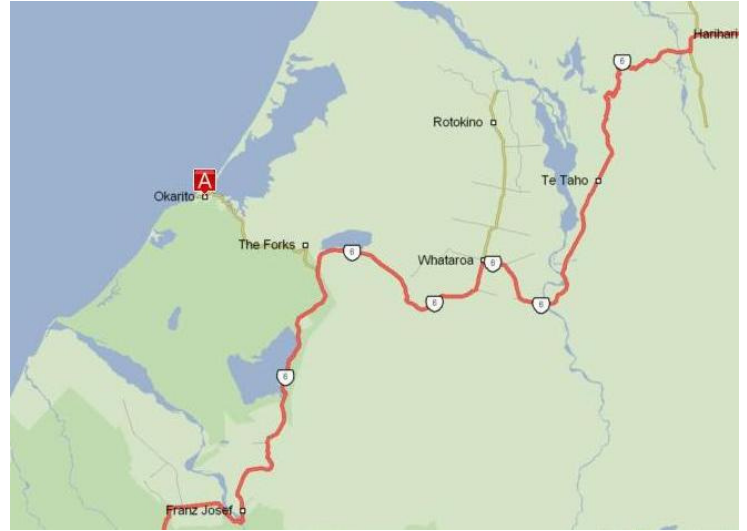


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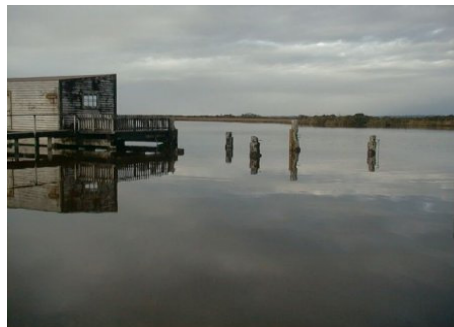
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This months hidden treasure is Okarito Lagoon, 15km north of Franz Josef Glacier off Highway 6.



The small historic settlement of Okarito is built on a sand-spit within Okarito Lagoon. The village lies between the forces of the Tasman Sea and a natural landscape of wetlands and rainforests, dominated by the highest peaks of the Southern Alps, including Mt Cook and Mt Tasman.



Okarito is also a sanctuary for the Kotuku or white heron, which nest here from November to February. The Okarito sanctuary is the only Kotuku breeding colony in NZ. The Kotuku is a sacred bird to the Maori and considered so rare that the flight of the Kotuku would only ever be seen but once in a lifetime.



Like many West Coast rivers, the mouth of the Okarito Lagoon is a popular fishing spot for a small but highly prized delicacy called Whitebait. Whitebait are immature translucent fish that swarm up the West Coast rivers in dense schools and are caught in large scoop nets. To make Whitebait fritters: mix a cup of fresh Whitebait with an egg, a heaped teaspoon of flour and salt and pepper to taste. Using a fork, whip the mixture vigorously for approx 15 secs. Add butter to pan, ensuring pan is nice & hot, and then add small amounts of the Whitebait mixture to pan. Cook for 45 seconds to 1 minute each side. Serve and eat immediately with a squeeze of lemon juice.

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