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■ **‘November in New Zealand’** by Richie Gill

■ ニューージーランドの11月



寒さが本格的になってきましたが、南半球では春真っ盛りのお様子です。今回は盛岡校リッチー先生が、地元ニューージーランドの春を紹介します。

"Now that we are heading into winter it is hard to imagine what the warm spring weather must be like in the southern hemisphere. For New Zealand this is one of the best months of the year, not too hot or cold, snow capped mountains and signs of early spring with daffodils dotted throughout the landscape make the scenery like a scene from Heidi. It is so unbelievably picturesque you have to see it with your own eyes to believe it.

November is the last of the 'tourist seasons' of the calendar year in New Zealand, and is arguably one of the best months in which to visit. For fans of hiking and outdoor adventure, the weather in November is almost perfect and although the nights are cool, extreme weather is rare. Tourists flock to New Zealand from the north to get away from the cold autumn weather to enjoy the great outdoors or just to take it easy and absorb the clean, tranquil atmosphere.

With so much nature and open space, children and adults alike take advantage of the fine weather and spend substantial time outdoors. It is common to see people horseback riding, cycling, hang gliding and even flying model airplanes. Children often play rugby or soccer and families go for long drives into the countryside on the weekends to get away from the bustle of city life.

In my hometown, a quaint rural town called Clevedon in Franklin County, there is an agricultural event called the A&P Show held on a weekend in the middle of November. It is the biggest event of the year in this town, and this year they celebrated their centennial. This type of agricultural carnival is also held in the U.S., known as the county fair, the U.K. and Australia.

Thousands of people come from surrounding cities and counties to watch and take part in hundreds of events such as animal competitions, sheep shearing and wood cutting races for men etc., and even amusement park rides all transported to the grounds especially. In Clevedon they would have a stunt man jump his motorcycle over things or through fire for a special attraction. There are also food stalls everywhere, and of course traditional Maori food as well.

So if you ever get a chance to go to New Zealand in November, I recommend traveling out into the magnificent countryside and checking out the A&P Show too, if you can!

== 読み解きのヒント ==

daffodil ラッパスイセン **arguably** ほぼ間違いなく

flock 一団、一群 **absorb** 吸い込む

tranquil 穏やかな **bustle** せわしない

quaint 古風で趣のある **county** 郡

centennial 100周年 **sheep shearing** 羊の毛刈り



A&P Show とは？



家畜や農耕機器の展示会が発端のお祭り。農業の祭典なので、農作業に使うトラクター大集合はずせないイベントの1つのようにです。また羊毛刈りコンペティション、ポニー・ショウ、モーターサイクル・ショウ、チェーンソーを使った木彫り実演などなど…。子供向けには、仮設ミニ遊園地、消防士ヘルメットを装着してミニ消防車ライド、そして大人気の動物ふれあいブース！その他に、「女性限定、長靴投げコンテスト」などユニークなイベントが盛りだくさんのようです。



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