

JUNIOR HUNT CONDITIONS

WAEWAETUTUKI WETLAND

Fish & Game own the Waewaetutuki wetland located in the Paengaroa area which has two maimai (access map below). Council has decided to offer the wetland to junior hunters only during the 2021 season to provide youth entering the sport, an easily accessible, safe environment which affords opportunity to hunt waterfowl.

You have been randomly selected to be the junior hunter for the weekend dates and stand number – stated above.

Please read the hunt conditions below. All juniors and their supervisors must adhere to these conditions.

Conditions;

- 1/ Junior full season (no 24 hr) Game Bird hunting licence holders only. This means you must be 17 or under as at 1st May 2021. The only permitted hunter is the stated junior above – no adults or other juniors are to shoot. At all times while hunting, juniors must be under the direct supervision of a current NZ Firearms licence holder. Direct supervision means the firearms licence holder must focus their full attention on supervising the junior hunter, to ensure they are acting safely and carefully.
- 2/ The only available weekends are 8-9 May, 15-16 May, 22-23 May, 29-30 May - 2021. Weekends will be allocated and are non transferable.
- 3/ The hours of hunting are from 6.15am until 6.15pm, on both Saturday and Sunday of all weekends.
- 4/ Two maimai are available which will be fully scrubbed up at the beginning of the hunting season. Maimai will be allocated and are non transferable.
- 5/ Junior hunters and their supervisor must provide their own equipment (e.g. shotgun, ammunition and decoys etc.). Waders are also necessary to access both maimai.
- 6/ All shot cases must be collected and all rubbish removed from the maimai and wetland site.
- 7/ A weekend hunt return (diary) (see below) must be filled in and returned to Fish & Game.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION LIST

FOR USERS IN FISH & GAME MANAGED WETLANDS

Hazard (Potential harm)	Action required to Eliminate, Isolate or Minimise hazard
Cannabis plants found (<i>Booby traps, grower threats</i>)	Do not touch plants, leave area immediately. Contact Eastern F & G office who will report to NZ Police.
Extreme weather (<i>exposure</i>)	Check weather forecast; Carry appropriate clothing and protection.
Fences (<i>Sprains, strains, twisting and cuts. Electric jolt</i>)	Use gates if possible, cross fence onto stable ground. Be aware of electric fences.
Firearms (<i>severe injury and death</i>)	Use in a responsible manner in line with normal operational practices. – Arms Act 1983. Be aware -firearms present in wetland.
General Equipment and Tools - (<i>Injury, hearing loss, eye injury, cuts</i>)	Use safely and responsibly in line with normal operation practice. Use personal protection equipment (PPE) as required (e.g. earmuffs and safety boots).
Illegally dumped rubbish (<i>sharps such as glass, tin cans, wire rope, bone can puncture skin</i>)	The use of gloves is recommended. Minimise skin contact or inhalation where possible. Contact Eastern F & G office.
Off road driving (<i>drive into waterway, accident, stranding</i>)	Use only 4WD vehicle. Beware of hazards such as bull-rut-holes. Drive carefully and to the conditions. In low-visibility areas, (high grass), drive slowly and with caution on well-consolidated stop-bank or recognised tracks.
Private land (<i>Crossing unsafe structures. Livestock farm hazards, Water drains</i>)	Contact landowner prior to visit; Discuss any out of the ordinary farming hazards and seek permission for access; Assess the risks and control accordingly.
Spraying (<i>Poisoning</i>)	Wear appropriate PPE (respirator/mask, gloves, overalls); follow manufactures instructions; users are aware of code of practice
Structures - maimais, boardwalks, nails, loose iron (<i>Fall, injuries, cuts</i>).	Structures do deteriorate. Visually and physically test before access.
Uneven terrain (<i>Long walk for some participants. Straining knees, back, hips</i>)	Wear suitable footwear; Beware of trip hazards, logs, exposed roots or other obstructions.
Vegetation- blackberry, stinging nettle etc (<i>cuts, poison, scratches</i>)	Be aware of surrounds - stay clear of vegetations likely to cause harm. Use antihistamine if required.
Wasp Nest (<i>severe stings</i>)	Do not antagonise hive and leave area immediately. If known to be allergic carry EpiPen or other required medication in case stung. Ensure others know of allergy, location of medication and how to use/apply medication. Contact Eastern F & G office to organise disposal of nest.
Water bodies – courses (<i>drowning, hypothermia</i>)	Beware hidden holes and drains, steep drain sides, mud and water depth risks. Use wading safety stick to plumb depths. If in waders - wear wading belt. Boating: Use serviceable boat. Wear appropriate life-vest. Don't overload/overbalance. Implement "Man overboard" procedures; safety rope and life ring if required. If exposure symptoms, keep patient warm with blanket, remove from wind, give warm drinks, (not alcohol).
Water Control Structures – Weirs/culverts/floodgates (<i>Drowning, limb injuries</i>)	Do not touch, alter or modify structures. F & G management job only.

Waewaetutuki Junior Diary 2021

Date and Time Data

Hunt Date:

Day:

Hunt Start:

Hunt Stop:

Junior Hunter & Supervisor

Junior Hunter name:

Parent/ supervisor name:

Weather

Wind Direction:

Cloud Cover: %

Rain:

Yes / No

Bird Tally

	Mallard	Grey	Shoveler	Paradise	Swan	Canada	Pukeko
<i>Drake</i>							
<i>Hen</i>							

Lost Birds:

Condition:

Comments

Bird Observations:

Maimai suitability:

Access:

Suggestions:

Waewaetutuki Access Details

This Fish & Game owned wetland is located on the edge of the Little Waihi harbor in the Paengaroa area. The wetland is located at the very end of Kaikokopu Road, which is on the northern side off the main Te Puke to Matata highway – approximately 5kms to the east from the new Tauranga motorway round about (almost opposite Maniatutu Road).

Travel to the end of the tar seal on Kaikokopu Road, continue on straight ahead onto the gravel road and when you come to the road forking off to a cowshed, and continue straight ahead on the dirt track adjacent to the canal until you come to a large steel gate. Park your vehicle in the car park just prior to the steel gate and walk to your allocated stand.

Stands are shown below with recommended wading access passages. The wetland is mostly knee to thigh deep but some areas (high lighted) are deeper than wader height.



- Best access passage
- Stand 1
- Stand 2
- ⊘ Steel gate
- Car park area
- Deeper water and deep mud.