

LOWER WAIHOU RIVER

Popular hunting area especially around Puriri/Netherton Bends. Fish & Game has recently initiated and co-ordinated an extensive fencing and replanting programme of the river involving some seventy kilometers which will return this area to its former glory.

Access Points

- 1. Thames Wharf**
Boat ramp located at main Thames Wharf at southern end of township.
- 2. Kopu Boat Ramp, opp. Quay Street, Kopu**
Boat ramp located off the true right hand bank of Waihou in industrial area.
- 3. Turua**
Boat ramp located off Piako Road in middle of Turua township.
- 4. Matatoki**
Foot access over private land at end Matatoki Road. Legal access available but easier access is obtained with landowners permission.
- 5. Matatoki**
Foot access over private land at end of Wainui Road. Permission required.
- 6. Wharf Road, Puriri**
Foot and Vehicular access – From Puriri, take Station Road to Wharf Road for access to Waihou River.
- 7. Turua**
Foot access to Waihou River at end of Huirau Road.
- 8. Turua**
Foot access at end of Gumtown Road.
- 9. Hikataia**
Foot and vehicular access off Puna and Wharepoa Roads west of Hikataia.
- 10. Netherton Bend**
Foot access from Robinson Road, approximately 7km from Paeroa - Thames SH26, then Ferry Road, landowner permission required.
- 11. Rangiora Road**
Foot access from Rangiora Road, approximately 4km north of Paeroa - Thames SH26 but landowner permission required.
- 12. Waimaire Bend**
Vehicular and foot access but landowner permission required to obtain easy access off Old Main Road then Rangiora Road approximately 3km northwest of Paeroa on SH2.
- 13. Opposite the Maritime Park Museum on SH2 before Paeroa**
Boat ramp off Hubbard Road, just off SH2 next to main Waihou River bridge.
- 14. Captain Cook Landing**
Just off SH2 on Netherton-Thames Road. Boat access to Waihou River sites.
- 15. Te Aroha**
Boat ramp located just downstream of main road bridge off Honi Street and Lawrence Ave.

