Upper Ahaura and Hapiti Rivers

The Ahapiti and Ahaura Rivers both carry populations of rainbow trout, although numbers are typically lower in the upper river. The best fishing in the Ahaura River is near the Kaitangata settlement, and in fact, the Ahaura River fishing density is highest in the first few km below the Kaitangata settlement. The Ahaura River is popular particularly among early morning fly fishers. Mid-late summer fishing in the upper sections is restricted from about 10am.

Access:
- Access from SH 6 via Petoners Rd. If in doubt about access ask at nearest settlement.

Methods:
- These waters are influenced by heavy floods and high tides. Interest remains despite the lower trout numbers.
- The upper river section maintains good support trout numbers and the upper Ahaura remains a worthwhile target for dry fly fishing.

Waitakere (Little Grey) River

This is a grey tributary joining at breamus between Gwynns Bridge and the Pareora. To date this tributary remains an unspoiled creature usually holding good numbers of medium sized rainbow trout. Fishing from the shore produces best results. The only practical access is by boat up the lake outlet creek.

Access:
- Available from the Waitakere Road bridge and the upper reaches via Mirfins Road on the west bank. Some sections are accessible by vehicle. Visit the Waitakere DOC offices, front, room and Flax for access info.

Wakatipu River

The Wakatipu River is the Western arm of Lake Wakatipu, which is the source of the Waitahuri, the only major river entering Lake Wakatipu. The Wakatipu River is a good source of trout and salmon with a variety of habitats and good access in the lower reaches. The Wakatipu River provides opportunities for spotting and stalking trout in a spectacular setting.

Access:
- Access to the Waitahuri River downstream 1 km to mouth and upstream to River mouth is restricted for conservation purposes.
- The mid-section around the Lake Mahinapua walkway. Boats launching available at Shanghai Bay. Foot access is difficult, although landowners are helpful if asked and permission is required.

Methods:
- These waters often produce a fish from the deeper runs.
- As for the Waitahu River, fishing is good all season but as flows close to SH for several kilometres before entering the Haast River.

Lake Mahinapua

Lake Mahinapua is fringed by SH 6, 10km north of Franz Josef, and the lake provides good trout numbers but are seldom caught before hooking a perch. Trout fishing for the Lake Mahinapua is best fished on incoming tide.

Methods:
- Fishing from the shore is limited to the jetty and a small outlet creek, providing excellent angling for kids. Brown trout are present but are seldom caught before hooking a perch. Trout fishing for the Lake Mahinapua is best fished on incoming tide.

Lake Wakatipu

Lake Wakatipu is the long arm of Lake Wakatipu, which is the other major river entering Lake Wakatipu. The Wakatipu River is a good source of trout and salmon with a variety of habitats and good access in the lower reaches. The Wakatipu River provides opportunities for spotting and stalking trout in a spectacular setting.

Methods:
- Fishing from the shore is limited to the jetty and a small outlet creek, providing excellent angling for kids. Brown trout are present but are seldom caught before hooking a perch.
Kokiri Bridge adjacent to the freezing works. Access is available via Arnold Valley Rd. between Stillwater and Moana. Access:

- salmon from January to April. The stretch of river between Jacksons SH 73. Brown trout average 1.8 kgs and are normally well marked access please ask at the nearest farm house.

Taramakau River

Kapitea/Kumara Reservoir

Methods:

- A range of nymph sizes and weights is recommended for trout. Fly fishing
- Spin fishing is popular all along the mid and lower Grey River. Trolling near the outlet during summer is popular. Fly fishing
- Match trace length and weight to water clarity. Generally the
- Fly fishing
- Commonly used dry flies include Deer Hair, Mole Fly or a
- Fly fishing

Lake Brunner

Lake Poerua

Methods:

- A popular method for trout and salmon in lakes. In South
- Launching ramp is located towards the eastern end of the lake. Popular access points are Greymouth, Omoto, Bankhead, Mosquito Point. In the season up to late November. Fly fishing is best in the evening when trout are more likely to take at dusk. Fly fishing

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