

## Lower Reaches

### 5) Saddle Road Bridge

From State Highway 3 turn off to Ashhurst. Travel northwards along Cambridge Street and turn right at either Lincoln Street, Worcester Street or Wyndham Street. Drive for about 300m along either one of these streets to reach Salisbury Street. Turn left and head northwards until the road veers right and goes down a hill. Travel down this hill and continue for about 1km to reach the Saddle Road Bridge. Access is at the end of the bridge down a gravel track. Please do not fish beyond 250m upstream from this bridge. It is private property. See access map.

### 6) State Highway 3 Bridge

Between Ashhurst and the Manawatu gorge on State Highway 3 is a bridge. On the Ashhurst end of the bridge there is a gravel pit with a track that leads down to the Manawatu River. From here, head upstream to reach the confluence between the Pohangina and Manawatu Rivers. There is plenty of walking and 4 wheel drive access up the true right side of the Pohangina river bed. It is an open area where the family may go as well.



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The Pohangina River has its source on the western flank of the Ruahine Ranges and flows southward to join the Manawatu River at Ashhurst. It contains extensive gravel beaches often lined with willows and other natives which provide pools and stretches of water with excellent cover for trout. Good trout numbers occur along the length of the river. Popular locations are either adjacent to the bridge at Raumai where a picnic area provides easy riverbank access or at Totara Reserve, a further 10km upstream. It is a river best suited to fishing to sighted fish, although nymphing, spinning or bait fishing the fast water in runs or the heads of pools, is worth trying.

## *Anglers!*

**Sections of riverbed covered by this pamphlet are in PRIVATE ownership which means anglers do not have a right of access. Most landowners have agreed to anglers having access along the river bed without having to obtain permission first.**

**PLEASE respect the privilege of access. Once you are on the river, stay within the river bed and do not wander onto adjacent farmland without the express permission of the landowner, unless there is a public access strip next to the river as shown on the map.**

**Conditions of access are:**

**NO dogs. NO camping. NO fires. NO vehicles on the river bed.**

**Leave gates as you find them.**

**Please Note:** Fish and Game NZ has endeavoured to show where legal public access exists to and along this river. Because of a variety of factors beyond our control this is a guideline only. The onus of avoiding trespassing on private land rests with the angler. Where doubt arises landowner permission should be sought. If any difficulty occurs through the use of this information please contact Wellington Fish and Game.

## *Upper Reaches*

### **1) Pohangina Valley East Bridge**

From State Highway 3 turn off to Ashhurst. Travel northwards along Cambridge Street and it will merge into Pohangina Valley Road. Drive for approximately 8.5km to an area called Raumai where you then turn right onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Continue along this road for about 13km until you reach a turnoff to Churchill Drive or right hand turn onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Take the right hand turn onto Pohangina Valley East Road and drive for another 12km or until you reach a bridge that crosses the Pohangina River. At either end of the bridge there is access to the river via small tracks.

### **2) Churchill Drive**

From State Highway 3 turn off to Ashhurst. Travel northwards along Cambridge Street and it will merge into Pohangina Valley Road. Drive for approximately 8.5km along Pohangina Valley

Road to an area called Raumai where you then turn right onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Continue along this road for about 13km until you reach the turnoff to Churchill Drive or right hand turn onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Continue straight/veer left along Churchill Drive for about 1km to reach a bridge. Access to the river is from this bridge.

## *Mid Reaches*

### **3) Gravel Pit**

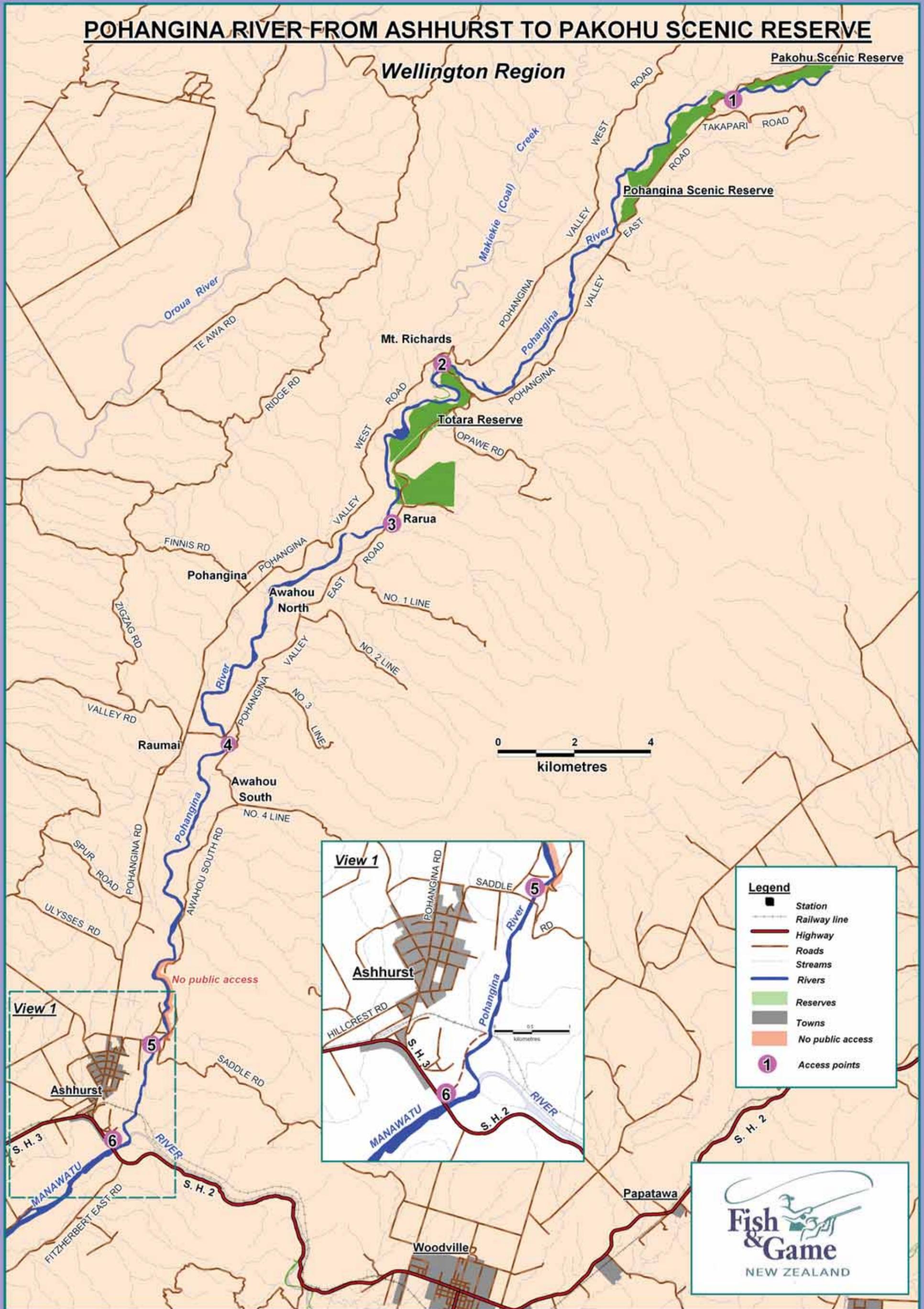
From State Highway 3 turn off to Ashhurst. Travel northwards along Cambridge Street and it will merge into Pohangina Valley Road. Drive for approximately 8.5km along Pohangina Valley Road to an area called Raumai turn right onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Drive for approximately 9km past the Raumai picnic area and you will see a gravel pit on your left which you can park in and gain access to the river.

### **4) Raumai Picnic Area**

From State Highway 3 turn off to Ashhurst. Travel northwards along Cambridge Street and it will merge into Pohangina Valley Road. Drive for approximately 8.5km along Pohangina Valley Road to an area called Raumai where you then turn right onto Pohangina Valley East Road. Drive for approximately 1km and you will reach an area just before the bridge on your right where you may enter and park. Plenty of space for a family picnic and BBQ.

# POHANGINA RIVER FROM ASHHURST TO PAKOHU SCENIC RESERVE

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**Legend**

- Station
- Railway line
- Highway
- Roads
- Streams
- Rivers
- Reserves
- Towns
- No public access
- Access points

