

Rangitikei River

16) Kakariki Road Bridge

From the centre of Halcombe township drive northwest out of town and travel along Halcombe Road for 4.5km and then turn left onto Kakariki Road. About 1km down the road is a bridge where at either end of the bridge there is access to the river.

17) Kakariki Road Bridge

From the center of Bulls township head north on High Street. Keep driving straight along State Highway 1 for just over 7km to find the Kakariki Road turnoff on your right. Turn onto Kakariki Road and drive for about 3km to reach the bridge. There are tracks at either end of the bridge that gives access to the river.

Lower Reaches

18) When heading out of Bulls there is a bridge. Just past the bridge on your right is turnoff called Tangimoana Road. Turn right onto Tangimoana Road and within 100m on your right is a gravel track that will take you down and under the bridge where is plenty of access.

19) Treatment Plant

From the Bulls road bridge head towards Palmerston North. Just as you get off the bridge turn right onto Tangimoana Road. Drive for approximately 1.5km to reach a gateway on your right that travels down past a small treatment plant. Drive down this track towards the river to get access. At times this gate maybe locked.

20) At the southern end of Bulls township is a bridge over the Rangitikei river. When heading out of Bulls just before the bridge on your right is a turnoff. Turn right onto Bridge Street and drive along past a small park down to the river via a gravel road.

21) From State Highway 1 just south of Sanson turn northwest off the highway onto Speedy Road and drive for 3.5km to reach Tangimoana Road. Turn left onto Tangimoana Road and drive for 1km then turn right onto McDonell Road. About 2km along McDonell Road is a set of big double gates on your left. Drive through these gates and down a gravel road to get access to the river. These gates could potentially be closed at times.

22) Champion Road

From State Highway 1 head westwards along Champion Road for about 5km traveling straight through the intersection with Tangimoana Road. At the end of Champion Road there is a gravel site. Please adhere to the conditions on the sign on the fence as you enter the site. Access to the river is through this site.

23) Rosina Road

From State Highway 1 head westwards along Rosina Road for about 5km to reach Tangimoana Road. Turn left and then right onto Rosina Road and continue for about 1km to the end where there is a gravel road that will lead you to the river

24) Tangimoana – Scotts Ferry Road

From Sanson head southwards on Wellington Road which becomes State Highway 1. Drive for approximately 12.5km to reach Whale road. Turn right onto Whale Road and drive for about 7km to the end then turn left onto Tangimoana Road. Drive along Tangimoana Road until you reach a small town called Tangimoana. Turn right at Punga Street and drive 900m to the end then turn left onto Aru Street. Drive to the end which is about 400m to find on your right a gravel road that will lead you to the river along Scotts Ferry Road.

From Palmerston North head northwest on Rangitikei Street from the centre of Palmerston North. It then becomes Rangitikei Line where you need to drive for 9.5km. Continue heading straight along State Highway 3 for another 11km to reach Sanson. Turn left onto Wellington Road in Sanson. From here follow directions above.

25) Parewanui Road

From the middle of the Bulls Township head south along High Street for 1km and continue straight along Parewanui Road for another 17.3km to reach access tracks to the river on your left.



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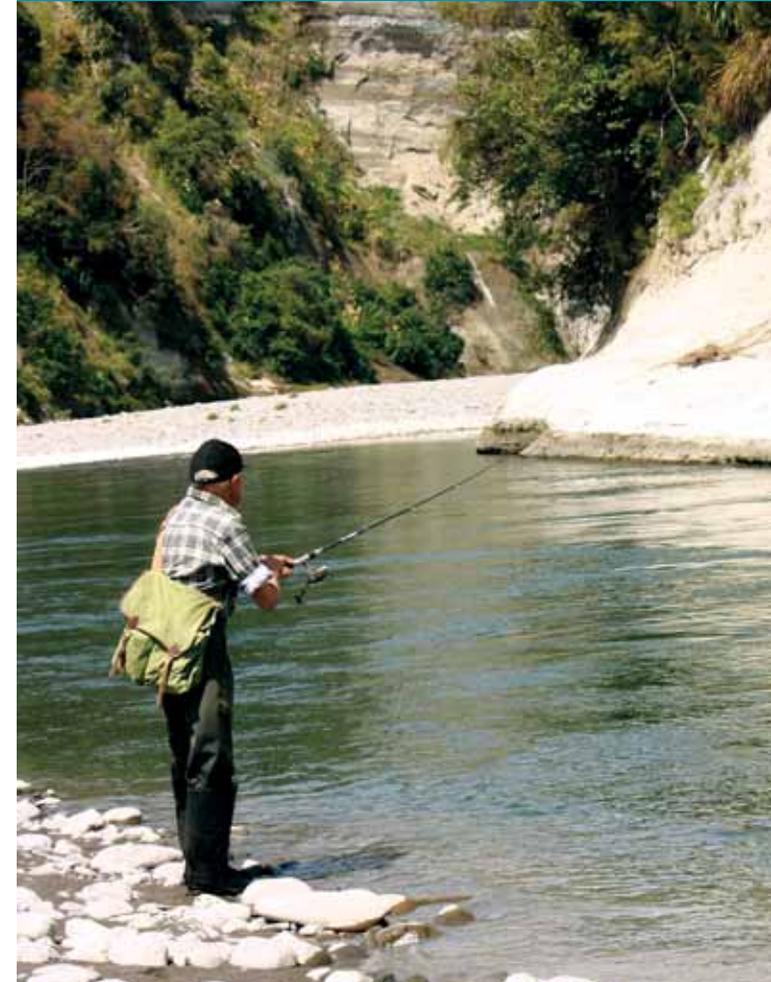


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Rangitikei River

The Rangitikei river is an amazing trout fishery and is very well known for producing trophy sized trout. Fishing the upper reaches rewards the angler with surroundings of huge clay cliffs which filter out through to its braided nature downstream. The whole length of the river holds good numbers of both rainbow and brown trout. There are numerous pools and rapids of outstanding quality to choose from at all locations on the river. Whitebait are also present in the very lower sections when they are running. Note: there are sections of the Rangitikei river that go beyond the upper reaches shown in this pamphlet where access is normally via helicopter.

Anglers!

Sections of river bed 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 and 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 and 2) Mangaweka Picnic Area

Just north of Mangaweka is Mangawharariki Road. When driving north from Mangaweka turn eastward onto Mangawharariki Road and continue driving along this road for 1.2 km until you reach the Mangaweka Camping ground on your right. Entering this picnic area you will find several tracks down the back that will lead you

to the river. There are many paths that will take you to different sections of the river and it is a great spot for a family outing.

3 and 4) Mangarere Road

From State Highway 1 just south of Mangaweka turn eastward onto Mangarere Road. Drive for 1.2 km along this road to the bridge. Just past the bridge on your right is a gate that will give access to the river. Please close gate behind you.

5) Otara Road

From State Highway 1 approximately 9km south of Mangaweka turn eastward at the Rangawahia Road sign onto Otara Road. Drive over the railway tracks and continue for 1.8km until you reach an open gravel area on your left. Drive through the gate at either end of this gravel area to get access down to the river.

6) Vinegar Hill Road Picnic Area

From State Highway 1 turn eastward onto Vinegar Hill Road and drive for 2km over the bridge to find the entrance to the large picnic area on your right. If you come from the Feilding side along Cheltenham Hunterville Road the entrance is on your left before the bridge. Drive down to the picnic area where there are several tracks that will lead you to the river. This is another great spot for the family.

7) Double gates on the Cheltenham Hunterville Road

From the Vinegar Hill bridge, drive a further 4.7km southwards along the Cheltenham Hunterville Road and on your right you will see a gate that leads to a gravel track. This will take you down towards the river. The gravel track is approximately 1km long. Please leave gates as you find them. It is possible they may be locked at times.

8) Rangitikei Valley Road

From the Vinegar Hill bridge head southwards along Cheltenham Hunterville Road for approximately 13.2km to reach an area called Rewa. Turn right onto Rangitikei Valley Road and drive for 2km to reach a gateway that gives you access to the river.

9) Putorino Road

On State Highway 1 about 9km south of Hunterville and 25km north of Bulls is a turnoff called Putorino Road. Turn off State Highway 1 onto Putorino Road and drive approximately 8.5 km to the end. There is small grass area on the right side of the road beside the river where you can gain access to the river. Depending on what side the river is flowing on, this point can be difficult to get access.

Mid Reaches

10) From the Vinegar Hill bridge head southwards along Cheltenham Hunterville Road for approximately 13.2km to reach an area called Rewa. Turn right onto Rangitikei Valley Road and drive for 6km to the end to reach a gateway on your right that gives you access to the river.

11) Te Houhou Road

On State Highway 1 about 10km south of Hunterville and 24km north of Bulls is a turnoff called Te Houhou Road. Turn off State Highway 1 onto Te Houhou Road and drive for 4km to the end where we advise you to ask the landowner for advice on how to get to the river. At the end of the road there are several driveways, take the one that goes up a small hill to the right. Talk with the land owner Hamilton McConachy for information on where to go. You will have to go across a small paddock to gain access to the river.

12 and 13) Reu Reu Road

From the centre of Halcombe township head northwest on Halcombe Road for about 4.5km then veer straight/right onto Pryces Line. Drive for about 1km along Pryces Line then turn left and continue on Pryces Line for another 7km. At the end take a slight right onto Reu Reu Road and drive for about 9km. At the end of the road there is a track by a bridge across a creek. This follows the creek bed out to the river. Access via 2WD only when dry.

14) Makino Road

From the centre of Halcombe township head northwest on Halcombe Road for about 4.5km then veer straight/right onto Pryces Line. Drive for about 1km along Pryces Line then turn left and continue on Pryces Line for another 7km. At the end of Pryces Line turn left onto Makino Road and drive to the end of this road to gain access to the river.

15) Onepuhi Road

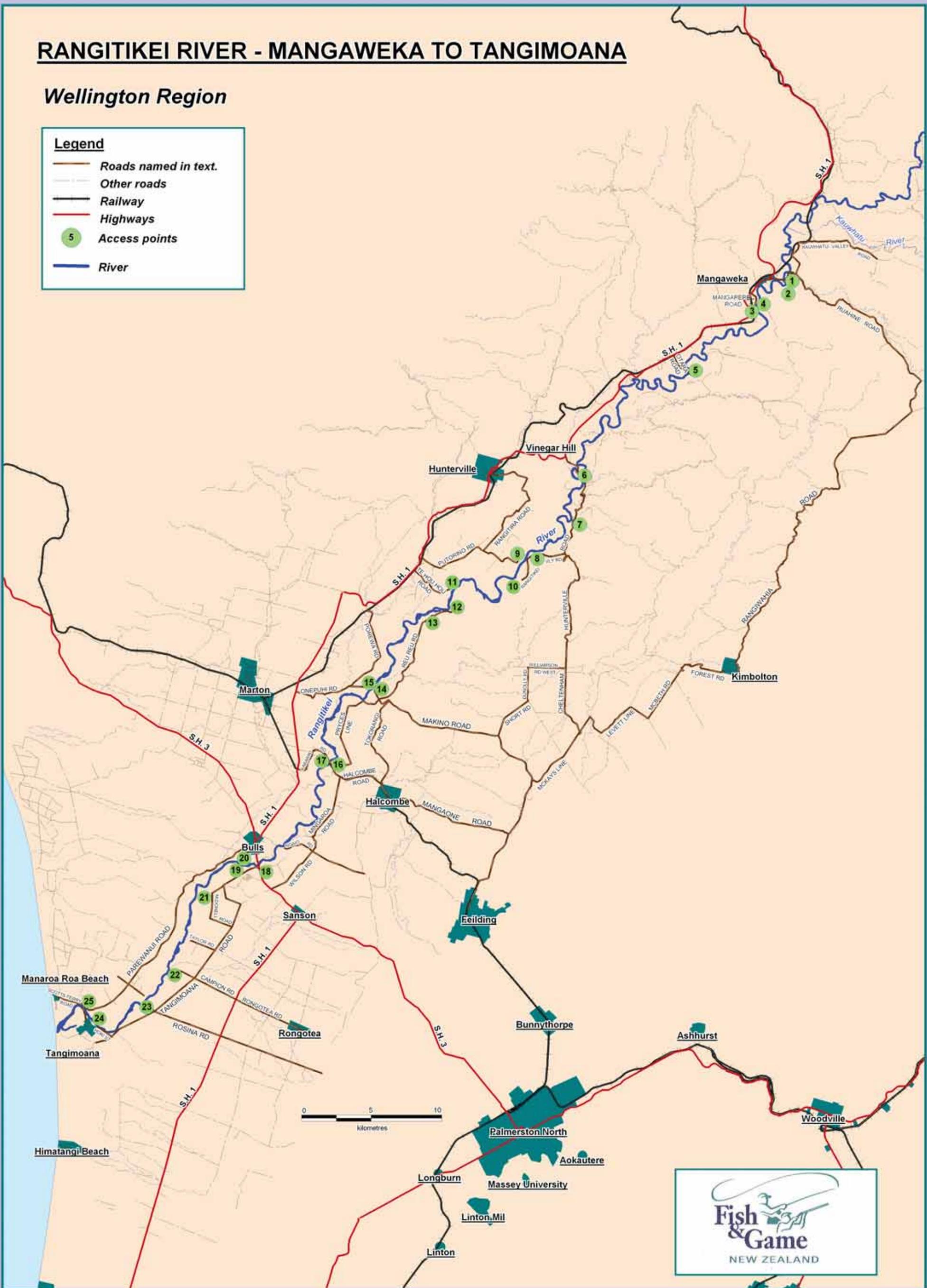
From the center of Bulls township head north on High Street, keep driving straight along State Highway 1 for about 11km to reach the turnoff on your right to Onepuhi Road. Drive along Onepuhi Road veering right at all intersections to stay on Onepuhi Road. It is about 6km to the end of the road where there is a track that gives access to the river.

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Legend

-  Roads named in text.
-  Other roads
-  Railway
-  Highways
-  Access points
-  River



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