

WAIKATO RIVER DELTA

A totally unique area comprising some thirty, mostly overgrown, islands between the Tuakau Bridge and the Tasman Sea.

Meandering waterways between the islands provide a haven for ducks, as does the surrounding wetland in the Aka Aka and other adjacent areas. Consequently this is a very popular area for hunters.

Fish & Game own many of the island titles in the area to encourage their recreational use – see map. An entry permit is not required for Waikato Island but is required for the **Aka Aka** and **Piggott Wetlands**.

- A **Ngahinapouri Is.** 13 hectares.
- B **Kaiwaka No 1 Is.** 113 hectares
- C **PakePake Is.** 71 hectares
- D **Puehunui Is.** 100 hectares
- E **Motutieke Is.** 52 hectares
- F **Aka Aka Wetland** 58 hectares
- G **Piggott Wetland** 53 hectares

ACCESS Points

Major boat ramps at:

1. Hoods Landing, Otatau

This ramp (off Otatau Road) provide access to most of the lower Waikato Islands and river area.

2. Elbow Boat Ramp, Aka Aka

This ramp at the end of Elbow Road adjacent to water ski club gives good access to the Waikato islands.

3. Tuakau Bridge, Tuakau

Locate on State Highway 22 this ramp gives good access to the islands and adjacent wetlands further upstream from the Waikato Delta.

Smaller boat ramps and foot access

4. Crouch Road

Boats can be launched here for good access to lower Waikato Islands

5. Mawhitiwhiti Road

A smaller boat ramp give access to the larger islands in the lower delta.

6. Bregman Road

Boat launch to river possible. (Note: steep bank)

Foot access to **Aka Aka Block** from Bregman Road

(free permit required to enter – available from Fish & Game Office)

Foot access is available to:

7. Parker Lane, Tuakau

Foot access to Piggott Wetland (and Waikato River) at the end of Parker Lane *(free permit required to enter this area – available from Fish & Game Office)*

8. Frost Road

Boat ramp and foot access at the end of Frost Road, off the main Port Waikato Road.

9. Murray Road

Boat ramps available for launching small boats.