Where to Fish

Karapiro Dam

This is a very popular spot that can fish well throughout the
year. Access to the western side of the dam can be gained
from the track on the Karapiro powerhouse. This track leads
directly down to a large backwater at the base of the dam.
Directly below the dam, another track leads off to the
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in the early morning or after dusk, when trout are
more likely to be close to the bank. The area is
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Between Karapiro and Cambridge

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Fishing equipment

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Spin fishing

Bait fishing

Trolling

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