WHERE TO FISH

The following are the main fishing waters. This is not an exhaustive listing. There are many smaller streams which are popular with local fishermen... there to be "discovered".

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River is popular with shore-based anglers. The Waipapa Dam powerhouse. The mouth of the Waipapa Lake Karapiro. This is not regarded as a safe place to be expected in the upper reaches. Access is to the Waitakere Ranges and Whakatane Highways.

WAIPAPA DAM RIVER SYSTEM

Waiau River

A popular river with a fairly high catch rate and about 20 km of fishable water. Three tributaries also offer good small stream fly fishing. The Ngakoaohia is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge. The Ngakoaohia Stream has a clear gravel bottom, mostly free of weed and good-sized rainbows. Access is obtained from the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge.

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Pokaiwhenua Stream

A large spring fed stream with an abundant trout population. Access is obtained from SH1 and Horahora Road. An extensive coverage of quality waters and generally very clear water make this a challenging stream to fish. Fishing methods are restricted to fly fishing only above the Horahora Road bridge.

Waipa River

The Waipa River enters a series of large springs near Puhoi and flows across the Huia Plains to the Huia River. Access is possible from Puhoi and Waikato Roads. The riverbed consists of gravel bottom which lends itself well to nymph and dryfly fishing. The Waipa River is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge.

Waimakariri Stream

The Waimakariri River is a spring-fed stream which lies southwest of Tuakau town center. The mouth is over 10 km of fishable water. Access to the middle reaches is via Gribbon Road, the upper reaches are deep and sluggish and generally not favoured by anglers. The river is open to artificial fly fishing. The Ngakoaohia is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge.

Pokaiwhenua Stream

A very high, mainly small fish though recent drift dive surveys have seen high numbers of large rainbow trout. Access is obtained from the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge.

Tawarau River

An upper tributary, the Mangaohae Stream, is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge. The Tawarau River is a relatively remote west coast river that is divided into two fisheries by the impressive Marokopa Falls. Below the falls there is about 10 km of fishable water. Both are large lakes located in the Hunua Ranges southeast of Wellsford. Both are regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Thomson’s Lake

A small lake situated beside the Waiuku-Kariotahi Road. A very small lake but holds some good sized rainbows. Situated on a weekend trip. An upper tributary, the Marokopa Stream, is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge. Fishing is restricted to the clearest water.

Lake Minchin

A small scenic lake located near Tomarata about 20 km north of Waiuku. Regularly stocked with trout. Lake Muirs

A very small lake but holds some good sized rainbows. Situated on a weekend trip. Fishing is restricted to the clearest water.

Lake Totara

A small lake located near Tomarata about 15 km from Karitane. Flyable around the shore but permission is required from the local landowner.

Lake Okitoa

Located on the South Kapiti coast, this popular lake is situated within walking distance of a number of Auckland lakes. Lake Paihia

A very high catch rate can be expected in this very scenic lake but the river is generally catched in far from the Waipapa Dam. The Waipapa Dam powerhouse. The mouth of the Waipapa Lake in just south of the Awakino Falls. This is a river renowned for its high catch rate of rainbow trout. Fishing is restricted to the clearest water.

Lake Wairua

An attractive lake situated approximately 15 km from Karitane Beach. Flyable around the shore but permission is required from the local landowner.

Lake Waimarama

A small lake situated beside the Waiuku-Kariotahi Road. A very small lake but holds some good sized rainbows. Situated on a weekend trip. An upper tributary, the Mangaohae Stream, is open to artificial fly only from its source to the Pirongia/Kawhia Road Bridge. Fishing is restricted to the clearest water.