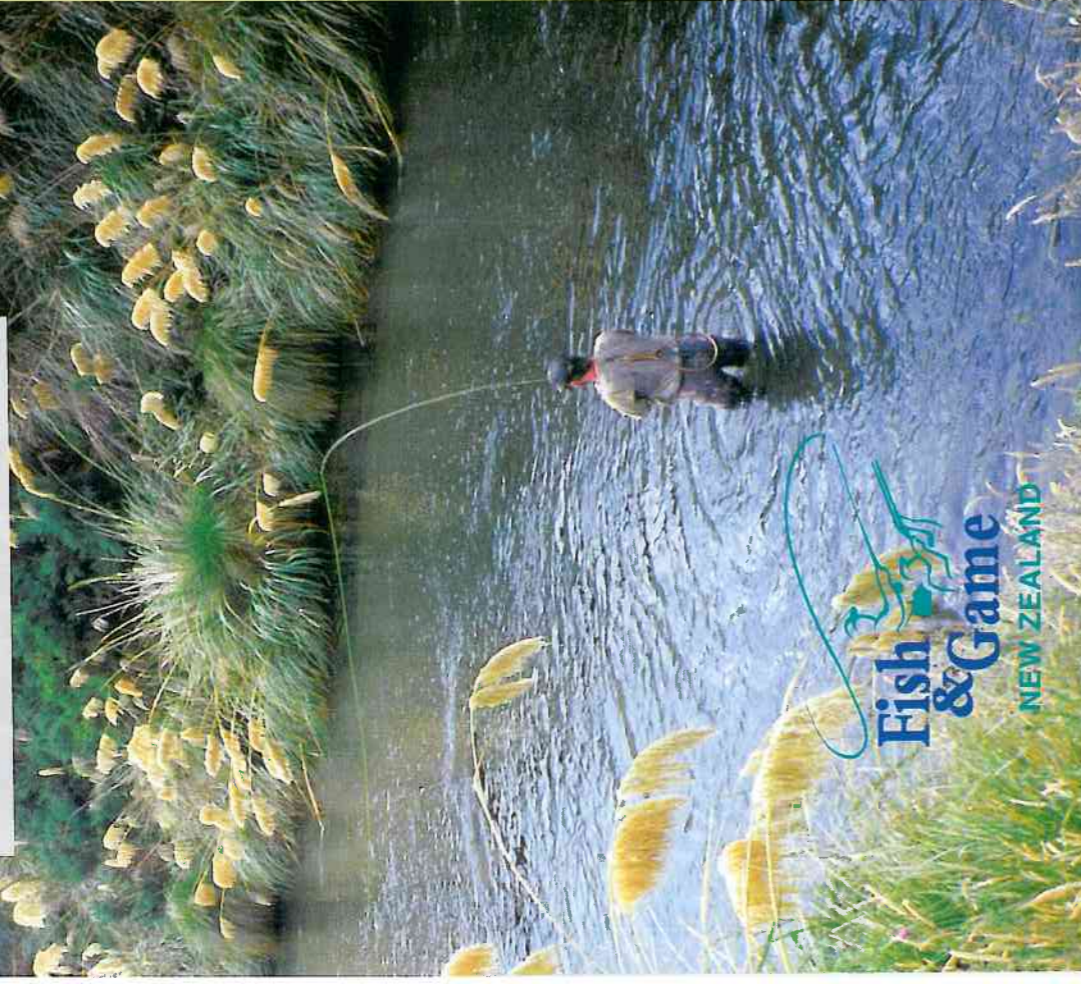


# RANGITAIKI RIVER FISHERY

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# IMPROVING ANGLING ACCESS

You can expect to see on-going improved access along the Rangitaiki River over the next couple of years as a result of a programme between Fish and Game New Zealand and Fletcher Challenge Forests. Access will be sign posted from key entrances into the forest. For updated information contact Fish and Game New Zealand at the contacts listed below.

# Rangitaiki FISHERY CATCHMENT

is the largest in the Eastern Region and offers a wide range of fishing opportunities, from lake (Aniwhenua and Matahina) to small stream fishing (Otamatea and stream headwaters). A major proportion of the river system is open all year, including the Rangitaiki River downstream of the Otamatea confluence, the hydro lakes, and site within the Wheao power scheme.



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# MAJOR ACCESS POINTS for fishing

Following is a description of the main access points in the Rangitaiki Catchment, with numbers corresponding to those marked on the map

- 1 Boat Ramp Turn off State Highway 2 on to Thornton Beach Road.
- 2 River Mouth Again turn off State Highway 2, this time onto Thornton Hall Road. Access to the river may be gained at a number of points along the road.
- 3 Lake Matahina Boat Ramp This is the only boat ramp on Lake Matahina. Boating upstream of the lake, in the Rangitaiki River is also possible. Another boat ramp is available below the dam to access the lower Rangitaiki River. Please follow instructions on signs at ramp.
- 4 Te Teko/Murupara Road Bridge Access down to the river on both sides of the road.
- 5 Waihua Stream From the Te Teko/Murupara Road Bridge access can be gained on both sides of the road. Fishing can be undertaken either upstream or downstream of the bridge.
- 6 Mangamako Stream Again access can be gained from the bridge on the Te Teko/Murupara Road. Fishing is possible upstream, and downstream to the Rangitaiki confluence.
- 7 Lake Aniwhenua Boat Ramp Off Black Road is the Aniwhenua boat ramp. Surrounding the ramp is a free camping area.
- 8 Aniwhenua Walking Track Upstream of the boat ramp is a walking track that extends for most of the eastern side of the lake.



"Clear waters and good fishing opportunities make the Rangitaiki River a very attractive fishing location"

- 9 Rabbit Bridge Boat Ramp Access is available off Kopuriki Road, downstream of Rabbit Bridge on the eastern side.
- 10 Rabbit Bridge Access can be gained off both sides of the bridge.
- 11 Lower Horomanga The bridge on Galatea Road provides access down to the Horomanga River.
- 12 Horomanga The Horomanga can also be accessed from the bridge on Troutbeck Road.
- 13 Upper Horomanga Turn off on the south side of the Troutbeck Road Bridge. Access is available at the end of the gravel road. This is the beginning of a DOC track up the Horomanga Valley in the Te Urewera National Park.



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"The solitude of the Upper Rangitaiki River"

**Upper Rangitaiki River**  
The upper Rangitaiki River is contained within the Kaingaroa Forest. Permits from Fletcher Challenge Forests are required to enter this area. The upper Rangitaiki (upstream of Te Awa, sites 26-27), and tributaries such as Dry Fly Stream (site 28) and the Otamatea (site 29) offer good fly fishing, particularly using dry flies. Often the summer period (October-March) is the best time to fish these areas, especially during caddis and cicada hatches. Fish up to 2kg are common, although the heaviest fish recorded has been a five kilogram rainbow trout.

# GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION

**Lower Rangitaiki River**  
This section of river can be fished from the banks or by boat. Ramps are available at sites 1, 2 or 3. The tidal zone offers good sized trout mainly caught on spinning lures. Upstream to the Matahina Dam the vegetation gets progressively heavier, but the adventurous angler will find good fishing. Below Matahina Dam an angler track leads to productive water.

**Lake Matahina**

Lake Matahina (site 3) is a deep lake that is most commonly trolled. Deep trolling during the summer period has in the past produced the best results. In addition, spinning from the shore at the dam end of the lake is also popular.

**Central Rangitaiki**

Between lakes Matahina and Aniwhenua the Te Teko/Murupara Road provides access to three main sites (sites 4-6). Spin fishing in the Rangitaiki has produced some exceptional results, as has flyfishing the Waihua and Mangamako.



"Lake Aniwhenua is a great place for family fishing"

**Lake Aniwhenua**

Lake Aniwhenua (sites 7-10) is one of the North Island's most productive lakes, with many trophy fish caught. Fly fishing is the most common method of fishing, either from a boat or the shore. The free camp site, adjacent to the boat ramp, off Black Road is very popular for anglers over the summer months.

**Horomanga River**

The Horomanga (sites 11-13) is unique in that it involves fishing for large fish in a small stream. Many fish enter the stream to spawn and consequently the best time to fish is from May to the end of June, when the river closes. From the upper Horomanga (site 13) a track runs alongside the river offering excellent fishing opportunities, with deep pools containing high numbers of trout. Two Department of Conservation huts along the track are popular for overnight stays, and offer excellent camping facilities.

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- 14 Haumea Stream Access to the Haumea Stream can be gained from the bridge on Galatea Road.
- 15 Haumea Road Access to the Haumea can also be gained from the bridge on Haumea Road.
- 16 Lower Whirinaki At the end of Ngatimanawa Road, opposite the oxidation ponds at Murupara there is access to the Whirinaki. A track runs alongside the river.
- 17 Whirinaki Road Access to the Whirinaki is available from the bridge on Troutbeck Road and at the access sign by the old quarry.
- 18 Whirinaki Approximately 2.5km north of Te Whaiti is a gravel track (Okuia Road) off State Highway 38, that runs parallel with the Whirinaki River. There are a number of access points along the road to the river, however foot access only is allowed beyond the gate.
- 19 Te Whaiti Camping Ground The camping ground is situated just north of Te Whaiti, on State Highway 38.
- 20 Mangamate Camping Ground Turn off Minginui Road down a gravel road, approximately 1km north of Minginui (signposted). There is a DOC camping ground beside the Mangamate Waterfall.
- 21 River Road On the western side of Minginui, River Road runs parallel to the Whirinaki. Access to the river is available from a number of points along this side.
- 22 Whirinaki Track Just before Te Whaiti, the Whirinaki Track runs off River Road. This track runs to the headwaters of the Whirinaki, with a number of huts along the way.

- 23 Rangitaiki Canal The Kiorenui Road Bridge provides access to the Rangitaiki Canal. Roads run on both sides of the canal offering very good access.
- 24 Wheao Penstocks At the eastern end of the Rangitaiki Canal, the Penstocks are a popular fishing location.
- 25 Flaxy Lake From the Rangitaiki Canal, Bush Road runs to Flaxy Lake. Good access to Flaxy Lake and Flaxy Canal is available.
- 26 Te Awa Camping Ground Located at the northern end of Eastern Boundary Road.
- 27 Upper Rangitaiki Downstream of the Otamatea confluence Eastern Boundary Road runs parallel to the Rangitaiki River. This section of the river contains a number of access points from the road.
- 28 Dry Fly Creek This creek (otherwise known as Otangimoana Stream) can be accessed either by crossing the Rangitaiki River from Eastern Boundary Road, or from the bridge on Dry Fly Road.
- 29 Otamatea River Upstream of the Rangitaiki confluence, Eastern Boundary Road follows the Otamatea River. There is a number of access points to the river along the road.

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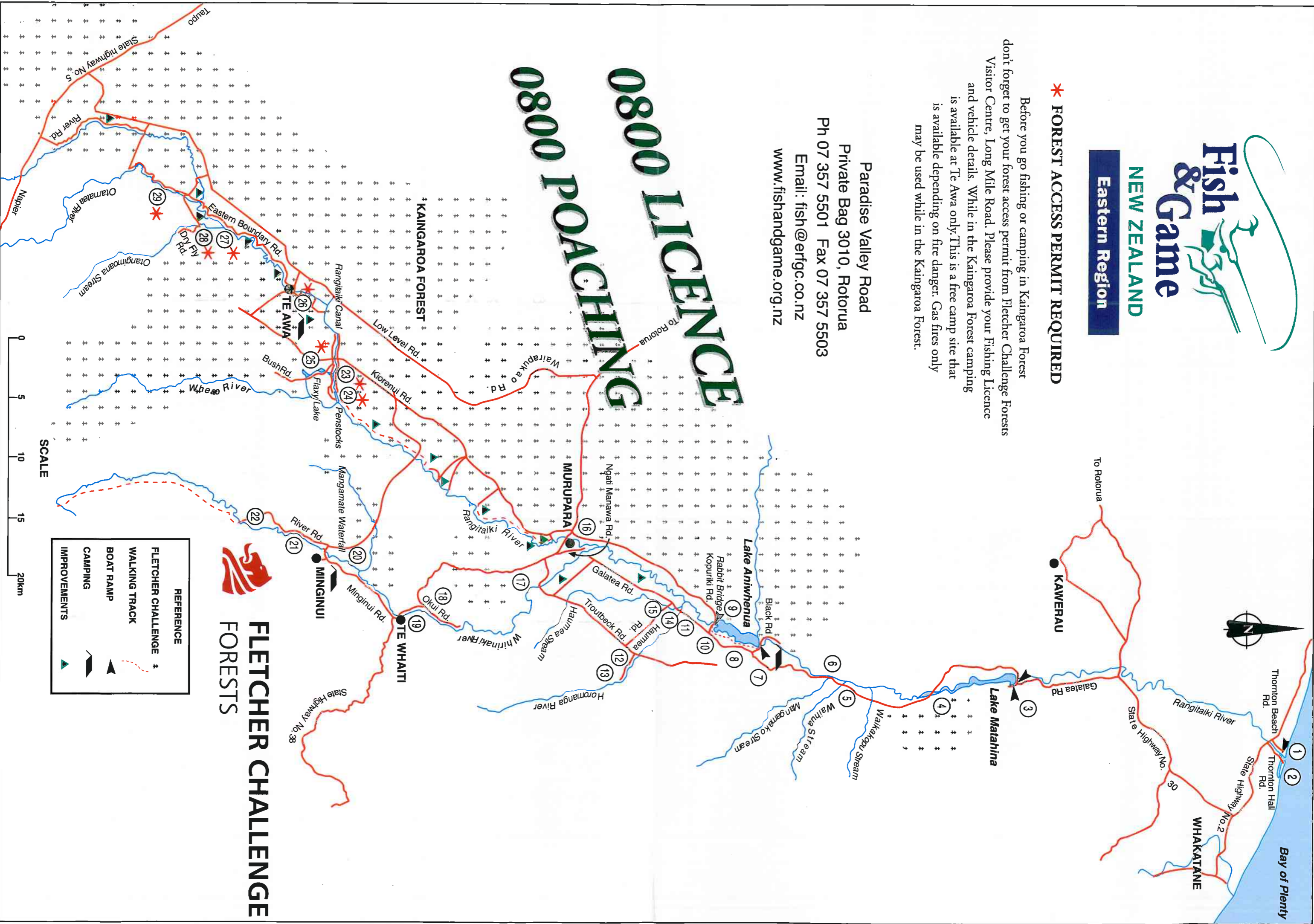
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Before you go fishing or camping in Kaingaroa Forest don't forget to get your forest access permit from Fletcher Challenge Forests Visitor Centre, Long Mile Road. Please provide your Fishing Licence and vehicle details. While in the Kaingaroa Forest camping is available at Te Awa only. This is a free camp site that is available depending on fire danger. Gas fires only may be used while in the Kaingaroa Forest.

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