

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The pamphlets listed below contain more detailed access information on trout fisheries in the Auckland/Waikato region, and are available from Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game, RD 9, Hamilton by sending a stamped self address envelope.

- South Waikato Spring Creeks,
- The Might Waipa,
- Waitomo & Kawhia,
- Whanganui Headwaters,
- Coromandel Ranges,
- Waikato River,
- Auckland/Waikato Lakes,
- Getting started in freshwater fishing.



Continued angler access - it's primarily up to you!

Less than 50% of the rivers in the Auckland/Waikato region are covered by the Queens Chain (riparian reserve). But notwithstanding the presence or absence of the Queens Chain, anglers are dependent upon landowner goodwill to fully enjoy angling opportunities.

Accordingly make sure you take the time to extend to landowners the common courtesies that you would expect:

- Ask their permission before you cross their land
- Don't
 - clamber over fences
 - walk through crops
 - disturb stock
 - leave gates other than as you found them
 - deposit rubbish
 - take your dog onto a landowners property unless you square it away with them that it is OK to do so. Hydatids and sheep measles can pose a serious threat to a farmers livelihood; so leave your dog at home unless you're certain that the farmer doesn't object to it on their land.

In our experience very few landowners will refuse access to genuine anglers.



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Auckland/Waikato Trout Fishing



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".

WHANGANUI HEADWATERS

Whanganui River

The Whanganui River rises in the Tongariro National Park, flows northward to Taumarunui then southwest to the sea. Between Taumarunui and Kakahi there are numerous good fishing pools, many of which have been signposted by the Ruapehu Fish & Game Club. Access can be gained from Taumarunui, Mahoe (Mahoe Rd), Piriaka, Manunui, and Kakahi. Access to the upper reaches within the Tongariro National Park is via old logging roads from State Highway 47, a good topographical map or local knowledge is required. This is typical backcountry fishing requiring an above average level of fitness.

Whakapapa River

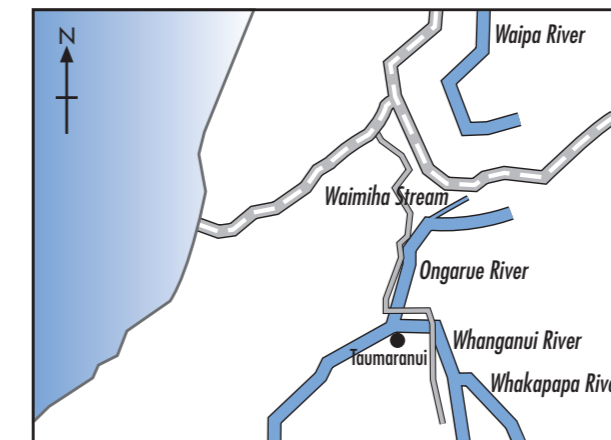
One of New Zealand's finest trout fisheries but certainly not for the faint hearted as the Whakapapa alternates between turbulent rapid, deep pools and long boulder runs. Access to the lower and middle reaches can be obtained from the villages of Kakahi and Owango, south of Taumarunui. Here there is a good population of both rainbow and brown trout averaging 1.5 kg. In the upper reaches the trout are generally larger but less abundant. Access to the upper reaches can be gained from SH 4 across farmland, or from the access road to the Tongariro Power Scheme intake structure via SH 47 (National Park - Turangi). The prior permission of the Taurewa Station manager (Landcorp farming) is required.

Ongarue River

A popular river offering many kilometres of excellent fishing water. Mainly fished in its upper reaches above the township of Waimiha. Access is from the Ongarue Stream Road across private farmland. The nearby Maramataha River also holds a good trout population but access is difficult especially in the upper reaches.

Waimiha Stream

A delightful stream offering a succession of long ripples and pools containing a good population of both rainbow and brown trout. The lower and middle reaches offer clear low banks providing relatively easy fishing - a perfect place for the beginner. Permission is required from the farmhouse just north of the Waimiha Road/Ongarue Road turnoff.



COROMANDEL RIVERS

Ohinemuri River

The Ohinemuri River rises on the eastern side of the Coromandel Ranges and flows west through the rugged Karangahake Gorge parallel to the Paeroa/Waihi highway. There is excellent fishing throughout the Ohinemuri, especially upstream of Waihi and though the Karangahake Gorge where a variety of fishing water is present. Holds about equal numbers of rainbow and brown trout.

Waitawheta River

A boulder stream which flows through forest and farmland catchments before joining the Ohinemuri River. Highly valued by anglers for its scenic beauty and feelings of solitude. Access to the lower reaches is from the walkway at Karangahake township.

The middle and upper reaches by taking the Waitawheta Road near Waikino on the Waihi/Paeroa highway, then either Dickies Flat, Dean or Franklin Roads.

Tairua River

Rises in the Coromandel Range, flows in a northerly direction until it enters tidal water at Tairua. Access is off the Kopu-Hikua highway or off the Hikua Valley Road.

Kauaeranga River

This river flows westward along the Kauaeranga Valley before entering the sea at Thames. It offers over 20 km of good fishing, wadeable over a shingle and boulder bottom. Access is off Kauaeranga Valley Road behind Thames.

Waiwawa River

Rainbow trout are present in all the main rivers and streams that enter Whitianga Harbour. The Waiwawa is probably the best of these waters, a superb trout river with over 10 km of fishable water. Access is off the Coroglen-Tapu Road.

