





## Cultural values \*

### Importance

11. Lake Waikareiti is a taonga of Tūhoe, Ngāti Ruapani and Ngāti Kahungunu.
12. The cultural values and associations for Lake Waikareiti are closely linked to those of Lake Waikaremoana. Both were important seasonal food sources and strategic locations in the relationships between Tūhoe, Ngāti Ruapani and Ngāti Kahungunu. There are less specific references to Lake Waikareiti in the literature but Lake Waikaremoana and Lake Waikareiti are often mentioned together.
13. Tāngata whenua now provide a leadership role in the management of the natural resources of Lake Waikareiti. Prior to Te Urewera Act, the Lake Waikareiti area of Te Urewera National Park was identified as having some of the most important biodiversity values within the Park and is one of the highest priorities for conservation management in DOC's Central North Island Region. Tāngata whenua were undertaking field delivery of the management programmes. Tūhoe are continuing this work within the recently formed Te Urewera framework.

### Spiritual Values

14. Colonies of kawau (bird/shag) at Lake Waikareiti and Lake Waikaremoana were spiritually significant to Tūhoe because of their 'guardian-like activities'.

### Mahinga kai

15. Raumahehe (known as kōaro (whitebait) elsewhere), an important part of the traditional Tūhoe diet, was taken from Lake Waikareiti.

### Pa, Kāinga, ara

16. The eastern Urewera contained fewer kāinga and pā but there were exceptions. Even in the harsh climate around Lake Waikareiti, communities had maintained a presence for seasonal use.

### Archaeology

17. There are no recorded archaeology sites in close proximity.

### Statutory Acknowledgement Area of Interest

18. Tūhoe's Area of Interest and Te Rohe o Wairoa's Area of Interest, can be seen in Figures 3 and 4, respectively.

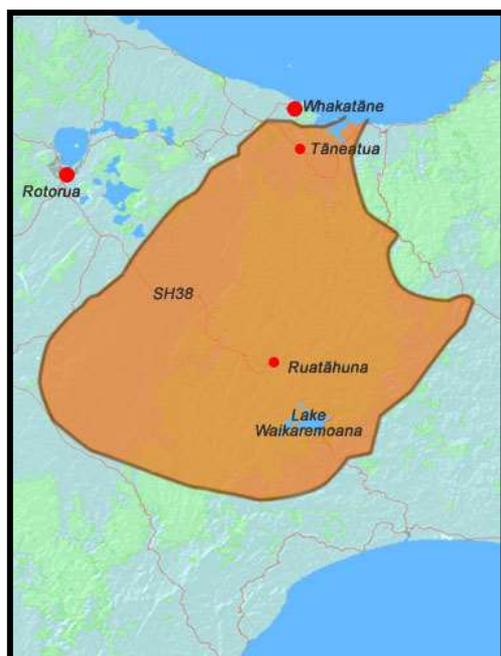


Figure 3: Tūhoe Area of Interest



Figure 4: Te Rohe o Wairoa Area of Interest

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### **Resource Management Plans**

19. The following tables list any relevant resource management plans developed by iwi/hapū, the regional council or territorial authorities. The tables include any specific provisions that apply to Lake Waikareiti. They do not include all of the general policies or rules that may apply. Water quality and water quantity provisions have been included as it is recognised that these aspects can significantly impact on cultural values.

<b>Wairoa District Plan</b>
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Significant Lakes and Rivers (Schedule 5)
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