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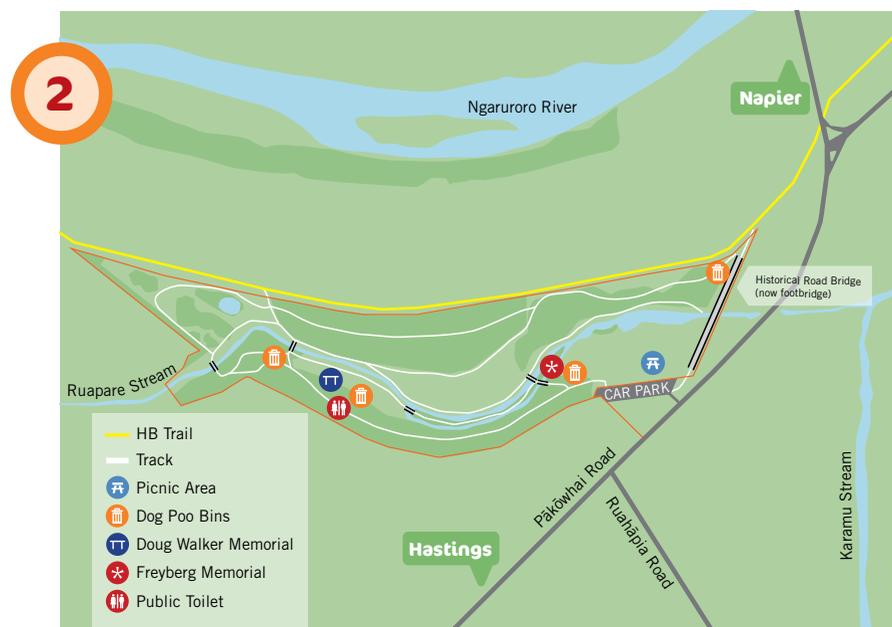




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# Pākōwhai Regional Park

Pākōwhai is an attractive country-style park close to Hastings and an easy drive from Napier.

Locally it is known as 'The Dog Park' as dogs are permitted off lead although under the control of their owners.

The Raupere Stream flows through the park and is crossed by small bridges connecting the approximately two kilometres of easy paths.

There are many specimen trees, a pine plantation and open grass areas making the park popular for walking and family outings.



## Facilities

A dog-friendly park - let your dog run and socialise with other dogs, as long as they are under your control.

Help keep the park healthy for you and your animals by always removing the waste. Free bags and bins are located in the park (although it's best to bring your own!).

Paved off-street parking, water and a composting toilet (from Jan 2016).

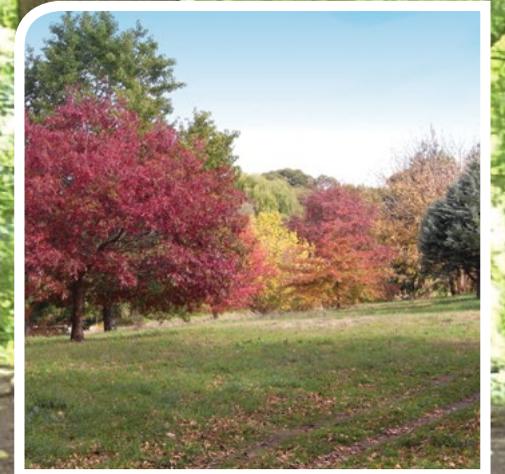
## Access

**By car** Off Pakowhai Road, 5 km north of Hastings, 12 km from Napier.

**By cycle:** Accessible from the stopbank trail on the Water and Winery Rides. Check the Hawke's Bay Trails brochure for distances.

'Pākōwhai Country Park, a brief history' is available from HBRC for \$20.

Pākōwhai Regional Park



# Pekapeka Regional Park

Pekapeka is a great place to discover wetland wildlife. Some rare bird species, such as bittern, are found here.

This 4.5km long and 800m wide wetland covers 98 hectares and has been the focus of a 17-year community biodiversity enhancement programme that still continues.

Public access is to a small central area of the wetland where you can explore pathways and boardwalks, and walk up to the lookout for a panoramic view of the valley.



## Facilities

Picnic areas, boardwalks, hides, information signs.

A special CANTEEN (teen cancer organisation) Reflection Area with table and seating is across the boardwalk from the lookout.

**Note:** There can be an unpleasant smell of hydrogen sulphide from the wetlands in the height of summer, but this is a good sign the wetland is at work as nutrients are released as gas into the atmosphere.

## Access

**Entry and parking:** Off SH2, 12km drive south of Hastings, 26 km from Napier and 36.5km north of Waipukurau. Please take care entering and leaving onto the highway.

The entire park and wetland is closed to the public in the first weekend of May each year for game bird shooting (in return the shooters have provided great assistance with the enhancement work).



Pekapeka Regional Park



# Tūtira

## Regional Park

Nestled under steep, dramatic hills north of Napier is Tūtira Regional Park, bordering twin lakes. The park has an important function as a sustainable land use demonstration area and many of the trees were planted by school students, community groups, organisations, and HBRC staff volunteers.

The park is a handy camping base for exploring Tūtira-Maungaharuru district's many adventure and recreation opportunities - Boundary Stream Mainland Island and Shine Falls, Lake Opouahi scenic reserve and kiwi crèche, Waipatiki Beach and scenic reserve, Tangoio Falls scenic reserve and White Pine Bush.

Across the lake is the historic Guthrie-Smith Trust homestead, education centre and an arboretum of 30,000 trees which is open to the public during summer, November to May (\$10 cash per adult).

### Facilities

Picnic areas and shelters, composting toilets, water.

A fenced, shady and flat camping area is available. Koha fee of \$5 a day. Campers note - Tūtira Store is approximately 4 km north of the SH2 entrance for supplies.

Tracks provide easy strolls around the lakes and wetlands, plus a fit walk up the hills for splendid views. Tracks are marked.

### Access

**Entry and parking:** Off SH2, 41km north of Napier and 77 km south of Wairoa. Access is through the gates, the DOC wildlife reserve and the roadway across the causeway between the two lakes. Gate entrance to the regional park is signposted.

**Alternate entry/exit:** Hikers/trampers can use Ridgemount Road if they have arranged transport.

**Safety information:** No fires are permitted. Limited mobile phone coverage (unless you are at the top of the very steep hill!).

'A Short History of Tūtira Country Park' book is available from HBRC for \$20.

### Tūtira Regional Park



# Waitangi Regional Park



Along the coast between Awatoto and Haumoana, Waitangi is a haven for wildlife and sportspeople alike. The Park links a significant chain of river and coastal reserve areas which have ecological and biodiversity values.

Resident and migratory bird species include white heron, royal spoonbill, godwits, and gannets. Seals often come inshore. Visitors are asked to take care stepping off tracks and trails or on the gravel banks as birds are roosting or nesting.

The lower reaches of the rivers are popular for fishing, whitebaiting, rowing, waka ama, kayaking, jetboating, jetskiing and kite surfing.

The Waitangi Estuary area was an early arrival site for both Māori and Europeans. On Waitangi Day (6 February) a popular festival on the Clive River features a re-enactment of the arrival of the first European settlers.



## Access

There are a number of access points to this long, divided coastal park.

No vehicles are permitted on the coastal gravel bank between Waitangi and Tukituki Estuaries as the priority is to protect the fragile gravel bank and nesting sites of birds. Fishing is permitted but walk your gear in and take care where you step.

**At Waitangi:** SH2 vehicle access through a signposted gate between the two bridges north of Clive. From 2016 there will be no vehicle access to the coastal gravel bank, which instead will be via the entrance north of the park.

**At Clive:** in the township, access is through the Evers-Swindell Reserve on the seaward side of the bridge.

**At East Clive:** Vehicle access is from Richmond Road to the parking area only. Foot access to the beach only.

**Tukituki at Haumoana:** Vehicle access is through Haumoana township and domain to the river mouth, which is a popular fishing spot.

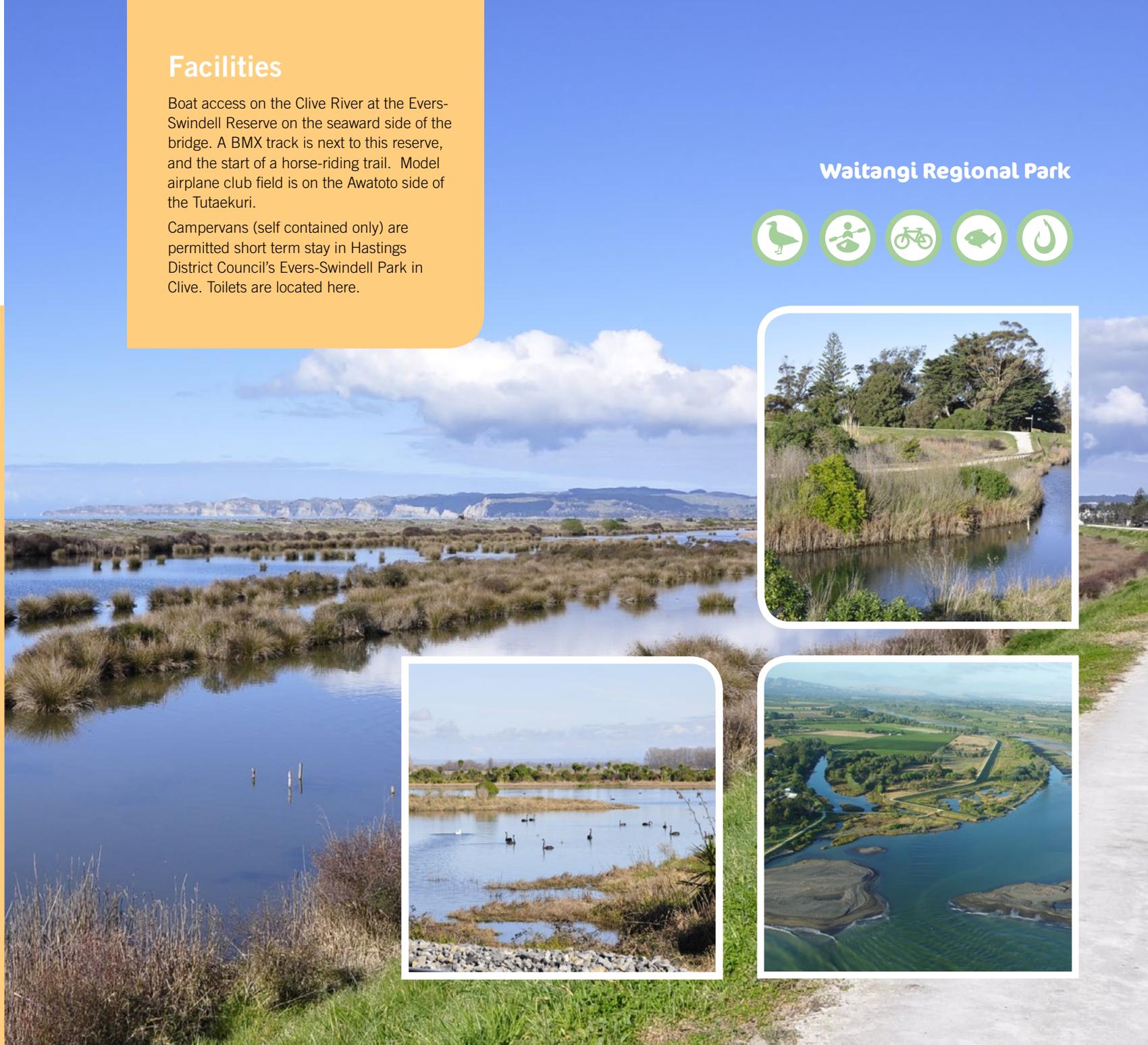
**Cycle and walking:** The Hawke's Bay Trails run through the park and as far as Clifton.

## Facilities

Boat access on the Clive River at the Evers-Swindell Reserve on the seaward side of the bridge. A BMX track is next to this reserve, and the start of a horse-riding trail. Model airplane club field is on the Awatoto side of the Tutaekuri.

Campervans (self contained only) are permitted short term stay in Hastings District Council's Evers-Swindell Park in Clive. Toilets are located here.

## Waitangi Regional Park





## Regional Streams

### Te Karamū stream

Relax by the steady flow of the tranquil Te Karamū Stream which has many attractive places for walking and picnics.

The stream has a large catchment that drains farmland from the hills south of Hastings, Te Mata Peak and the plains, and stormwater from Havelock North and Hastings urban areas.

As part of an enhancement programme, community groups, marae, companies and school groups have been planting areas alongside the waterways to improve water quality and habitat for birds, insects and fish.

#### Access

**By foot** - walk down to the stream from nearby streets, i.e. at Anderson Park, Havelock North bridge to Crosses Road bridge (both sides), Napier Road, Ruahapia, Whakatu.

**By cycle** - cycle trail from Clive to Hastings or Havelock North. Check Hawke's Bay Trails maps.

### Napier urban stream enhancements

#### Harakeke walkway - Nash or Chambers Street

This attractive inner city stream reserve in Napier is an enhancement of a flood drainage canal between the suburbs of Marewa and Maraenui. It features pathways alongside the Harakeke Stream, native tree plantings, and a bridge with seating.

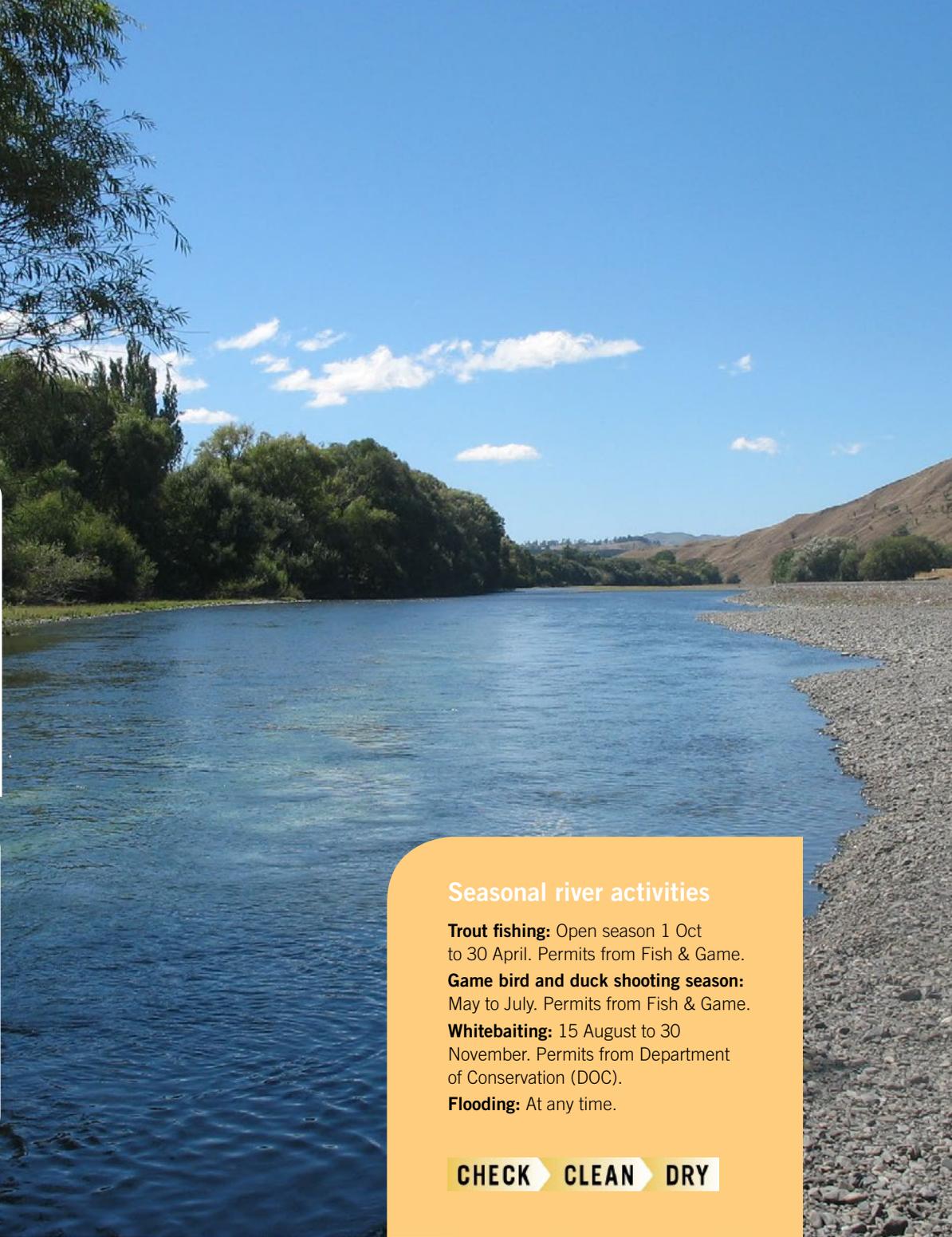
#### Taipo Stream - Prebenson Drive

This urban stream runs from Taradale into Ahuriri Estuary. A cycle path alongside takes you to various parks and a sports ground offering plenty of recreation opportunities.

A restoration programme is underway to return the stream close to its original natural course. A wetland will be added to help improve the quality of stormwater running into the estuary.

#### Old Tutaekuri river bed - Prebenson Drive

You can see this restored remnant of river bed from Prebenson Drive. The Tutaekuri used to flow through here out to Ahuriri Estuary before the 1931 earthquake. No public access.



### Seasonal river activities

**Trout fishing:** Open season 1 Oct to 30 April. Permits from Fish & Game.

**Game bird and duck shooting season:** May to July. Permits from Fish & Game.

**Whitebaiting:** 15 August to 30 November. Permits from Department of Conservation (DOC).

**Flooding:** At any time.

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## Regional Rivers

The riverside areas on the Heretaunga and Ruataniwha Plains are managed for flood control and for public recreational use. Look for the signed access gates.

We maintain access, parking, some picnic facilities and trails. For information on areas for activities, such as horse-riding, motor cycling, jet boating check [www.hbrc.govt.nz](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz). Please respect fences to private land, and close gates as necessary.

HBRC doesn't manage Mohaka and Wairoa riversides but flood alert systems are in place.

Navigation safety bylaws apply to boats using some rivers.

### Ruataniwha Rivers

The Tukituki and Waipawa rivers meet approx 6 km south of Waipukurau and Waipawa in Central Hawke's Bay.

#### Access

**Tukituki River** - Walker Road, Ford Road, Waipukurau Township, Lindsay Road, Pukeora, Ashcott Road, Ongaonga Road, Burnside Road, Mill Road (to headwaters).

**Waipawa River** - Walker Road, Waipawa Township, Stockade Road, Tikokino Road (to Mangaonuku), Plantation Road, SH50.

A cycle trail runs between Waipukurau and Waipawa along the rivers and Tapairu Road.

### Heretaunga Rivers

The Ngaruroro, Tutaekuri and Te Karamū/Clive flow from the hills to meet at the coastal estuary by Clive township. The Esk River is north of Napier.

#### Access

**Ngaruroro River** - Waitangi estuary, Chesterhope, Ormond Road, Carrick Road, Maraekakaho and Omaha Road.

**Te Karamū /Clive** - Clive bridge (both sides), Whakatu, Ruahapia, Havelock North (Napier Road, Crosses Road bridge, Havelock North Bridge, Anderson Park).

**Tutaekuri River** - Waitangi estuary, Guppy Road, Lennox Park, Dartmoor Road (Kaipapa, Mangaone, Dartmoor, Hakowhai).

**Tukituki River (lower)** - the river mouth and estuary, Black Bridge/Mill Road, River Road, Moore Road, Tennant Road, Red Bridge/Waimarama Road.

**Esk River** - SH5 at The Domain (camping), Ellis Wallace Road.

See the Hawke's Bay Trails brochure for a map of cycle trails using river corridors.

### Northern Rivers

#### Access

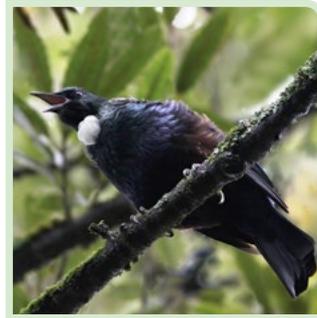
**Mohaka** - famous for trout fishing, kayaking and rafting. Camping areas at Waitara Valley Road (Glen Falls and Everts). Mountain Valley camp off SH5 is a commercial camp.

**Wairoa** - popular for yachting, boating and water skiing in the lower reaches. A walking and cycle trail goes along the river from Wairoa township to the river mouth.

# Wildlife

## in our Regional Parks

You'll get to see some fascinating wildlife in our regional parks. How many of these birds and fish can you see?



**Top row** (left to right)

Eel • Stilt • Gannet

**Middle row**

Tui • Spoonbill • Adult Inanga • Kereru • Crab • Tern • Fantail • Kingfisher

**Bottom row**

Bittern • Black swan



## Opening hours and seasonal closures

Parks are open sunrise to sunset. Some river access points are locked at night to reduce vandalism and accidents - please take note of all information signs in river areas.

Walking tracks at Tūtira are closed during July, August and September for lambing season.

It is unusual for a park to be completely closed, but hazardous maintenance operations, stock management, severe flooding, or storm damage can make this necessary. Please note any signs or restricted areas in parks so you can be safe.

## What to take

**Friends and family** - it's always nicer to share your parks with others.

**Water and suitable clothes** - check the weather although in a park it could be cooler, hotter, wetter or windier than elsewhere and the only shelter may be a tree.

**Footwear** - tracks can get boggy in places after rain, sloping tracks could be slippery. On grassed areas there can be prickles or twigs.

**Photos** - take plenty!



## Parks are rubbish free

These are your regional parks and we are sure you like parks that are clean, tidy and attractive. Please take your rubbish away.

Waste left on the ground attracts pests like rats and feral cats which also attack young bird life, so we don't want to encourage them in our parks.

## Group activities

We welcome groups to use areas in the park for events, celebrations, sports and education programmes. Our parks are smoke-free and alcohol-free spaces.

You are welcome to use a regional park anytime, but if it's a large or more formal event, we'd prefer to work with you.

## School 'outdoor classrooms'

Regional Parks are ideal places for schools to use as outdoor learning environments. HBRC staff can talk to students about aspects of the history, land, trees and water quality.

Please contact our Community Coordinator, on **06 835 9200** to plan a class visit.

## Volunteering

We love our volunteers! Community, business and school groups help out with planting new areas, weeding or barking more established plantings and giving us a hand. We manage a programme of areas that need enhancing and will happily assist groups with plant material, equipment and safety measures.

Please contact our Open Spaces team for advice.

## Boats

When using boats in rivers or lakes, please 'Check Clean and Dry' all boats and equipment when you leave the water. This way you help prevent the spread of aquatic plants, especially Didymo.

Navigation safety bylaws apply in some river and coastal areas. Check [www.hbrc.govt.nz](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz).

## Drones/UAVs

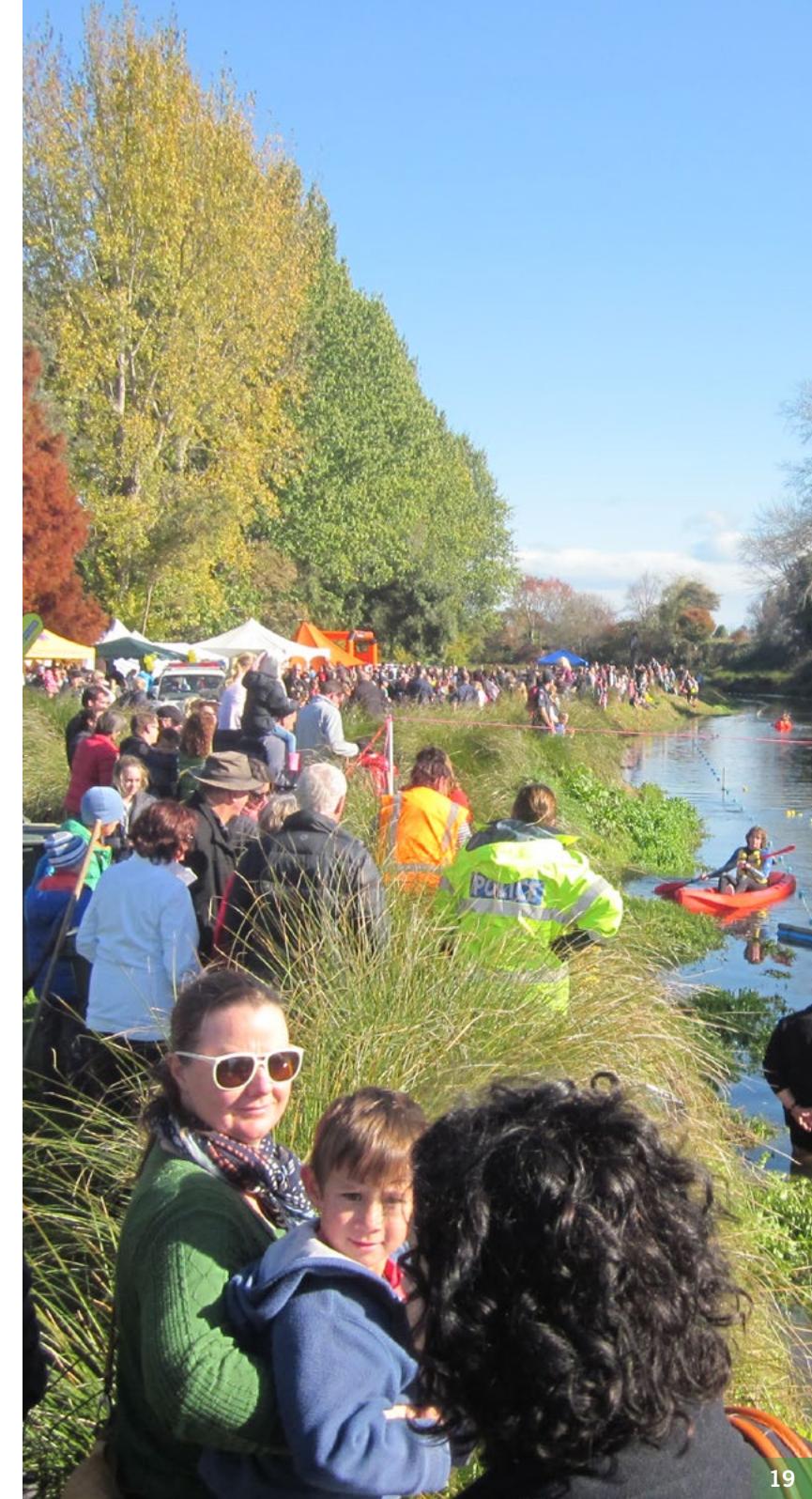
Operators must comply with Civil Aviation Rules. [www.caa.govt.nz](http://www.caa.govt.nz). Refer advisory circular 101-1, 102-1. Remember that some people and wildlife may not like drones, so please show courtesy.

## Concessionary activities

HBRC may consider concession operations or licenses where operators can demonstrate that their business is consistent with the approach identified in the parks plan.

## Parks contacts

Please contact our Open Spaces team for advice on any aspect of our parks, phone **06 845 9236**.



## Tell us:

We love to get feedback. Tell us what you like about the parks, what you want to see more of, what you'd like us to fix (broken fences, loose stock, rubbish etc) and we will respond.

## Online Map

Check our interactive map to get directions for access points etc:

**[www.hbrc.govt.nz/onlinemaps/regionalparks](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz/onlinemaps/regionalparks)**

FACEBOOK: HBRegionalCouncil

All enquiries to **0800 108 838**

