

## Rangitaiki River System- Kaingaroa Forest

Starting from the Murupara end of the river:

### **Tautika Road Access to Rangitaiki River.**

This access road comes off Kiorenui Road approximately 10 Km from Murupara into the Kaingaroa Forest. Following Tautika Road to the Rangitaiki River enables access both up and downstream. At the river following downstream to the end of the access road a walking access track starts which leads to a DOC walking track and swingbridge over the river. This is a scenic area with a variety of fishable water.

### **Ngahuinga Road**

This road comes off Kiorenui Road about 1 km south of Tautika Road and gives access to the Rangitaiki River both up and downstream, with some nice water easily accessible on river side tracks up to the old Rangitaiki and Wheao confluence.

### **Wheao North Road access to Rangitaiki River.**

If proceeding along Wheao West Road as if to the walking track along the Wheao River, about 1 km from Kiorenui road the first turn off to the left is Wheao North Road. Proceed along this road to the river where access can be gained for some distance both up and down stream.



## Access Wheao River / Flaxy Canals and Lakes

### Wheao River Access.

This is a 5.4 km long track providing foot access only with vehicles able to be parked either at the Wheao Power House carpark, or if starting at the Wheao West Road end, the track starts near the bridge across the river and there is vehicle access for a short way up the track with vehicles able to be parked at an old skid site, or else if preferred back out at the Wheao West Road.

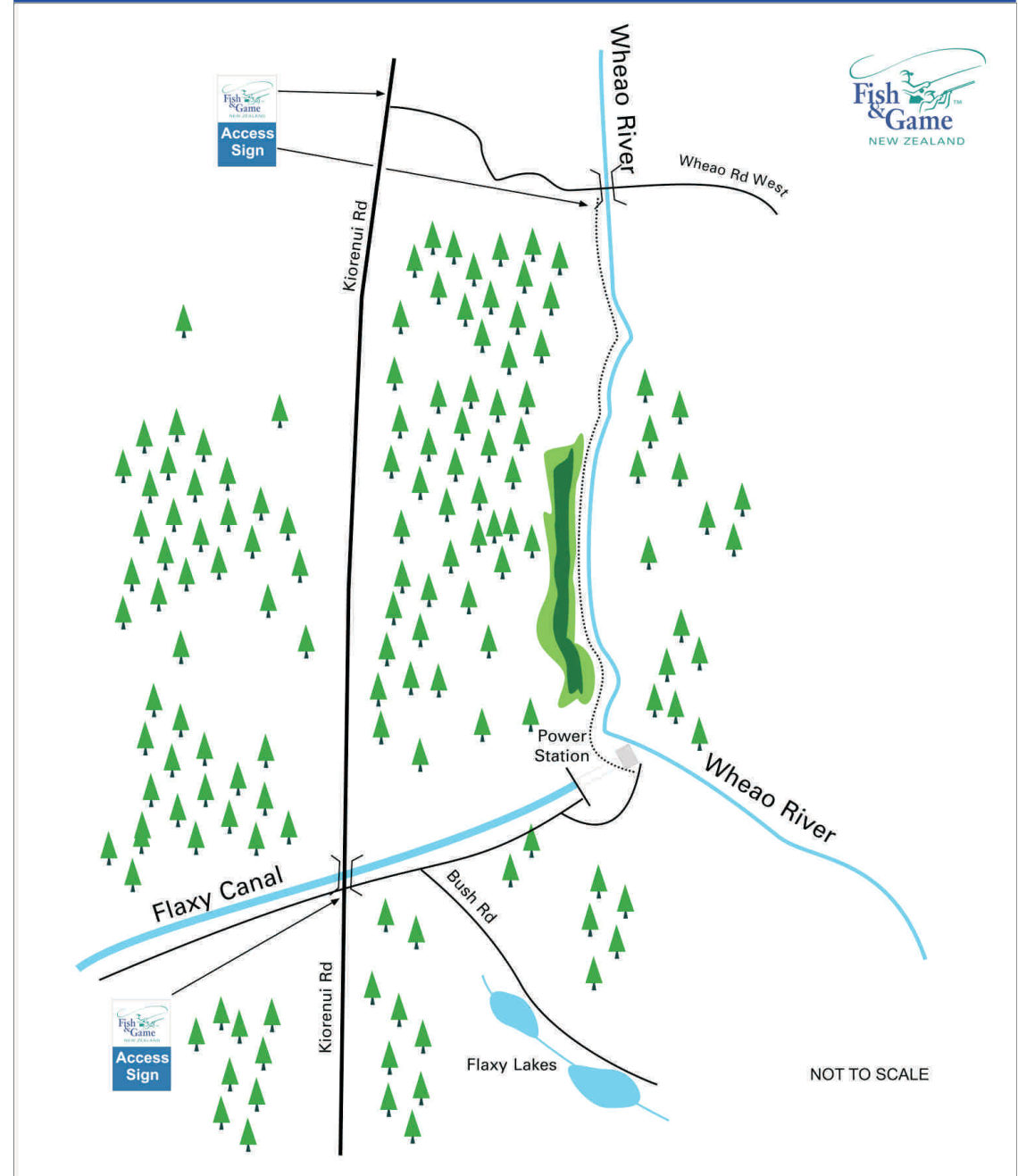
The river in this section, while it is the Wheao carries the water diverted out of the Rangitaiki River into the Wheao Power Scheme. In many places access is still difficult due to vegetation and scrubby banks, however there are plenty of places where the river can be accessed with pools, runs and rapids to fish. In addition it is a very scenic section of river with large amounts of native vegetation along the river in many places. It would be an ideal day out for persons to pack their lunch, camera, fishing gear and as well as fishing have a day enjoying the environment, scenery and an pleasant walk along the river track. The river itself is more accessible in the upstream half, with a suggested trip being walking down from the Wheao Powerhouse, then fishing back upstream.

Access is via Kiorenui Road off SH38 at Murupara. On Kiorenui Road the Wheao West Road is a major intersection marked with an Angler Access Sign. Proceed down this road for approximately 5 km to the bridge over the Wheao River. Just before reaching the bridge an Angler Access sign is located on the right hand side of the road, indicating the start of the track. To reach Power house end of the track, proceed as if going to Flaxy Lakes and take the turn off along the canal to the Wheao Power House. The start of the track is sign posted around the back of the Power House, and then initially leads off downstream through a stand of scenic native bush.

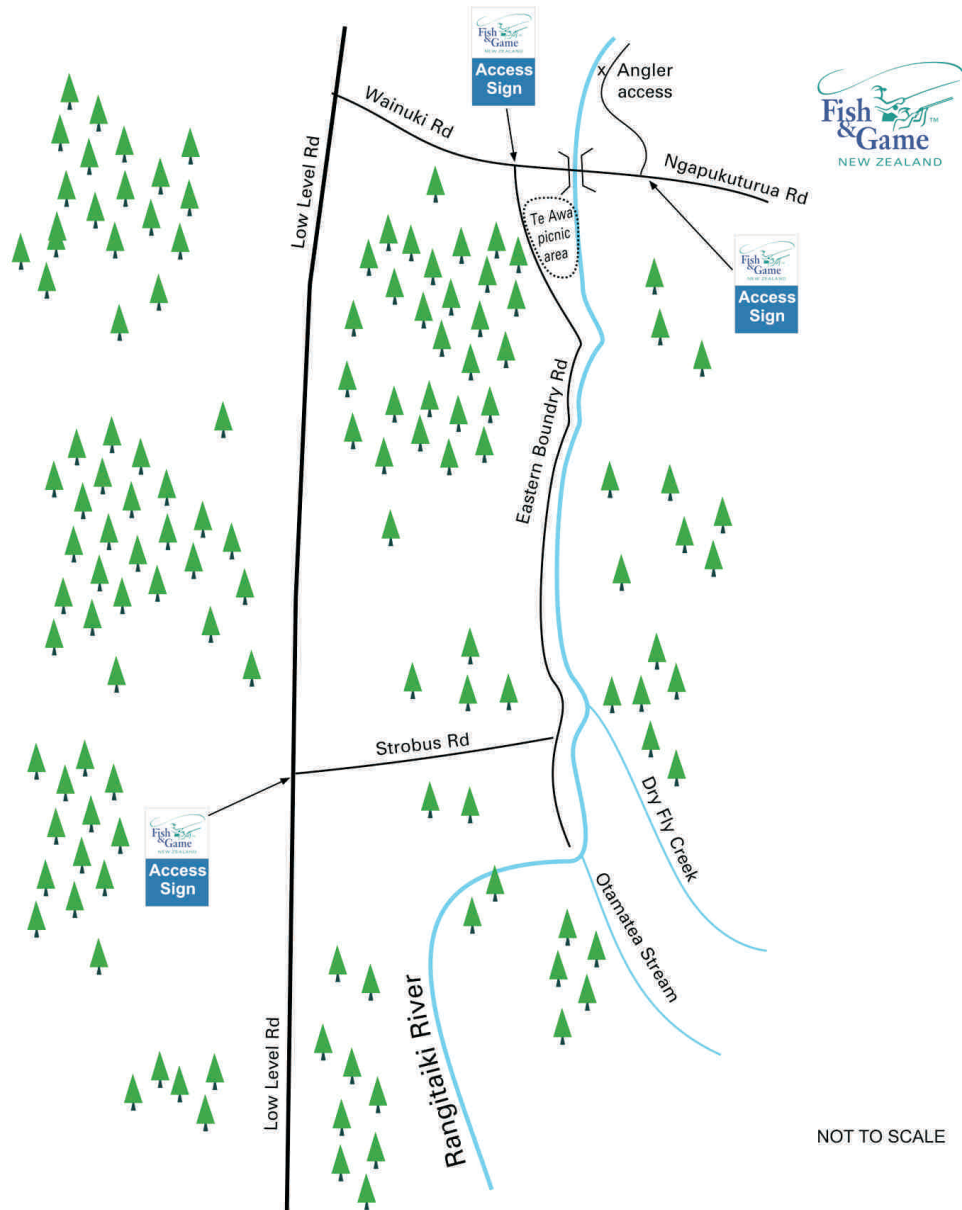
The river lends itself to deeply fished weighted nymphs, on in summer dry fly and terrestrial imitations, as well as to spin fishing.

### Flaxy Canals and Lakes

Good fishing is to be had in the canals and Flaxy Lakes, accessed from Kiorenui Road.



## Access Rangitaiki River - Te Awa to Otamatea confluence



## Upper Rangitaiki River

There is the access to the upper Rangitaiki River in the Te Awa area. Both downstream of the road bridge near Te Awa via the angler access signage and also upstream of Te Awa along Eastern Boundary Road. Eastern Boundary Road gives access to the river as far as the confluence of the Otamatea Stream and the Rangitaiki River, and further upstream River Road runs alongside the upper river closer to the Napier - Taupo highway (SH5).

The river can also be accessed by a 1.4 km walk from SH5, along River Road which is opposite Lochinvar Station and anglers can then go both up and down stream to fish. The river in this area has tussock and scrubby margins, and River Road follows the river downstream for several kilometres.

## Access Rangitaiki River - River Rd access off SH 5

