





Hunting in Kaitoke Regional Park



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Pack}}$ in and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{pack}}$ out. Take your rubbish home and recycle it

Keep rivers and streams clean. Bury toilet waste in a shallow hole

well away from watercourses. Dispose of carcasses and offal at

💫 Park your vehicle clear of gateways. Do not block access roads.

Do not remove, disturb or damage native plants or animals. Light no fires. Take care with portable stoves, matches and

Caring for your park

least 50 metres away from streambeds.

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where possible.

cigarettes.

You will need to supply your firearms licence number when applying for a hunting permit. We only issue permits for rimfire and smooth bore firearms in special circumstances. Hunting bows must have a minimum draw factor of 18kg (40lb).

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If you intend to use dogs for hunting, they must be registered or branded, and the details lodged with GW on applying for your permit. You may take up to three dogs into the parks or forests.

Please report any lost hunting dogs to the GW Upper Hutt office as soon as possible.

Reducing pest animals

GW appreciates your help in gathering information on pest animals in parks and forests. After your permit has expired, we might ask you for details of the species and numbers of animals killed.

Hunt with care

- l. Treat every firearm as loaded.
- Always point firearms in a safe direction.
- 3. Load a firearm only when you are ready to fire.
- 4. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
- 5. Check your firing zone.
- 6. Store firearms and ammunition safely.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when using firearms.



- On the true right (North) of the Hutt River below the flume bridge, as shown on the map overleaf.
- At least 200m away from roads, tracks and boundaries with private land in the designated hunting area.
- During daylight hours only.

Forest entrances

- Pakuratahi entrance. Waterworks Road, off SH2, Kaitoke. Drive to the carpark at the end of the road.
- 2. Te Marua entrance. Twin Lakes Road off SH2, 5km north of Upper Hutt. Vehicle access to the Pumping Station carpark.
- Kaitoke Regional Park opens at 8am and the gates are locked at dusk each day.

Keep your firearm unloaded outside the designated hunting area. Always obtain permission from landowners if you intend to cross private land.

Permits

You need a permit to hunt in all regional parks, forests and water collection areas. You must show this permit if asked by the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GW) staff. **Permits are free of charge.** GW issue a combined permit for the Akatarawa Forest, Kaitoke Regional Park and Pakuratahi Forest that is valid for six months.

Apply on our website, by phone or in person at the GW Upper Hutt office.

A separate permit is required to hunt in the Hutt Water Collection Area.





Safety in the outdoors

Weather conditions in the parks and forests are notoriously changeable. Many hunting areas are isolated, rugged and exposed to high winds. There may be few formed tracks or marked and maintained routes.

Take a wind and waterproof jacket and wear layers of clothing that can be taken off or put on as you need. Always carry enough clothes for cold conditions

Take ample high-energy food, drinking water, map, compass and a first aid kit.

Do not attempt to cross flooded streams. Be prepared to wait it conditions become dangerous.

Check the weather forecast before leaving 0900 999 04

or www.metservice.co.nz.

Asch not someone of your intended route and when to expect you back.

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Hunters are welcome in much of Kaitoke Regional Park to help control deer, goats, and pigs which harm native plants and wildlife.

Located in the southern foothills of the Tararua Ranges, Kaitoke Regional Park covers approximately 2,860 ha, and contains nearly 2,500 hectares of mature native forest. Comprised of steep, bush-clad hills, the Hutt River gorge and centuries-old rata, rimu and beech forest, the park is considered important for regional water supply, conservation and recreation.

Hunting is permitted north of the Hutt River gorge where low numbers of red deer are present, along with populations of goats and pigs. Photo of red deer by Joe Hubmann. Photo of beech forest by Les Molloy.

MORE INFORMATION

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