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WAITAKI DISTRICT PLAN



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI

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Introduction

Waitaki District has approximately 90 kilometres of coastline and contains many significant waterbodies. These waterbodies all provide important recreational opportunities for the local community and general public. The Waitaki River starts in the Southern Alps and is one of the largest braided rivers in New Zealand. The Waitaki River has been modified for the development and operation of the Waitaki Power Scheme which includes three large hydro-dams, Lake Waitaki, Aviemore and Benmore. The A20 bike trail follows a section of this waterbody from the Waitaki Dam to Duntroon.

The margins of the coast and waterbodies help to retain and improve public and customary access while also helping to support and improve amenity, recreation, hazard management and ecological values within the District.

This chapter is to be read in conjunction with the Subdivision Chapter, which contains objectives, policies and rules relating to esplanade reserves and strips, and also the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity and Natural Character Chapters.

Objectives

PA-O1 Public and customary access

Public and customary access is protected, maintained, and where practicable, enhanced to and along the District's rivers, lakes and coastal marine area.

PA-O2 Provision of public access minimises adverse effects

Public access to and along the District's rivers, lakes and coastal marine area is undertaken in a way that minimises adverse effects on natural character, indigenous biodiversity, essential structures, hazard mitigation structures and vegetation, public health and safety, historic heritage, cultural, amenity or landscape values.

Policies

PA-P1 Activities that protect and maintain public and customary access

Enable activities that protect, maintain and, where practicable, enhance public and customary access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rivers.

PA-P2 Mechanisms for improving public access

Protect, maintain and enhance public access by:

1. encouraging opportunities and mechanisms to maintain and enhance public access when a land use application provides an opportunity for access; and
2. requiring the creation of esplanade reserves and strips in accordance with the Subdivision Chapter, with priority given along the waterways listed in PA-SCHED1 – Priority Areas for Public Access and Esplanade Strips, and lakes larger than 8 hectares.

PA-P3 Consideration of adverse effects on public access

When considering any application for resource consents, have regard to any adverse effects of the proposed activity on public access routes and access points.

Rules

There are no rules in this Chapter. The objectives and policies apply across the Plan. The rules that apply with respect to public access to and along rivers, streams, wetlands and the CMA – Coastal Marine Area are found in the SUB – Subdivision Chapter.

PA-SCHED1 – Priority Areas for Public Access and Esplanade Strips

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Waterway	Value
Ahuriri River, including East Branch	Recreational activities
Awakino River - East and West Branches	Recreational activities
Falstone Creek	Recreational activities
Glen Creek	Recreational activities
Hopkins River	Recreational activities
Kakanui River - South And North Branches	Recreational activities
Kurow River	Recreational activities
Lake Aviemore	Recreational activities
Lake Benmore	Recreational activities
Lake Ōhau	Recreational activities
Lake Ruataniwha	Recreational activities
Lake Waitaki	Recreational activities
Maerewhenua River - South And North Branches	Recreational activities
Murphys Creek	Recreational activities
Ōamaru Stream	Recreational activities
Ōhau River	Recreational activities
Ōmārama Stream	Recreational activities
Otekaieke River	Recreational activities
Otematapaio River	Recreational activities
Otematata River	Recreational activities
Otiake River	Recreational activities
Pleasant River	Recreational activities
Snowy Gorge Creek	Recreational activities
Trotters Creek	Recreational activities
Waianakarua River - South, Middle and North Branches	Recreational activities
Waiareka Creek	Recreational activities
Waihemo/Shag River	Recreational activities
Waikouaiti River, North Branch	Recreational activities
Waitaki River	Recreational activities and customary activities