

Lake Rotoiti

Lake Rotoiti is a large and long lake with steep native forest covered bluffs temperatures are 12° in winter to 22° in the summer. The lake is sheltered from along the North shore and pleasant sheltered bays on the South shore. The Ohau the North and South but can get rough during strong West and East winds. Facilities Channel enters Lake Rotoiti and the outlet is the Kaitiama River. Lake Rotoiti include four boat ramps, car parking, toilets, hot springs and a variety of covers 119km², average depth is 31m and the deepest part is 94m. Water accommodation facilities.

Fishery

Lake Rotoiti produces quality rainbow trout that grow quickly to an average size of 2kg with many reaching 4kg or more. About 56% of the Lake Okatana catch is made up of fish that spent the first year of their life in the hatchery and the remaining 44% are fish from wild spawning.

The trout grow quickly on the abundant populations of smelt, bullies, koura and aquatic insects, such as dragon and damselfly, until they reach 3-4 years and then spawn (breed) from May to September in the lake's tributaries and some shorelines. Some of the hatchery trout return to their release site in the winter shoreline fishing area.

Release Sites

Mature released trout often return to these sites and shoreline fishing opportunities are available there during July, August, and September when the rest of the lake is closed to all fishing.

Fish & Game New Zealand, Eastern Region, has produced an information sheet with maps of the winter shoreline areas. This is available from tackle retailers.

Boat Ramp Descriptions

Delta — wide single boat ramp, low gradient, sheltered good jetty and excellent parking.
Otaramarā - double boat ramp, low gradient, sheltered, good jetty, toilets and excellent parking

Gishborne Point - single boat ramp, sheltered good jetty and restricted parking

Hinehopu - single boat ramp and excellent parking. Exposed to strong West winds

Fishing Methods & Tackle

All popular and traditional lures and fly patterns successfully catch Rotoiti trout and your favourite ones will be successful. For up to date information and good advice see your local sports fishing tackle shop who also stock an information sheet produced by Fish & Game New Zealand, Eastern Region explaining how to use each angling method.

Fishing Method Calendar

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Shallow Trolling	X	X	X	X				X	X			
Deep Trolling			X	X	X	X	X					
Jigging			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Spinning	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X
Fly Fishing	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Key Fishing Situations

October to January is when the main prey of trout, smelt, spawn in the shallow sandy shoreline areas. Trout are hungry after winter and spawning, and attack the shoals of smelt with vigour. Water temperatures are also ideal for trout to be in shallow water. Action can be found all day, but as water temperatures warm up, early morning and night become better.

January to March - higher water temperatures force trout into deeper water. Smelt and trout mainly stay around the thermocline depth at around 30m during the day and move close to the surface at night.

April to September is when trout spawn and gather in numbers at places like stream mouths and release sites within the winter shoreline fishing areas.

Fishing Regulations

Refer to your fishing regulation guide book for specific information regarding season lengths, bag limits, and fishing rules.

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To Te Puke

Kaituna River

Trout Pools

Honeymoon Bay

Otamarae

Cherry Bay

Hauparu Bay

Ruata Bay

Gisborne Point

Emerly Reef

Wailli Stream

The Drop

Transformer

Hinehopu

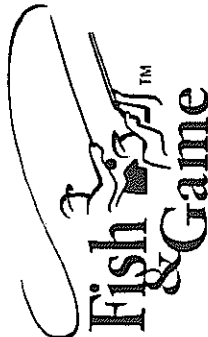
Boat Ramp

The Pipe

Okawa Bay

Ohau Channel Delta

To Lake Okataina

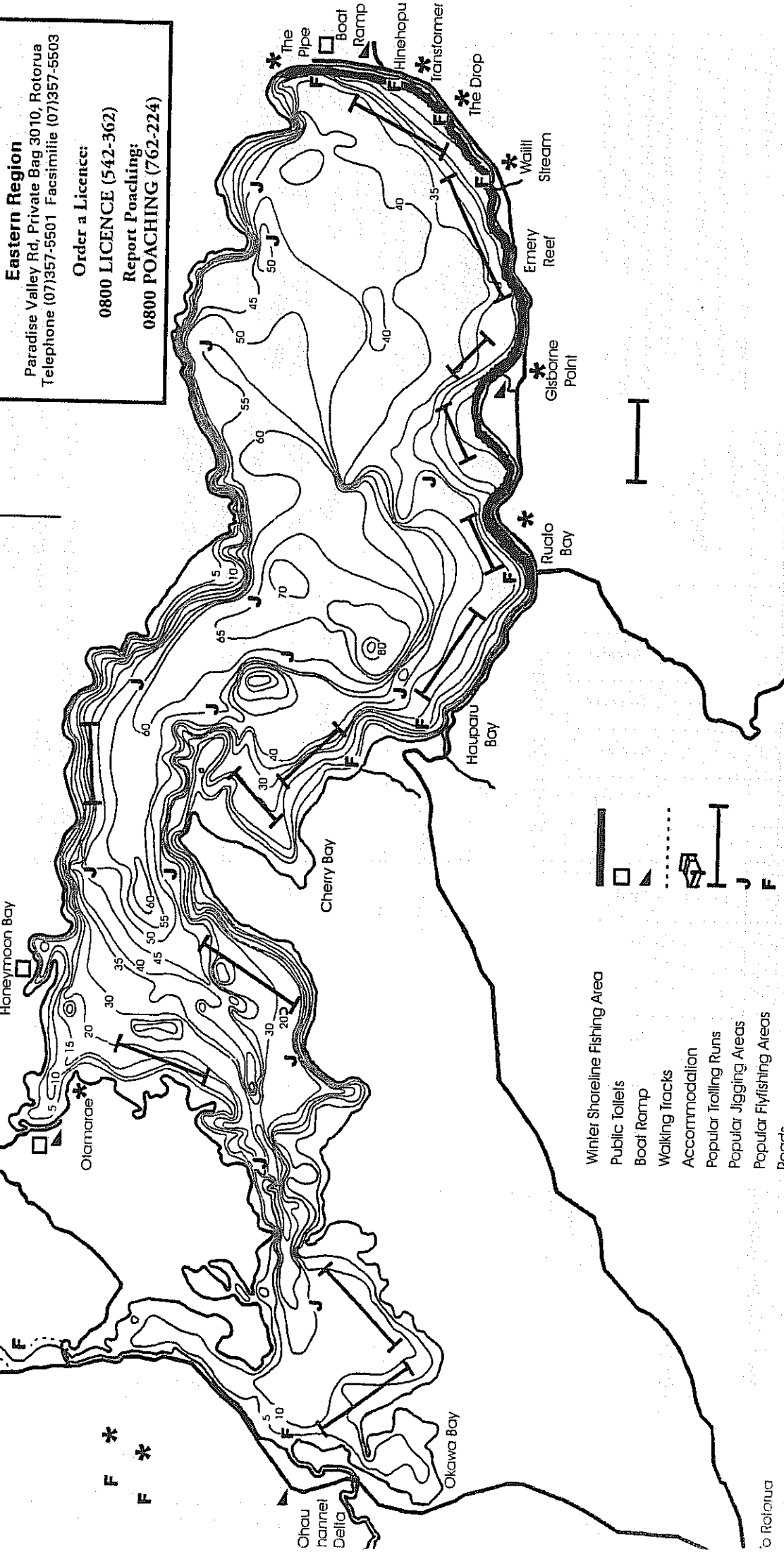
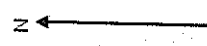


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- Winter Shoreline Fishing Area
- Public Tails
- Boat Ramp
- Walking Tracks
- Accommodation
- Popular Trolling Runs
- Popular Jigging Areas
- Popular Flyfishing Areas
- Roads
- Hatchery Trout Release Points