LOWER WAIKATO RIVER

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Mercer to Cambridge provides many kilometers of extremely productive hunting - especially drift shooting from an unpowered boat, (the motor must be stopped if your gun is out of its case. The exception is when recovering shot birds).

Access Points

WAIKATO RIVER MERCER TO HUNTLY

Boat ramps at:

1. Mercer

Two ramps; one beside Mercer Esplanade, one beside Riverbank Road, both beside Mercer Bridge off State Highway 1.

2. Rangiriri

Adjacent to Rangiriri Bridge off State Highway 1.

3. Ohinewai

Boat ramp gives Waikato River access. Known as Ferry Landing, end of Ferry Landing Road, Ohinewai. Just off State Highway 1.

4. Huntly

Immediately upstream of Tainui Bridge on true left bank.

5. Huntly

On true right bank just outside town limits by public toilets.

6. Huntly

On true left bank just north of Lake Waahi outlet. Metal ramp with reasonable parking.

7. Huntly

On true left bank at end of Parry Street in Huntly west. Concrete ramp.

LAKE KIMIHIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE

59 hectares. Was 300 hectares but drained in 1960's for coal mining needs. DoC permit required.

8. Evans Road, Huntly East

Boat ramp off end of Evans Road (opposite Kimihia Road). Key required. Contact Fish & Game office Hamilton for current details.

9. McVie Road, Huntly East

Formed road across new SH1 to northern end of lake. Park by old quarry.

10. Lake Hakanoa

Most of the lake with Huntly East township is a wildlife refuge. By law, firearms and dogs are not permitted.

