

**Hunting with dogs**

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

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

Strict conditions apply in the environmentally sensitive areas of the HWCA to minimise risks of damage to the water supply. A separate permit is required to hunt in this area.

**Permits**

You need a permit to hunt in all regional parks, forests and water collection areas. GW issues permits for up to six months for deer, goat and pig hunting. Hunters must carry permits with them at all times. **Permits are free of charge.**

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

1. Pakuratahi entrance, Kaitoke Regional Park. Turn off SH2 onto Waterworks Road, vehicle access to the Pakuratahi Forks carpark. Follow the track west from the ranger's office. The Kaitoke Regional Park gates are open from 8:00am until dusk.

2. You can also enter the Hutt Water Collection Area from tracks in the Tararua Forest Park.

**Hunting is permitted**

- In designated areas of the native forest, as shown on the map overlay. There is no public access to the area between Hutt Forks and the Kaitoke weir.
- At least 200m away from roads, tracks and boundaries with private land in the designated hunting area.
- During daylight hours only.

**Forest entrances**

**Hunting in the Hutt Water Collection Area**

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1. Treat every firearm as loaded.
2. 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.
7. Avoid alcohol and drugs when using firearms.

**Hunt with care**

Hutt Forks to Renata Hut via Maymorn Ridge 6 hours

Hutt Forks to Renata Hut via Western Hut 7 hours

Hutt Forks to Alpha via Quoin Ridge 6 hours

Hutt Forks to Alpha via Eastern Hut 5 hours

Kaitoke to Hutt Forks 2 hours

The times given below are one way only for fit, experienced people and do not allow for breaks.

**Tramping Guide**

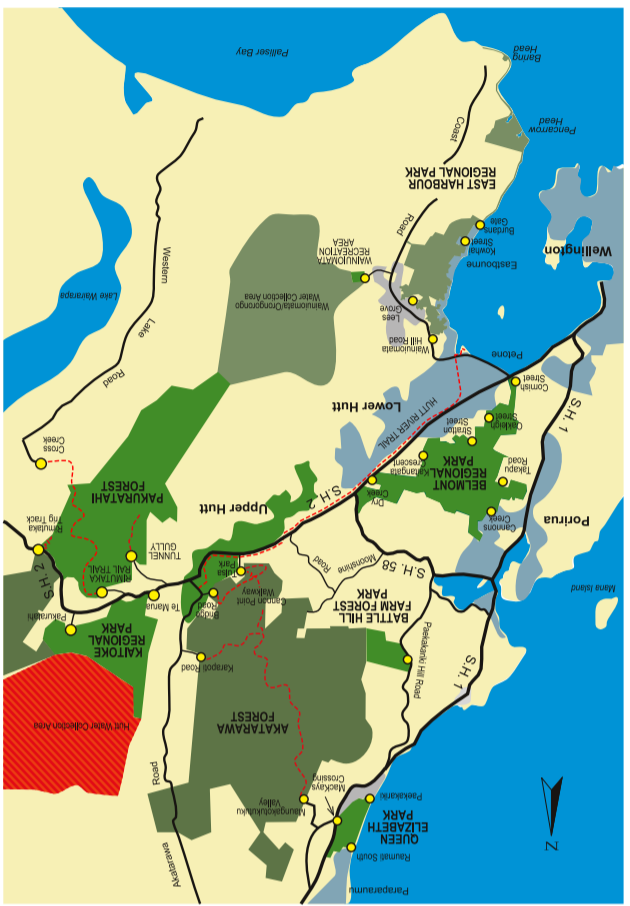
numbers of animals killed.

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.

**Reducing pest animals**



## 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 if conditions become dangerous.

Check the weather forecast before leaving 0900 999 04 or www.metservice.co.nz.

Advise someone of your intended route and when to expect you back.



## Hunting in Hutt Water Collection Area

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GW) welcomes hunters into much of the Hutt Water Collection Area (HWCA) to help control deer, goats, and pigs which harm native plants and wildlife.

The Hutt Water Collection Area covers 8900 ha and takes in the headwaters of the Hutt River at the southern end of the Tararua Range. Half the water supply for the Wellington urban area comes from this catchment and is drawn at the Kaitoke weir.

The catchment is of high scientific and ecological value. There are extensive areas of unmodified forest, alpine tussock land and sub-alpine sphagnum bog. It is home to a great variety of indigenous forest birds.

There are few or no facilities in this remote area. It is rugged, mountainous terrain broken by many streams and narrow, steep-sided ridges. The hilltops are extremely exposed to the north-west and the south with a reputation for high winds, fog and sudden weather changes. Rivers and streams can rise very rapidly in heavy rain.

Within the catchment there are sika and red deer along with pigs and goats.

### Caring for the Hutt Water Collection Area

To protect our water supply from contamination, please do not enter the catchment if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks.

- No access between Hutt Forks and the Kaitoke weir.
- Keep rivers and streams clean. Bury toilet waste in a shallow hole well away from watercourses. Dispose of carcasses and offal at least 50 metres away from streambeds.
- Pack in and pack out. Take your rubbish home and recycle it where possible.
- Do not remove, disturb or damage plants or animals. Do not disturb vegetation plots or research markers.
- Light no fires. Take care with portable stoves, matches, cigarettes.
- Foot access only. No motor vehicles, trail bikes or mountain bikes are allowed in the water collection area.
- No camping. Complete your trip into or through the catchment in one day.

Water, air, earth and energy: elements in Greater Wellington's logo combine to create and sustain life. Greater Wellington promotes **Quality for Life** by ensuring our environment is protected while meeting the economic, cultural and social needs of the community.



Photo of pig by Joe Hubmann.

#### MORE INFORMATION

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# Tararua Forest Park

# Hutt Water Collection Area

**KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK**  
(Separate permit required)

No Public Access  
in this Area

**NO HUNTING**

**Pakuratahi  
Entrance**

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**PAKURATAHI FOREST**  
(Separate permit required)

**NO HUNTING**

# Hutt Water Collection Area Hunting

## Legend

- Regional Forest
- Regional Park
- Hunting Area
- No Hunting
- walk
- tramp
- route

