



Mangakino Stream



Lake Maraetai and Mangakino Stream

Route card No. 030 | Skill level: Beginner | Distance: 20 - 30 km | Map: BF35 | Tidal Port: N/A

Start point: Lake Maraetai Domain
Finish Point: Lake Maraetai Domain
Emergency contact: Cell phone or PLB
Comms coverage: Mobile phone coverage is scetchy at times

Introduction:

Another great paddle along the Waikato River. With steep sides, this lake and adjoining river has a remote feel to it. Ideal for bird watching and getting away from it all. The Mangakino Stream is a fun diversion.

Description:

Get in at the Lake Maraetai Domain in Mangakino and paddle upstream to the Whakamaru dam (10 km). On the return journey you can go up the Mangakino stream on river left, featuring a sunken forest, with a canyon and towering cliffs, to a waterfall (4km). If time, skill level or energy are limited you could limit yourself to do the stream only. The only grassy lunch spots are on river left, one kilometre past Mangakino Stream or just inside the stream on left.

Forestry, bush or cliffs line either side of lake, so get out can be difficult.

Hazards:

- Avoid the first weekend of May as it is the opening of duck shooting season.
- Keep to the sides of lake where possible and keep a good lookout for power boats and water skiers.
- Wind conditions can catch you out.



Camping



Bird and wildlife watching



Toilets



Fishing

Please note;

Every care has been taken to ensure the information contained in this Trip Card is correct at the time of publication, but things change and you will need to confirm the information provided. You will also need to get further information to ensure a safe trip, this will include an up to date, relevant weather forecast and the ability to understand its implications for the area and talking to locals in the area to garner new information on any hazards in the area. It is also expected that an appropriate level of knowledge, skills and equipment are required to safely complete the trip. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure of any information or you find the Trip Card needs updating. Cheers Peter Townend, Yakity Yak Kayak Club. Updated: February 2016