

Welcome to the Taupō District

The Taupō District is a beautiful part of the Central North Island and a great place to explore by campervan or motorhome. Taupō District Council hopes you take time to enjoy the spectacular scenery including lakes and mountains, get to know the friendly locals and experience all it has to offer.

While we're a camping-friendly district, we support responsible camping and encourage the use of commercial camping grounds, Department of Conservation camping areas and our own designated areas. Our Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 was designed to protect our natural environment and ensure sustainability. We allow self-contained and non-self-contained camping in different areas around the district.

Non-self-contained camping

The map in the centre of this pamphlet shows you where you can camp on council land if you are not in a self-contained vehicle. There are four areas to choose from: at **Hipapatua Recreational Reserve/Reid's Farm, Whakamaru Domain, Mangakino Recreation Reserve and Whakamaru Recreation Reserve**. Each of these locations has a specific area for camping.

Self-contained camping

Certified self-contained vehicles are allowed to park overnight on any council-owned or council-managed land other than on our reserves and Ferry Road, where camping is not permitted.

If you are unsure of whether you can park your self-contained vehicle in an area of the Taupō District, keep an eye out for signs that show where it is not permitted. You will also need to display your current self-containment warrant to show you meet the New Zealand standard.

For information about Department of Conservation camping areas, visit its website, doc.govt.nz.

Find out more and access the bylaw at taupo.govt.nz/freedomcamping.

Time limits and hours

All campers, including those in certified self-contained vehicles, can stay for a **maximum of three nights and/or four days** before they need to move on.

Penalties

Please be aware, we actively enforce the rules around freedom camping in our district. If you breach the rules you could receive a **\$200 fine**.

Be a tidy camper

Make the most of our facilities during your stay. You can help by:

- Ensuring your sewage and grey water holding tanks are discharged at designated wastewater dump stations.
- Using our transfer stations for rubbish disposal.
- Using public toilets or the toilets available at the four designated non-self-contained camping areas.

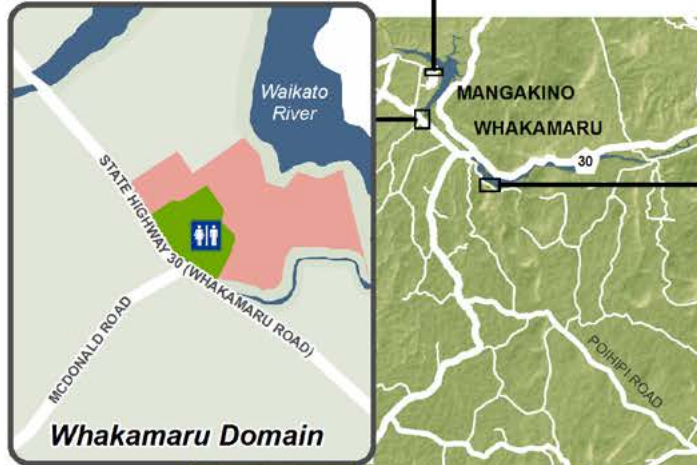
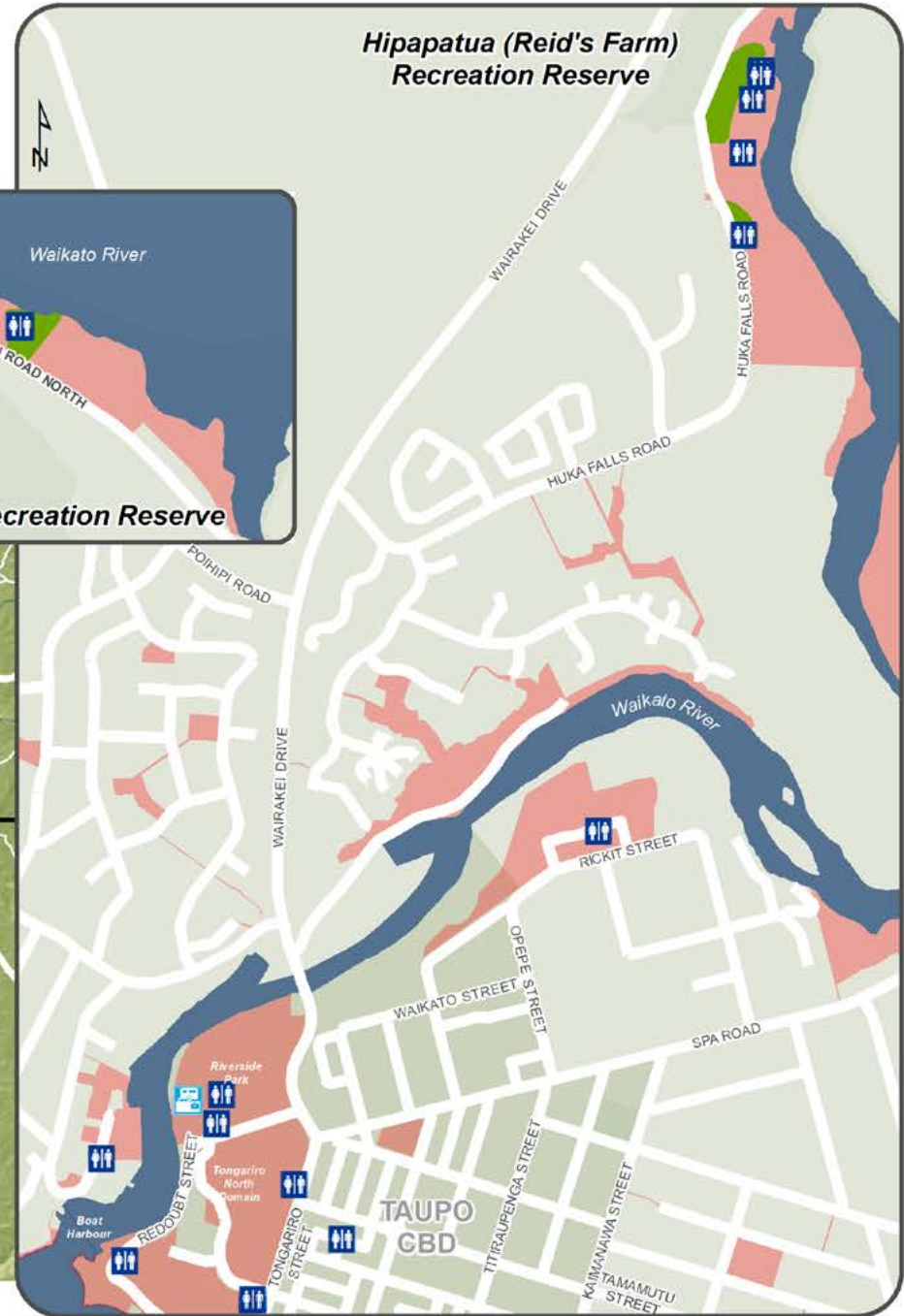
Remember, not all public places in the district are managed by the Council and our freedom camping rules don't apply to these areas, such as conservation land and state highways.

The Department of Conservation has a freedom camping policy - you can find out about their rules at doc.govt.nz.

Where to camp in the Taupō District



Non-self-contained camping areas in the Taupō District



- Dump Station
- Public Toilets
- Prohibited Freedom Camping Area
- Open Freedom Camping Area

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CAMPING**

