



- Park your vehicle clear of gateways. Do not block access roads
- Light no fires. Take care with portable stoves, matches and cigarettes
- Do not remove, disturb or damage native plants or animals

- Walking and cycling access only. No motor vehicles, trail or quaddies in the forest.
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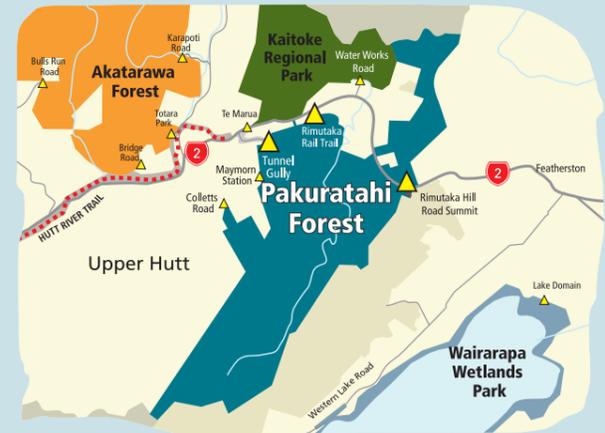
- Wilderness camping is allowed in the designated hunting area
- Keep rivers and streams clean. Bury toilet waste in a shallow hole well away from watercourses. Dispose of carcasses and offal at least 50 metres away from streambeds
- Take your rubbish home and recycle it where possible

### Please take care of your forest

- Take a wind and waterproof jacket and wear layers of clothing that can be taken off or on as you need. Always carry enough clothes for cold conditions
- Take ample high-energy food, drinking water, map (NZ Topographic 50-BP33-Featherston), 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 on 0900 999 04 or [www.metservice.com](http://www.metservice.com)
- Advise someone of your intended route and when to expect you back – [www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoor-intentions](http://www.adventuresmart.org.nz/outdoor-intentions)

### 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.



### How to get there

#### FOREST ENTRANCES:

##### To Upper Pakuratahi catchment

- Rimutaka Rail Trail**, off State Highway 2.9km north of Upper Hutt. Walking or mountain bike access only beyond the carpark
- Tunnel Gully**, Te Marua. Walking or mountain bike access via Mt Climie access road
- Maymorn Station** via Maymorn Rd off SH2
- Colletts Rd**

##### To North Block

- Rimutaka Hill Road Summit**, Ridgetop Track



**PARK OPEN DAILY  
8am-dusk**



### Hunting safety

1. Identify your target beyond any doubt
2. Treat every firearm as loaded
3. Always point firearms in a safe direction
4. Load a firearm only when you are ready to fire
5. Check your firing zone
6. Avoid alcohol and drugs when using firearms
7. Store firearms and ammunition safely

Parts of this area will have regular biodiversity monitoring and pest plant/animal control operations taking place. Please do not interfere with any markers, plot pegs, monitoring devices, traps or bait stations. Adhere to any warning signs posted. Seeds and fragments of weeds can easily be carried on or within clothing, equipment, vehicles, in the fur of dogs, bats and carcasses. As a result of this they can be unintentionally deposited into the catchment where they could grow into infestations that negatively impact the valuable native forest ecosystem. To reduce the risk of this happening, please search for and remove all seeds and plant fragments from clothing, equipment, vehicles and dog fur before entering the catchment.

### Pest management

A permit is required to hunt in the Pakuratahi Forest designated hunting area. You must show your permit if asked by a Wellington Regional Council authorised officer. Permits are free of charge and valid for six months. Permits are also issued for use in the Akatarawa Forest, Kaitoke Regional Park and Hutt Water Collection designated hunting areas.

You will need to supply your firearms licence number. Only centre fire rifles of calibre .222 Remington or larger may be used for hunting, or crossbows and bows with a minimum drawing factor of 18kg (40lb). Shotguns, air rifles and rimfire rifles are not permitted.

Apply on our website, by phone or in person at the Wellington Regional Council's Upper Hutt office.

### Permits



**Pakuratahi  
FOREST**

[www.gw.govt.nz/parks](http://www.gw.govt.nz/parks)



# Hunting in Pakuratahi Forest



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Hunting dogs must be registered and the details lodged with the Wellington Regional Council when applying for your permit. You may take up to three dogs per permit holder into the parks. Please report any lost hunting dogs to the Wellington Regional Council's Upper Hutt office as soon as possible.

### Hunting with dogs

Around the recreation areas of Rimutaka Rail Trail and Tunnel Gully

### Hunting is not permitted:

- Always obtain permission from landowners if you intend to cross private land.
- The two hunting zones are shown on the map overleaf.
- During daylight hours only. Absolutely no spotlighting!
- At least 200m away from roads, tracks and boundaries with private land in the designated hunting area
- In the North Block, north of the Rimutaka Hill Road
- In the Upper Pakuratahi catchment

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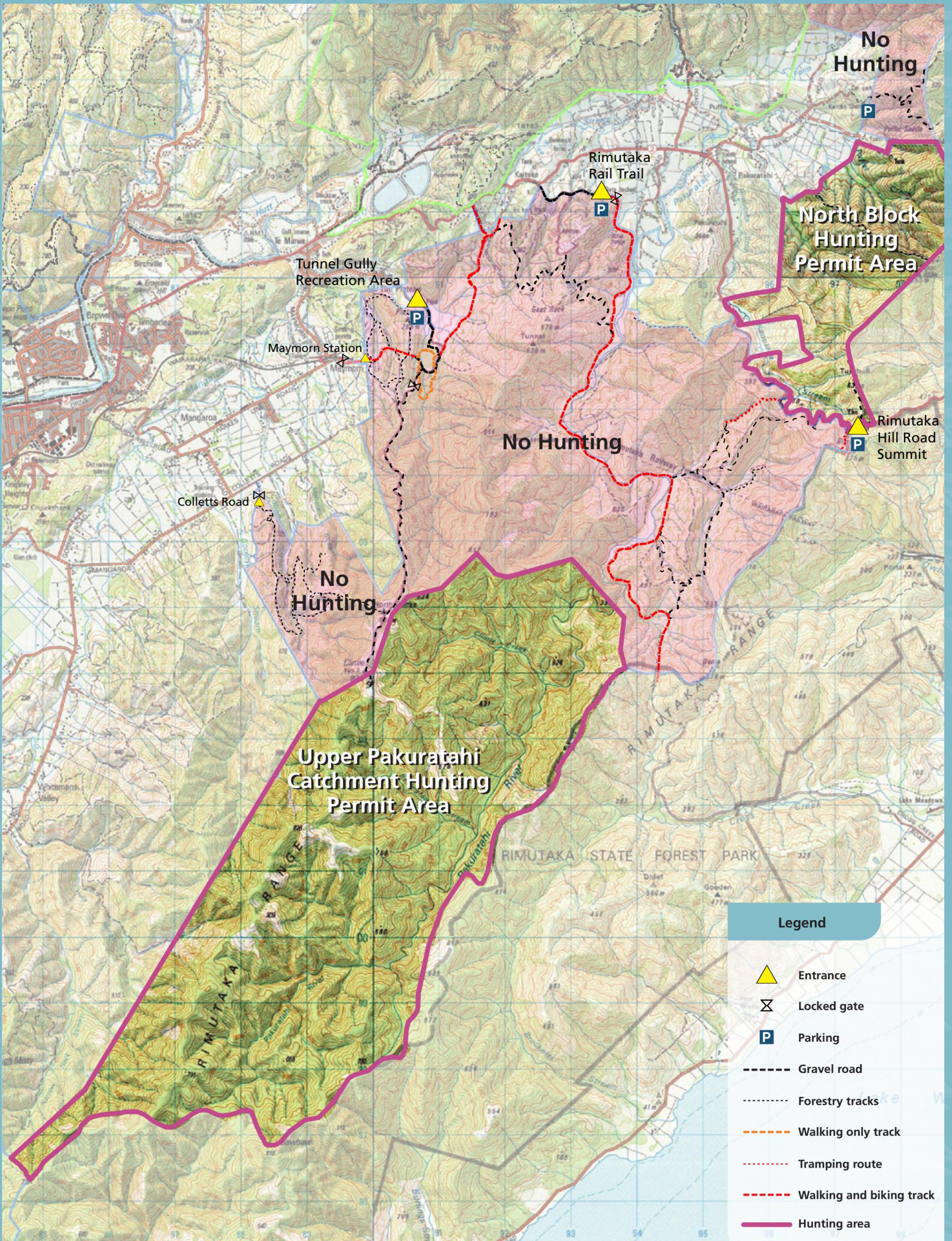
Hunters are welcome in much of the Pakuratahi Forest to help control deer, goats and pigs, which harm native plants and wildlife.

The Pakuratahi Forest lies on the western side of the Rimutaka ranges, east of Upper Hutt. The forest contains a mix of native and exotic forest and forms an important link in an almost continuous band of forests covering the Akatarawa, Tararua, Rimutaka and Orongonongo ranges. The area is well known for walking, swimming, mountain biking and the historic features of the 1870s Rimutaka Railway.

The Pakuratahi Forest has low numbers of deer, pigs and goats, and some areas of the forest are open for hunting.

### Hunting in Pakuratahi Forest





Greater Wellington Regional Council Hunting Permit Area:

## Pakuratahi Forest

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