

# LAKE WHANGAPE AND OPUATIA WETLAND

## OPUATIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE — DoC permit required

Shallow willow and scrub dominated floodplain. This is often covered in water spilling over from the Opuatia Stream and the nearby Waikato River. However, it can also be bone dry some years.

## Access Points

### 1. Waikato River

Opuatia River negotiable by boat from Waikato River (see Waikato River access points).

### 2. Churchill Road

Foot access to DoC Wildlife Reserve by two access strips off Churchill Road. DoC permit required.

## LAKE WHANGAPE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESERVE

Large Waikato Lake (1450 hectares of open water) and adjacent wetlands (910 hectares). Popular area with Canada geese. A DoC permit is required.

### 3. Whangape Domain

Boat ramp at public domain provides access to lake via Whangape Stream. Domain located at lake's outlet off Glen Murray-Rangiriri Road also provides foot access to many possies. Hunters camp in the domain and either walk south-east edge of the lake to find a possie or boat out to the western end. Note: Boaties beware of rock weir to protect lake levels. Shuggs Landing is a better boat launch site. Note: access road and boat ramps poorly maintained.

### 4. Beverlands Road

Access also possible from Beverlands Road. Access across unformed legal road to lake edge reserve. Note: may not be suitable to launch boats in low water periods.

### 5. Herbert Road

Access across private land. Landowner permission required.

### 6. Slater Road

Access across private land. Landowner permission required.

### 7. Awaroa Swamp/Stream

Most practical access to stream across private land.

### 8. Shuggs Landing.

Off Glen Murray Road has good off-road parking and is a preferred boat launch site. There is no boat ramp and 4wd is recommended to launch boats at this location especially when the lake is low.

