

## 5 Perch spots in the Auckland/Waikato Region

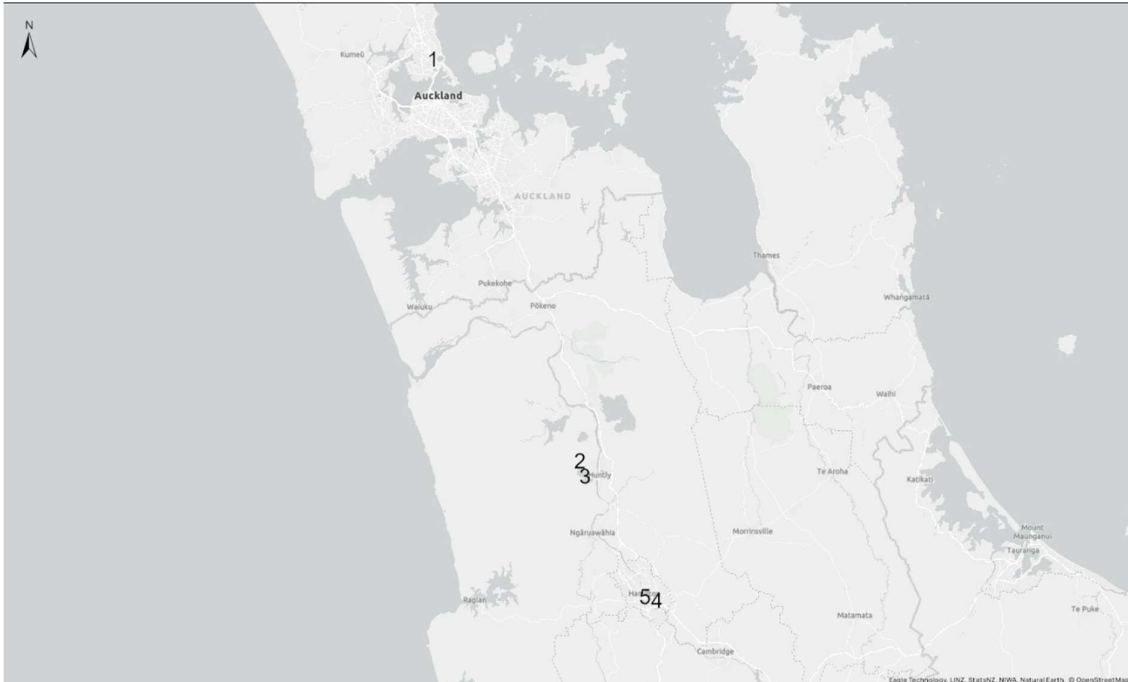
Perch are an often-overlooked gem in the freshwater fishing world delicious, easy to catch, and perfect for a family outing. If you're looking for a way to introduce kids to fishing or want a fun day on the water without a long drive, targeting perch is a fantastic option. Perch are fun to catch on spinners, soft baits and streamer flies. If fly fishing, try a floating or intermediate line with a short leader and a slow retrieve. If soft baiting or spinning, the same rules apply. Perch won't make your reel scream, but you won't be bored either. We recommend first time perch anglers use small soft baits like the [Savage Gear Perch Canal Pro Pack](#). There are some great YouTube videos on [how to catch perch](#) and [what to do with them](#) so we will focus on where to go in the Auckland/Waikato region.



Turtle Lake



perch soft bait and baits.



1. **Quarry Lake** (Best: Summer. Methods: Fly/spin/bait)

There is great access to perch fishing at Lake Pupuke and Quarry Lake from Northcote Road. This area is a good spot for a walk or picnic but please respect other users around the RC boat area and polo park.

2. **Lake Puketirini** (Best: Summer. Methods: Fly/spin/bait)

This clear lake just outside Huntly is much prettier than you would expect. It contains no trout but has a high population of perch. The lake also contains Koi carp. These are a pest species, and a tough challenge sight fished with long leaders and subtle presentations. Any Koi landed must be killed.

3. **Lake Waahi Boat Ramp** (Best: Summer. Methods: Fly/spin/bait)

The Lake Waahi Boat Ramp is next to the Lake Puketirini stream outlet where the clear water enters the muddy Lake Waahi. The perch love this area, and it is easy to fish both lakes.

4. **Turtle Lake** (Best: Summer. Methods: Fly/spin/bait)

Turtle Lake has lots of small perch, but it is easy access and great for kids fishing with a nice area to play and access to the Waikato River.

5. **Hamilton Lake** (Best: Summer. Methods: Fly/spin/bait)

Hamilton Lake is perfect for kids fishing with great access, playgrounds and even a café. Although you can fish from any of the carparks, targeting areas with some structure is recommended.