NORTH CANTERBURY

Coleridge Area Lakes

Getting There

Coleridge Area Lakes can be accessed from State Highway 73 by turning south onto Lyndon Rd at Lake Lyndon, at the bottom of the hill on the western end of Porter's Pass.

Alternatively, take State Highway 77 to Windwhistle and turn west onto Coleridge Rd.

The Coleridge area lakes are approximately a 1.5 to 2 hour drive from Christchurch.

Licences Required

To fish the Coleridge Area lakes a current Fish & Game fishing licence is required. If you hold a Local Area fishing licence, it must be a North Canterbury Local Area Licence.

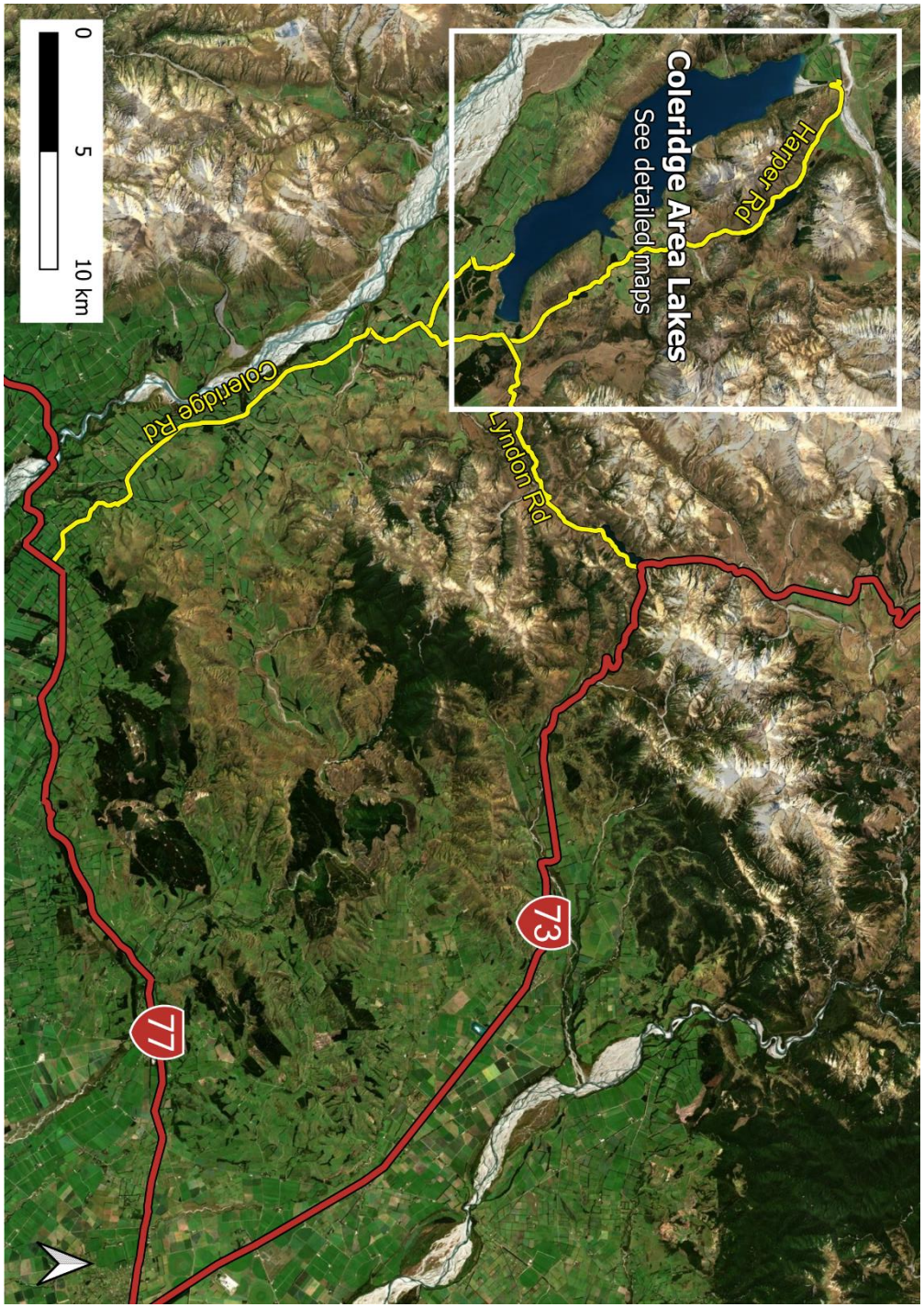
A sea-run salmon licence is **NOT** required to fish for land-locked salmon in Lake Coleridge.

Size Requirements

Harvested sportfish must be a minimum of 300mm long. There is no maximum size limit.

Daily Bag Limit

No angler shall harvest or be in possession of more than 4 sports fish, except for Perch for which there is no daily limit.



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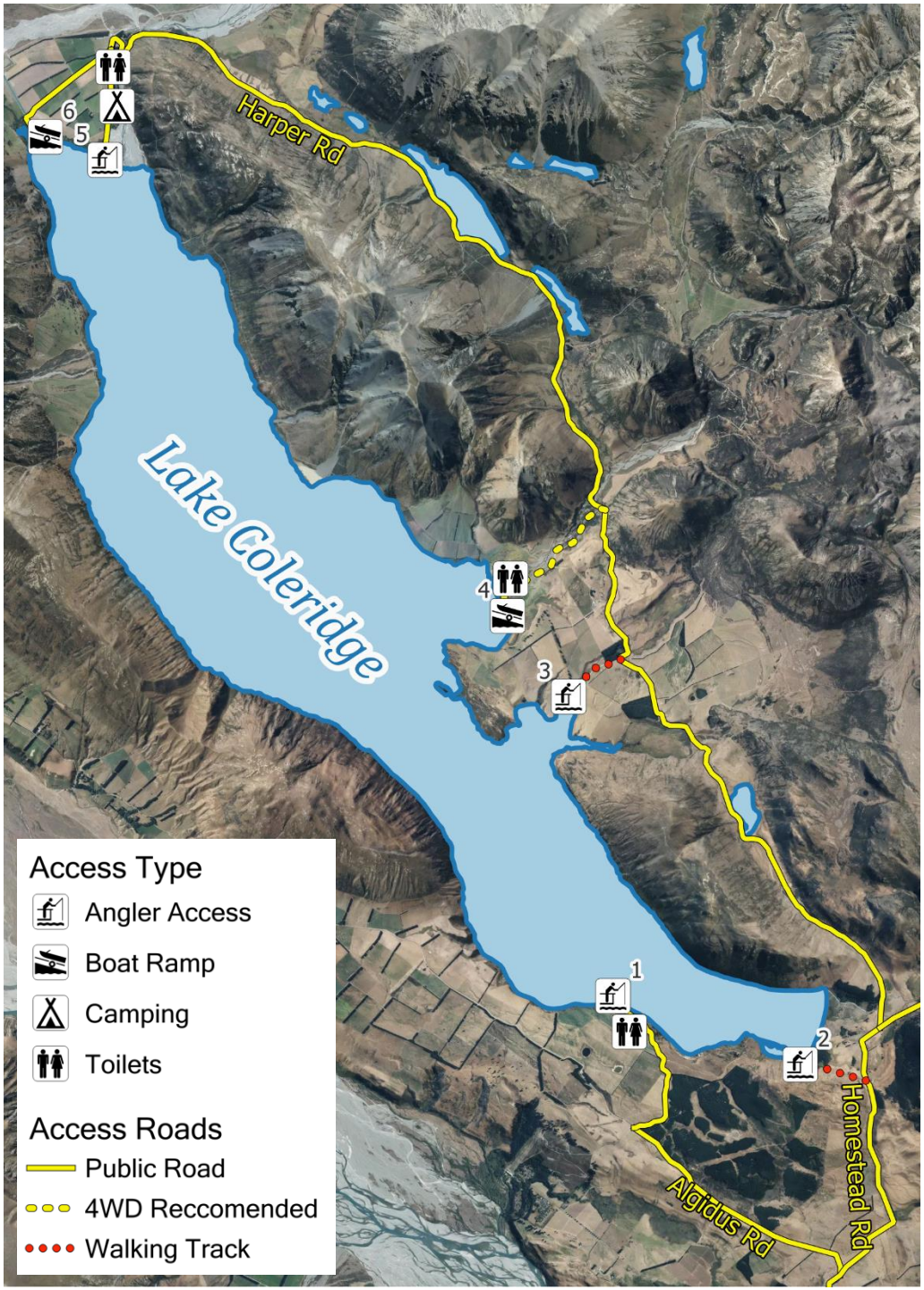

Lake Coleridge

Access

1. Coleridge Intake: Turn north onto Algidus Rd from Homestead Rd, then right onto Coleridge Intake Rd. Access here is suitable for shore anglers, but is not a suitable entry point for boats. There is a public toilet located in the parking area.

2. Te Araroa Access: At the south end of the lake, park on the west side of Homestead Rd at the intersection with the Te Araroa trail. Follow the Te Araroa trail markers on foot for shore access.

3. Scamander Bay: Park along Harper Rd near -43.298,171.547, and follow the path west on foot for shore access.

4. Ryton Bay: Turn west off Harper Rd just south of the Ryton River bridge. Follow the road down to the lake shore. There is a public toilet located in the parking area. **Caution**: 4WD vehicle recommended, as water runs over the road just before the parking area.

5. Harper Campsite: Follow Harper Rd through Harper Village, and turn left just past the Harper Canal Bridge. A sheltered campsite and public toilet can be located on the left. Follow the road past the campsite on foot for shore access.

6. Harper Bay: Follow Harper Rd through Harper Village, turn left just past the Harper Canal Bridge. Follow the boat access signs from the Harper Campsite to Harper Bay. The boat ramp also provides shore access to the northwest shoreline.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th September. Closed during October.

Fishing Methods: Spin, Fly, and Bait fishing are permitted on Lake Coleridge. Fishing from both motorized and non-motorized watercraft are allowed.

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Sportsfish (any combination of trout or salmon)

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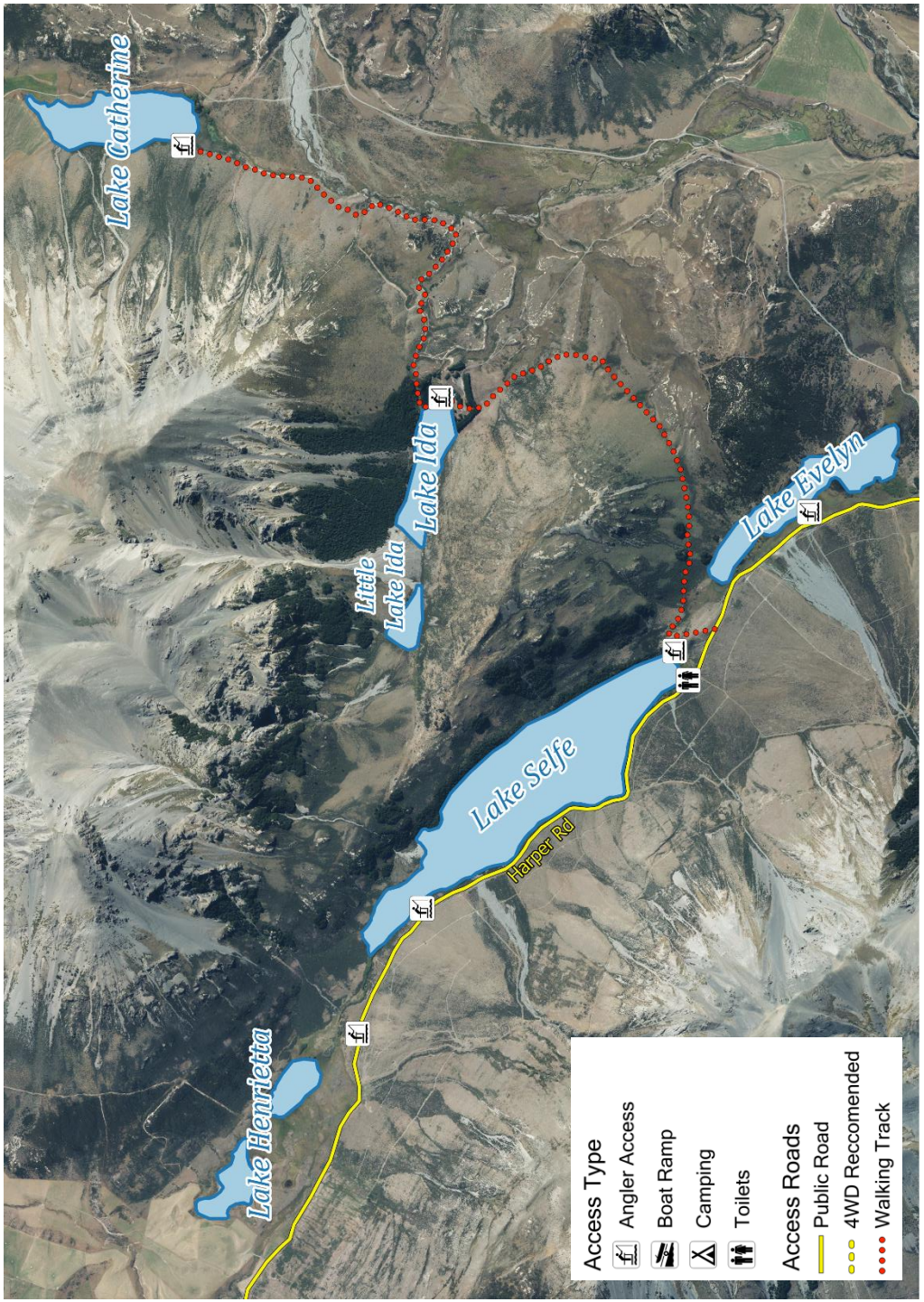


Lake Henrietta

Access

Park at small carpark near south end of the lake along Harper Rd, near -43.232,171.504. Access to the lake is achieved by wading through the surrounding swamp.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th April. Closed May-October.

Fishing Methods: Spin and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Henrietta.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout

Lake Selfe

Access

Several small carparks along Harper Rd provide shore access to Lake Selfe. Public toilets are available at the south end of the lake.

Regulations

Season: Open year round

Fishing Methods: Spin and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Selfe. Non-motorized watercraft (e.g., kayaks, floats) are permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout

Lake Evelyn

Access

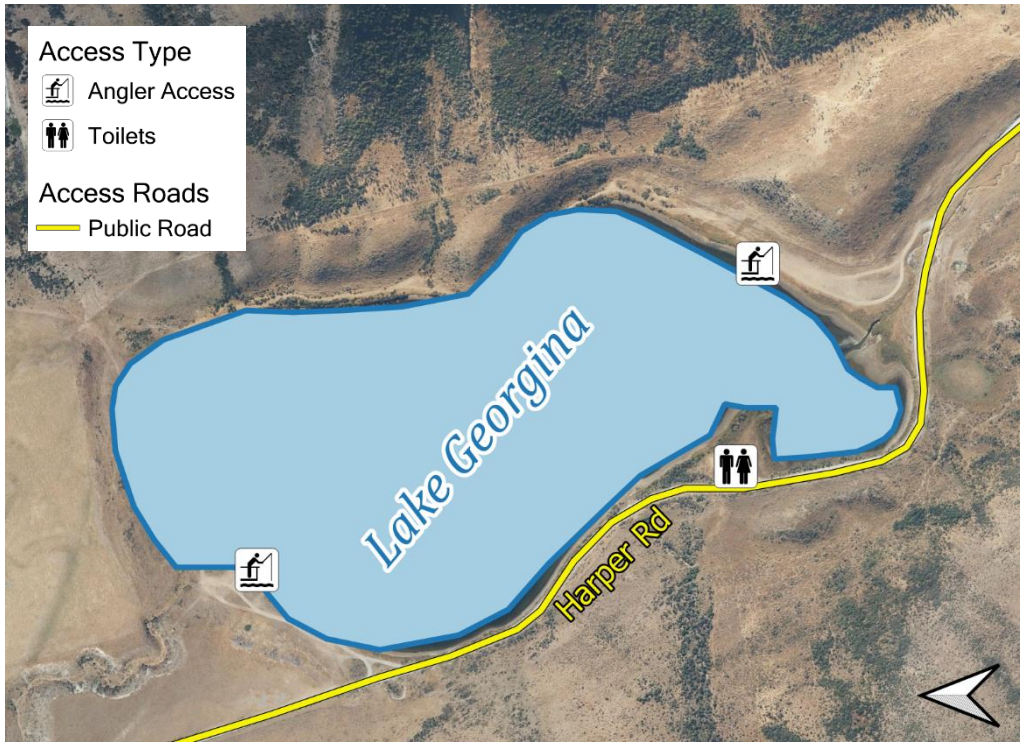
Park at small carpark next to Lake Evelyn along Harper Rd, near -43.252,171.536. Good shore fishing can be found on the shore opposite the carpark.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th April. Closed May-October.

Fishing Methods: Spin and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Evelyn. Non-motorized watercraft (e.g., kayaks, floats) are permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout



Lake Georgina

Access

Turn north onto Harper Rd from Lyndon Rd to the east or Homestead Rd from the South. Parking areas on the south and north ends of Lake Georgina provide shore access. An additional parking area along Harper Rd near -43.319,171.568 provides public toilets.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th April. Closed May-October.

Fishing Methods: Spin and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Georgina. Non-motorized watercraft (e.g., kayaks, floats) are permitted.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout

Lake Ida

(See map on page 3)

Access

Park at small carpark near -43.248,171.527 along Harper Rd. Follow the Ryton River track around the southern edge of Little Mt Ida. The hike to Lake Ida is approximately 3 km one way.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th April. Closed May-October.

Fishing Methods: Fly fishing is the only method permitted on Lake Ida.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout

Little Lake Ida: Lake Ida was split by a slip into two waterbodies. Both of these lakes have the same regulations.

Lake Catherine

(See map on page 3)

Access

Park at small carpark near -43.248,171.527 along Harper Rd. Follow the Ryton River track around the southern edge of Little Mt Ida. Continue past Lake Ida along the track to Lake Catherine. The hike to Lake Catherine is approximately 5.5 km one way.

Regulations

Season: First Saturday in November – 30th April. Closed May-October.

Fishing Methods: Spin and Fly fishing are permitted on Lake Catherine.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Trout

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