

You need a permit to hunt in all regional parks, forests and water collection areas. You must show this permit if asked by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GW) staff. **Permits are free of charge.** GW issues a combined permit for the Akatarawa Forest, Kaitoke Regional Park and Pakuratahi Forest that is valid for six months.

Apply on our website, by phone or in person at the GW Upper Hutt office.

You will need to supply your firearms licence number when applying for a hunting permit. We only issue permits for rimfire and smooth bore firearms in special circumstances. Hunting bows must have a minimum draw factor of 18kg (40lb).

Permits

Keep your firearm unloaded outside the designated hunting area. Always obtain permission from landowners if you intend to cross private land.

2. Marchant Road entrance, via the Puffer Track. You need a Department of Conservation permit as this track passes through the Tararua Forest Park.

Forest access – North Block

1. Rimutaka Hill Road Summit, Ridgeway Track, beside the summit tearooms.
2. Marchant Road entrance, via the Puffer Track. You need a Department of Conservation permit as this track passes through the Tararua Forest Park.

2. Mt Clime access road from Tunnel Gully Recreation Area, Te Marua. Walking or mountain bike access only beyond the carpark.
Walking or mountain bike access only beyond the Rimutaka Rail Trail, off SH2, 9km north of Upper Hutt.

Forest access – Upper Pakuratahi catchment

• **Hunting is not permitted** around the popular recreation areas of Rimutaka Rail Trail and Tunnel Gully.
• During daylight hours only.
• At least 200m away from roads, tracks, and boundaries with private land in the designated hunting area.
• In two hunting zones, as shown on the map overleaf. The first is the Upper Pakuratahi catchment and the second is in the North Block, north of the Rimutaka Hill Road.

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Hunting in Pakuratahi Forest



Caring for your forest

- Pack in and pack out. Take your rubbish home and recycle it where possible.
- Dogs are welcome. Keep them under control and remove droppings. Dogs must be leashed in the tunnels.
- Do not remove, disturb or damage plants or animals.
- Light no fires. Take care with portable stoves, matches and cigarettes.
- 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.
- Park your vehicle clear of gateways. Do not block access roads.
- Wilderness camping is allowed in the designated hunting area.

Water, air, earth and energy: elements in Greater Wellington's logo combine to create and sustain life. Greater Wellington promotes **Quality for Life** by ensuring our environment is protected while meeting the economic, cultural and social needs of the community.

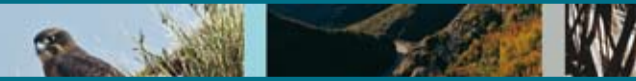


Photo of red deer by Joe Hubmann. Photo of feral goat Crown Copyright Department of Conservation.

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GW appreciates your help in gathering information on pest animals in parks and forests. After your permit has expired we might ask you for details of the species and numbers of animals killed.



Reducing pest animals

Hunting dogs must be registered or branded, and the details lodged with GW on applying for your permit. You may take up to three dogs into the parks or forests. Please report any lost hunting dogs to the GW Upper Hutt office as soon as possible.

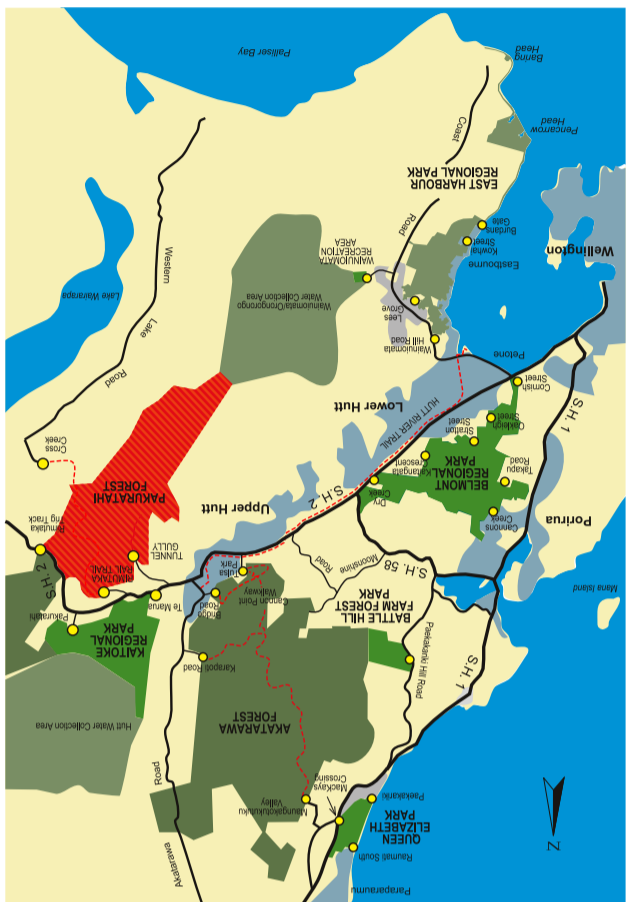
Hunting with dogs



Hunt with care

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

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. Take a wind and waterproof jacket and wear layers of clothing that can be taken off or put on as you need. Always carry enough clothes for cold conditions

Take ample high-energy food, drinking water, map, 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 0900 999 04

or www.metservice.co.nz.

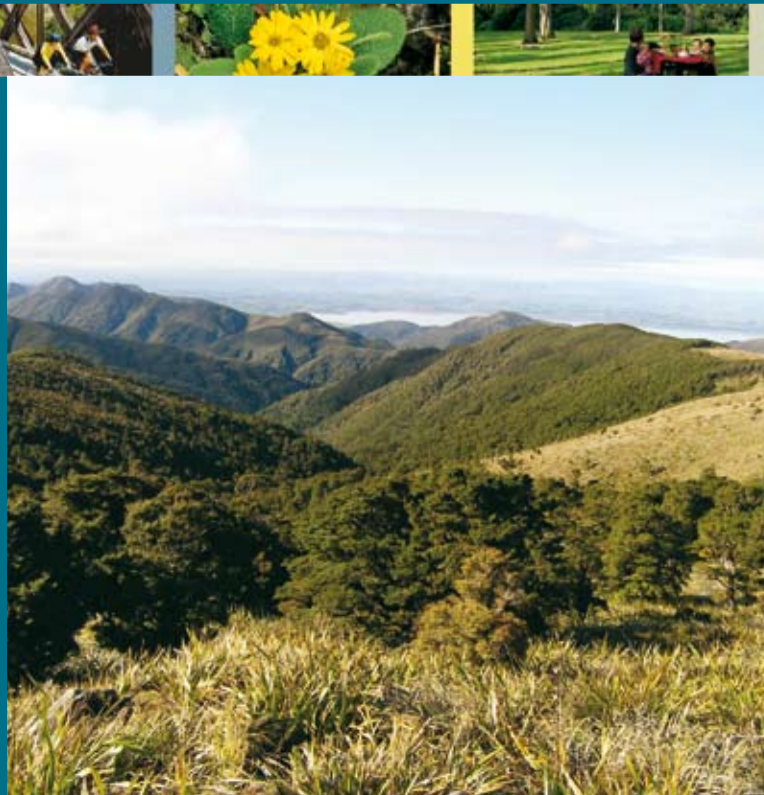
Advise someone of your intended route and when to expect you back.

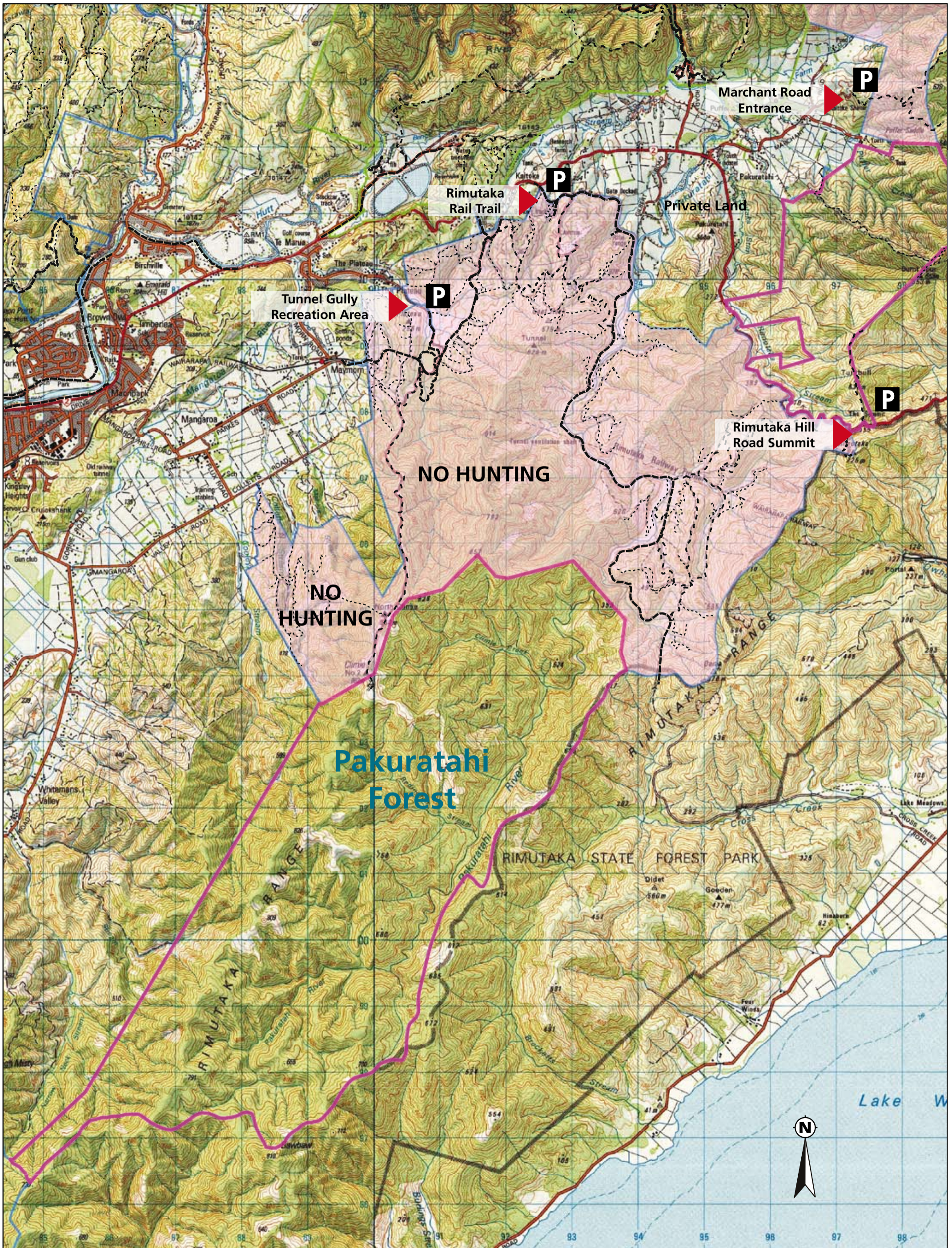
Hunting in Pakuratahi Forest

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 Orongorongo 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.





Pakuratahi Forest Hunting

Legend

- Regional Forest
- Regional Park
- Hunting Area
- No Hunting
- Forest roads
- Walk
- Tramp
- Route

