



## **Participating in WAKEX Taupo Takeover 2022**

Please take note the following for anyone who is joining (using your own Jetski) in our Annual the Taupo Takeover Tour of the Lake Taupo (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February) & Waikato River (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February) respectively. You are expected to abide with the following criteria as laid down by the Taupo Harbour Master & Waikato Regional Council.

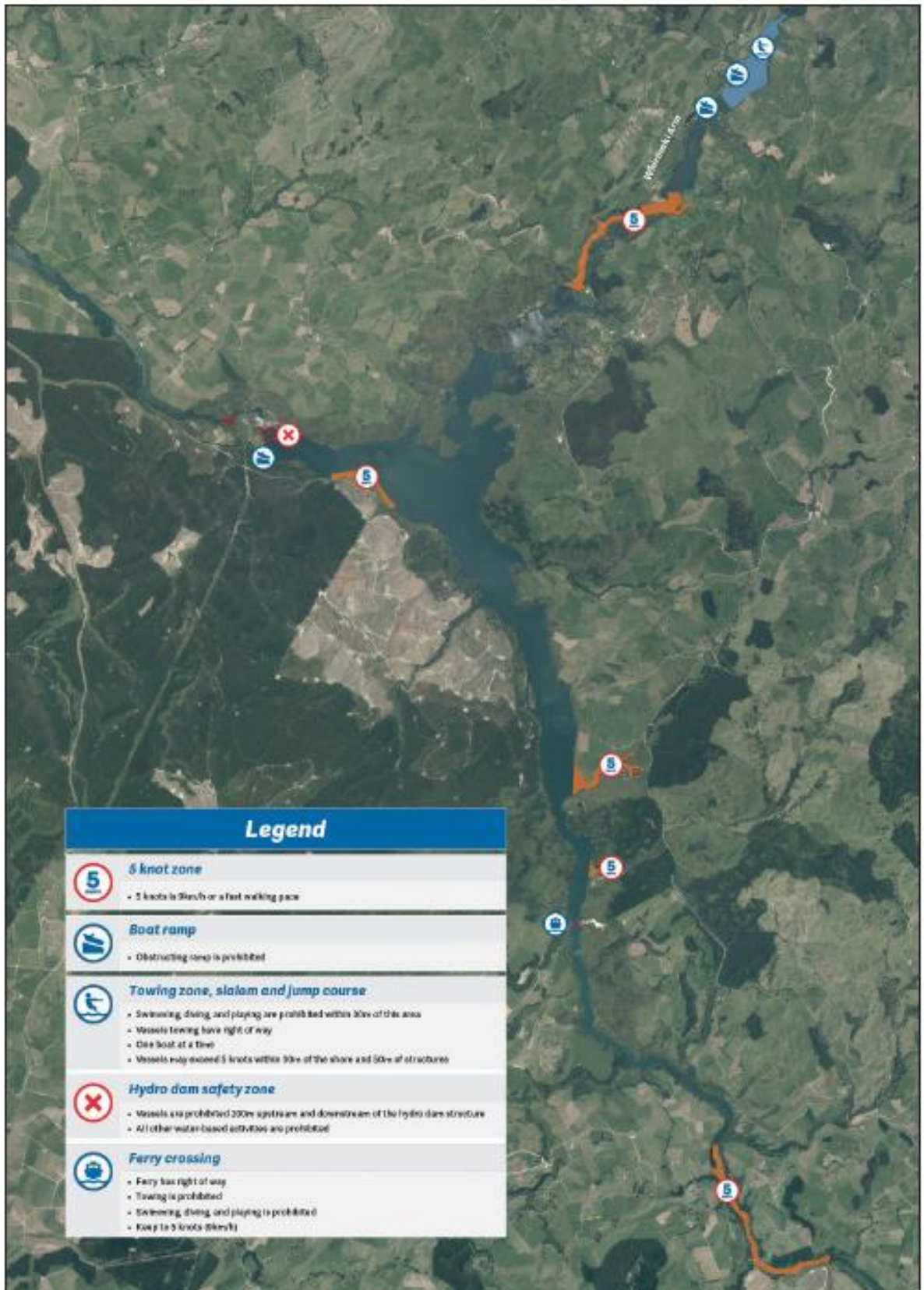
### **Before you launch at Lake Taupo or the Waikato River:**

- We ask everyone to read the terms & conditions for this event – these are found on our website <https://wakex.nz/tours/taupo-takeover-tour>
- Please display your Jetski registration clearly on your vessel
- Boat ramp passes must be purchased where required. Only 1 pass is required for the weekend - these can be purchased at a few sites around Taupo or purchased online at <https://ramp-permit-taupo.dia.govt.nz/>
- Please bring a tow rope and a pair of large vice grip pliers to shut off water feed intakes in the event of a dead ski for mid speed recoveries.
- Bring at least one form of communication e.g., Mobile phone
- Make sure you have and wear your lifejacket and any other suitable gear.
- Make sure that your Jetski is in a safe condition and is ready for a long trip. If you need a jump start on either of the days, WAKEX will not allow you to participate within our event. Maintenance is key to a successful and fun day.
- We discourage 2-stroke Jetskis due to the mileage we will be covering daily with limited fuel stops.

### **Watercraft Etiquette:**

- Please adhere to ALL waterway rules – please note speed restricted areas which are applicable to the Waikato River – see map below.

## MAP 21 – LAKE OHAKURI



- Note the 5 knot ( $\pm 9$  kph) speed limits on the map together with a 5 knot speed limit within 50m of people, structures and other vessels and within 30m from the shore – see website below for further details:  
<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/assets/WRC/WRC-2019/Key-Rules-for-Boating-in-the-Waikato.pdf>
- This is not a race but a tour with likeminded adventurers wanting to enjoy the day out in a calm and relaxed way
- If you want to race, then you can do so by running ahead of the pack. In doing so, you will be disassociating yourself from WAKE.X due to strict safety regulations that we must adhere to. This is not a speed event, but we understand the “need for speed”, we just ask that you please understand the boating rules when running at speed in a narrow waterway.
- We ask that all Jetski “owner operators” sign our register attached and email or photo it back to us. Please ensure you fill it out all the information. This is purely for our record and safety logbook

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Saturday: Motuoapa Bay Marina (Lake Taupo Tour)**

- Pre -Ride Briefing in the car park 9:00am sharp  
 Launching from the Motuoapa Marina Boat ramp 10:00am sharp
- Make our way up to 2-mile bay and have a rest or coffee stop - say 30 to 60 minute stopover
- Straight line for the Maori Rock Carvings sight-seeing
- Head to Kinloch Beach but taking our time enjoying the bays in-between and the scenery
- Lunch stops in Kinloch around 12-1pm – say 60 to 120 minutes stopover. Keep the Jetskis away from the swim beach Buoys or youll get a fine. Kinloch Fish and Chip shop is our preferred eatery but there are other cafes around
- Make our way to Western Bay and enjoy a swim and a paddle at the Tieke Waterfall – say 60 to 120 minute stopover
- We then make the trek back to Motuoapu Bay Marina to end the day. This is a long straight ride so you speed demons can have that safe wide-open space to see who’s slower
- That evening we will look to have a BBQ and a catchup of the day at the Motuoapa Bay Holiday Park where most of us are staying, BYO but we will have sausages available too

## **Sunday: Vaile Road Boat Ramp (Waikato River / Lake Ohakuri Tour)**

- Pre- Ride Briefing in the car park 9:30am sharp
- Departing about 10:00am
- Enjoy a beautiful tour northward toward the Lake Ohakuri and go at your own pace enjoying the beautiful views of the river for rarely seen viewpoints - crossing under bridges, riding through canyon like walls etc.
- Arrive at Orakei Korako, enjoy the scenery, and make our way to the Weed Farm - great for those who have never felt hot and cold at the same time as seeing what your intake grate feels like in the water (IDF Paradise)
- Make our way to the Squeeze, park skis, decamp and walk through an amazing hot water river through rock faces to come out to the waterfall and thermal pool where we all take some much shower time and a dip in the pool up top – say 60 to 120 minutes stopover
- Make our way to Orakei Korako Mudcake café for a light lunch. Please don't be "choosy" and please be respectful of the current conditions & appreciate them looking after us. Please order only what they make in bulk i.e., Sammie's and pies etc. – say 60 to 120 minutes stopover
- After full tummies, we'll begin our return journey to the boat ramp.
- Load up, say our goodbyes (group photos would be great), and all travel home safely

See you in 2023 same time keep it clear in your diary where we have some exciting new things to add too.