

TAUPŌ MOANA BOATING GUIDE

Information from the
Lake Taupō Harbourmaster



TŪWHARETOA MĀORI TRUST BOARD

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Te Tari Taiwhenua

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (JETSKI)

When operating a personal water craft (jetski) personal flotation devices **must be worn**. Observer rule applies to all water craft when towing.

REGISTRATION OF JETSKIS

All jetskis operating on Lake Taupō must be registered with the Harbourmaster or a regional council. A registration form can be printed from www.dia.govt.nz/harbourmaster, keyword: PWC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOATIES

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

- CHECK** Remove all visible matter such as weed and algae.
- CLEAN** Soak or scrub for at least one minute in a 5% solution of detergent.
- DRY** If cleaning is not practical, dry items completely, leave for minimum of 48hrs.

**STOP THE SPREAD OF WEEDS,
ALGAE AND UNWANTED FISH**

See www.biosecurity.govt.nz/cleaning for more information on freshwater threats and the preferred methods of how to Check, Clean, Dry.



OUR PLAYGROUND. OUR RESPONSIBILITY

FISHING

Anglers must hold a current licence for fishing the Taupō district, administered by Department of Conservation. Licences issued for other Fish and Game regions are not valid for Taupō. **Buy online at www.doc.govt.nz**

FOREWORD

Mai ngā awa hukahuka, ko ngā peka o te aho tapu, he waiora e pōkarekare ake nei. Ko Taupō te moana, ki te pūau o Nukuhau, he piko, he taniwhā, kō Waikato Taniwhā Rau. Whakatau mai ki te wai-oranga o te Iwi o Ngāti Tūwharetoa - Ko Taupō Moana.

From the frothing waters of our rivers, come the glistening waters of the sacred thread. All interwoven throughout Taupō, the inland sea. To Nukuhau the outflow, departing to Waikato of the hundred chiefs, at every bend, a chief. We welcome you to the life giving waters of Ngāti Tūwharetoa - Taupō the inland sea.

This brochure is issued by the Lake Taupō Harbourmaster of the Department of Internal Affairs in conjunction with the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and Coastguard for the benefit of the users of Lake Taupō and to encourage safe and enjoyable boating.

NAMING OF VESSELS

Power boats 4m and over and non-powered boats 6m and over.

You must display a name or similar identifying mark:

- on both sides of the hull
- above the waterline
- it must be clearly legible, and
- all characters at least 90mm in height.

This cannot be the vessel's brand/make/model.

ALL VESSELS LESS THAN 6 METRES

You must have emergency contact details, including your name and phone number, somewhere on or in the vessel which is clearly visible.

LIFEJACKETS (PFDs)

It is compulsory to have a correctly fitting lifejacket (PFD) for every person on board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

USE OF RAMPS

BUY YOUR RAMP PERMIT ONLINE



ramp-permit-taupo.dia.govt.nz

Ramp Permit Prices:
24 Hours \$5.00 • 2 Weeks \$35.00 • 12 Months \$90.00

A ramp permit is needed when using the Department of Internal Affairs' ramp facilities. These are available online and from service stations, hunting & fishing stores, marine outlets, and some dairies, motels and holiday parks around Lake Taupō. Kinloch Marina has a separate ramp permit. **An instant \$200 fine is applicable for non-compliance.**

NAVIGABLE RIVERS

The Waikato, Tongariro (Delta Region only), Tauranga-Taupō, Waiāhā and Kuratau (mouth only) are the only rivers which can be navigated by small vessels. A strict 5 knot speed restriction applies, with the exception of the Waikato River above the Control Gates where the speed limit is 3 knots out as far as the wooden marker piles, or no wake.

HYPOTHERMIA (COLD) is the biggest enemy on Lake Taupō. On small craft it is imperative to carry spare woollen clothing and/or wetsuits to wear in the case of mishaps or prolonged immersion in the water. Lake water is not as buoyant as seawater. Swimming is much more difficult in a lake, especially a cold lake.

POLLUTION

It is an offence under the Resource Management Act 1991 to discharge contaminants such as treated or untreated sewage into Lake Taupō. Toilet pump out facilities are available for sewage holding tanks or portable toilets at the Taupō Landing Reserve main wharf, Tokaanu wharf, Motuoapa and Kinloch marinas. No rubbish may be put into the Lake.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION contact the Harbourmaster, 75 Redoubt St, Taupō. Ph: +64 7 378 7176.

Email: harbourmaster@dia.govt.nz
www.dia.govt.nz/harbourmaster

LAKE TAUPŌ COASTGUARD



The VHF Marine Channel used for 'Distress Calling' and for weather updates on Lake Taupō is channel 61. For chit chat, use channel 63 or 65.

The weather is broadcast daily at the following times: (subject to change)
7:35am 11:35am 3:35pm

In an emergency call VHF channel 61 for Coastguard, or dial 111 for Police.

SPEED OF ALL CRAFT

No person shall propel or navigate any craft at a proper speed exceeding 5 knots (9kph) - fast walking speed:

- A. Within 50 metres of another vessel, raft or person in the water; or
- B. Within 200 metres of the shore or of any structure; or
- C. Within 200 metres of any vessel or raft that is flying Flag Alpha (dive flag); or
- D. While bow riding.

Red and white striped buoys are placed in a number of locations to show skippers 200 metres from shore. Note: 5 knots within 200 metres of the shore rule applies to all the Lake Taupō shoreline including rivers unless otherwise stated (towing access lanes).

Vessels must not exceed 5 knots within 200m of shore.



5 knot buoys are placed 200m from shore in some areas.

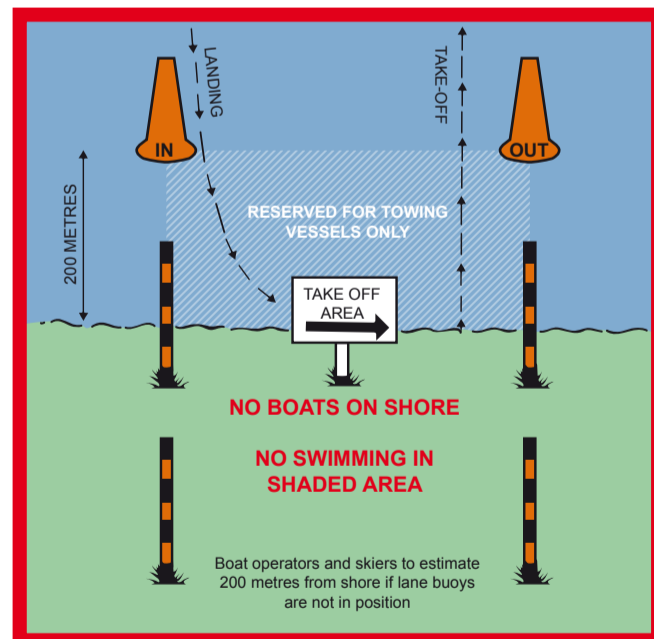
MINIMUM AGE OF OPERATORS

No person who is under the age of 15 years shall propel or navigate a motor craft that is capable of a proper speed exceeding 10 knots.

TOWING ACCESS LANES

'ACCESS LANE' MARKINGS

Access lanes enable **vessels involved in towing** to legally leave or approach the shore at speeds in excess of 5 knots. Direction of travel is anti-clockwise. All access lane buoys are coloured orange with black writing.



YOU MUST:

1. Keep to the right in the lanes.
2. Enter and leave at right angles to the shore.
3. Have an observer who is not under the age of ten years watching the person who is being towed.
4. Not proceed in a manner dangerous to other persons or vessels in the lane.
5. Not beach your boat in the lane.
6. Not use the lane for any other purpose.
7. Not operate between sunset and sunrise.
8. Wear a life jacket when being towed.

DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREAS

Lake Taupō has six designated areas for swimming only. These are marked with white and black banded posts ashore, and black and white buoys in the water.

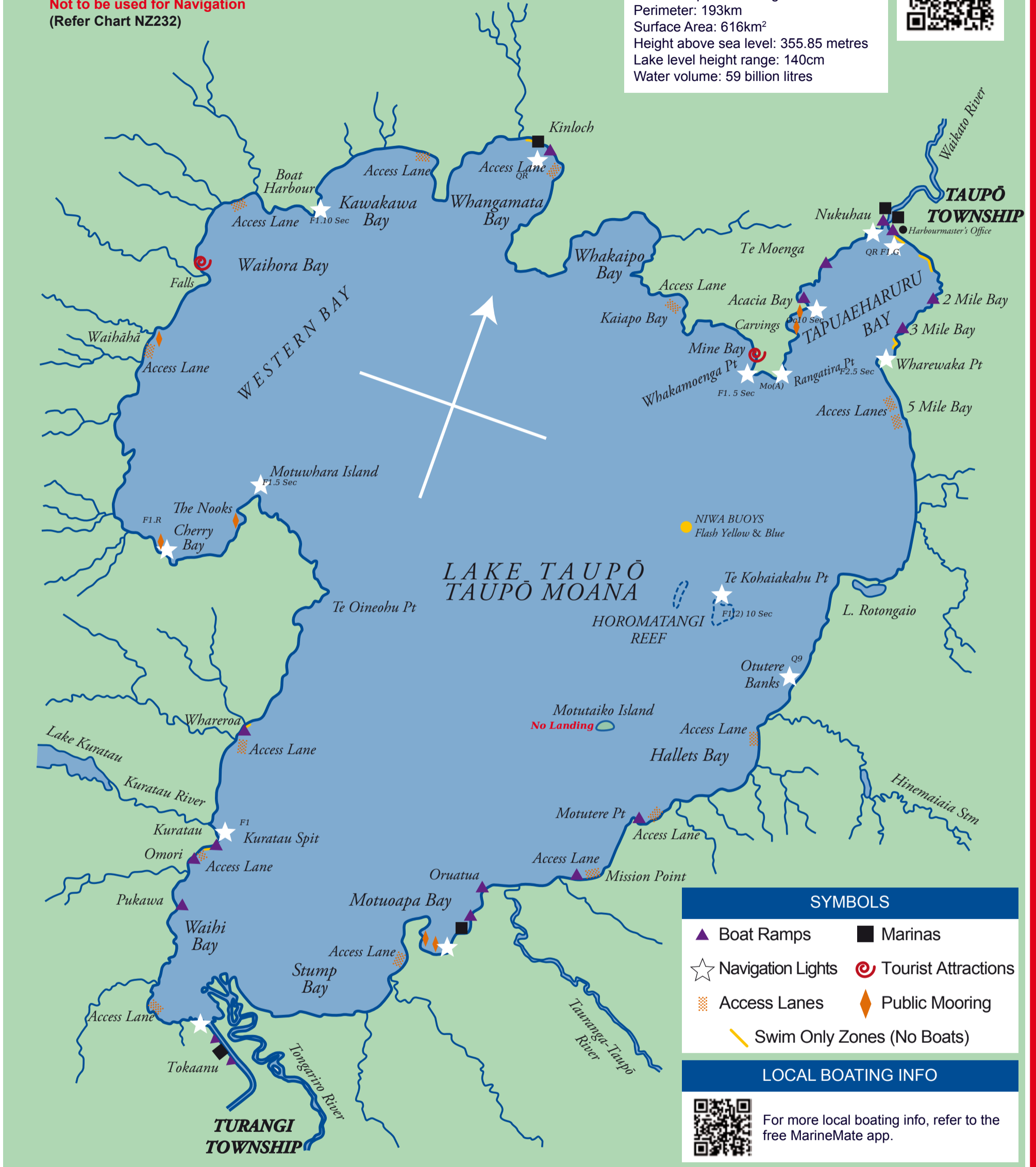
No vessels may enter these areas at all.

MAP OF TAUPŌ MOANA

Not to be used for Navigation
(Refer Chart NZ232)

FACTS ABOUT LAKE TAUPŌ

Maximum charted depth: 164 metres
Water temperature range: 10 - 23°C
Perimeter: 193km
Surface Area: 616km²
Height above sea level: 355.85 metres
Lake level height range: 140cm
Water volume: 59 billion litres



SYMBOLS	
▲ Boat Ramps	■ Marinas
☆ Navigation Lights	⊙ Tourist Attractions
⊞ Access Lanes	◇ Public Mooring
— Swim Only Zones (No Boats)	

LOCAL BOATING INFO



For more local boating info, refer to the free MarineMate app.

THE BOATING CODE: 5 SIMPLE RULES

- Life jackets** - Take them, wear them. It will increase your survival time.
- Skipper responsibility** - Keep everyone safe. Stay within the limits of your vessel and your experience.
- Communications** - Take at least two separate waterproof ways of communicating.
- Marine weather** - Check the forecast first. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Avoid alcohol** - Safe boating and alcohol don't mix. Stay alert and aware.

TOWING ACCESS LANES

(Refer to rules overleaf)
Five Mile Bay
Hallets Bay
Motutere Bay
Mission Point
Stump Bay
Waihi Bay
Kuratau
Whareroa
Waihāhā
Waihora Bay
Kawakawa Bay
Kinloch (Whangamata Bay)
Kaiapo Bay

PUBLIC MOORINGS

(No unattended vessels)
Jerusalem Bay x 2
Motuoapa x 2
The Nooks
Cherry Bay
Waihaha

BOAT RAMPS

Kinloch
Acacia Bay South
Te Moenga Bay
Nukuhau
Taupō Boat Harbour
Two Mile Bay
Three Mile Bay
Motutere
Mission Point
Oruatua
Motuoapa
Tokaanu (2)
Pukawa
Omori
Kuratau
Whareroa

NO LANDING ZONE

Landing is prohibited on Motutaiko Island.

SWIM ONLY ZONES (NO BOATS)

Yacht Club Taupō
Main Beach Taupō
Between 3 & 4 Mile Bays
Kinloch
Kuratau
Whareroa