

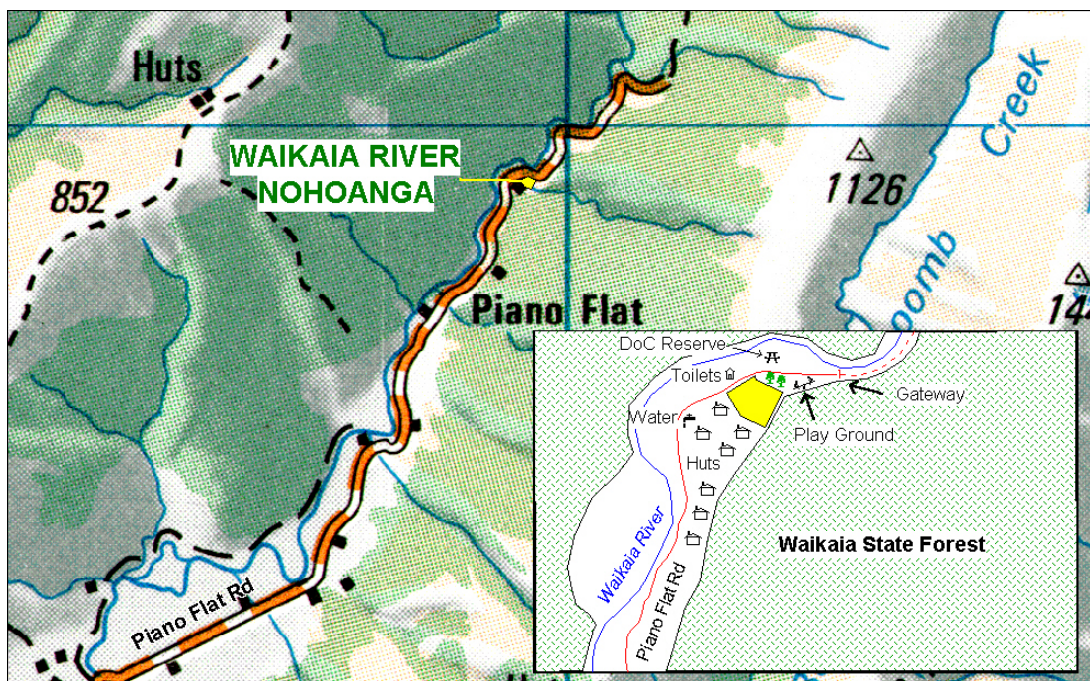
## **NOHOANGA SITE INFORMATION SHEET**

### **WAIKAIA RIVER [PIANO FLAT], MURIHIKU**



#### **Getting there**

- The site is about 1 hours drive north-west of Gore township, next to the Piano Flat Public Campsite at approximately 2538 Piano Flat Road.
- From Gore follow State Highway 94 (north-west), turn off at Riversdale onto Riversdale-Waikaia Road and travel north past Waikaia township, past Glenary Station and into the Waikaia (Piano Flat) recreation area. Riversdale-Waikaia Road runs onto Piano Flat Road.
- The nohoanga site is on the right-hand side of the road adjacent to the last private hut in the recreational area. Directly across the road is a Department of Conservation camping area and further up the road is a children's playing area.
- The site is not signposted or marked. Signage is expected to be installed in late 2020.



### **Physical description**

- The nohoanga is on a sloping hill overlooking the Waikaia River just off the Waikaia road, beside a private hut. Caravans and campervans are not currently able to be used on site as there is no vehicle access onto the site itself. Works are currently in discussion with The Department of Conservation to enable vehicle access onto the site itself.
- The site is tiered and slopes down towards the road and river. While some of the site is sloped, there are a few flat areas ideal for camping.
- The nohoanga is covered in grass and is well sheltered by beech forest.



### **Vehicle access and parking**

- There is excellent two-wheel drive vehicle access to the site but no vehicle access onto the site itself. Works are currently in discussion with The Department of Conservation to enable vehicle access onto the site itself.
- Parking is available on the flat area immediately adjacent to the site. Vehicles parked here may not inhibit public access or be parked in an obvious camping site.



### **Facilities and services**

- Nohoanga site users have permission to use the nearby public water supply, basin approximately 100 m away from the site. Users may not tap either the water race or pipes carrying the water.
- There are public toilet facilities nearby.
- The site has a large field nearby and a children's playing area with swings and slides.

- There is limited cell phone reception on this site.
- All rubbish and waste must be removed on departure. See key contacts below for details of refuse and dumping stations.

### **Hazards**

- There are numerous old shafts associated with gold mining/prospecting throughout the wider area of the nohoanga site. There are known shafts behind the site, adjacent to the public access walk. Take care when walking around the bush area.
- There is potentially an old shaft in the back-left corner of the site (see Photo 1 on pg 6, and Hazard Map on pg 7). Further investigation will be undertaken to determine the nature of this hole. Care should be taken.
- There is an old water race that runs across the site (see Photo 2 on pg 6, and Hazard Map on pg 7). Take care when walking / driving around the site.
- The Waikaia River is subject to flooding in high rainfall events and the river can rise quite suddenly. During high rain fall road access could be impeded to and from the site.
- Some rives, lakes or waterways may have health warnings applied to them throughout the year for toxic algae and bacteria such as benthic cyanobacteria. Regional and District Councils will have up to date information on their websites regarding any waterway health warnings in place.
- Visit the Ngai Tahu website [www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/environment/nohoanga](http://www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz/environment/nohoanga) for up to date information regarding hazards.

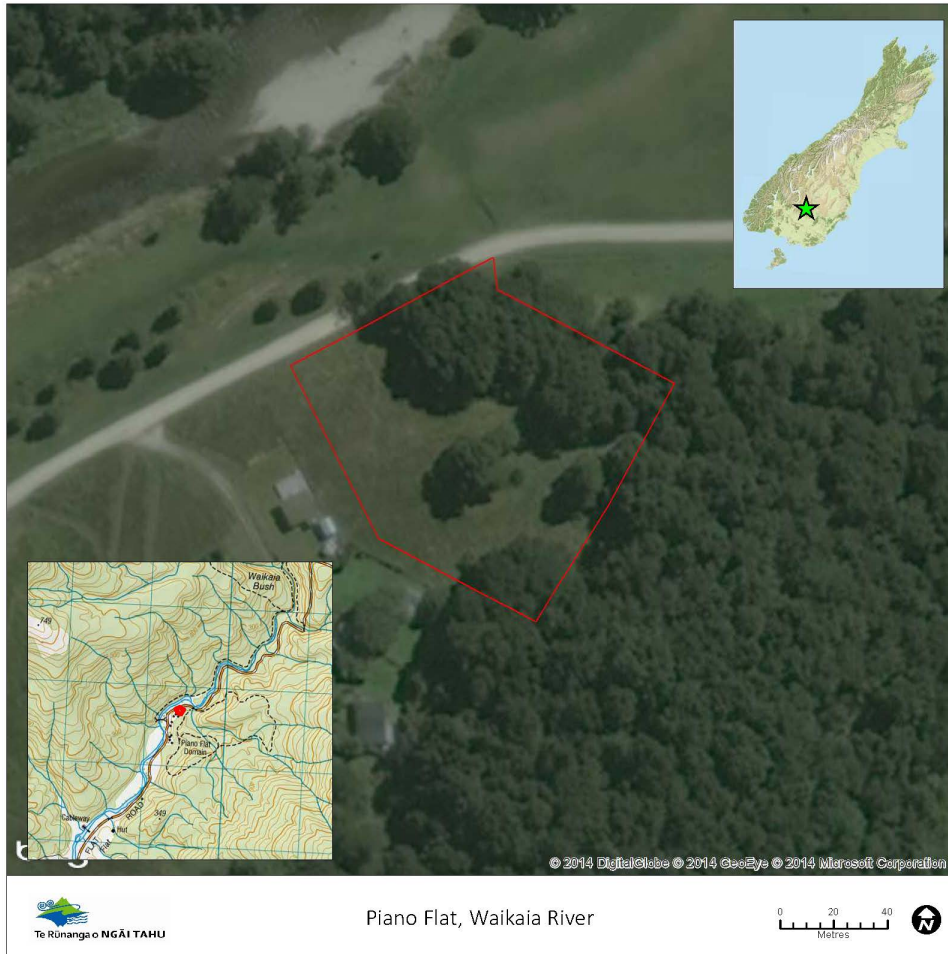


### **Site restrictions**

- Dogs must be on a leash on public roads at all times. Owners must also ensure dogs do not worry stock or other campers both on the nohoanga site and adjacent public camping site.
- Those wishing to hunt in the area require a hunting permit from the Department of Conservation. Firearms should not be carried without a valid hunting permit. Please see the Department of Conservation website for information about hunting and firearm safety.
- Fire restrictions may apply to this area. Please contact the Department of Conservation Area Office in Invercargill before using this site to assess the situation. Comprehensive information on fire control in this area is available on the Southern Rural Fire Authority website: [www.southernruralfire.org.nz](http://www.southernruralfire.org.nz).
- **Note** – by using the *Waikaia River [Piano Flat]* nohoanga site you are agreeing with these conditions.

**Key contacts**

Emergency Services	Phone 111 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
Police Station	<p>Riversdale Police 1 Lincoln Street, Riversdale 03 202 4140</p> <p>Lumsden Police 28 Hero Street, Lumsden 03 248 9089</p> <p>Gore Police 2 Hokonui Drive, Gore 03 203 9300</p>
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu	<p>Te Whare o Te Waipounamu 15 Show Place, Addington 8024 PO Box 13-046 CHRISTCHURCH</p> <p>0800 NOHOANGA <a href="mailto:nohoanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz">nohoanga@ngaitahu.iwi.nz</a></p>
Department of Conservation	<p>Murihiku / Invercargill Office Level 7 / 33 Don Street, Invercargill 03 211 2400 <a href="mailto:Invercargill@doc.govt.nz">Invercargill@doc.govt.nz</a></p>
Fish and Game (fishing licence outlets)	<p>Southland Region 17 Eye Street, Invercargill 03 215 9117</p>
Hospital / Doctors	<p>Gore Hospital 9 Birch Lane, Gore 03 209 3030</p>
Dumping Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gore Public D/S Richmond Road</li> <li>• Gore Public D/S Entry 1, A&amp;P Showgrounds</li> <li>• Invercargill Public D/S Spey Street</li> <li>• Knobs Flat Public D/S SH 94, Te Anau</li> <li>• Manapouri Public D/S Hillside Road</li> <li>• Milford Sound Public D/S Milford Village</li> <li>• Ōtautau Public D/S Behind Plunket, Hume Street</li> <li>• Riversdale S/S Newcastle Street</li> <li>• Riverton BP Bay Rd</li> <li>• Riverton Race Course Public D/S Bay Road</li> <li>• Te Anau Public D/S Lake Front Drive</li> <li>• Tokanui Shop</li> <li>• Old SH92, Southern Scenic Route</li> <li>• Winton Anzac Oval Public D/S</li> <li>• Winton Public D/S</li> <li>• Behind Mobil, Great North Road</li> </ul>
Refuse Station	<p>Invercargill Transfer Station 303 Bond Street, Invercargill 03 218 7939</p>



**Photo 1 – Potential mining shaft**

Located in the top left corner of the entitlement, near the water race, to the left of the big tree. Hole has plants growing out of it.



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**Photo 2 – Water Race**

Located at the top of the entitlement, on the river side of the big tree.



### Hazard Map

