

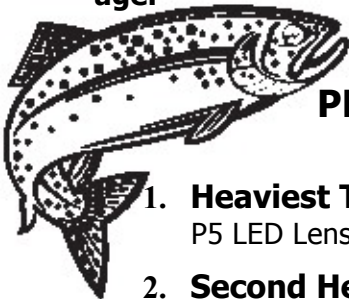
LAKE PUPUKE CHALLENGE

Over \$500.00 worth of prizes to be awarded



North Shore Fly Fishers Inc., and **Trout Unlimited New Zealand**, announces a fishing competition to be held on Sunday, 6th May 2011. The objective is to promote Lake Pupuke as a fishing spot and to obtain some data about fish numbers, size and condition that will assist the Auckland / Waikato Fish & Game Council in the management of the Lake Pupuke fishery

- **Date: Sunday, 6th of May, 2011 from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm**
- **No entry fee or registration. All participants (including juniors) must present a current Fish & Game Licence to collect prizes.**
- **Any legal fishing method. Sports Fishing Regulations (the most important points are given on the overleaf) must be observed.**
- **Weigh-in at the Sylvan Park reserve, on the elevated area near the car park and toilet block from 3:30 pm. Estimated length of undersized trout or trout that were released would be also appreciated. Prize giving shortly thereafter.**
- **Anglers keep fish.**
- **No Litter to be left in the water or on the land.**
- **No motorboats permitted on the Lake. Anyone using a watercraft is requested to observe water safety regulations and use a life jacket.**
- **Anglers participate at their own risk. An adult must supervise children under 12 years of age.**



PRIZES FOR THE LAKE PUPUKE CHALLENGE

1. **Heaviest Trout**
P5 LED Lenser Torch plus \$100.00 gift voucher, total value \$200.00
2. **Second Heaviest Trout**
River Camo fly box plus \$100.00 gift voucher, total value \$155.00
3. **Heaviest Trout caught by a primary or secondary school student**
Umpqua Large Zinger plus \$50.00 gift voucher, total value \$70.00
4. **Heaviest alternative fish species (not trout)**
\$50.00 gift voucher
5. Three drawn **spot prizes** for junior anglers attending weigh-in.
Participants to pick ticket up at weigh in station between 3.00 - 3.30pm:
 - a. *Primary* or *secondary* school student (Boy or Girl) - \$50.00 gift voucher
 - b. *Primary* or *secondary* school student (Girl) - \$25.00 gift voucher
 - c. *Primary* or *secondary* school student (Boy) - \$25.00 gift voucher

Prizes have been donated by **HUNTS SPORTS STORE**, North Shore FlyFishers & TUNZ.
Gift vouchers are redeemable at Hunts Sports Store

You (regardless of age) need a current Fish & Game Council licence to fish in Lake Pupuke. If you are not a regular angler with a season licence, you can get a day licence from HUNTS SPORTS STORE in Milford or another tackle shop. Hunts can also give you advice on tackle and lures/flyes.

Day licence costs are as follows: 12 years and under free (still need Child's Fishing Licence)
12 years through to 17 years – Junior (24 Hour) – \$7.00
18 years and over (24 Hour) – \$23.00.

The winter season licence for juniors at \$14 (www.fishandgame.org.nz)

There are no spawning streams coming into the lake so the trout fishery is maintained by the Auckland /Waikato Fish & Game Council which has been purchasing rainbow two year olds from the Eastern Region Fish & Game Council's hatchery at Ngongotaha and transporting them to Auckland. They are now releasing 1100 catchable size trout annually into Lake Pupuke at a cost of \$9000 so it is important for anglers to purchase a fishing licence to help meet these costs.

NOTE: All people weighing in fish will need to produce their licences.

Sports Fishing Regulations

- Minimum size for a trout – 30 cm. Smaller trout must be unhooked and put back unharmed
- Maximum daily bag limit – 5 trout or tench – no limit on other species
- Type of lure: spinner, fly or bait may be used.
- No more than three lures
- An angler may use only one rod at any time. Anglers must remain within 15 metres of the rod.

There are about eight species of fish in Lake Pupuke.

Rainbow trout- which are familiar to most people: spotted upper body, often with a pink stripe each side, and a spotted tail. Fish of 4 or 5 kg are rumored to have been caught on occasion and there is no reason to disbelieve this. In Lake Pupuke, they can be caught on spinner, fly or bait, with the first two methods more productive.

Perch - which can be recognised by vertical banding on the body and a large, spiky dorsal (back) fin. They grow to about 35 cm in length and are normally caught on a spinner or fly but also take bait such as worms. Good eating

Tench - which are a deep olive or green colour with a small mouth. They grow to 50 cm in length and 2 kg. Normally caught with bait, including corn kernels.

Rudd - which have red- orange coloured fins and tails, and large shiny scales. They grow to about 30cm and would make a nice snack for your cat. Use a fly or bait.

There are also Eels, Catfish, Gold fish and Koi carp present. Some of the latter could reach 3 – 4 kg.

The organisers' representative is Phil Gates, whose contact number during the day of the competition is 021 544 212. For queries prior to the day, contact Phil on 480 2334 or Dennis Smith on 376 3375, evenings.

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