

Permit to Enter DOC Estate to Hunt Koi Carp

The Department of Conservation issues an annual permit to members of the NZ Bowhunters Society to hunt Koi Carp on DoC land in the Waikato region. Members should be aware of the conditions attached to this permit, and two new conditions have been added this year.

Permit Area:

Reserves and DOC Estate know as:

- Lake Waikare
- Lake Whangape
- Lake Waahi Wildlife Management Reserve
- Lake Kimihia WMR
- Te Onetea Stream marginal strip
- Opuatia Swamp WMR
- Lake Rotokawau (Black Lake) Stewardship land
- Horsham WMR (Lakes B, C, E (part of), Areare, Hotoananga (part of), Pikopiko)
- Lake Rotongaro WMR, Lake Rotongarotoiti WMR
- Whangamarino WMR
- Waikato River Islands WMR

Conditions:

1. All koi carp must be dead while in the possession of Society members.
2. All unwanted fish must be buried.
3. Eels must not be targeted as a species to hunt.
4. All boats, trailers and other equipment accessing the Restricted Place areas (Lake Whangape and Te Onetea Stream) must be cleaned to remove *all* vegetation prior to leaving the Restricted Place area.
5. The number of fish killed to be recorded and provided to the Department of Conservation on expiry of this permit.
6. Unless sooner revoked or varied, this authority is valid for 1 year from date of issue.

Comments on permit conditions (by Dave Gousmett):

1. Koi carp are a pest fish and there are heavy fines for being in possession of live koi so knock them on the head as soon as you shoot them.
2. Although I can't recommend their eating quality, koi carp do make excellent bait or berley. However if you don't want to take them away then carry a spade and bury them. Do not leave them on the bank or throw dead fish back in the water.

3. This condition was added because DOC believes that one species of eel (the NZ long-finned eel) is endangered. However this restriction only applies on DOC land, elsewhere the normal recreational limit of six eels per person per day applies. For more information see this link: [long-finned eels](#)

4. This new rule is mainly aimed at the pest plant Alligator weed that is fast growing and spreads aggressively from even the smallest stem fragment. It is a terrestrial and aquatic weed – it can grow both on land and in the water. This means if you carry a small piece of weed home on your boat or trailer it can infest your lawn or garden. For more information see this link: [alligator weed](#)

5. This is the easy part. Just fill in your usual small game claim forms and I will do the rest.