

Lake Pupuke Challenge 2018

North Shore Flyfishers Inc. announces a fishing competition to be held on **Sunday, 22nd April 2018**. The objective is to promote Lake Pupuke as a fishing spot and to obtain 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, 22nd April, 2018 from 6:00 am to 3:30 pm
- No entry fee or registration. All participants (including juniors) must present a current Fish & Game Licence to be eligible for prizes.
- Any legal fishing method. Sports Fishing Regulations (the most important points are given overleaf) must be observed.
- Fishing gear must be free of weed, etc, from other waterways.
- Weigh-in at the Sylvan Park reserve, on the elevated area near the car park and toilet block from 3.00 - 3:30 pm, followed by the prize giving.
- Anglers keep fish.
- No litter to be left in the water or on the land.
- No motorboats (including battery powered) are 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.
- Dave Symes is the NSFF Co-ordinator during the competition.

PRIZES FOR THE LAKE PUPUKE CHALLENGE

1. **Heaviest Trout.** 9', 7 wt Composite Development fly rod
2. **Second Heaviest Trout**
McLeans landing net (value \$140.00.)
3. **Heaviest Trout caught by a primary or secondary school student**
Electronic scale (value \$50.00.)
4. **Heaviest alternative fish species (not trout)**
Hunting & Fishing gift card worth \$65.00
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 card
 - 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 / supplied by

- *North Shore Flyfishers*
- *Fish City*
- *Hunt's Sports Store*
- *North Shore Hunting & Fishing*



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You 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.

Licences are also available on line from Fish & Game NZ. (www.fishandgame.org.nz)

Day licence costs are as follows:

- Under 12 years on 1/10/2017: free (still need Child's Fishing Licence)
- 12 years through to 17 years on 1/10/2017: Junior (24 hour) – \$5.00
- 18 years and over: Adult (24 hour) -\$20.00.

Anglers weighing in fish will be asked to produce their licences.

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 two-year old rainbow and brown trout 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.

Sports Fishing Regulations (brief summary: for more detail, refer to Auckland/Waikato F&G website.)

- 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 on the line.
- An angler may use only one rod at any time. Anglers must remain within 15 metres of the rod.

There are nine species of fish in Lake Pupuke.

Rainbow & brown trout- which are familiar to most people: spotted upper body, often with a pink stripe each side, and a spotted tail. Brown trout have larger spots but no tail spots. Fish of 4 or 5 kg are rumoured 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. They are normally caught with bait, for example, 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 Dave Symes, whose contact number is 021 673 045.

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