

## MOHAKA RAFT TRIP

This trip comprises two days - 6 & 7 April - on one of the great wilderness rivers of New Zealand with RaftFish NZ (Deon Warren). On one day we will float from the Pakaututu Bridge in inland Hawkes Bay to State Highway 5 – about 20 km -, and on the other day on a lower stretch of the river, either from SH 5 to DOC's Glenfalls Campground, or from Glenfalls down to Everetts Campground. The water is similar in many respects to the Tongariro but both of these stretches of river have no public access along the way, so it is a relatively unstressed fishery. I did this trip 2 weeks ago with two visitors from the US. We saw two anglers on the lower river otherwise we had the whole 35 km to ourselves.

Each raft can accommodate 4 anglers + the rafting guide. An early start is required both days, so participants need to travel down on the Friday.



*Upper river: great nymphing and wet-lining opportunities*

Assuming 8 anglers on both days, the cost per person would be \$480. Accommodation can be provided by Deon at \$50 per night.

The trip is dependent on the river flow being safe and suitable for fishing. A rafting company has installed a new level gauge, with readings accessible at <http://shaggydesigns.com/gauge/mohaka.htm> and we will be keeping an eye on this in the week before the trip.

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**Registrations due by 10<sup>th</sup> March please.**