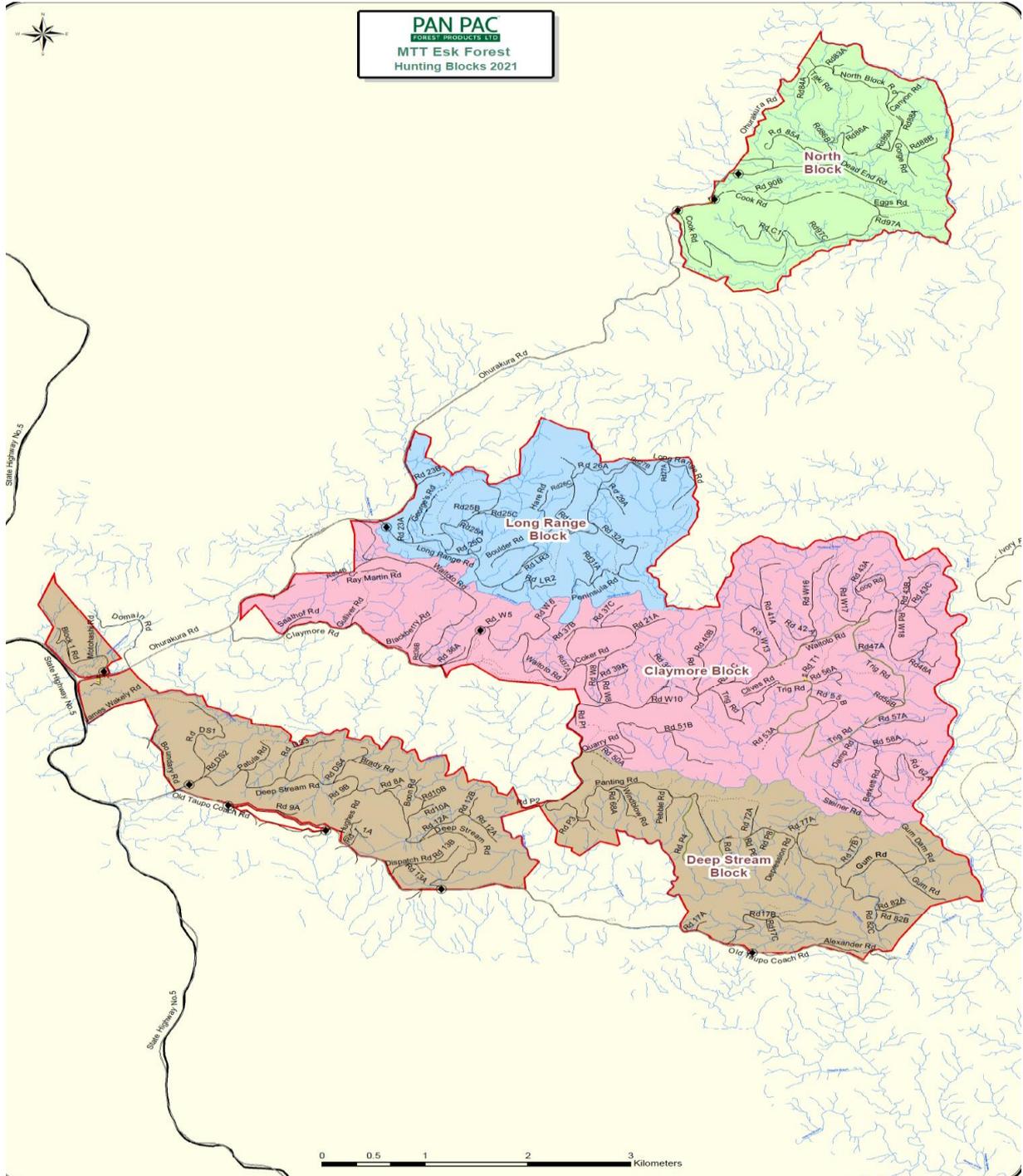




**MAUNGAHARURU
TANGITŪ**

MTT Esk Forest Hunting Handbook



1. **Executive Summary**

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (MTT) are committed to supporting whānau aspirations. MTT want to support the Hunters in our hapū to provide kai from our own whenua and distribute within our hapū and who host our manuhiri for various gatherings at Tangoio Marae.

This MTT Esk Forest Hunting Handbook outlines a brief background of Esk Forest, our Hunting Values and the ways our hapū members can access hunting in a safe manner.

2. **Background**

Esk Forest is considered one of HB premier pig hunting blocks. Traditionally and currently it has lots of wild pigs, deer and feral goats. The Esk Forest is a 3,303ha Pine Forest located approximately forty-five (45) km north of Napier on State Highway 5. (See attached **APPENDIX #1: Esk Forest Map**). It is a Commercial Redress property under the MTT Deed of Settlement. (<https://tangoio.maori.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/DOS-Info-Booklet-low-res.pdf>).

In previous years, MTT have allowed hunting for registered hapū members, utilising the Pan Pac permit system. However, in 2019 whilst the Kaiwaka Joint Venture (JV) was being developed with Maungaharuru-Tangitū Limited (MTL) and Rayonier-Matariki Forests. It was decided by MTT to close hunting access to Esk Forest to allow time to develop robust guidelines and documentation. This, MTT Esk Forest Hunting Handbook is the result.

The name Kaiwaka JV has been adopted to acknowledge the rich history of the surrounding whenua. Kaiwaka was one of the largest and most valuable blocks within the larger Mohaka-Waikare block and was confiscated by the Crown in 1867.

Additionally, MTT acknowledge the role to play in regards to pest control. Tuberculous (TB) has been found in the wider Te Pōhue-Opouahi-Tūtira area. TBfree NZ are conducting possum control on surrounding blocks. Pigs are a known carrier of TB and hunters can help control the spread of TB. Furthermore, MTT acknowledge neighbouring landowners and the potential destruction of pasture with uncontrolled pig populations.

3. **Kaitiaki Kawa / Hunting Values**

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Hunting Club Committee (Hunting Committee) will help to promote ethical hunting that is sustainable and founded on conservation principles (See attached **APPENDIX #2: Maungaharuru-Tangitū Hunting Club Committee (Hunting Committee) Terms of Reference**). We will observe our tikanga, kawa and express our cultural identity within Te Ao Turoa (Natural World). Our values are: -

- Pūmau te wairua (Spiritually Strong)
- Whai hu (Progressive)
- Tuakiri Motuhake (Strong Identity)
- Oranga Ngakau (Wellbeing)
- Whanaungatanga (Family)
- Te Piri Ngātahi (Unity)

4. Esk Forest Hunting Areas and Maps

(See attached [APPENDIX #1: Esk Forest Map](#)).

5. Ballot Application

- Only registered members of MTT are eligible to apply for the Esk Forest Hunting Ballot.
- Eligible hunters must submit a copy of their Liability Insurance e.g. NZ Deer Stalkers Association membership / HB Pig Hunting Association or own hunting insurance policy when they complete a Hunting Ballot Application Form. (See attached [APPENDIX #3 Esk Forest Ballot Application Form](#)).
- All eligible hunters, must complete an Esk Forest Hunting Ballot Application Form every year.
- Applications will be accepted from 8.00am 13 March 2021 until 11.00pm 21 March 2021 for the 2021 Esk Forest Hunt season.
- Applicants will ensure all necessary information is completed. An application will not be accepted if any details are incomplete or inaccurate.
- A fee of \$60.00 is payable to Maungaharuru-Tangitū Charitable Trust ASB Account 12-3183-0012226-00 Ref: HUNTSUB when the 2021 Hunting Ballot application form is submitted.
- Individual hunters can only apply once; multiple applications will not be accepted.

6. Ballot Draw

- The Esk Forest Te Pōhue Block has four hunting areas (Deep Stream Block, Long Range Block, Claymore Block and North Block). Hunters have the opportunity to hunt in all four blocks via the Hunting Ballot Application Form. Note: All blocks are 1-day hunt blocks only.
- Deep Stream Block and Long Range Block will be hunted on Saturday only.
- Claymore Block and North Block will be hunted on Sunday only.
- Hunting Committee shall meet within seven days at close of ballot to determine legitimate applications and eligibility.
- All legitimate applications will be allocated a consecutively numbered ball starting at number one, this ball will represent the applicant in the ballot draws.
- Consecutively numbered balls equal to the number of applicants are placed in a container, large enough for all the balls to move freely. This helps to ensure a random ball is drawn in the ballot draw.
- The Hunting Committee Chairperson (or delegated person) will then select the numbered balls one by one and passes them to another person to read out each number. As the numbers are called, they are allocated to the next available hunting weekend in sequential calendar order, starting with the first available weekend. (see attached [APPENDIX #4 Esk Forest Hunting Calendar](#)).
- All hunting blocks will be completed in the first round in the following sequence – Deep Stream Block, Long Range Block, Claymore Block and North Block and so on until all weekend allocations are completed.
- If there are more applicants than available hunting weekends, then those who are not selected will not receive a place in the draw.
- If there are less applicants than available hunting weekends, then once the first round of ballots has been completed, a second ballot draw round will take place and so on until all weekend allocations are completed.
- Applicants are welcome to join the Ballot Draw event.

- The MTT Kaiwhakawhanake ā-Hapū (Hapū Development Manager / HDM) will notify all candidates of the outcome of the ballot within seven dates of the Ballot Draw.

7. Hunting Permit Allocation

- Once the Ballot is completed and weekends allocated, Hunters can only access Esk Forest with a valid Hunting Permit (see attached **APPENDIX #5: MTT Esk Forest Hunting Permit**).
- Permits will be issued in the name of the applicant (Permit Holder).
- Permit Holders can take a maximum of five (5) in the Hunting Party. Registered Hunt Club member's partners / spouse and children are permitted in the Hunting Party. No other non-MTT members / friends are allowed.
- The Permit Holder shall be responsible for all members of the party and must ensure that all party members comply with the conditions of the permit.
- Party members will take all practical steps to prevent an accident or injury to themselves or any other person and/or damage to property while in the forest.
- The Permit Holder must obtain two copies of the permit; one to display on the vehicle dashboard and one to be carried on person at all times.
- This ballot is for:
 - 1x pig (sow, boar greater than 50lbs / 23 kilos), 1x deer for harvest / kai
 - Unlimited goats, opossums, rats, rabbits for pest control purposes.
- Esk Forest Rules are outlined on the Permit.

8. Permit Change Process

- Permits cannot be transferred to another person or hunter.
- If the permit holder is unable to hunt an allocated weekend, they must notify the Hunting Committee Chairperson (or delegated person) no later than 4.00pm on the Thursday before the allocated weekend.
- The permit will be cancelled and therefore not hunted.

9. Access Rules

Esk Forest Rules are outlined on the Permit. These include, but not limited to;

Forest Access Generally

- Esk Forest is a multi-hazard area. In the interests of safety and security, only 1 vehicle per permit on the Esk Forest Hunting permit.
- Copies of the Vehicle Warrant of Fitness, Registration and Driver/Permit Holder driver's licence details must be submitted with the Hunting Ballot Application Form.
- Permits are issued for ONE DAY ONLY.
- WALK-IN access only. No keys will be issued. Vehicles are to be parked out of access-ways with permit displayed on the vehicle dashboard. All vehicles shall have a current registration and warrant of fitness.
- Access hours are 1 hour before official sunrise and 1 hour after official sundown.
- Hunting can only occur in the assigned area outlined on the Esk Forest Hunting Permit.
- No hunting near any operational areas.
- No spot lighting or use of thermal/night vision equipment.
- All hunters must wear appropriate clothing (i.e. high visibility clothing, sturdy footwear)
- Carcasses and offal must be removed off main tracks and roads.

- Litter or rubbish of any description must be taken off-site and not left in the forest.

10. Dogs

- Must be identifiable (i.e. branded, microchipped or dog collar)
- Maximum of 4 dogs per Hunting Party and all dogs must be kiwi aversion trained.
- Every effort must be made to locate and recover lost dogs as soon as possible. (See #7. Rescue and Recovery).
- Lost dogs must be reported immediately to Pan Pac, Rayonier-Matariki, Hunting Committee Chairperson (or delegate) and neighbouring landowner.

11. Fire

- The provisions of the Forest Rural Fires Act and Regulations shall be complied with.
- Must carry a Fire Extinguisher in the vehicle at all times, no exceptions.
- The lighting of fires is prohibited.
- Cooking devices shall be gas-fuelled.
- No smoking cigarettes, vaping, consuming alcohol or drug use.
- Any party member who becomes aware of a fire burning unattended shall do everything reasonably within their capability to extinguish the fire. Summon assistance as quickly as possible by dialling 111 and by notifying the nearest Forest Officer.
- Please observe fire danger signs and remember the risk.

12. Firearms

- Only two (2) firearms per hunting party permitted.
- It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to ensure hunters carrying firearms hold a current firearms licence.
- Hunters carrying firearms shall comply with the provisions of the Arms Act and the Firearms Safety Manual (Arms code) issued by the NZ Police.

13. Reports

- All Permit Holders / Party Leaders must complete a 'Esk Forest Hunt Permit Feedback Form' within four days of their allocated weekend (See attached **APPENDIX #6: Esk Forest Hunting Report**).

14. Health & Safety

- The Permit Holder shall be responsible for other members of the party and must ensure that all party members comply with the conditions of the permit.
- Party members shall take all practical steps to prevent accident or injury to themselves or any other person and damage to property while in the forest.
- No smoking cigarettes, vaping, consuming alcohol or drug use.
- At all times, the Hunting Party must carry suitable Health and Safety equipment, including but not limited to;
 - First Aid kit
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Form of Communications (Cellphone &/or Radio)
 - Personal Locator Beacon
 - Torches & navigation devices (i.e. maps, GPS, compass etc.)

- Appropriate clothing & sturdy footwear
- Nutrition, water & personal medication
- All party members shall be aware that hazardous conditions may exist due to forest / rural operations, topographic and climate conditions, vehicle traffic, road conditions and obscured visibility.
- Normal road rules shall be observed but applied with extra caution to allow for rural driving conditions. All forest/farm signage shall be complied with.
- Hunters carrying firearms shall comply with the provisions of the Arms Act and the Firearms Safety Manual (Arms code) issued by the NZ Police, in particular the seven basic rules:
 - Only two (2) firearms per hunting party permitted.
 - Treat every firearm as loaded.
 - Always point firearms in a safe direction.
 - Load a firearm only when ready to fire.
 - Identify your target.
 - Check your firing zone.
 - Store firearms and ammunition safely.

15. Breaches & Disagreements

- Anybody accessing Esk Forest outside of these conditions will be deemed trespassing. A Trespass Notice will be issued & further prosecution possibly sought. This Trespass Notice is distributed to Pan Pac and Rayonier-Matariki.
- If the Permit Holder (during the hunting season) is issued with a Trespass Notice from Pan Pac and Rayonier-Matariki a decision needs to be made on any potential future Esk Forest Permits. In this case, a discussion with the Hunting Committee (highlighting the details of the Trespass Notice) will need to be considered.
- The Hunting Committee has the right to cancel permits at any time due to any reason (i.e. Disrespectful behaviour, not following kawa, dangerous behaviour, fire etc.). Club members will determine and notify the permit holder, the length of the trespass determined by the disrespectful behaviour.

16. Rescue and Recovery

- Every effort must be made to locate and recover lost dogs as soon as possible. Any lost, irretrievable dogs must be reported to Pan Pac, Rayonier-Matariki, Hunting Committee Chairperson (or delegate) and neighbouring landowner.

17. Special Circumstances

- The Hunting Committee may award at any time a hunting permit(s) to persons who demonstrate our Kaitiaki Kawa / Hunting Values: -
 - Pūmau te wairua (Spiritually Strong)
 - Whai hu (Progressive)
 - Tuakiri Motuhake (Strong Identity)
 - Oranga Ngakau (Wellbeing)
 - Whanaungatanga (Family)
 - Te Piri Ngātahi (Unity)

18. Appendices



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8.1 APPENDIX #1: Esk Forest Map



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8.2 APPENDIX #2: Esk Forest Hunt Club Committee Terms of Reference



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8.3 APPENDIX #3: Esk Forest Ballot Application Form



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8.4 APPENDIX #4: Esk Forest Hunting Calendar



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8.5 APPENDIX #5: Pan Pac Esk Forest Permit



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8.6 APPENDIX #6: Esk Forest Hunting Report