

Discover our estuaries



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Estuaries need our help

Estuaries abound with life but are easy to overlook. Discover, respect and protect these precious ecosystems.

Restore their wairua, mauri and mana.

Find out more

Interactive maps highlight places of interest. More information for iwi, community groups, experts, visitors, teachers and families is available via links from the website.

Connect

If your local estuary project isn't featured on the website, please let us know. And please make this site a hub by linking to it from your website.

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Ki uta ki tai

Our estuaries... from the mountains to the sea

Experience
Find opportunities to explore estuaries on foot, by kayak or maybe on a bike ride.

Monitor
Help track estuary health by getting involved in cockle counts or learn how to find whitebait habitat.

Restore
Discover river and estuary care groups near you. Connect and learn from others and share your knowledge.

Elliot Reserve and Hōia River Walk
This walk begins in Elliot Reserve, where a series of boardwalks take you through the mangroves that border the Hōia River estuary. This is a great way to get close to the mangroves, and to view the plants and animals that live here.

Ocean Road/ Walkabout Stream - coastal
Water quality in this estuary is monitored on a weekly basis during the summer months by the local's Bay Regional Council.

Waikaiti Estuary Care: Walkabout - Heritage
Waikaiti Estuary Care: Walkabout - Heritage This community conservation group is restoring and conserving river and estuary habitats in the Waikaiti area. The group is involved in several habitat restoration projects, as well as education, advocacy and bird monitoring in the Waikaiti catchment.

Map labels: Auckland, Nelson, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill



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