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The Ngongotaha Stream is the largest tributary to Lake Rotorua and during the spawning season, huge numbers of very large fish move upstream from the lake to spawn.

This is a small river flowing over a shingle and stone bed. The water is generally clear though colours up quickly after rain. Despite its small size, during the winter months trout numbers are very high and anglers can often see many large trout in the pools and moving upstream to the spawning beds.

The section of the river downstream from the Ngongotaha Road Bridge provides superb fishing during the winter months. Where the river enters Lake Rotorua, there is good fishing at most times of the year. During the winter trout will congregate around the mouth before moving upstream. During the summer, the trout will often move close to the cooler water where the Ngongotaha enters the lake to escape the summer heat. The river mouth is particularly productive early in the morning and at night, especially when there is no moon and it is very dark.





This is a fantastic venue to catch big trout in tight and tricky surroundings. I've been talking to a few local guides who tell me the fish are starting to run, and last weekend they took a 8lb brown in really good condition from one of the pools, along with a host of 3 and 4 pounders. To avoid disappointment, please email me an expression of interest as soon as possible, or approach me at the club night this coming Monday.

Accommodation: We are booking into the Paradise Lodge which is located in a peaceful country setting on the banks of the spring-fed Ngongotaha stream.

<http://www.paradisevalleylodge.co.nz>

Pricing & Availability: The trip will cost \$95 per person, and this includes accommodation on the Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and a traditional braai for dinner on Saturday night. There are only 12 places available, so please email me as soon as possible if you're interested.



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