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The Tauranga-Taupo is a medium-sized river that flows swiftly over a gravel and rocky bed and feeds into the eastern side of Lake Taupo. It rises in Kaimanawa Forest Park, and flows north-west through native bush, exotic forest and then pastoral land before entering the lake.

The TT is a very popular river, especially in the middle reaches but providing excellent fishing throughout its length, particularly during the winter spawning runs. As the TT is the second largest tributary of Lake Taupo, it has very impressive runs of large fish during the winter months. The further you walk the more challenging access becomes and there is considerably less angler pressure on the water and so fish stocks are high.

Wading is safe, the banks are mostly clear for casting and it's usually easy to cross (though the many underwater obstructions can snag sunk flies). The best months are between the end of March and the end of September after rain and as the river begins to clear. Most fish hide or lie deep in pools, though some may be spotted and fished to.

The upper reaches above the Cliff Pool and above the upper winter fishing limits are more rugged and challenging to fish though this is compensated by the beauty of the area. Anglers are likely to have large stretches of the river to themselves. While this area provides excellent winter fishing, it also fishes well throughout the year as it has a good resident fish population. There is sight-fishing when the river is clear (which it does very quickly after even heavy rain).



Accommodation: We will be staying at the Tongariro River Motel. Which offers spacious motel units in a park-like setting. **Tongariro River Motel** is situated on State Highway 1 (corner of Link Road) just south of the Tongariro River Bridge. The motel is only Several Km away from the TT river. Ross and Pip Baker specialize in providing first-hand knowledge of the local fishing and in ensuring you have a comfortable stay.

Pricing & Availability: The trip will cost \$98 per person, and this includes accommodation on the Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and a traditional bb q for dinner on Saturday night. There are 15 places available, so please email me as soon as possible if you're interested. Please remember that it is a new season for the Taupo fishery and you will need to purchase either a weekend or season licence.



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