

# KAW\_22 – Orikaka River (3.3352ha)

Protected Area(s)	Area (ha)	NaPALIS #	# of Primary Parcels
Conservation Area – Orikaka River	3.3352	2807841	1

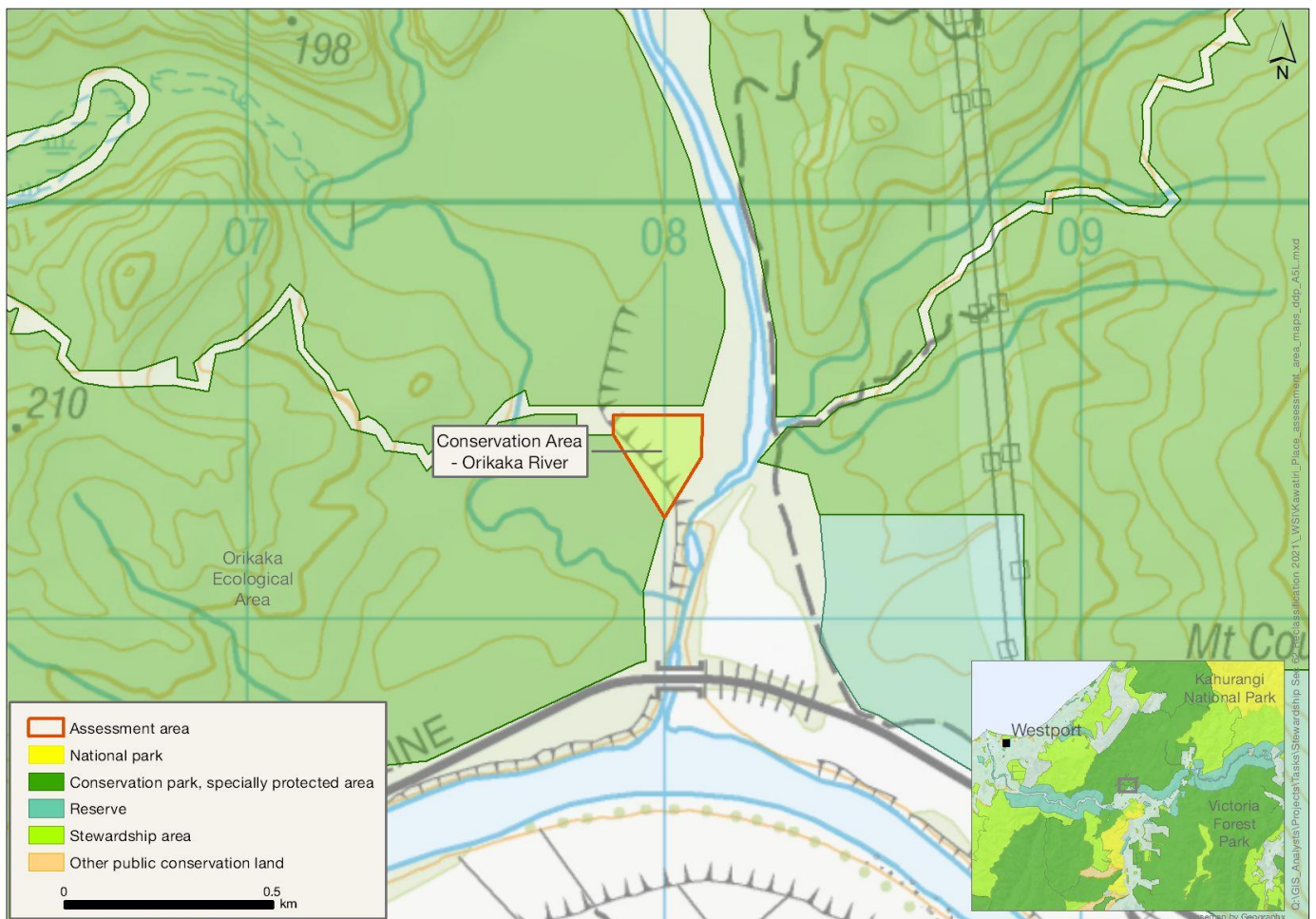
## Location

On the true right of Orikaka River upstream from the confluence with Buller River.

## Brief Description

An area of indigenous forest surrounded by the Orikaka Ecological Area. It is typical of forest on these landforms in the ecological district and has high naturalness value. It is an old mahinga kai site. The area is remote and difficult to access, with no tracks, facilities or recreational use.

## Map



# Ngāi Tahu Values and Interests

*Mo tātou, a, mo ka uri, a muri ake nei – for us and our children after us*

There is a deep connection between Ngāi Tahu and all of the whenua in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. A section 4 Conservation Act and Te Tiriti principles perspective is required, and it may be that areas of land are significant to Ngāi Tahu from that broader perspective. To avoid doubt, nothing in the proposed classification affects, limits or derogates from the rangatiratanga of Ngāi Tahu over its takiwā, including in relation to freshwater; and/or any other rights or interests Ngāi Tahu may have.

This is an old mahinga kai site.

## Ecological Values

### Representativeness

The assessment area is on floodplain in the Buller Ecological District. The soils here are generally strongly leached. The forest is composed of primary and secondary growth with no modification. It is dominated by red beech (*Fuscospora fusca*), silver beech (*Lophozonia menziesii*), kahikatea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*), rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) and miro (brown pine, *Prumnopitys ferruginea*). This is typical of forest on these landforms in the ecological district. The area has high naturalness value.

### Diversity and pattern

Two landforms are present which provides for some diversity in vegetation associations.

### Rarity and distinctiveness

This assessment area is described in Park and Walls (1978) as floodplain and terrace forest. Less than 30% of such forests remain in the ecological district (Harding, 1994). The adjacent forest is important for great spotted kiwi (roroa, *Apteryx maxima*) (Nationally Vulnerable), kākā (*Nestor meridionalis*) (Nationally Vulnerable) and a full suite of common avifauna (Independent Review Panel, 2000).

### Ecological context

This conservation area comprises a regular polygon of 3.3 ha surrounded by the Orikaka Ecological Area on three sides. It makes an important contribution to the level of intactness of the floodplain ecosystem.

## Recreation Values

### Setting

An isolated area of land in a Backcountry-remote zone on the north bank, true right, of the Buller River. There are no tracks or facilities in this area. This area is adjacent to the Orikaka Ecological Area.

### Visitor type and activities typically undertaken

Likely to have little or no recreation use.

### Access

Very difficult to access.

## Heritage Values

### Sites recorded

None recorded.

### Heritage values

No value statement possible

### Modifying factors

None recorded.

## Permissions summary

None recorded.

## Map (aerial photo)

