

New Zealand's Rivers & Lakes — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- New Zealand has many fast rivers and beautiful lakes.
- The Waikato is the longest river.
- Many lakes are fed by melting snow and glaciers, giving them a bright blue colour.
- Rivers provide water, power and places to enjoy.

Key vocabulary

- River — flowing fresh water.
- Lake — water surrounded by land.
- Glacier-fed — supplied by melting glacier ice.
- Hydropower — electricity made from flowing water.

Water everywhere

Rivers and lakes are important for drinking water, electricity and recreation across New Zealand.

Bright blue lakes

Some lakes glow a striking blue because of fine rock dust carried by glacier-fed water.