

Notice

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New hunting competition targeting feral goats

Feral goats across a swathe of the central North Island are the target of a new hunting competition being run by the Department of Conservation (DOC) and New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA).

The new competition will be held for the first time from 14 August and will culminate with a prizegiving event at Te Kuiti DOC's Taupiri St workshop from 10am on 4 September.

Competitors are urged to focus on the area spanning Hamilton to Taumaranui, and from the western boundaries of Lake Taupo through Pureora and Waitomo to the coast. However, entries will be accepted from beyond the general area – the competition goal being to reduce the feral goat population.

With less opportunities for deer hunting in the central and northern North Island this competition is a good chance for hunters to get out there, hone their skills and make a positive contribution to conservation.

Hunting for the competition can occur on private property with owner's permission, or public land with authority or a permit from the relevant organisation.

The competition will run to a similar format as the annual Pureora hunting event, with two age categories – Open and Junior (hunters less than 17 years old). There are five categories – Most Tails Open, Most Tails Junior, Biggest Set of Horns Open, Biggest Set of Horns Junior, and a random prize draw for all participating hunters.

More information is available at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2021-media-releases/new-doc-nzda-hunting-competition-targets-feral-goats/>