

Relaxed on The Ruakituri by Lyall

Dateline: November 2019

Location: Gisborne, North Island, New Zealand

Personnel: Six guys who know mates who know mates from Tamworth, around Coffs Harbour and Canberra

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Rule number 3: I think you get it



Look at the photo carefully and you get the idea. Jason Stratford, Logicus Images photographer and Certified Casting Instructor candidate, tells a story in every photo – it was so funny.

The North Island trip covered three locations - Waioeka, Ruakituri and Koranga Rivers but for me the Ruakituri River was the highlight.



Every kilometre of the river was different. From giant pools to pocket water, each section demanded different skills.



Jason caught fish after fish, sometimes rainbows, sometimes browns but all large fish. Often fish were sighted and usually in predictable places.

This is a happy chappy with a pretty Ruakituri golden brown.





It is all about attitude. Jason and Pete exhibiting the “Waioeka Station attitude”. It is also about karma – nice people catch nice fish!!!



Don't mess with Didymo Stu – a weapon in each hand!!!





Hours of walking took John and Jason way up the Ruakituri to the limit of navigation. The nature of the river changed again.

A different face of the Ruakituri.



If you can get a vacancy, stay at the very relaxing Ruakituri Retreat

at Wairata. It overlooks a wide and slow section of the river.

So remember, don't take yourself too seriously and fish cooperatively, not competitively!!!