

<b>Activity 31</b>		<b>Okupata Caves</b>		<b>FLASH</b>	<b>11 Wx</b>	<b>Location</b>		Pukehinau Road	
<b>Activity Description</b>		Cave exploration or initiative activities within mapped area of cave. No rope work as standard. For some groups unaccompanied travel within cave may be appropriate		<b>Camping</b>	Pokaka Mill, Pukehinau Rd end	<b>Toilets</b>	Yes	<b>Water</b>	Yes, Boil if concerned
<b>Emergency Response</b>		CMS – use high water exit in any flooding event – preplan for evacuation for DM		<b>Access Permission Required?</b>	Yes – DOC concession limits clients to 5000 per year and max of 30 in cave at one time. Coordinate with other groups and DM and check for signs of other user groups. Concession limit of 250 vehicle movements per year on John MacDonald and Pukehinau Road.				
<b>Hazard/Evacuation maps</b>		Escape passage map on reverse Local River Catchment Map.		<b>Instructor requirements</b>	L1 Cave Competency				
<b>Specific Equipment Required</b>				<b>Specific Policies</b>	DM to authorise access immediately prior to entering, and be informed upon exiting cave				
<b>Other Resources and notes</b>		QDrive:\05.Programme Resources\09.Caving\Okupata\Okupata Resource Book							
<b>Previous Incidents</b>		May 2002 minor concussion    2012 - Student fell in sink hole above waterfall on river right    2013 – 2x participants lost in cave    2013 – Knee Dislocations							
<b>Safety Management</b>									
<b>Code</b>	<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Management Strategy</b>							
E3	Higher than normal water level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid the Waterfall, Knee deep pool and Low crawl (Elbow) in higher than normal water levels</li> </ul>							
M3	Access Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observe 30km advised speed limit or slower as appropriate to conditions</li> <li>Be prepared to stop quickly at all times</li> <li>Refer to AMP 81 Driving</li> </ul>							
M3	Rockfall at upstream entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This entrance/exit is closed due to rockfall. Note this entrance/exit is not on map but is 50m upstream from ladder on River Left.</li> </ul>							
M2	Emotional issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don't push people too hard. Check out any severe claustrophobics within the group before heading to the caves. Refer to T2 pg 7 for policies for leaving people unsupervised</li> </ul>							
<b>Approved by</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Review in</b>	1 year	<b>From date of approval</b>		<b>Signed</b>		

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Scale of map: 1cm = 2.5 m

