



PORONU
NEW ZEALAND



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Hunters who come to Poronui are seeking something else, something more than the fundamental challenge of man against magnificent beast.

Yes, you'll come for the world-class game, especially the legendary sika. And you're drawn by stories of antlers that grow to awe-inspiring proportions. But there is a dimension to the Poronui experience that sets it apart from other great hunting lodges.

Partly it's the privacy, isolation and jaw-dropping beauty of the location. In the secluded Taharua Valley framed by the crystal clear Mohaka River and the ranging Kaimanawa Mountains, 16,000 spectacular wilderness acres are shared by just a handful of Poronui guests.

Partly it's the sense of history you feel in every river stone, native fern and beech tree of this ancient Maori hunting ground, or in the revered hunting lodge that began life as a rustic camp.

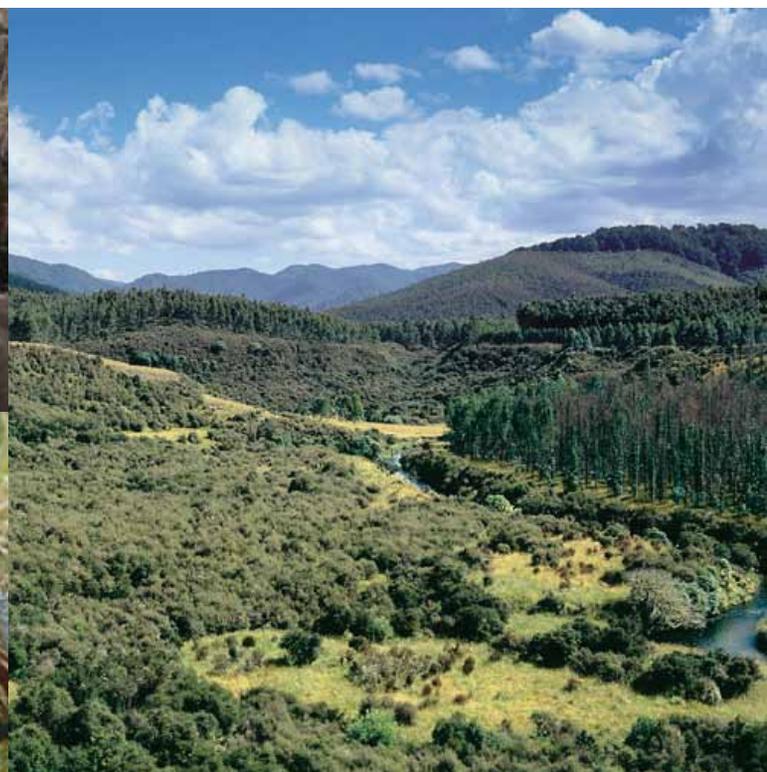
Poronui offers more than world-class trophies. There is the rare opportunity of hunting all of New Zealand's North Island species in one breathtaking location. There is the option of free range or safari park hunting. And with tropical deer like the sambar and rusa rutting later, a rewarding hunt is possible at almost any time of the year.

No matter what you hunt, we guarantee you'll take home a piece of the Poronui legend.



A TROPHY WORTH SEEKING

Rarer than red stag, sika are highly vocal and aggressive – especially during the rut – and Poronui's sika are among the finest in the world. They make a stunning trophy and provide an unforgettable experience for the discerning hunter.





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Sika Deer | First released in New Zealand at Poronui in 1905, sika have now colonised over 8,000km² of the central North Island high country. Poronui remains a stronghold of this wily and elusive deer, and consistently produces world-class trophies.

Red Stag | Highland red deer were originally introduced from English parks and the wild herds of Scotland. Each year from March - July we take magnificent trophies, some in excess of 400 SCI.

Elk | Eighteen North American elk, the world's largest round-horned deer, were first released in George Sound in 1905. Known locally as wapiti, elk begin to bugle mid-February and continue through April. We offer a range of tremendous trophy bulls up to and exceeding 400 SCI.

Sambar | One of the most difficult trophies to achieve, sambar are renowned for their cunning and ability to hide. Native to tropical Asia, they mate year-round, and animals can be found in hard antler almost anytime of the year

Fallow | Originally introduced from Europe in 1864 to the Nelson area, our fallow herd is truly exceptional.

Rusa | First introduced to New Zealand from New Caledonia in 1907, this semi-nocturnal and very wary deer is highly ranked as a big game trophy. Like sambar, rusa retain hard antlers longer and therefore offer great hunting well into the Southern hemisphere summer.



SAM & HIS GOATS

The hunting challenges at Poronui aren't limited to world-class trophies. Seven year old Sam bagged these feral goats with a .22, and any hunter seeking variety can also take Arapawa sheep who thrive in the wild terrain.





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