

# *Mōkihi*



## *What is a Mōkihi?*

A Mōkihi is a raft made from raupō or kōrari. It is used when the lake is too deep to cross or to carry something down a river.

## *How is a Mōkihi made?*

A Mōkihi is made using a rope 4 times the length of the raupō. When they start tie the raupō together you start at the middle of the raupō. Pulling the rope tight helps stopping the water getting through. Then you make another side and line them up together beside each other leaving a gap between. Soon you tie the two sides to make the stomach. After they flip the raupō over they tie more rope on the raupō. Finally tie the tops together to make the point at the top of the Mōkihi

## *How does it Float*

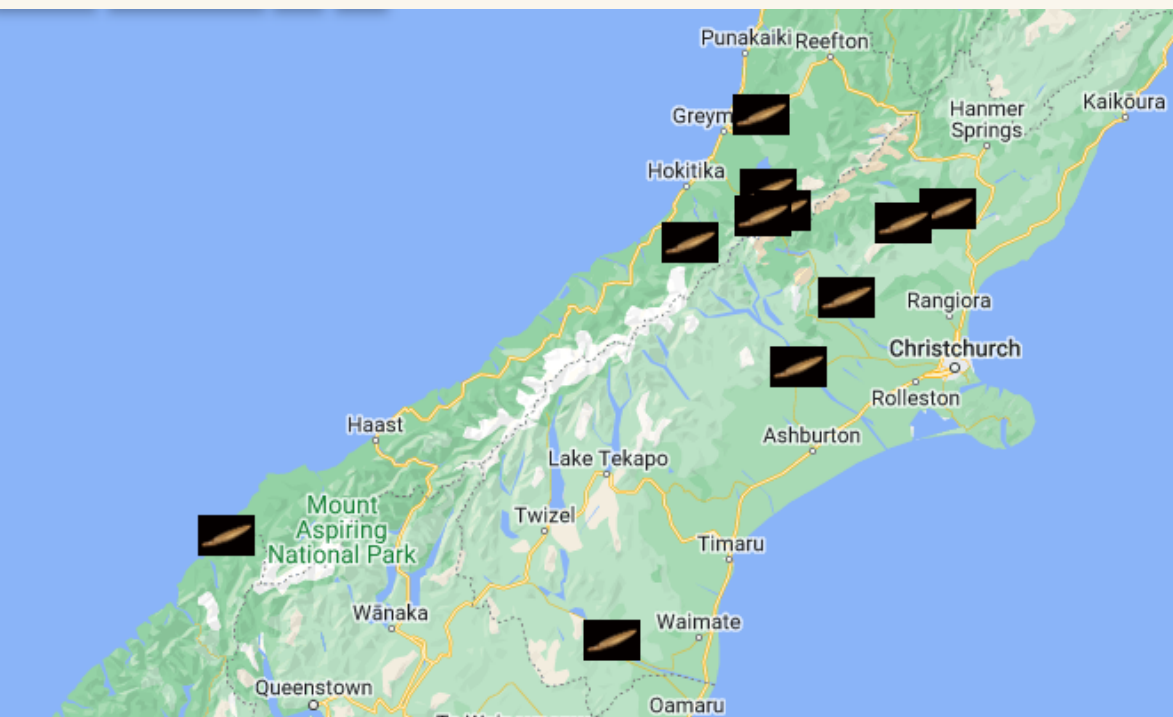
Pulling the rope the rope helps stop the water get through the Mōkihi. Finally the raupō has a pocket filled with air that would help it to float.

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# *Rivers mōkihi were used*

Mokihi were used on these rivers.

- Taramakau River
- Otira River
- Taipo River
- Grey River
- Rakaia River
- Waitaki River
- Hurunui River
- Waimakariri River
- Hokitika River
- Seaward River
- Awarua River



We only  
found  
evidence  
of Mōkihi  
being  
used in  
the south  
island

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