

Open Spaces Access Plan “The Tracks Plan”



June 2016

The Good

There is a lot of it

MTB Priority Tracks

New (outside of Makara Peak)
Includes: Karori, Mt Vic, Polhill
and Miramar

Club stance - Very much in favour

- Would like to see Serendipity added to this list, due to it's popularity.
 - Transient exists in same location as suitable dual use alternative

Schedule B:
Open space areas and tracks that have a priority use for mountain bikes
 (developed April 2016)

Due to the location and design of some tracks, conflicts occur between user groups. In some places, to ensure public safety, help minimise conflict between users and enhance the mountain bikers' experience, some tracks will have mountain bike priority use.

In the table below, mountain bike tracks are identified as priority-use tracks for mountain bikes. This means that walkers and runners are expected to give way to mountain bikers and that the tracks have been designed for a mountain biking experience and may be difficult for many walkers

Signs will be installed to alert all users, for example: *CAUTION! Priority mountain bike track, recommended that walkers and runners use an alternative route.*

Park name	Track name
Centennial Reserve	<i>Solitary</i>
	<i>Jail Brake</i>
	<i>Dual Slalom</i>
	<i>18</i>
Karori Park	<i>98Downhill</i>
	<i>24</i>
Makara Peak	<i>All tracks</i>
Mount Victoria	<i>Hippy's</i>
	<i>Damien's</i>
	<i>Rock drap</i>
	<i>Gromm</i>
	<i>V</i>
	<i>Roots</i>
	<i>Park bench</i>
	<i>SuperD on Mt Alfred</i>
	<i>Water Tower</i>
	<i>Shuttle cock</i>
	<i>TTS</i>

Park name	Track name
	<i>Park Bench</i>
	<i>Bomb Hole</i>
Polhill	<i>Squatters (George Denton Track)</i>
Te Kopahou	<i>Carparts</i>
Wrights Hill	<i>Deliverance</i>

The list of priority tracks for mountain bikes will be updated with deletions/additions approved by the Council at the conclusion of any review process. Any updates will be posted on the Council's website. Please refer to www.wellington.govt.nz

Paper Roads

Adding these to track network

Club's Stance - Very much in favour

- Adds potential for new loops and connectors in the outer green belt

Rural Coastal Connection

Epic near country

Club's Stance - Very much in favour

- Would like to see this built to the back country tramping track standard (Intermediate / Advanced - Grade 3 - 4)

Working with Volunteers

Developing an operational model

Club's Stance - Very interested, and want to be involved

- Good relationship with council that is clear based on these plans
 - Would like to see that maintained
 - Needs to pragmatic and achievable by volunteers
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The Missing

One major hot spot

Te Ahumairangi

Tinakori Hill

Completely missing from plan.

Club's stance: - We would like to see this area opened up - would like the council to run a consultation.

- It is a large area, that is not heavily used with great potential
 - Large pockets of bush that is not ecologically significant
 - Fantastic linkage to and from the city
 - Current open tracks are all but unusable and for descending users - un-safe
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The Needs More Work

One major hot spot

Signage

Mentioned a lot in plan.
Council plan to look at
“digital tools”

Club's stance

- We agree signage is poor
 - Digital wayfinding is a useful add on, but does not replace good physical signage
 - We need better signage in the town belt (Mt Vic and Polhill in particular)
 - Yes it is expensive, but we believe it is a Health and Safety issue
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Bells?

Random Question in the online
submission form

Not mentioned anywhere that we can
find in the plan.

No proposal anywhere in the plan

e-bikes

Council propose opening up limited access

e-bikes

Council propose opening up
commuter routes

Club's stance - Neutral

We are neither strongly for or against.

But we are in favour of

- Running the trial on the proposed tracks
 - Need info and data to make informed decision, no idea if they will really cause an issue or not, or if just risk of issue
- Pedal assist rather than ebik
 - Spec Levo - motor only works when cranks in motion

Submission 101

**1 . Do it online [wellington.govt.
nz/haveyoursay](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay)**

Use the form provided

More likely to get read
Can do in less than 10 minutes

LESS IS MORE

If you have supporting information,
then add it as an attachment.

Use the online form to make your
main points.

For example Club will submit updates
to the Implementation Plan as an
attachment.

2 . Make an oral submission

Tips for the oral submission

Remember you have 5 mins

1. Arrive early
 - a. Take a seat in the gallery, watch how the system works
 2. Start with what you like
 - a. remember this plan is good for MTB
 3. Stress 1 or 2 main points
 - a. State your point and your reasoning
 4. Think positive - don't rant
 5. Allow time for questions
 - a. As an individual aim to talk for 3 mins
 - b. Leaves 2 mins for questions
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Question Time

Be prepared

1. For some negative feedback
 - a. There are some councillors who really like us, others who don't
 2. For something random from left field
 - a. Councillors trying to steer the conversation towards their own pet subjects - e.g. how will your idea increase tourism, result in more skilled labour...
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