

Waitākere Ranges Regional Park

Tracks update

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Overview

- Following the weather events in January and February 2023, many regional park tracks were impacted.
- Minor repairs and works have been undertaken with existing resources to reopen lesser impacted tracks
- The first round of geotechnical reports has arrived, providing advice and engineering solutions for track repairs. Some tracks require ongoing monitoring due to continued land instability
- Te Kawerau ā Maki and Auckland Council Biosecurity continue to assess kauri tracks to ensure they meet the standards required under the NPMP, and in agreement with Te Kawerau ā Maki on track reopening.
- Remedial work is underway, but some areas have some big decisions ahead, including but not limited to;
 - Is it reasonable to rebuild?
 - How can the rebuild be resilient?
 - How will the funding and delivery work?

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Kauri dieback track map

Most up to date source of truth

- <https://aucklandcouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=090a929b13884cfdb17078f7bb41c8a4>

- Regular updates via ourAuckland

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2023/08/waitakere-regional-park-and-tracks-update/>



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Huia & Whatipu

- Pararaha Valley Track –open.
- Muir Track – closed, track prep works done, Scheduling helicopter works for gravel over the next couple of months. [Short to Medium term delivery](#)
- Gibbons Track – closed, track prep works done. Scheduling helicopter works for gravel over the next couple of months. [Short to Medium term delivery](#)
- Caves Track – slip cleared, temporary closure for more work. Ranger team are building wooden track rafts. Will re-open the same time as Gibbons/Muir. [Short to Medium term delivery](#)
- Signal House Track – open
- Omanawanui Track – reopened 07/04/2023
- Puriri Ridge – cleared and open
- Mt Donald McLean walk – open (access road work required)
- Mt Donald McLean tramp – remediated and open
- Karamatura tramp – remediated and open
- Kakamatua – open
- Con Bryan - open
- Jubilee Track – remediated and open
- McLachlan and Spraggs Monuments- open
- Walk to lower Huia Dam face (Watercare)- open

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Huia

- Karamatura Falls– remediated and reopened 07/04/2023
- Karamatura Loop closed May 9th due to a new slip, reroute works done. Scheduling helicopter works for gravel over the next couple of months. [Short to Medium term delivery](#)



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Titirangi - Waiatarua

- Zig Zag - closed due to multiple and significant slips. The geotechnical report indicates that there is ongoing ground movement, with significant resourcing required to implement full engineering recommendations. If we proceed with full repair, it will likely take several years to completely restore the track. Initially, we aim to reinstate the lower section exiting Titirangi Beach Rd, and to terminate at the significant kahikatea.- **Full track not likely to reopen for sometime**
- Exhibition Drive (Watercare)- remediated –open
- Slip track – remediated - opened 28/08/2023
- Pipeline Road – remediated- opened 28/08/2023
- Beveridge Track – open
- Nature Trail– remediated and open
- Parker Track & Plant ID track – remediated and open
- Arataki Lookout track- open
- Parkinson Lookout - open



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Piha, Karekare & Anawhata

- Upper Nihotupu Dam remediated –reopened 04/08/2023
- Ahu Ahu Track – a large number of slips and significant scour. Timeframe- Short to Medium
- Comans Track – slip and minor re-surfacing. Ranger team work on track preparation before helicopter works. Timeframe- Short to Medium
- Mercer Bay Loop – remediated and opened 28/08/2023
- Cutty Grass Track - open
- McElwain Lookout – open
- Anawhata Beach Track – significant scouring- Won't reopen for sometime
- Rose Track – Closed- Short to Medium
- Byers loop- Remediated reopened- 3/06/2023
- Kitekite, Knutzen, Connect, Winstone, Ussher – closed, slip, bridge loss- Waiting for a follow-up and more specific geotechnical report

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Lion Rock – Significant slip, disruption of heritage site- Won't reopen for sometime



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Liard Thomson

- substantial slip from North Piha. Awaiting more detailed Geotechnical report. Won't reopen for sometime
- Could be long term closure at the lower section



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Tasman Lookout and Tasman view

- Restoring access from beach at South Piha may not be reasonable nor possible
Won't reopen for sometime



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Marawhara – Whites Track

- closed, deep soft silt and slip.- **Ongoing site challenges to remediate, investigating options**



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Cascade Kauri

- Spragg Bush – **Open**
- Large Kauri – **Open**
- Waitakere Dam walk – **Open**
- Te Piringa / Auckland City Walk

The geotechnical report advises major works are needed on the existing, upper bridge.

While efforts are ongoing to repair the bridge, we have adjusted our approach to reopening the whole track.

Instead of reopening Te Piringa as a loop track, our plan is to make it accessible as a 10-minute return walk from the upper car park.

The bottom track will then become a 30-minute return walk, providing a connection to the Large Loop of the Montana Heritage Trail.

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Lake Wainamu

- Lake Wainamu loop track- **Ongoing site challenges; still investigating options**



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Lake Wainamu

- Lake Wainamu access- **Short to Medium term.**
- Need to reinstate carpark before reopening



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Our Rangers are hard at work!



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