



Have your say on the **Wild Side** of **Karori Park**

Dog Exercise and Trail Plan

Karori Park is a large multi-use park sport and recreation park. It is regularly used for informal recreation, with the flat perimeter track popular for walking and jogging. The back of the park is steeper and more natural, with areas of regenerating native forest and large ageing pine plantations. It has a series of walking and cycling tracks connecting to the Skyline Track and Outer Green Belt, and a dog exercise area.

This plan will guide the future management and development of this part of Karori Park over the next 10 years.

What is proposed?

- A new grade 2 easy walking and mountain biking trail for children and beginner mountain bike riders to complement the more advanced trails at Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. The trail would be a progression from the flat perimeter track around the sportsfields in Karori Park. The proposed trail replaces the existing children's mountain bike circuit accessed from the park's Sunshine Avenue car park.
- A shared one-way track link to and from Karori Saddle linked to the grade 2 trail to complement the existing Wahine Track.
- Improvements to the dog exercise area, including a new loop dog exercise trail. See detailed proposals over the page.
- New signage and information package for this part of Karori Park.
- Gradual removal of the ageing pine trees as they fail, and replacement with native vegetation.

The trail proposals are outlined in figure 1, with detailed changes to the dog exercise area outlined in figure 2.

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5pm, 9 December 2015

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Specific changes proposed are as follows:

Sunshine Avenue car park to the lookout

- Widen the children's bike skills trail to a shared grade 2 trail (mountain biking, walking, dog walking), with uphill mountain biking and a new return shared trail (mountain biking downhill only). Change the exit into the car park to slow bikers.
 - Plant the steep, slippery clay slope and the track from the lookout area.
 - Signpost the entry to the dog exercise loop trail.
 - Retain views from the lookout over the sportsfields.
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Entrance from the sportsfield perimeter path

- Move the shared track from the dog exercise area to the Wahine Track and new grade 2 trail bridge to avoid the gully floor.
 - Improve path surfaces and cambering to direct run-off to path edges.
 - Thin and remove vegetation at path edges to open up sightlines to the beginning of the Wahine Track and the new grade 2 trail.
 - Remove lower branches of the large macrocarpa in the open grassed dog exercise area and remove some other trees that block views to open up the area and provide more space.
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Central clearing with entrance to Wahine Track

- Keep open and clear of vegetation with a sense of a clearing in the forest with clearer sight lines.
 - Construct a new bridge for the grade 2 loop trail (one-way for mountain bikers) crossing the stream below the Wahine Track bridge, with the option of eventually linking to the Skyline Walkway as an alternative to the Wahine Track. Upgrade the Wahine where it is part of the new grade 2 loop trail.
 - Keep one exit for the mountain bike downhill trail. At the foot of the slope, control the downhill trail using strategically placed logs.
 - Clear the stream channel of vegetation, logs and other debris and plant the edges with native riparian species.
 - Tidy up the forest clearings and keep open with some logs and stumps for children's adventure/nature play.
 - Redirect the path up the gully (for walkers and dog walkers) away from exiting downhill mountain bikers.
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Forest clearing

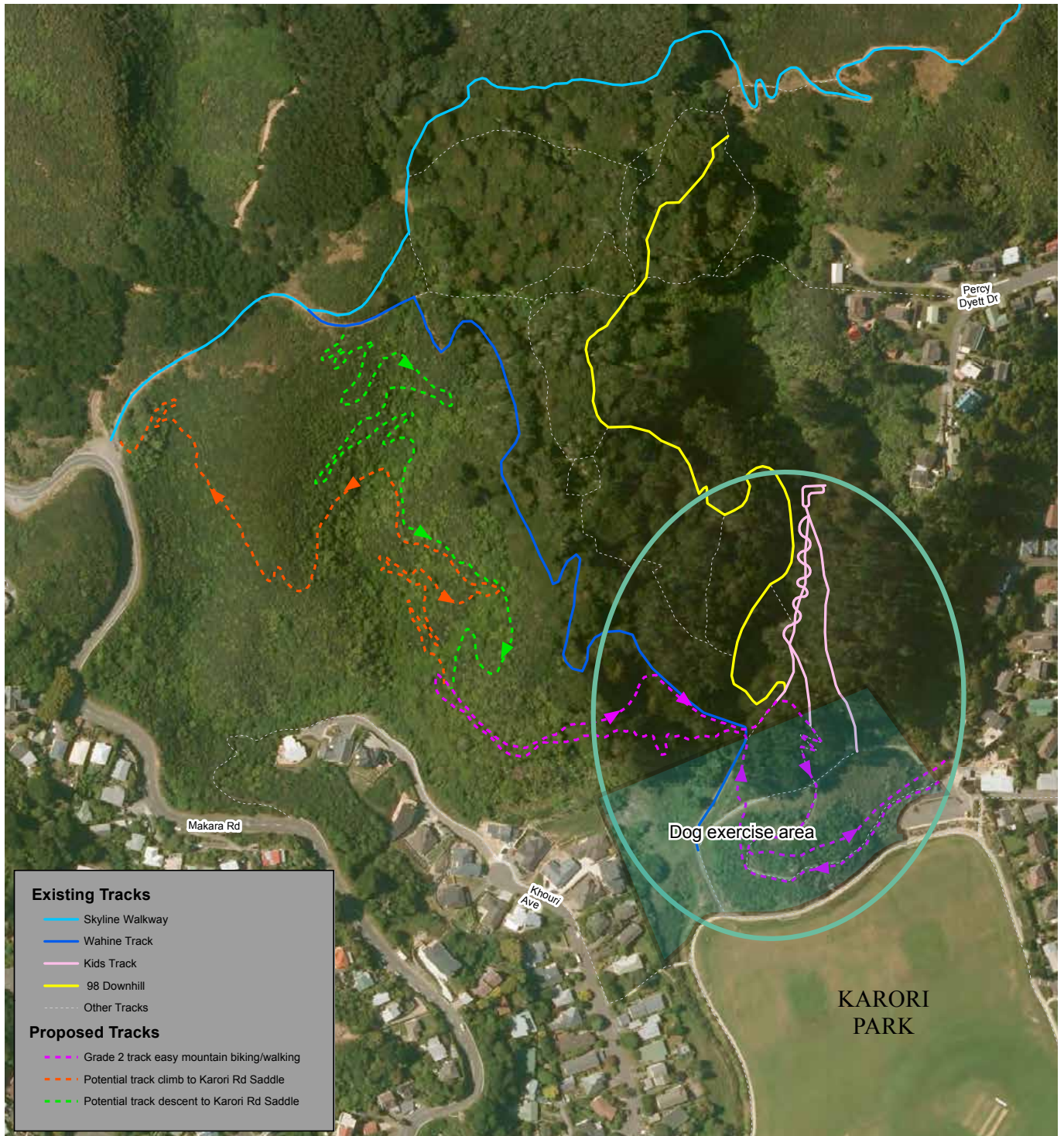
- Leave logs at the end of the gully floor track for adventure play and informal seating.
- The forest clearing to become part of the new loop dog exercise trail (along the existing children's bike skills circuit). This trail will complement and add to the existing dog exercise area.
- Reform the small mound of earth at the end of the clearing to direct the stream and run-off from the slope above away from the clearing.
- Remove the tree fallen over the stream and vegetation and expose the stream and trough as an interesting reminder of earlier farming.
- Remove the tracks that cross the stream by planting, and reform the stream channel. This should restore water flow and catch water seepage from the slopes above.

You can view the detailed development plan at Wellington City Council libraries and at the reception of the Wellington City Council office building at 101 Wakefield Street.

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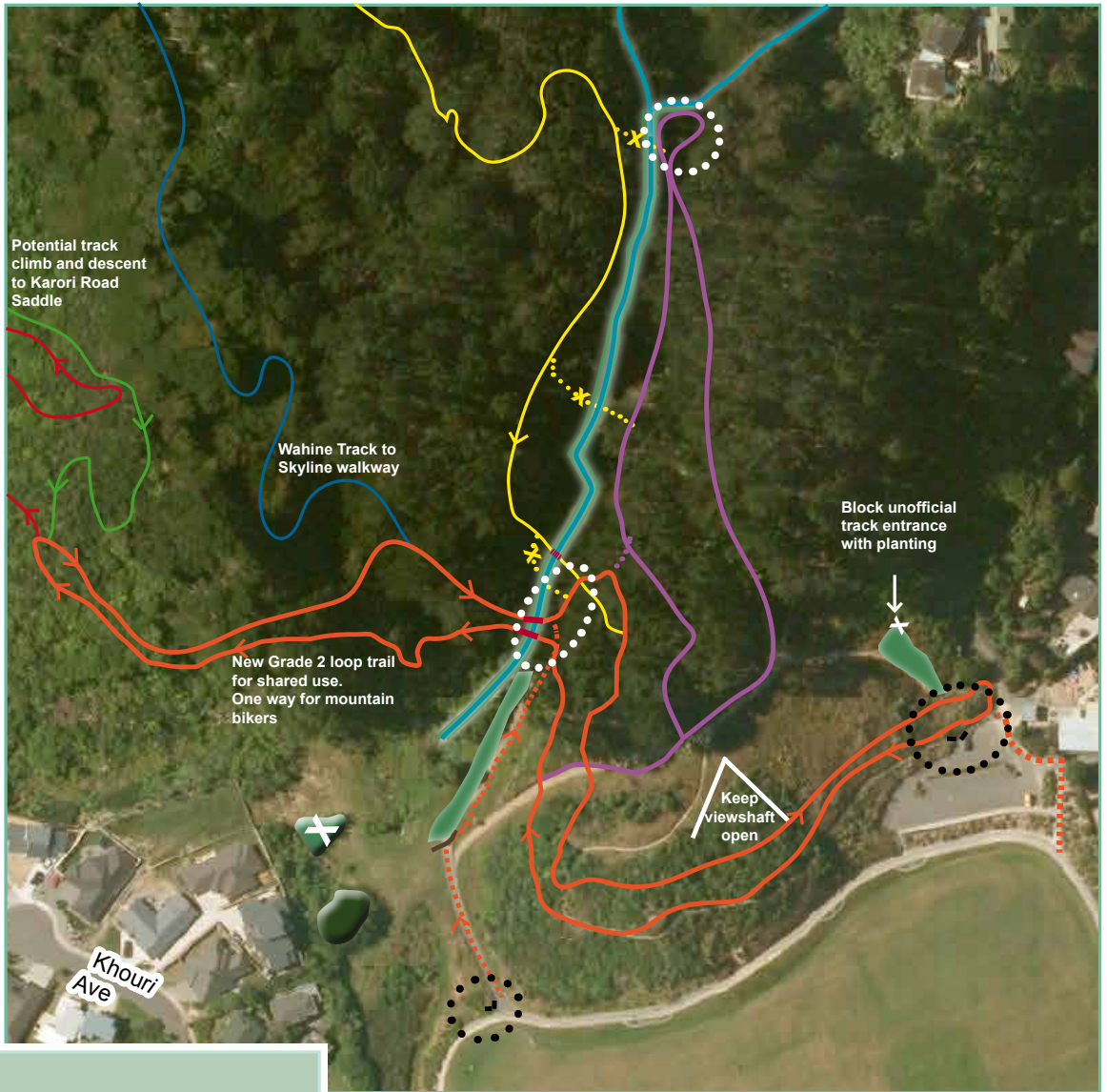
Figure 1















This plan will guide the future management and development of this part of Karori Park over the next 10 years.



Figure 2



KEY

-  Shared trails
-  Shared trail with mountain biking in one direction
-  New dog exercise loop trail
-  98 Downhill mountain biking
-  Links to sportsfield perimeter path
-  Stream and stream crossings
-  Riparian planting along restored stream channel
-  Entrances with signs and information
-  Planting small shrubs, ground covers or grasses at entrances of redundant tracks to redirect track users, reduce runoff and improve wayfinding
-  Lower branches of existing Macrocarpa removed to open up grassed dog exercise area
-  Remove existing vegetation to open up dog exercise area
-  Keep relatively open with a sense of a clearing in the forest with clearer sight lines for a sense of safety

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