



# Makara Peak MTB Park



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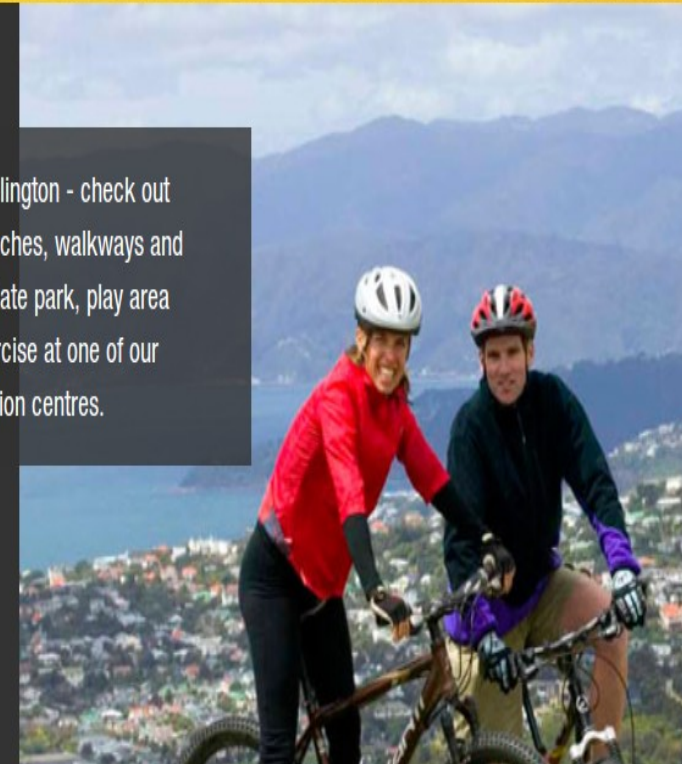
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Get active in Wellington - check out the gardens, beaches, walkways and pools. Go to a skate park, play area or get some exercise at one of our sports or recreation centres.



# Stakeholders

- Park managers, Makara Peak Supporters
- Park owners, WCC
- Users: ratepayers, visitors (NZers, foreign); currently 100,000 p.a. (est. track counter), almost all is informal recreation use
- Event organisers and participants
- Industry: Wgtn bike shops, Karori businesses
- Tourism/hospitality industry

# MPS Mission Statement

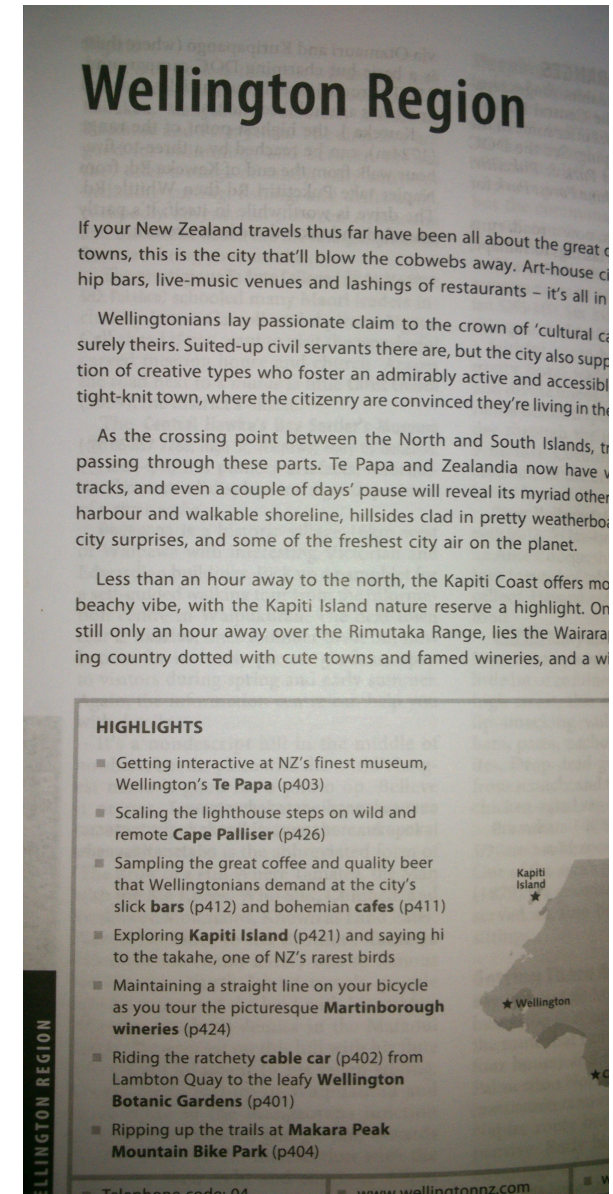
*"to create a world class mountain bike park, with dual use (cycling and walking) tracks for all levels of rider, in a restored native forest"*

## How are we doing?

- Victim of our own success: growing use, maintenance demands
- WCC NZRA Grant app: "one of the top 10 places in the world to bike", and "a significant recreational facility, one of Wellington's most visited reserves, an area of ecological importance, and [now] protected as Scenic Reserve" (successful, Best Park, 2010)
- Also a Key Native Ecosystem, and part of the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative

# How are we doing?

- Lonely Planet (NZ, 2010):  
Wellington Region Highlights
  - Te Papa
  - Cape Palliser lighthouse
  - Bars and cafes
  - Kapiti Island
  - Martinborough wineries
  - Cable car, Botanical Gardens
  - Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park



# WCC website

- Listed under *Sportsgrounds and Sports*, not *Parks and Reserves*
- “*A community initiative supported by the council...*”
- Questions:
  - What will modern recreation in Wellington look like?
  - Does WCC want a world-class mountain bike park in the city?
  - If so, who should resource it?
  - How does this facility differ from other recreation facilities in the city?
  - Why does the funding differ?

# Current funding

In the 2012/13 financial year

- Initial WCC budget, \$10,000
- Final WCC budget, \$20,000, plus \$14,000, plus officer time (minimal, under-resourced, like the park), offset by the value of carbon credits
- MPS spend, \$14,000
- MPS volunteer labour, 4500 hours
- MPS share of funding:
  - 70% (labour charged at \$15/hour)
  - **Target user pays for recreation facility, 25%**

# Projections

- Current volunteer effort is unsustainable - very small committee managing the park.
- 100,000 p.a. Visitor numbers likely to increase
- Currently park is in good condition, but not world class. A total budget of \$117,800 per annum over the next three years will allow the park to improve on the current standard. We submit that 75% of this funding should come from WCC as per other recreation facilities in the city.
- Without significant funding increases by WCC, the park will quickly deteriorate, even with a sustainable level of volunteer input, which will reflect WCC input.