



Draft Regional Parks Management Plan

Submissions must be received by **4 March 2022**

The draft Regional Parks Management Plan provides an enduring vision for 28 of our regional parks with objectives and policies to guide park management for the next decade. It also includes a chapter on each regional park, describing the specific management intentions for that park.

This draft plan was informed by thousands of suggestions – including from mana whenua, the community and organisations. The plan also reflects our current policies, strategies and work programmes where they relate to regional parks.

Now we want your feedback to help finalise the draft plan in 2022, providing the best guidance possible for our precious regional parks for the next decade.

You can also let us know if you would like to speak to the hearings panel about your feedback.

We strongly encourage you to read the draft plan before answering the following questions. It's a big document, so many of the questions provide you with a chapter reference.

Thank you for taking the time to help us care for Auckland's regional parks.

We encourage you to fill in this form online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:

regionalparksplanreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:

Regional Parks Management Plan review
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will be kept private.

First name:

Last name:

Email address or postal address:

Your local board:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

☐ Yes ☐ No Name of organisation/business: _____

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These questions are optional but will help us understand which groups of the community are engaging with us.

What gender are you?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Another gender (please specify): _____

What age group do you belong to?

☐ Under 15 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

☐ Pākehā/NZ European ☐ Other European ☐ Māori
☐ Cook Islands Māori ☐ Samoan ☐ Tongan
☐ Indian ☐ Chinese ☐ Southeast Asian
☐ Other (please specify): _____

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☐ Auckland Conversations - free public events, offering ideas, inspiration and action for world-class cities

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Your feedback (all questions are optional)

- 1. The draft plan proposes to continue to protect the natural and cultural heritage of the regional parks, while providing opportunities for all to enjoy them. Overall, what is your opinion of the direction of the draft regional parks management plan?**

- ☐ Support
☐ Do not support
☐ Other

Tell us why

- 2. The draft plan promotes making the regional parks more accessible and welcoming to Auckland's diverse communities.** See chapter 11 (Providing for a range of recreational uses) and relevant park chapters.

What is your opinion of this intention?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

What changes, if any, do you expect to see to make regional parks more welcoming?

- 3. The draft plan provides proposals on topics that drew many suggestions in our first consultation round. All sections are optional.**

Accessing tracks in the Waitākere Ranges

3A. We propose principles and criteria to guide track development. We propose to use these to assess which tracks to reopen and where to develop future tracks. See chapter 11 (Tracks), the Waitākere Ranges chapter and Appendix 4.

What is your opinion of our proposed principles and criteria?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and how we can improve this section

Responding to the climate emergency

3B. In addition to protecting important biodiversity habitat for 35,000ha of established forest, we plan to plant another 200ha in permanent indigenous forest to help absorb carbon from the atmosphere. See chapter 9 (Embedding our response to climate change) and chapter 7 (Restoring indigenous ecosystems).

What is your opinion of these plans?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and how we can improve this section.

3C. We propose to reduce visitor vehicle emissions by improving and promoting public transport, cycling and walking connections to regional parks, and by considering installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for bikes and vehicles. See chapter 9 (Sustainable access).

What is your opinion of these proposals?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and how we can improve this section.

3D. We propose to review farming with the potential to plant more trees to support our climate goals. See chapter 10 (Pastoral management).

What is your opinion about farming on regional parks?

- ☐ Keep farming
- ☐ Reduce farming
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and what is most important to you about our farmed areas.

Vehicles on Muriwai beach

3E. The council consulted recently and made decisions to manage vehicles on Muriwai beach. The draft plan outlines the council's decisions to introduce some further controls on access and to continue monitoring the situation. See the Muriwai chapter.

What is your opinion of the approach outlined in the draft plan?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

What changes, if any, would you like to see to this section?

Dogs in regional parks

3F. Dog access rules are set by the dog policy and dog management bylaw. The draft plan includes some proposals for the next bylaw review about dog access.

What is your opinion of these proposals?

- **Long Bay:** a potential space for a dog exercise area in the northern part of the park.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Other
- **Shakespeare:** investigation of dog use of a large flat grassed area outside the sanctuary between Army Bay and Okoromai Bay near a dog walking track.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Other
- **Te Ārai:** that dogs be banned from the park (allowed currently at Te Ārai Point).
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Other
- **Waitākere Ranges:** that other dog walking options be investigated in the wider Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area to alleviate the high numbers at the popular Kakamatua area.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Other
- **Hūnua Ranges:** prohibit dogs in the Kōkako Management Zone.
☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Other

What changes, if any, would you like us to make to the draft plan about dogs?

4. The draft plan is ambitious, and our ambitions are not fully funded. We propose criteria for prioritising our spending and planning for development in parks. See chapter 14 (Implementing) and chapter 4 (Spatial planning).

What is your opinion on our proposed criteria to prioritise projects?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and how we can improve this section.

5. Do you want to comment on any other aspect of the general policies?

6. Do you want to comment on any of the regional park chapters?

Please use the following template for each park you would like to comment on.

If you would like to provide feedback on more than one park, we've included some extra pages at the end of this feedback form.

Name of regional park: _____

What is your opinion on our intentions for managing this park?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

Tell us why and how we can improve this chapter.

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Tell us why and how we can improve this chapter.

7. Do you have any other comments on, or think anything else should be included in, the draft plan?

Need more room? You can attach extra pages.

8. Do you want to speak to your submission?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you tick yes, you will be contacted by email for an opportunity to talk to the hearings panel. We intend to hold hearings in May 2022. Please also provide a phone number to help us contact you.

Phone: _____

Additional regional park comment sections:

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- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other

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Copy this page to comment on additional parks if necessary.