

# Regional Outdoors

**Summer Events**  
in Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests

2001–02 Programme



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Join us for a programme of fun family events this summer. This is your chance to relax in the outdoors, learn about the rich cultural history of our region and understand more about plants, animals and the environment.

We want to include as many people as possible in the *Regional Outdoors* programme. Many of our events cover long distances or rough terrain. However, we have planned events marked , with vehicle support or options that are shorter and suitable for people with limited mobility. You may need a friend to help out on steep sections and over gravel or grass.

Bookings are required for some events. Please phone 526 4133 during office hours. The office is closed from 24 December 2001 to 3 January 2002.

Listen to **The Breeze** or **NewsTalkZB** for cancellations.

For more information about the programme visit our website [www.wrc.govt.nz](http://www.wrc.govt.nz), phone 384 5708, **freephone 0800 496 734** during office hours, or contact the Park Ranger.

<b>Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Ranger:</b>	<b>237 5511</b>
<b>Belmont Regional Park Ranger:</b>	<b>586 6614</b>
<b>Kaitoke Regional Park Ranger:</b>	<b>526 7322</b>
<b>Queen Elizabeth Park Ranger:</b>	<b>04 292 8625</b>

For public transport information view WRC's website [www.wrc.govt.nz/timetables](http://www.wrc.govt.nz/timetables) or phone Ridewell on **801-7000**

Many of the activities are run in conjunction with our local cities and with iwi, clubs and volunteer groups involved in the parks. Talk to the guides, the volunteer groups all welcome new members.



# Summer Events Programme 2001–02

**Friday 9 November 2001**  
**National Push Play Day**

## Pencarrow Lighthouse Sunset Trip

**East Harbour Regional Park - 4.30pm start for walkers, 5.30pm start for cyclists**

"Push Play" is the Hillary Commission campaign to get people to exercise for 30 minutes a day. Join with us, Sport Wellington Region, Historic Places Trust and Hutt City Council to learn about our rich maritime history and enjoy dramatic views on the eastern coastline of Wellington Harbour. A long (14km) but easy walk (4-hours return) or bike-ride (2-hour return) from Burdans Gate along the gravel coast road. A short climb leads up to the historic 1859 Pencarrow Lighthouse. Bring warm clothes and drinking water. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Take an Eastbourne bus to the terminal at the end of Muritai Road - then a short walk (400m) to Burdans Gate. Alternatively, catch the East by West ferry (cycles carried) from Queens Wharf, across the Harbour to Days Bay then catch a bus from there. By car, travel from Wellington via State Highway 2, Petone Esplanade, Seaview Road and Eastern Bays Marine Drive through Eastbourne to the end of Muritai Road.

**Saturday 10 November 2001**

## Beacon Hill Harbour Highlights

**Seatoun - 10am and 2pm starts (30 min visit)**

Learn about maritime operations and enjoy stunning views of Wellington Harbour from the historic 1864 Signal Station. Beacon Hill provides a 24-hour communications service for harbour users. We keep an eye on commercial and recreational harbour activities and maintain navigation aids to assist vessels in all weathers. If you have time, extend your visit and explore the Eastern Walkway. Maximum of 10 people per visit, not suitable for children under 8. Bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch a No. 30 Seatoun bus to Broadway then walk up to Beacon Hill. Meet at Paratu Grove. Drive to Beacon Hill via Tio Tio Road (off Broadway). Only very limited parking at Beacon Hill and Signallers Grove. Steps lead up to the signal station so it is not suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

**Sunday 18 November 2001**

## Karori Wonderful Water Walk 1



**Karori Wildlife Sanctuary - 10.30am start**

Join us for a series of guided walks to water supply dams in the Wellington area. Derek Wilshere (NZ Society on Large Dams) and Karori Wildlife Sanctuary guides lead us on an easy, scenic walk (2-hours return) to the historic Karori dams (lower 1874 and upper 1908). Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothing. Entry to the Sanctuary is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, \$15 family, pre-schoolers free. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch a No. 12 Karori Park bus from the city to the first stop after Karori Tunnel. Karori Wildlife Sanctuary (phone 920 9200) is entered from Waiapu Road, on your left immediately after the tunnel.

**Saturday 24 November 2001**

## Korokoro Wonderful Water Walk 2

**Belmont Regional Park - 10am start (Oakleigh Street)**

Our next walk with Derek Wilshere explores the historic dams in picturesque Korokoro Valley. A moderate walk (3-4 hours) from Oakleigh Street down to one of New Zealand's first concrete gravity dams - Korokoro Dam and further down Korokoro Stream to the Mill Dam (1903). Exit at Cornish Street, a short walk to Petone Station (or catch a No 53 bus back to Oakleigh Street). Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 9.05am train from Wellington to Petone and a No. 53 bus to Oakleigh Street. Or travel by car from Wellington via State Highway 2 to the Maungaraki turn-off. Follow Dowse Drive to the top of the hill to reach Oakleigh Street. The carpark is about 4km from SH2.

**Saturday 1 December 2001**

### **Historic Coach Road Walk**

#### **Belmont Regional Park - 9.30am start from Petone Station (9.45am Normandale Rd)**

Come and explore this historic hilltop coach route and wartime Belmont Magazines. An easy 3-hour walk. Take our chartered Cityline bus from Petone Station to top of Normandale Road - walk up Old Coach Road to airstrip/bunkers for lunch - walk back down Hill Road to the bus at 2.00pm. Bus back to Petone Station. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch. Maximum 45 people. No charge, but bookings are essential for the bus, telephone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 9.05am train from Wellington to Petone and join our chartered Cityline bus to Normandale. Or travel by car from Wellington via State Highway 2 to the Maungaraki turn-off. Follow Dowse Drive and Poto Road to reach Normandale Road. Park at Old Coach Road at the top of Normandale Road (about 6km from SH2).

**Saturday 1 December 2001**

### **Small Farmers' Workshop**

#### **Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Pauatahanui - 10am start**

If you own, or want to own, a small block of land then this programme is for you. Norm Cobb, the Battle Hill farmer, will discuss his farming operations and answer your questions about your own block. Bring walking boots, warm clothes, a drink and snack or picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** The workshop is held at the Ken Gray Education Centre. Battle Hill Farm Forest Park is located on the Paekakariki Hill Road. It is 6km from State Highway 58 at Pauatahanui, or 10km from State Highway 1 at Paekakariki.

**Saturday 8 December 2001**

### **Wetlands Walk**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 10am start**

Join WRC wetland specialist Melanie Dixon on a 1.5-hour walk around the wetlands at Queen Elizabeth Park. Learn about wetland plants and animals and gain ideas for wetland restoration projects. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Queen Elizabeth Park is 45km from Wellington on State Highway 1. Enter the Park at MacKays Crossing, sign posted 3km north of Paekakariki, just over the railway crossing. Meet at the Rangers' Office on your right as you enter the Park.

**Saturday 8 December 2001**

### **Wainuiomata Wonderful Water Walk 3**

#### **Wainuiomata Waterworks - 10am start**

Join us for the third trip in our series of guided walks to water supply dams in the Wellington area. Derek Wilshere leads us on a short (2-hour) exploration of the historic (1911) Morton Dam and tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Bring warm clothes, a sun hat, a drink and snack or picnic lunch. Maximum of 30 people, not suitable for children under 7. No charge, but bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 9.05am train from Wellington to Waterloo Interchange and a No. 62 bus to the end of Hine Road. Walk over the footbridge to Reservoir Road. By car, head through Wainuiomata on Main Road towards the Coast Road. Turn left into Moores Valley Road and then right into Whitcher Grove, which leads to Reservoir Road. Park before the gates.

**Sunday 9 December 2001**

### **Birchville Wonderful Water Walk 4**

#### **Akatarawa Forest, Upper Hutt - 10am start**

Bring the family for this easy (1.5-hour return) walk following the old water pipeline up a bush clad valley to the historic (1929) Birchville Dam. Our friendly guide Derek Wilshere tells us about the first un-reinforced concrete arch dam built for water supply. Bring warm clothes, a sun hat, a drink and snack or picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch a train to Upper Hutt and No. 12 bus to Birchville. Walk to the end of Bridge Road - car park sign posted Cannon Point Walkway. By car, follow State Highway 2 north of Upper Hutt and turn into Akatarawa Road, which leads to Bridge Road (2.5km).

## **Wednesday 12 December 2001** **Beginners' Guide to the Rainforest**

### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 7pm start**

Join the Ranger for an easy 1-hour guided walk through beautiful native forest - introducing you to the wonders of Wellington's temperate rainforest. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. (Also Thursday 10 January).

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Kaitoke Regional Park is 45 km north of Wellington. Follow State Highway 2 and turn left at Waterworks Road 12 km north of Upper Hutt. Drive to the end of the road - signposted as the Pakuratahi Forks car park.

## **Saturday 5 January 2002** **Swingbridge Track Family Quiz**

### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 11am start**

An easy 1-1.5 hour guided Family Quiz/Nature Discovery walk through beautiful native forest. Bring a pen, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Beginners' Guide to the Rainforest above.

## **Sunday 6 January 2002** **Maori History Walk**

### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 10am start**

Join Miki Rikihana (Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai) on an easy 1.5-hour guided walk and discover the fascinating history of how Maori lived at Queen Elizabeth Park. The Park has many archaeological sites located in the coastal dunes. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch. (Also Sunday 20 January)

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Queen Elizabeth Park is 45km from Wellington on State Highway 1. Enter the Park at MacKays Crossing, sign posted 3km north of Paekakariki, just over the railway crossing. Follow the sealed road 2km to Whareroa Beach.

## **Thursday 10 January 2002** **Beginners' Guide to the Rainforest**

### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 7pm start**

Join the Ranger for an easy 1-hour guided walk through beautiful native forest - introducing you to the wonders of Wellington's temperate rainforest. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Beginners' Guide to the Rainforest, Wednesday 12 December.



## **Saturday 12 January 2002** **Bush and Birds**

### **Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Pauatahanui - 9am start**

Come on a guided walk with the Ranger through the Battle Hill bush reserve. Learn about what's involved in taking back the bush from plant and animal pests. The Ranger will discuss how to maximise seedling regeneration and enhance birdlife. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes or boots. Bring a drink and snack or picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** The trip starts from the Ken Gray Education Centre. Battle Hill Farm Forest Park is located on the Paekakariki Hill Road. It is 6km from State Highway 58 at Pauatahanui, or 10km from State Highway 1 at Paekakariki.

## **Saturday 12 January 2002** **Family Sunset Walk**

### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 7.30pm start**

An easy 1.5-hour guided walk through rolling coastal dunes where we may be treated to one of Kapiti Coast's spectacular sunsets. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes and drinking water. (Also Saturday 23 February).

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Maori History Walk, Sunday 6 January.

## **Saturday 19 January 2002** **4 X 4 Sunset Tour**

### **Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Pauatahanui - 6pm start** *please advise when booking*

Team up with the Wellington Cross Country Vehicle Club for a 4WD trip through farmland and forest, culminating in sunset views over the Pauatahanui Inlet, Cook Strait and the South Island. Bring warm clothes. Maximum 30 people, bookings are essential, phone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Bush and Birds above.



Fri 9 Nov	Pencarrow Lighthouse Sunset Trip
Sat 10 Nov	Beacon Hill Harbour Highlights
Sun 18 Nov	Karori Wonderful Water Walk 1
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Sat 1 Dec	Historic Coach Road Walk
Sat 1 Dec	Small Farmers' Workshop
Sat 8 Dec	Wetlands Walk
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Sat 12 Jan	Family Sunset Walk
Sat 19 Jan	4 X 4 Sunset Tour
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Sun 10 Feb	Botany of the Coastal Dunes
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## Programme 2001–02

East Harbour Regional Park	4.30pm walk start, 5.30pm cycle start
Beacon Hill	10am and 2pm start
Karori Wildlife Sanctuary	10.30am start
Belmont Regional Park	10am start
Belmont Regional Park	9.45am start
Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	10am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	10am start
Wainuiomata Recreation Area	10am start
Akatarawa Forest	10am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	7pm start
Kaitoke Regional Park	11am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	10am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	7pm start
Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	9am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	7.30pm start
Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	6pm start
Queen Elizabeth Park	10am start
Rimutaka Incline Recreation Area	9.15am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	10am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	9.30am start
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Queen Elizabeth Park	9.30am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	9.30am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	11am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	7pm start
Kaitoke Regional Park	9.45pm start
Queen Elizabeth Park	9.30am start
Belmont Regional Park	7pm start
Wainuiomata Recreation Area	9am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	9.30am start
Queen Elizabeth Park	7.30pm start
Kaitoke Regional Park	9.45pm start
East Harbour Regional Park	9.30am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	10am start
Belmont Regional Park	10am start
Kaitoke Regional Park	10am start



**Sunday 20 January 2002**

### **Maori History Walk**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 10am start**

Miki Rikihana (Te Ati Awa ki Whakarangotai) leads another easy 1.5-hour guided walk to discover the fascinating history of how Maori lived at Queen Elizabeth Park. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Maori History Walk, Sunday 6 January.

**Monday 21 January 2002**

### **Rimutaka Rail Trail**



#### **Wellington Anniversary Day**

#### **Pakuratahi Forest, Upper Hutt - 9.15am start**

*please advise when booking.*

Come on a long (17km), but easy, 5-hour scenic walk to explore some unique railway history. Catch our chartered Cityline bus from Upper Hutt Station or meet us at the Rimutaka Incline carpark (Kaitoke). We walk through to Summit for lunch and down to Cross Creek. Then by bus to visit the Fell Museum at Featherston and return to Upper Hutt. Bring warm clothes, a sun hat, drinks and picnic lunch - a torch is handy for the tunnels. Maximum 90 people, \$10/adult, \$5/child U14. Bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 8.05am train from Wellington to Upper Hutt Station to meet our chartered Cityline bus departing for Kaitoke at 9am. By car, follow State Highway 2 to the Rimutaka Incline carpark at Kaitoke (9km north of Upper Hutt).

**Saturday 26 January 2002**

### **Ridge Track Adventure**

#### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Te Marua - 10am start**

This moderately demanding walk (10km) through regenerating bush and mature beech forest takes 3-4 hours and gives panoramic views of the Hutt Valley. Bring warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch. Transport will be provided back to the start of the track. No dogs please. (Also Saturday 16 March)

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 8.05am train from Wellington to Upper Hutt Station to meet the No 12 bus departing for Plateau at 9am. From Te Marua Dairy it is 2.5km walk to the Pumping Station. By car, follow State Highway 2 and bear left at Te Marua, 6 km north of Upper Hutt. Drive past the Pumping Station to the car park at the road end - signposted as the Ridge Track.

**Sunday 27 January 2002**

### **Remnant Bush Walk**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 9.30 start**

Explore one of the last Kahikatea Dune swamp forests remaining south of the Manawatu. Wander around the remnant and learn about the re-vegetation project undertaken by Forest and Bird Society, Kapiti Environmental Action and the Wellington Regional Council. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Queen Elizabeth Park is 45km from Wellington on State Highway 1. Enter the Park at MacKays Crossing, sign posted 3km north of Paekakariki, just over the railway crossing. Meet at the Rangers Office on your right as you enter the Park.

**Tuesday 29 January 2002**

### **Kaitoke Wonderful Water Walk 5**

#### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 9am start**

An easy 2-hour guided walk and talk about Kaitoke Regional Park's role in the Wellington water supply. Visit Kaitoke Weir and then tour the Te Marua Water Treatment Plant (1-hour) to learn how our drinking water is collected and treated. Wear comfortable shoes and a sun hat. Bring a drink and snack or picnic lunch. Maximum of 30 people, not suitable for children under 7. No charge, but bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Kaitoke Regional Park is 45 km north of Wellington. Follow State Highway 2 and turn left at Waterworks Road 12 km north of Upper Hutt. Drive to the end of the road - signposted as the Pakuratahi Forks car park.



**Tuesday 29 January 2002**

### **Weeds Walk**

**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 9.30 to 11am**

Wander through the coastal dunes at Queen Elizabeth Park with Michael Ulrich, Biosecurity Officer (Plants) looking at pest plants. Identify weeds and learn how to control them. Bring any weeds that you would like identified. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water and a sun hat.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Queen Elizabeth Park is 45km from Wellington on State Highway 1. Enter the Park at MacKays Crossing, signposted 3km north of Paekakariki, just over the railway crossing. Follow the sealed road 2km to Whareroa Beach.

**Saturday 2 February 2002**

### **Coastal Dunes Walk**

**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing, Paekakariki - 9.30am start**

Join ecologist Paul Blaschke and discover the fascinating environment of Queen Elizabeth Park coastal dunes. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Weeds Walk above.

**Sunday 3 February 2002**

### **Nature Discovery Treasure Hunt**

**Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 11am start**

An easy 1-1.5 hour guided family nature discovery treasure hunt walk through beautiful native forest. Bring a pen, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Kaitoke Regional Park is 45 km north of Wellington. Follow State Highway 2 and turn left at Waterworks Road 12 km north of Upper Hutt. Drive to the end of the road - signposted as the Pakuratahi Forks car park.

**Thursday 7 February 2002**

### **In-depth Guide to the Rainforest**

**Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 7pm start**

An easy 1-hour guided walk through beautiful native forest where we delve into the mysteries of forest ecology. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Nature Discovery Treasure Hunt above.

**Sunday 10 February 2002**

### **Wonders of Kaitoke at Night**

**Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 9.45pm start**

Enjoy the night sky, possums, glow-worms etc. An easy 1-hour guided walk through beautiful native forest. Bring a torch, sturdy footwear and warm clothes. (Also Saturday 9 March) Maximum of 25 people. Bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Nature Discovery Treasure Hunt above.

**Sunday 10 February 2002**

### **Botany of the Coastal Dunes**

**Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing - 9.30am start**

Join botanists Barbara Mitalfe and Chris Horne and discover the fascinating plants of Queen Elizabeth Park coastal dunes. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Weeds Walk, Tuesday 29 January.

**Saturday 16 February 2002**

### **Wool, War and Water**

**Belmont Regional Park - 7pm start**

Meet the Ranger for a brief (1-hour) presentation in the Woolshed, which outlines the human and natural forces that shaped the Belmont Hills landscape we see today.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From Wellington follow State Highway 2 and take the Dowse Drive (Maungaraki) motorway turn-off (1.5km north of Petone). Turn left into Stratton Street at St Aidan's Church. The Woolshed is at the end of Stratton Street (3km).

**Sunday 17 February 2002**

### **Nikau Track Nature Trail**

#### **Wainuiomata Waterworks Recreation Area - 10am to midday**

Bring the family along for a fun nature trail quiz. Bring warm clothes, a sun hat, a drink and snack or picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Catch the 9.05am train from Wellington to Waterloo Interchange and a No. 62 bus to the end of Hine Road. Walk over the footbridge to Reservoir Road. By car, head through Wainuiomata on Main Road towards the Coast Road. Turn left into Moores Valley Road and then right into Whitcher Grove, which leads to Reservoir Road. Park before the gates.

**Sunday 17 February 2002**

### **US Marines' History Walk**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing - 9.30 start**

During World War Two, there were three US Marines' camps located in or near the Park. Find out from Diane Brown (Paekakariki Historic Society) about the encampments of the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the US Marines Corps. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and snack or picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Queen Elizabeth Park is 45km from Wellington on State Highway 1. Enter the Park at MacKays Crossing, sign posted 3km north of Paekakariki, just over the railway crossing. Meet at the Rangers Office on your right as you enter the Park.

**Saturday 23 February 2002**

### **Family Sunset Walk**

#### **Queen Elizabeth Park, MacKays Crossing - 7.30pm start**

*with assistance.*



An easy 1.5-hour guided walk through rolling coastal dunes where we may be treated to one of the Kapiti Coast's spectacular sunsets. Bring sturdy shoes, warm clothes and drinking water.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Family Sunset Walk, Saturday 12 January.

**Saturday 9 March 2002**

### **Wonders of Kaitoke at Night**

#### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 9.45pm start**

Enjoy the night sky, possums, glow-worms etc. An easy 1-hour guided walk through beautiful native forest. Bring a torch, sturdy footwear and warm clothes. Maximum of 25 people. Bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Kaitoke Regional Park is 45 km north of Wellington. Follow State Highway 2 and turn left at Waterworks Road 12 km north of Upper Hutt. Drive to the end of the road - signposted as the Pakuratahi Forks car park.

**Sunday 10 March 2002**

### **Lighthouse and Lakes**

#### **East Harbour Regional Park - 10am start**

*please advise when booking*



Discover our rich natural and maritime history on this 4-hour moderate walk and enjoy stunning views of Wellington Harbour. Join our chartered Cityline bus from Burdans Gate to Pencarrow Head. We walk from here up to the historic 1859 Pencarrow Lighthouse and to view Lakes Kohangatera and Kohangapiripiri and associated wetlands. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Bring warm clothes, drinking water and picnic lunch. Maximum 45 people, \$5/adult, \$2/child U14. Bookings are essential, telephone 526 4133 during office hours. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Take an Eastbourne bus to the terminal at the end of Muritai Road - then a short walk (400m) to Burdans Gate. Alternatively, catch the East by West ferry (cycles carried) from Queens Wharf, across the Harbour to Days Bay then catch a bus from there. By car, travel from Wellington via State Highway 2, Petone Esplanade, Seaview Road and Eastern Bays Marine Drive through Eastbourne to the end of Muritai Road.

**Saturday 16 March 2002**

### **Ridge Track Adventure**

#### **Kaitoke Regional Park, Te Marua - 10am start**

This moderately demanding walk (10km) through regenerating bush and mature beech forest takes 3-4 hours and gives panoramic views of the Hutt Valley. Bring warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch. We will provide transport back to the start of the track. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Ridge Track Adventure, Saturday 26 January.

**Sunday 17 March 2002**

**Pine Trees or Totaras**

**Belmont Regional Park, Lower Hutt - 10am start**

Are you thinking of buying or do you own a life-style block? Are you interested in planting trees for amenity or revegetation? Then this half-day field visit will be of interest to you. We will look at ways of protecting plants from stock and animal pests, native revegetation and exotic trees for amenity or production. Bring walking boots, warm clothes, a drink and picnic lunch. No dogs please.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Wool, War and Water, Saturday 16 February.

**Sunday 24 March 2002**

**KiwiWalk - Swingbridge - Terrace Loop**

**Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road - 10am start to strainer building and return.**



Join with us and Sport Wellington for the launch of our latest KiwiWalk. Come on an easy, 1-hour scenic walk through beautiful native forest. Listen to the native birds; Paddle and picnic by the junction of the Hutt and Pakuratahi Rivers - good swimming. Bring warm clothes, a sun hat and picnic lunch.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** See Wonders of Kaitoke at Night, Saturday 9 March.

**Other Events this Summer In Wellington Regional Council Parks and Forests**

**Saturday 17 November 2001. Rimutaka Railway Run & Walk, Upper Hutt.** A 17km fun run and walk over the old Upper Hutt to Featherston Railway line through the Rimutaka Ranges. Walkers start 8.00am at the Kart Club track, State Highway 2 at Kaitoke (9km north of Upper Hutt). Contact Trentham United Harriers 526 6256.

**Saturday 17 November 2001. Alpaca Open Day, Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Pauatahanui - 10am start.** Come out to Battle Hill to see some of these interesting farm animals - heaps of information on the products that come from alpacas. (Alpaca Breeders Association) No dogs please.

**Sunday 9 December 2001. Korokoro Stream Run & Walk, Petone.** IHC fun run or walk around Petone Esplanade and Belmont Regional Park - four courses from 5-25km. Register 8.00am at Petone Central School, Britannia Street. Contact Adrienne Beech, IHC Hutt Valley 569 9192.

**Sunday 9 December 2001. Telstra Saturn Northern Traverse, Wairarapa – Waikanae.** Multi-sport adventure race from Wairarapa to Waikanae. Contact Steve Gollidge, Waikanae Rotary (04) 904 5904.

**8 January, 20 January, 28 January, 6 February, 21 February, 2 March, 12 March, and 24 March. Friends of Maara Roa 2002 Summer Walks - Cannons Creek, Belmont Regional Park - 9.30am start.** Explore the Cannons Creek valley on a 3-hour walk from the Takapu Road entrance to Belmont Regional Park. Bring warm clothes, drinking water, a sun hat and picnic lunch. Bookings are essential, telephone Sylvia Jenkin 237 4760.

**16-17 February 2002. Big Coast Mountain Bike Ride, Rimutaka Railway, Upper Hutt.** A non-competitive 2-day 110km-mountain bike adventure. Contact Top Adventures 589 9181.

**Saturday 2 March 2002. Festival in the Park - Surf & Sound, Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki - 12 noon to 5pm.** Ride the wave to performances by New Zealand and international artists, eco-activities, food and beach games at the Paekakariki end of this popular coastal playground. A free family event by Festival 2002, phone 473 0149.

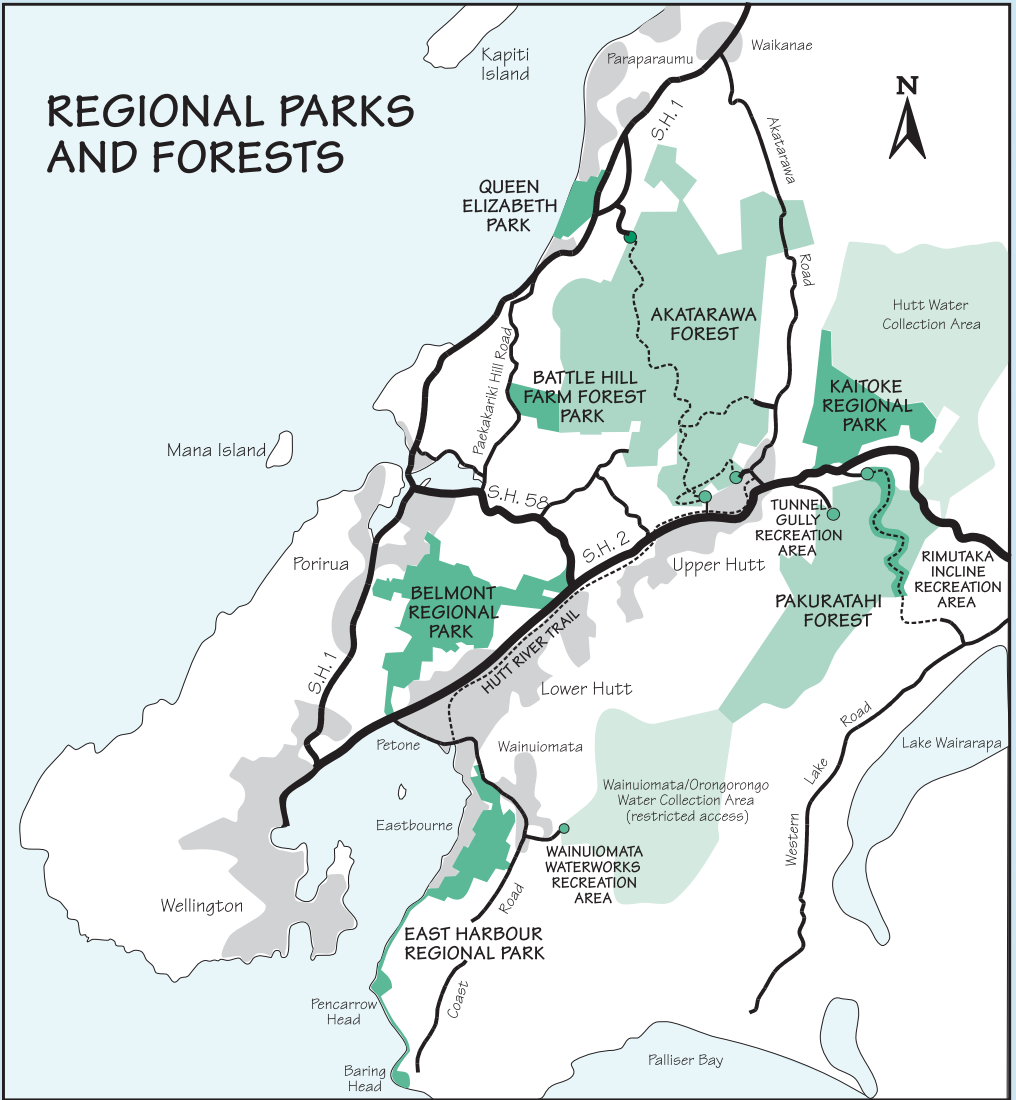
**Sunday 3 March 2002. Festival Stage Coach Stop, Tunnel Gully, Upper Hutt - 1pm start.** A roadshow with a difference! "Hit and run" performances will unfold from the Stage Coach on a specially designed stage - featuring surprise international and New Zealand artists. To get to Tunnel Gully, catch the 12.05pm train from Wellington to Upper Hutt Station. This meets the No 12 bus departing for Plateau at 1pm. From the end of Plateau Road it is 2.5km walk to the top carpark in Tunnel Gully. By car from Wellington, take State Highway 2 and turn right at Te Marua (7.5km north of Upper Hutt). Follow Plateau Road to its end to reach Tunnel Gully. A free family event by Festival 2002, phone 473 0149.

**Saturday 3 March 2002. Karapoti Classic, Akatarawa Forest, Upper Hutt.** The epic 50km mountain bike challenge. Contact Kennett Brothers, PO Box 11310, Wellington or Email karapoti@kennett.co.nz.

**Sunday 17 March 2002. Pauatahanui Food and Farm Festival, Battle Hill Farm Forest Park.** A fun day in the country - gourmet wild food, wacky rides, entertainment for all ages. Tickets \$10/adult, children free. Contact Jenny on 528 4983.

**Sunday 24 March 2002. Kapi-Mana Trail Bike Ride, Akatarawa Forest.** This trail bike ride through the Akatarawa Forest raises funds for Kapiiti Primary School. Contact Justin Stevenson, Kapi-Mana Motorcycle Club 234 8032.

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