

What is special about the park?

- Easy access from Petone – Cornish Street – rail, bus, car, walking level & easy place for people to walk who are old, very young, less fit, disabled – a wonderful way in to bush and stream (1 tick)
- Virgin bush in Korokoro Valley easily accessible. Bird life increasing (2 ticks accompanied by a ‘yes!’)
- The areas where you can view two harbours on Boulder Hill is very special and could be one of many mapped and highlighted special picnic spots to be encouraged, (along with many others e.g. Korokoro dam, Dry Creek – valley near toilets etc.) (2 ticks)
- Korokoro Stream needs good picnic areas
- Panoramic views (7 ticks)
- Was once heavily bushed – logged and then/now farmed = historical evolution of the area (2 ticks)
- Has the original toll route from Hutt Valley to Pauatahanui (5 ticks)
- Rock forms on the tops (6 ticks)
- Original māori trail routes (4 ticks)
- Regenerating bush in some areas (4 ticks)
- Accessible from Porirua and Hutt Valley sides (3 ticks)
- Dominant skyline (5 ticks)
- Great walking area – much variety (6 ticks)
- Fabulous panoramic views (1 tick)
- Detachment from suburbia (1 tick)
- Peace & tranquillity (1 tick)
- Natural setting/environment (1 tick)
- Native flora and fauna provide great interest. Some rare species e.g. native falcon, forest gecko (1 tick)
- Its landscape – derived from extensive geological remnants (3 ticks)
- Its areas of indigenous vegetation (2 ticks)
- Its position between two rail lines making it ideal for traverses by tramping clubs (except, unfortunately, during lambing. This anomaly should be ended.) (3 ticks)
- Has areas of original forest which are vital for continued existence of native birds and as seed source for regenerating forest areas. Need to be protected and significance needs to be made clear to people (2 ticks)
- All bush areas in park are major resource for protection/continued existence of native animals/plants in Wellington area (2 ticks)
- They are also important for wellbeing of people – as places for recreation, connection with natural world etc. (2 ticks)
- Was unique bush originally. Should try to regenerate areas to show this (1 tick)
- The grass-clad elevated hill-tops where you can still see the ‘bones’ of the land. Beginning to disappear under regenerating bush (4 ticks)

What aspects are least satisfactory?

- ‘Restrictions to tracks at lambing time’; ‘but we love the animals!! This is a slight restriction only and for good reasons’; ‘opinion only’; ‘not supported by ?? farming and full public access at all times exists in both regional parks in Auckland and overseas’
- The name needs to change to reflect the fact that Wellington and Porirua (and Crown) have an interest in the park – Belmont creates impression it is a Hutt-only asset (2 ticks, one with particular reference to Takapu; 2 disagreements, one stating that it is also illogical and another saying that the name has a long tradition/association)
- Public access to Lower Korokoro Stream needs protecting and enhancing
- Better signage at Cornish Street (1 tick)
- Parking at Cornish Street; toilets. Because it’s close to rail, bus etc. large numbers of people use this entry
- Closure of walkways for lambing – this precludes several traverse possibilities between Porirua Basin and Hutt Valley. Solution – make one track e.g. Cannons Head – Duck Creek Road open all year
- Park user numbers are less than optimal
- Targeting both primary and secondary schools for increased multi-purpose educational use will help this situation for the future (5 ticks)
- Apparent lack of protection for Korokoro catchment from proposals for Grenada – Gracefield Road which could still impact on Korokoro Valley. Little interest shown by GWRC during Wellington City Council consultation process 2005-06 (2 ticks)
- Closure of land for farming activities. Solution – farming must be seen as a landscape management tool rather than a commercial activity (1 tick)
- Lack of protection from roading proposals (2 ticks). Solution – oppose Transmission Gully (2 ticks)
- Need more recognition of valuable bush and stream in Korokoro Valley – needs protection from subdivision encroachment, run-off etc from road proposals (2 ticks)
- Access at times hard to find especially from Tawa/Grenada/Takapu – no signage at all at major road junction (2 ticks)
- Many tracks in winter become too soft to ride on mountain bike. Need a gravel base (1 tick)
- Apparent lack of interest in Lower Korokoro Valley – many weeds, threats from subdivision (1 tick), roading proposals, - yet this is the most-used part of the park and the easiest part to access. There is no proper parking area/interpretation material (1 tick), facilities (toilets etc) (1 tick). It is also the largest area of forest and regenerating forest in the park and contains possibly the least damaged major stream (1 tick)
- Regional Council seems to have given tacit support to Petone – Grenada Rd through Korokoro Valley – yet this would damage/destroy one of the most ecologically significant parts of the park. Regional Council needs to be more assertive in protecting this part of the park from such proposals (3 ticks)
- No motorways through park at all (1 tick)
- Too many gates to climb over. Stiles poorly built. Replace gates with cattlestops. Easier to cross by walkers and mountain bikers (1 tick)

What opportunities are there?

- Promote enhance access for vehicles to internal interest feature areas within park meaning access for all
- Develop magazine area centred on old laboratory as major historical feature
- Opportunity to incorporate māori history of the park with pou, and/or interpretation to educate the public of the significance of the whole area (and specific sites) (3 ticks and a 'yes')
- Fencing of native forest (it contains 4 or 5 ??? of podocarp) between Boulder Hill and Belmont Road, to exclude stock, then intensive pest animal control (1 tick)
- Controlled access for all forms of motorised recreation including quad and trailbikes. I stress controlled and managed clubs are well structured to use this area with care and responsibility (1 tick)
- More programmes in the park particularly at holiday time (1 tick)
- Greater highlighting of the 'free' nature of the facility for family use (2 ticks)
- More educational interactive points for school-age users, e.g. botanical, bird, animal etc, heritage trails (2 ticks)
- Make much better use of lower Korokoro Valley (2 ticks)
- More facilities at the bottom (Cornish st)
- Interpretation – history, archaeology, values of stream, bush etc (2 ticks)
- Need to make more of patch of original forest behind Korokoro & Maungaraki. This is a treasure that most people are unaware of (4 ticks)
- Regenerating bush along Korokoro Valley – on both Korokoro and Horokiwi sides – is an asset that needs greater protection from subdivision and roading proposals (2 ticks)
- This could be done by zoning and acquisition (2 ticks)
- Water quality of Korokoro Stream needs better protection from subdivision and roading (2 ticks)
- Improvement of public access from Tawa/Porirua side (4 ticks)

How can Greater Wellington meet everyone's needs?

- Careful land use in Pauatahanui Inlet catchment portion of Park to avoid sedimentation into inlet (1 tick)
- Protection of biodiversity values and geological values of Park (1 tick)
- Wind farm could be good opportunity – should be properly evaluated and considered
- I think windfarms should be considered – but landforms should be protected if they do go ahead. I think that Belmont Regional Park, which is considerably modified already by human activity, might be more appropriate for windfarms than some other areas, particularly the headlands south of Eastbourne, which form a dramatic landscape at the entrance to Wellington Harbour (2 ticks)
- Encourage mountain bikers into park by building firm tracks with gravel base and signage (2 ticks)
- Acknowledgement of tangata whenua and their history of the area

- Purchase adjoining lands e.g. ridge from northern end of Horokiwi Road over ??? to provide another route to Takapu Road
- Purchase adjoining lands e.g. from Boulder Hill down to SH58 (1 tick)
- Too much emphasis on regenerating bush. Imperative that landscape is managed as open access to open views (1 tick; 1 cross)
- Consider benefits of permitting commercial windfarm in some areas. Provides good access to tops, income for park development, environmentally 'clean' power generation, close (very close) to sub station infrastructure (4 ticks; 2 crosses accompanied by a 'strongly disagree')
- Could be 'hikers rests' along the length of the park – which could evolve into a tourist hiking option with overnight accommodation (like in Europe) (3 ticks and one 'not big enough for this!!')
- A walkway in the Korokoro Valley suitable for disabled people (2 ticks)
- Create bush corridors for birds (high level to low level) and connect to bush areas in valley floors (e.g. Hutt River corridor) (1 tick)
- Connect to other bush areas (1 tick)
- Wind farm development
- Bush and stream in lower Korokoro Valley – could be used even more as learning resource. Schools, early childhood centres could be invited to make better use of this area.
- Bush and stream in lower Korokoro Valley – toilets needed (1 tick accompanied by a 'yes!')
- Should develop tracks with gradients suitable for all ages ('bridle trail gradients'). This would encourage more users and could be promoted
- Build more tracks suitable for: mountain biking in all weather, walking and running (2 ticks)
- Protecting this gem of a park from industrialisation such as: building a wind power station (1 tick); building 'Transmission Gully' (1 tick); building proposal Gracefield – Petone – Grenada Road (1 tick). Each and all would destroy its intrinsic values. (1 tick)
- Motorised recreation in existing plan pg 36, 4.8 is wrong. All forms current and future motorised recreation 4x4, quads, trail bikes should be catered for in management plan. Most are members of very well organised and controlled clubs, show responsibility and care for areas they use. Excluding one or any from the plan is not representing the wider community's requirements. (2 ticks, 1 accompanied by 'provided limited to special events; 1 disagreement, 'definitely not an appropriate activity') – Murray Dean from Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee (ARAC); 6000 members nationally, horseriders, 4x4, m/cycles, quads, hunters, fishermen etc. outdoor people
- Try to keep some farming experience (only opportunity left close to urban areas – important for children and everyone really!) ('yes!')
- Within the parks – could cater for the disabled e.g. a blind walk (scented), a wheelchair walk, a buggy trail for families. Anything (any gimmick) to get people out of their houses and away from tv (one tick)