



Saturday, 11th November 2023

**Incorporating Wayne Cretney
Memorial**



**Orienteering
Wellington**



Race Report: Sunny Wakefield Park

Maps: Tawatawa

Weather: Fine

Organiser and Planner: Bryan Teahan

Another classic Classic. I hope you enjoyed the event.

Sorry about the wrong control placement for the short loops in courses 1 to 3. Because of a high fence (hard to cross for white course) on one of the routes from the last control to the finish, I changed the final control at the last moment but forgot to also update the loops. My intention was to have a novel route choice from the finish control to the finish, but my execution of this plan was poor. Memo to myself: 'Must do better next time'.

Also, there was chaos at the start of the Classic giving out the leg order (exacerbated by having the wrong letters on course 3) – it was ok last year when clips were used but this caused problems with sportident and next time I will probably use Condes forking and individual maps.

A slight problem occurred when we found out very late that the score-O software could only take 50 controls – solved when we gifted everyone 10 points from the closest control. Hopefully this limitation/bug will be fixed soon.

For the first time we ran out of maps for the yellow course which was solved by quickly drawing a course from one of the spare rogaine maps.

While mapping for the last few months, I have had multiple run-ins with animals. For this map, a horse suddenly nuzzled my neck from behind unexpectedly which was startling, a bit frightening but ultimately pleasant. The horse then tried to get into my pack to get my lunch. What is it about my lunch? This reminds me of the wily weka who stole my lunch while mapping the nationals at Canaan Downs in Abel Tasman national park two years ago.

Other run-ins I've had were fighting with fighting cocks/pheasants while mapping Tuna Nui/Sherenden (used for nationals long and relay this year) and on the same map staring down angry stamping bulls who were pawing the ground and grunting / roaring – most of the bulls will give way if you walk towards them but for a few I had to back off – I always had a quick getaway planned over a nearby fence.

The most concerning run-in was a large spider biting me near Macalister/Rugby League Parks in the bush – but thankfully the sting was no more than a bad bee sting and only lasted for several hours.

Thanks to my long-suffering wife who slaved away cooking for a week preparing the food – less people this year wanted the soup which might be due to the time of day (afternoon instead of the usual lunch time) or the fine hot weather. For her efforts, my wife suffered a burn on her hand when one of the soup pots erupted.

It was great to have a large room and to have so many orienteers sitting down and talking about maps together. Usually, we don't get the opportunity to do this.

After several months mapping most weekends, it was great to have a day-off on Sunday after the event – I was worn out, but I had a pleasant hour on Sunday morning picking up the last 7 controls in the bush at my leisure.

On the whole, I enjoyed mapping the area which had several distinctly different areas to map where I always enjoy the mapping challenge – 'what to leave in, what to leave out...' From the golf course to the Māori Reserve tracks, to the Tawatawa bush (which had some nice open bits although the supplejack was a pain) and dog exercise area – I had always wanted to map the area.

No rest for the wicked, as the next mapping project looms on the horizon.

Results

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Classic2023.htm>

Splits

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Classic2023_Splits.htm

Maps

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/courses2023.htm>

Route Choices

Did you choose the right Route Choice?

Here are some of the intended route choices.



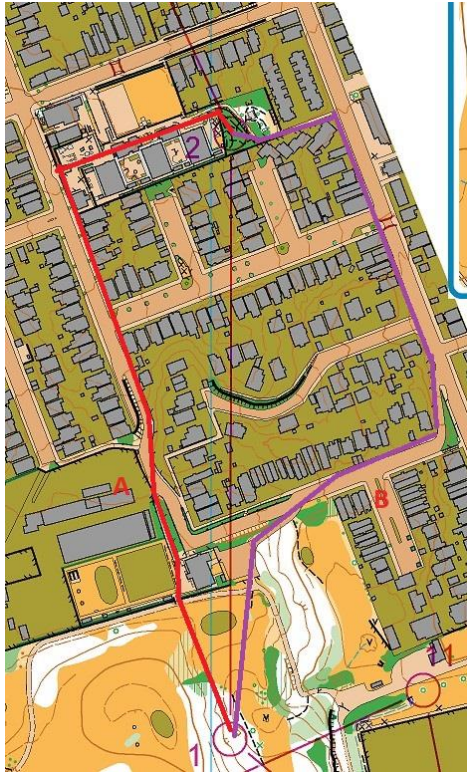
A: 281m, 0m climb

B: 294m, 0m climb

C: 307m, 0m climb

Planner's Pick: B

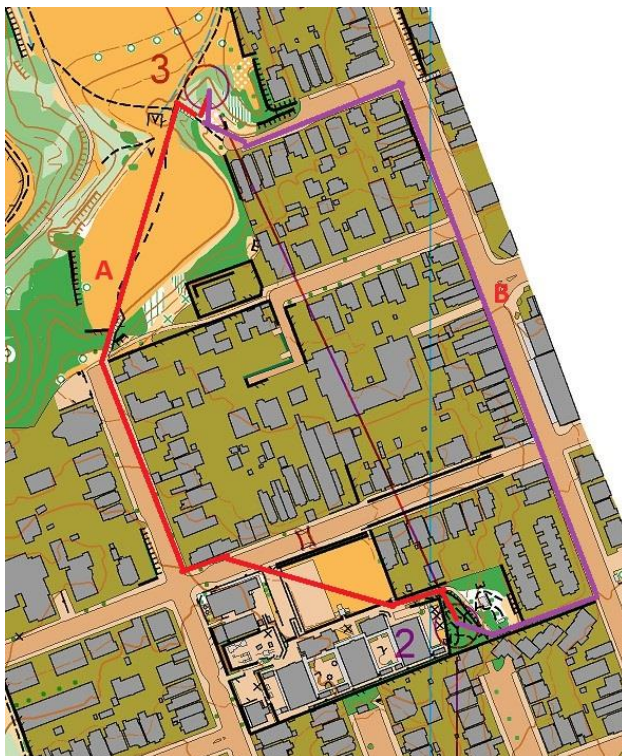
Sorry that some loops had an earlier version of the leg with the last control on the nearby tree and the out-of-bounds at the bottom shown as navigable. I changed at the last moment as the fence was hard to cross but I didn't update the cut-and-paste loops. It made the leg a bit unfair.



A: 580m, 20m climb

B: 633m, 30m climb

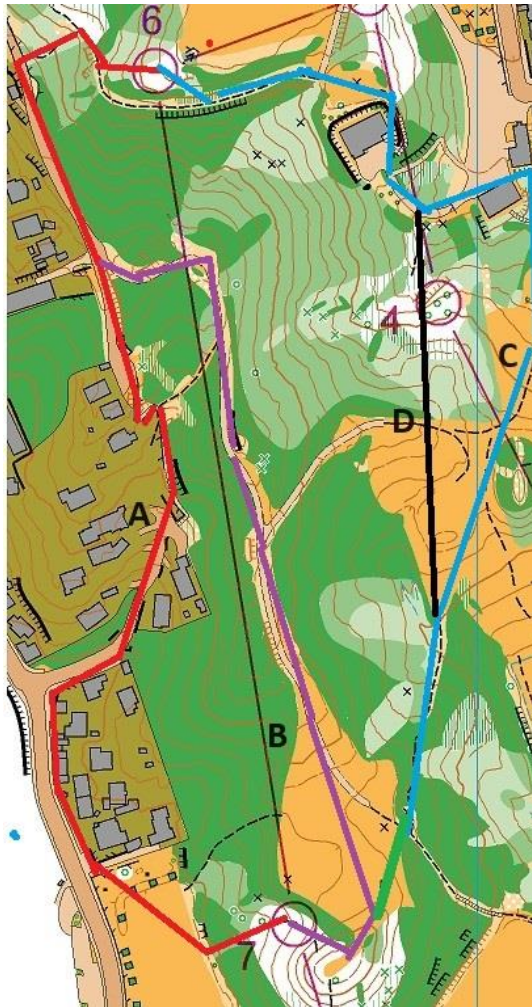
Planner's Pick: A



A: 455m, 20m climb

B: 518m, 15m climb

Planner's Pick: A



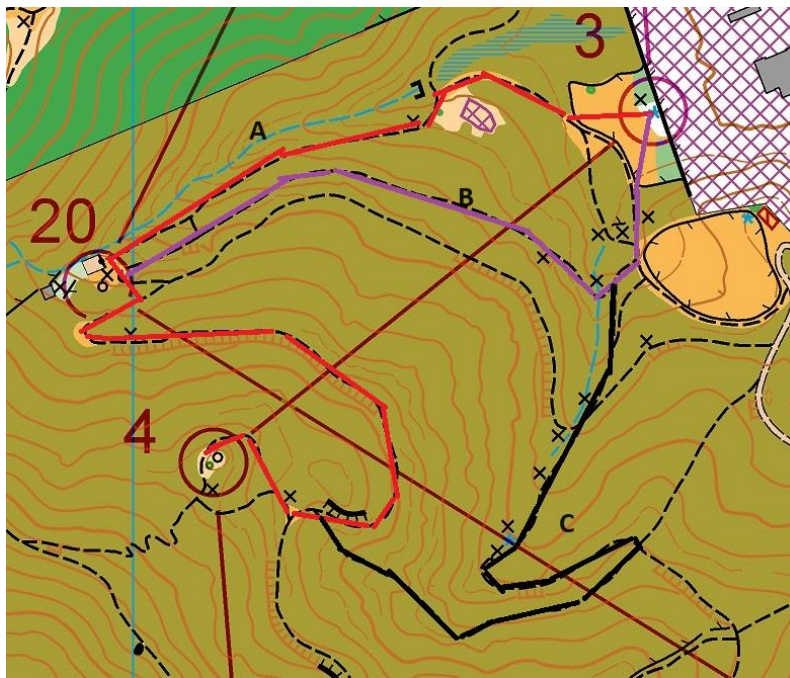
A: 724m, 60m climb

B: 725m, 60m climb

C: 776m, 75m climb

D: 668m, 60m climb

Planner's Pick: A or B – nothing in it. In hindsight, I would move the control a little further west down the gully so that route A would be better – as I course planner, I try to make a non-obvious route the better route. Route D is the shortest route but too much bush.



A: 508m, 60m climb

B: 547m, 60m climb

C: 449m, 60m climb

Planner's Pick: C



Micro Route 1

A: 455m, 20m climb

B: 518m, 15m climb

Planner's Pick: A

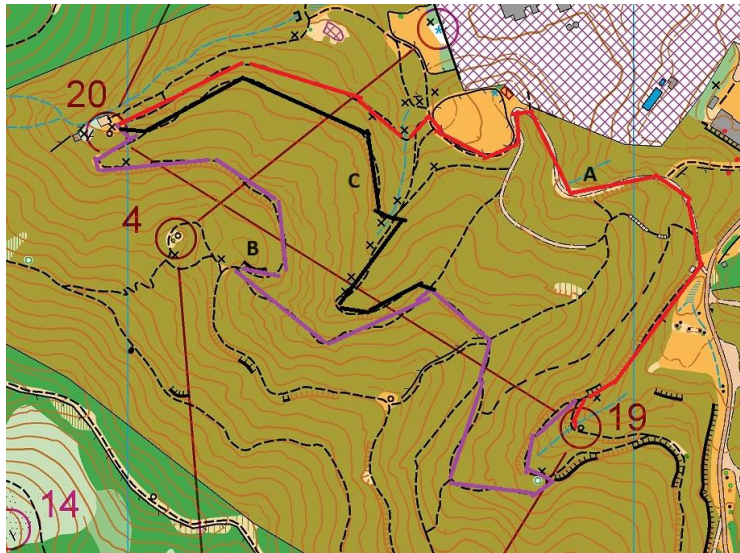


Micro Route 2

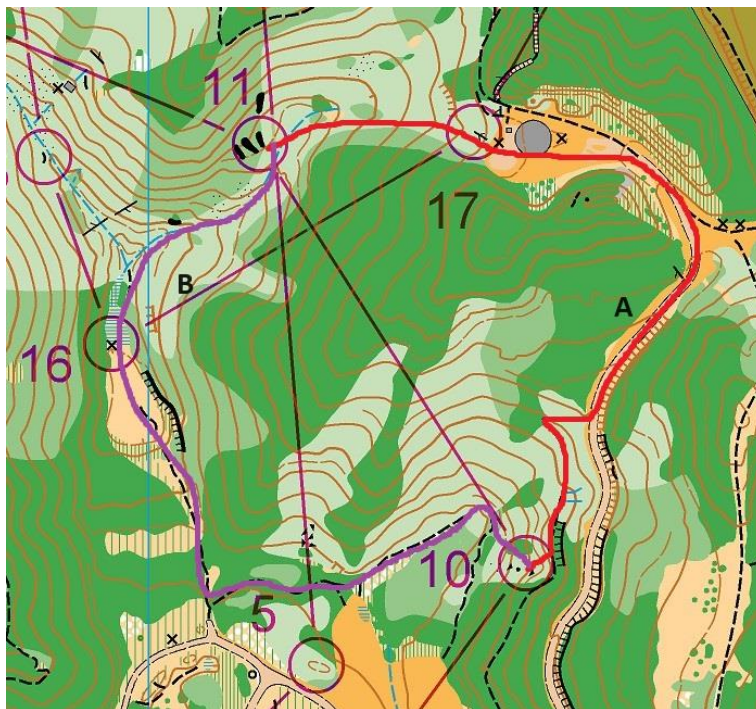
A: 41m, 5m climb

B: 47m, 5m climb

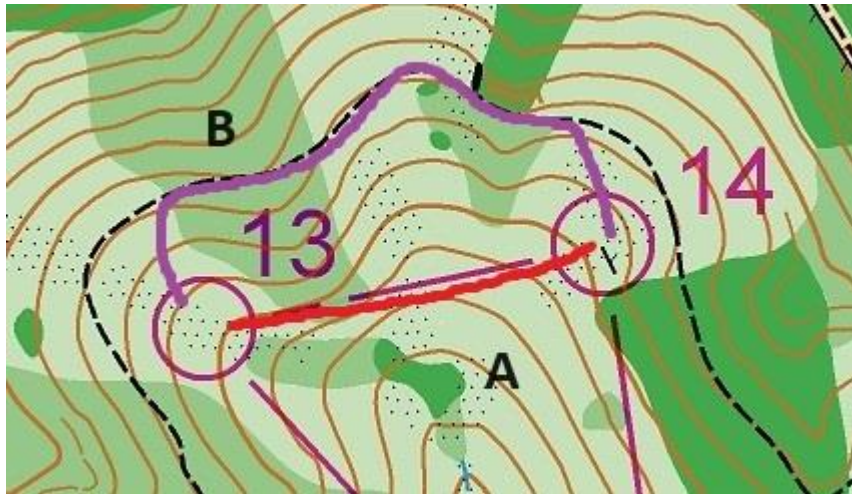
Planner's Pick: A



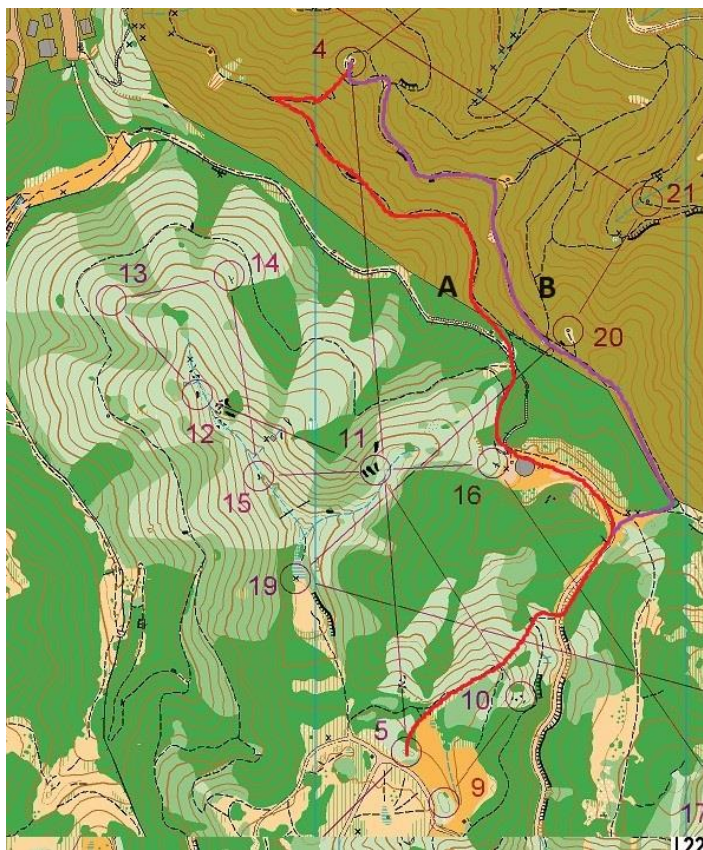
A: 604m, 60m climb
 B: 674m, 60m climb
 C: 655m, 40m climb
 Planner's Pick: C



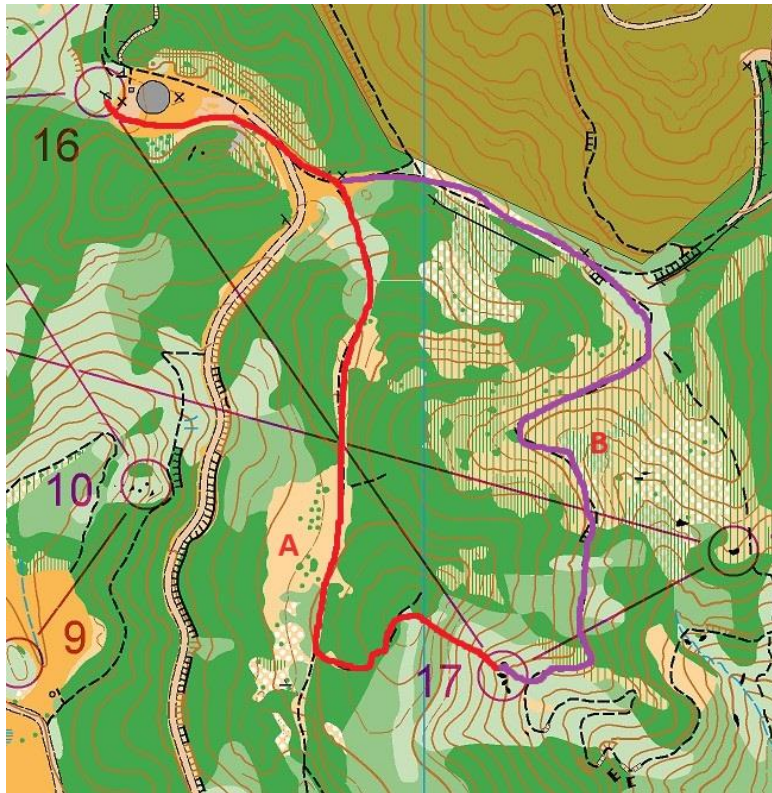
A: 396m, 25m climb
 B: 407m, 25m climb
 Planner's Pick: A



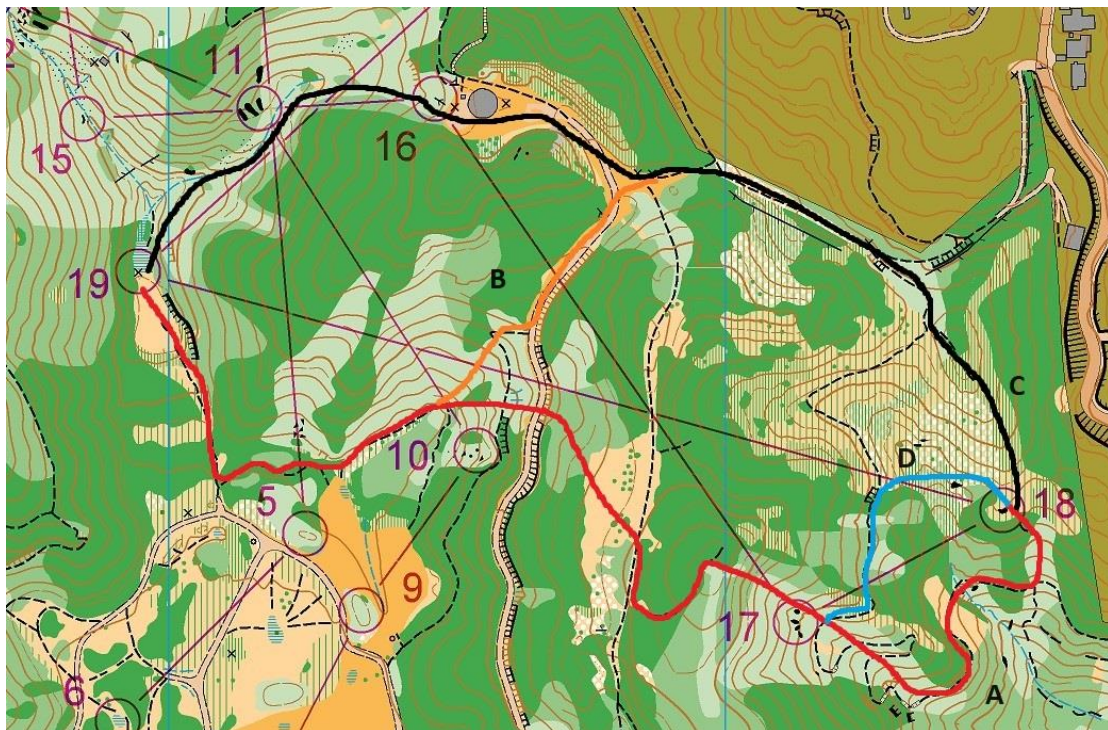
A: 97m, 10m climb
 B: 164m, 15m climb
 Planner's Pick: A



A: 874m, 25m climb
 B: 838m, 10m climb
 Planner's Pick: B



A: 467m, 30m climb
 B: 564m, 10m climb
 Planner's Pick: B



A: 790m, 55m climb
 B: 729m, 20m climb
 C: 632m, 25m climb
 D: 724m, 40m climb
 Planner's Pick: C

Feedback:

Jon Thorsen:

I wanted to say thanks for putting on a great event. I went on the orange course with my daughter but as the afternoon unfolded I could see there was a massive amount of work involved with multiple courses and the drawing of the map itself.

Well done and thanks very much.

Gavin Scott:

Congratulations on the tremendous family effort for mounting Saturday's event, and for its overall success despite small hiccups!

I did the yellow course with my granddaughter. Good to be a part of it all.

Further Information:

Manawa Karioi

The name 'Manawa Karioi' can be translated as 'the heart desires to linger'

<https://www.manawakarioi.nz/>



Manawa Karioi Ecological Restoration Project is one of Wellington's oldest reforestation projects and is on land that is part of Tapu Te Ranga Marae in Island Bay.

The name of the Marae was taken from Tapu Te Ranga Island, the island from which the name Island Bay is derived.

In the late 1970s, Tapu Te Ranga Trust had been established and building construction was well underway.

In 1987, the Sisters of Compassion asked the Tapu te Ranga Trust if it would like to add the hillside and adjacent areas to the Marae and, if so, what it would be used for.

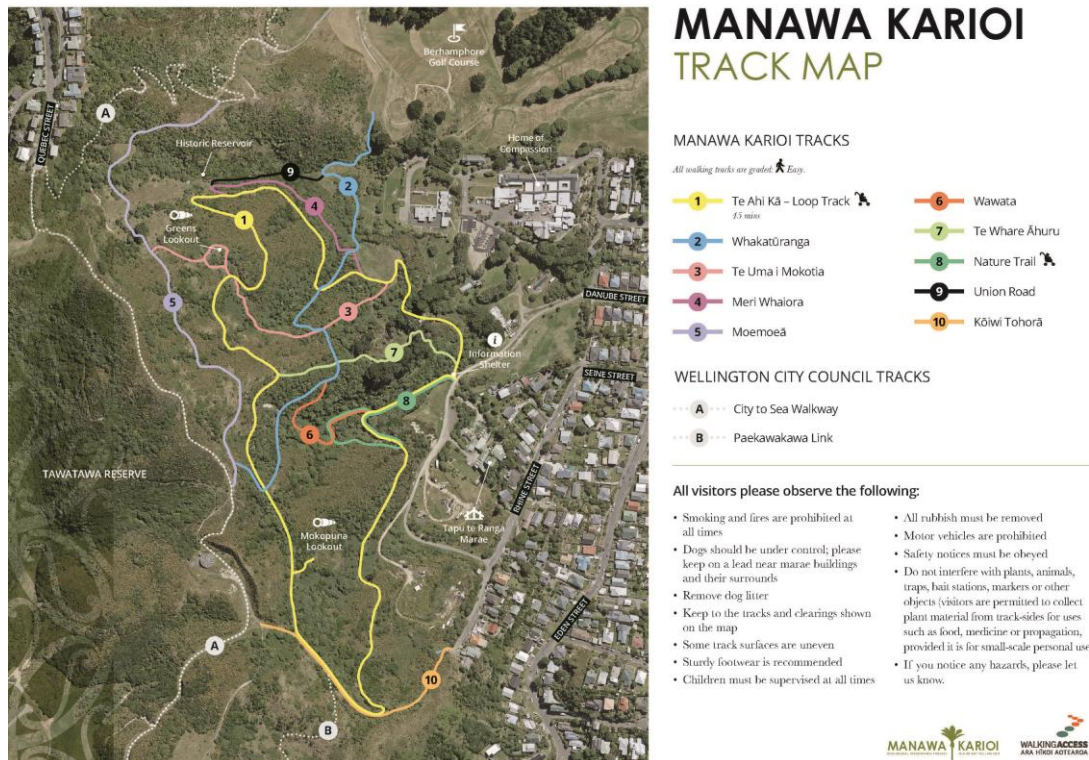
The Trust had already considered the idea of forest returning to the hillsides and replied that most of the land would be a “bush and bird reserve” and that Marae facilities would be developed on the remaining portion.

The Sisters of Compassion enthusiastically supported this vision and arrangements were soon made for the Trust to purchase the land by way of regular payments.

In the spirit of Pope John Paul II's new millennium initiative of inviting wealthy people and countries to write off debts owed to them by the poor, the Sisters of Compassion wrote off the remaining debt owed by Tapu Te Ranga Trust.

In June of 2019, there was a devastating fire at the Marae destroyed the main building.

This 30-year-old restoration project is one of the oldest restoration projects in Wellington and many hands have planted the trees, weeded the gorse, cut the scrub, cleared the tracks, nurtured the seedlings and most importantly enjoyed seeing the forest and birds return over these years.

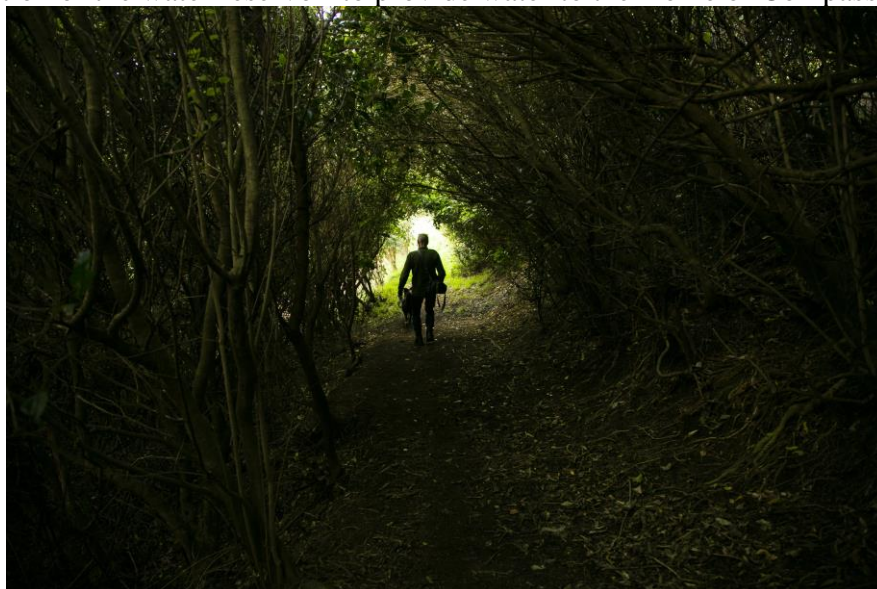


Manawa Karioi is run by the Manawa Karioi Society (a registered charitable trust) with the full support of Tapu te Ranga Marae and they work in direct consultation with the whanau.

Dogs and dog walkers are welcome to Manawa Karioi. It is a great place to walk a dog and explore the great networks of tracks.

Union Road

Union Road is a historic track built about 100 years ago to provide access for the construction of the water reservoir to provide water to the Home of Compassion.



Union Road

Home of Compassion Reservoir

One of the controls in the event was the site of a historic reservoir.

<https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/the-little-water-a-history-of-the-compassion-reservoir/> - 1923



Volunteers for Reservoir work



The finished reservoir

Tawa tawa

Tawa tawa leaves benefits, Tawa tawa leaves for high blood Pressure, Tawa tawa leaves for anti diuretic, Tawa tawa leaves as Antibacterial, Anti-fungal, and Ameba Agent, Tawa tawa leaves for GI tract, Tawa tawa leaves contain relaxing agent, Tawa tawa leaves Increases Platelet Production, Tawa tawa leaves for Dengue Fever, Tawa

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<https://nz.video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=tawa+tawa&type=E211NZ413G0#id=2&vid=a8c2db576775b63bdb9e456b2adf95a0&action=view>

<https://agrario.com/medicinal-plants/tawa-tawa-medicinal-uses-benefits-and-side-effects/>



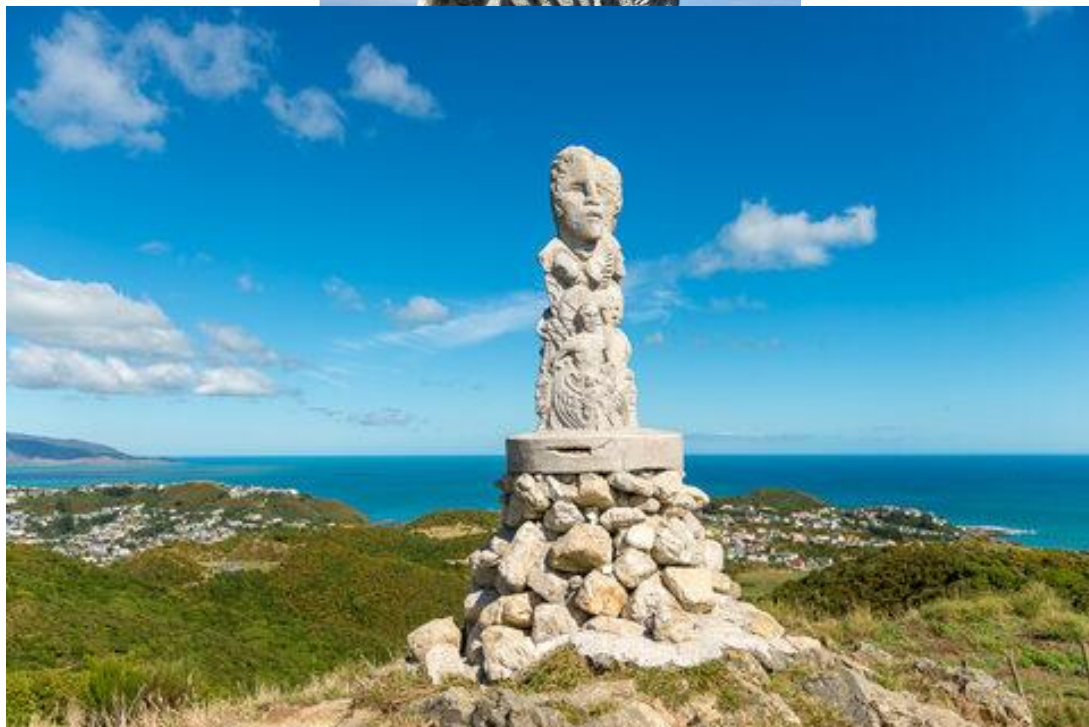
Pouwhenua of Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata

Another control site was very near the Pouwhenua.

<https://tawatawa.nz/te-pouwhenua/>

“It was blowing hard when we pulled Te Pouwhenua up the final ramp — we set them in place — Te Rauparaha was looking out to Kāpiti and Te Rangihaeata was looking out to Tapu Te Ranga Motu. As soon as the Pou was in its place the wind dropped — it was so sudden it was spooky.”

At the highest point in the Reserve stands Te Pouwhenua (a carved pillar or Pou) bearing the faces of Te Rauparaha and his nephew Te Rangihaeata.



Tawatawa Bush Reserve

64-hectare nature reserve in South Wellington.

Nestled between Kingston and Ōwhiro Bay, Tawatawa Reserve features regenerating native bush, wetlands, walking and biking tracks, a native tree nursery and an off-leash dog exercise area.

<https://tawatawa.nz/>



<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/outdoors/parks-and-reserves/city-and-suburban-reserves/tawatawa-reserve>

Paekawakawa Bush Reserve

<https://places.nz/12957>

City to Sea Walkway

https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attraction_Review-g255115-d2645601-Reviews-City_To_Sea_Walkway-Wellington_Greater_Wellington_North_Island.html



Berhampore Golf Course

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/sports/berhampore-golf-course>



Disc Golf

<https://udisc.com/courses/berhampore-hills-disc-golf-d1qb>



Liardet and Macalister Parks

<https://www.facebook.com/macalisterandliardetstreet/>



Historical Photo of the Parks

Dog Exercise Area

<https://wellington.govt.nz/dogs-and-other-animals/dogs/exercise-areas/maps>



Wakefield Park, Adelaide Road, Berhampore

Football, cricket, softball, artificial all-weather sportsfields, play area, changing rooms
- and now orienteering!

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/sports/sportsgrounds/sportsground-locations>

Map Cartoons:



Terrible Maps

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Cat Earth Theory

THE WORLD IS A CAT

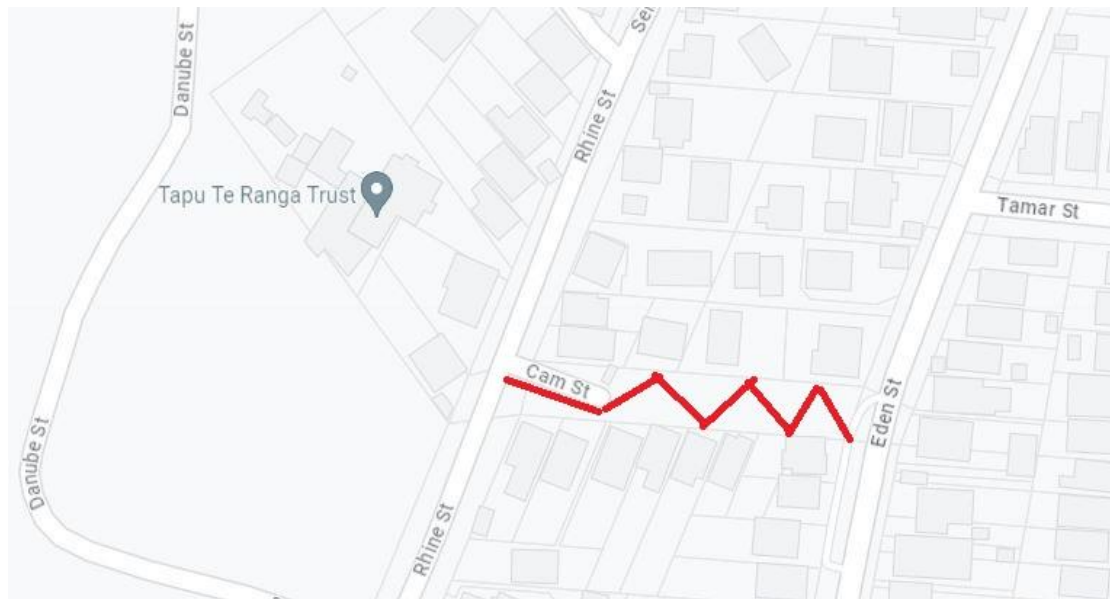


PLAYING WITH AUSTRALIA



The above reminds of a sign I came across in the Maori reserve: 'You are here' (with no corresponding map)





Reality check on my car navigation – it wanted me to turn left from Eden St into Cam St – but it was a narrow steep footpath.