

Recreational Assessment: Matheson Bay, Rodney Local Board



Site Description and Use

Matheson Bay Reserve is a busy coastal reserve, that is visitor destination in summer. The beach front area of the reserve outlined blue in the adjacent Map includes picnic areas, playground, toilet/changing facilities, carparking and a swimming pontoon, that all contribute to Matheson Bay being a popular beach destination.

The Kohura stream gully that leads away from the beach is popular with visitors and locals, as a recreational trail and off-road walking access to the beach, there is also a viewing platform which provides significant views of waterfalls and pools in the stream.

Management Plan 1998

The Management Plan sets out the key outcomes for the reserve and highlights the need to cater for visitor pressure over summer while maintaining the natural and historic character of the reserve. The Management Plan includes a development plan the summarises the outcomes sought for the reserve.

Key Active Volunteer Groups & Stakeholders

There is an active community group Matheson Bay Neighbourhood association that has historically managed the reserve gates and has been involved in track upgrades and weed control. The group has also expressed interest managing PTA stations

Mana Whenua

Te Kawerau Ā Maki, Ngati Manuhiri

Volunteer Hours

8, this is expected to increase over the next 12 months

Service Outcome Statement

Matheson Bay provides a mixture of coastal and bush experiences that make it a visitor destination It is important to maintain and enhance the character of the reserve so that the iconic New Zealand beach experience can be experienced by visitors.

Recreational Value Score = **High**

Service Outcomes:

1. **Retain and enhance access to the facilities that provide for visitors to the beach; including access to open grass areas for picnicking and overflow car parking.**
2. **Retain and enhance the connection along Kohura Stream between Leigh Road and the beach reserve.**
3. **Maintain the views and recreational experiences provided through the Kohura Stream Gully**



Site Description
 Kowhai Park is separated by a stream from State Hiway One on its western border, there are two bridges on the walking tracks that cross the stream. The Eastern edge of the reserve connects to a housing development and a retirement village. Recreational trails run north to south through the reserve linking the main entrance with the residential properties and there are plans for a future link to the Warkworth Showgrounds to the North. The reserve also has several historical sites, including the ruins of a lime kiln.

The reserve carpark has a dump station for motor homes and picnic area for visitor and people travelling on state Hiway one

Management Plan 2001
 The management plan identifies the key pedestrian link between Warkworth Town centre and the recreational facilities at the Warkworth showgrounds, as well as the recreational value provided by the trails and the passive recreation provide by the picnic area at the front of the reserve.

Network Connections Plan - Greenways
 Identified as a greenway connection in the Puhoi to Parkiri Greenways Plan map 4.

Key Reserve and Local Linkages
 The reserve has key connections between the residential area to the east and the Warkworth Town centre to the south. There are also plans for a new connection to the Warkworth showgrounds to the North

Key Active Volunteer Groups & Stakeholders
 Warkwoth Lions – Track improvements
 Warkwoth War On Weeds- plant pests

Mana Whenua
 Ngati Manuhiri

Volunteer Monthly Hours
 48

Service Outcome Statement
 Kowhai Parks has two very active volunteer groups and provides a key active transport link between the Showgrounds town centre and residential area. It also provides passive recreation and picnic areas to visitors to Warkwoth and people traveling north on State Hiway One.

Recreational Value Score = **High**

Service Outcomes:

1. Maintain and enhance the walking trails to provide for active transport and recreational walking, connections between the town centre, residential development and showgrounds are critical.
2. Provision of a passive recreation and associated amenities are to be retained at the front of the reserve.
3. The experience provided by the recreational walking trails though established native bush and historic sites is retained and improved.



Site Description

Martins Bay Reserve is made up of three distinct parts. The Martins Bay Holiday Park which has over 200 hundred tent and caravan sites as well as some cabins. The native bush and wetlands at the rear of the reserve there are some walking tracks through this are that allow visitors to experience native bush. Finally, the foreshore area with a boat ramp, playground, changing and toilet farcalities, basketball court and public carparking. The remainder of the reserve is subject to a legacy grazing arrangement.

Management Plan 2002

The management plan focuses on enhancing the native bush area and maintaining and improving the campground and the general recreational value and amenity of the main public reserve area.

Network Connections Plan - Greenways

There are some opportunities for connection identified in the Puhoi to Parkiri Greenways Plan p. 72

Key Reserve and Local Linkages

There is a pedestrian link to Scandretts Regional park along the foreshore to the North East and with the batch community to the South

Key Active Volunteer Groups & Stakeholders

The Auckland Council Holiday Places Team

Mana Whenua

Ngati Manuhuri

Volunteer Monthly Hours

0

Service Outcome Statement

Martins Bay is a holiday destination. Many visitors enjoy the activities and experience provided by the beach front reserve. The boat ramp and water access for recreation alongside the natural character of the location are the main experiences sought by visitors. The area of bush and associated walking tracks adds to the rural and natural experience. The Holiday Park allows for more people to experience the location.

Recreational Value Score = **Medium**

Service Outcomes:

1. Natural charter of the reserve is protected and visitor's ability to connect with nature through walking tracks is maintained.
2. The recreational opportunities provide by the beach front reserve are improved to provide the best possible experience for all visitors.
3. The Holiday Park operation is supported and Martins Bays Reserve continues to be highly attractive to visitors.



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Parry Kauri Park

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Site Description

Parry Kauri Park is an increasingly popular visitor destination, with an active community run museum. There is a well-formed car park with a public toilet and walking tracks and viewing platforms providing access to native bush and two significant Kauri trees. The reserve is approximately 40% bush and is a good example of remnant and regenerating native ecosystem.

Management Plan 2001

The Management plan highlights the need to manage the significant Kauri, but also identifies the visitor experience and museum key parts of the reserves future

Network Connections Plan - Greenways

Parry Kauri Park is on an existing greenway route identified in the Puhoi to Parkiri Greenway Plan Map 4.

Key Reserve and Local Linkages

There is a driveway linking the reserve carpark and Museum with Thompson Road. There are also existing loop tracks with the reserve in area 1.

Key Active Volunteer Groups & Stakeholders

The Kauri Bushman's Association
 Warkwoth Museum- Lease Holder

Mana Whenua

Ngati Munuhiri

Volunteer Monthly Hours:

38

Service Outcome Statement

The Reserve is a destination for local and international visitors who want to see mature Kauri. The well-formed car park, picnic areas and public amenities provide an attractive are for passive recreation. The Museum also attract visitors a has a key educational role providing information on the history of the area.

Recreational Value Score = **Medium**

Service Outcomes:

1. The ability for visitor to experience remnant native bush and view mature Kauri should be maintained and enhanced.
2. Access to the reserve for passive recreation is maintained
3. The Museum activities continue to be supported.