

## Whakanewha Mountain Bike Trails Proposal from Waiheke Mountain Bike Club

### **Background:**

- Whakanewha campsite is only public campsite in west of island – a great resource.
- 8km+ of intermediate and advanced MTB trails in neighbouring sports park
- There is demand for intermediate and family mountain bike trails within Whakanewha
- Campsite is primary destination within reserve – start/finish point for trails

### **Objectives:**

- Provide family and intermediate MTB options leading from Whakanewha campsite
- Link Whakanewha campsite to 8km of MTB intermediate and advanced trails in Onetangi Sports Park
- Restrict MTB use of other walking trails

### **Proposal:**

- Staged implementation – from easy wins to full network linking to Rocky Bay, Sports Park, Trig Hill
- Shared responsibility for implementation – with MTB club building new single trail (1-4) and Council refining existing trails/building new family trails (A-D).

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### **Stage 1 – basic intermediate circuit linking to sports park:**

- 1 – 500m of new single track MTB trail linking Tarata Track with central track
- A – Tarata track refined to be suitable for shared MTB/Walker use – remove/bypass steps, traffic calming where necessary.

### **Stage 2 – link to campsite and Rocky Bay:**

- 2 – 1500m of new single track MTB trail linking Central Track to campsite via depot
- B – Coastal track to Omiha Road refined to be suitable for shared MTB/Walker use remove/bypass steps, traffic calming where necessary.

### **Stage 3 – establish family track:**

- 3 – Shape MTB track on central track to improve rideability
- C – Create low-gradient (<10%) 3m wide linkage between Dotties Lane and Cathedral Track to link family track to Gordon's Road, including possible wetland loop..

### **Stage 4 – the icing on the cake:**

- 4 – Upgrade cross-island track to shared MTB/walker standard
- D – Build 3m wide boardwalk around rocks from campsite to main beach to enable family biking from campsite to family track network









