

Waitakere Ranges Regional Park

The Waitakere Ranges Regional Park has been built up over more than 100 year period by land purchases, vesting and gifts. It includes land purchased by Auckland City Council for water catchment purposes and land gifted to, or otherwise progressively acquired by, the Auckland City Council and Auckland Regional Council for reserve purposes. It includes land progressively acquired by the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park Board, which was established as a result of the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park Act 1941, to create a scenic park as a memorial to 100 years of settlement and progress in Auckland. In 2008 the national significance of the Waitākere Ranges and the regional park was recognised in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act. The regional park makes up 60 per cent of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

The bulk of the park contains land held and managed in terms of the Local Government Act, 2002. A smaller proportion (approximately 17 per cent) of the land area is held and administered under the Reserves Act 1977, including land at Cascades-Kauri, Cornwallis, Lake Wainamu, Pae o Te Rangi, Parau and Whatipu. This places additional management obligations in relation to administering this land classified as recreation, scenic and scientific reserves under that Act. The entire park is now managed by the Auckland Council under the Regional Parks Management Plan 2010 (RPMP).

The RPMP sets out how the council will manage the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park as part of Auckland's regional parks network over the next 10 years. The RPMP guides the council's day-to-day and long term management the regional parks and sets a context for their future use. The plan outlines how the parks will manage all aspects of the regional parks; from conserving natural and cultural features, to managing recreation and supporting community involvement. It explains to the public and guides staff on how management decisions will be made.

The Regional Parks Management Plan 2010 contains two volumes:

Volume 1: management policies

Volume 1 provides the overview and strategic direction for the regional parks. This volume describes the regional parks network and each park within it, and how they will be managed. It covers:

- An overview of the role and purpose of regional parks, and the high-level management principles and framework that will be used to ensure an integrated management approach across the network.
- General management policies for the 23 regional parks covered by the plan which outline:
 - how the parks natural and cultural values will be managed,
 - recognition of the relationship of tangata whenua to the park land,
 - sustainable management,
 - how recreation and other activities will be provided for across the network and in each park, including the infrastructure to support this.
 - the provision of park infrastructure and facilities, and
- Specific management policies for each of the regional parks, including a park vision and the programmes that will be completed over the next 10 years. **The section relating to the Waitakere Ranges can be found Chapter 17.19.**

Take this link to read the [RPMP 2010 volume 1: management policies](#).

Volume 2: maps

The maps contained in volume 2 illustrate:

- the location of significant natural, cultural heritage, and geological features,
- the location of existing and proposed park infrastructure,
- the location of specific management programmes for each regional park (as described in volume 1, part 17).

Maps 19.1 to 19.20 cover the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park

Take this link to read the [RPMP 2010 volume 2: maps](#).