

Akatarawa Forest



Motorised Recreation Activities



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Motorised recreation vehicles include four wheel drives (4WD), "side by side" light utility vehicles, trailbikes, quadbikes and high powered electric bicycles (see Land Transport Act).

The forest is managed as a future water supply area and for recreation and plantation forestry. Motorised recreation activities are restricted to designated roads, tracks and routes. Do not ride or drive off into the forest from any of these. This is to minimise impacts on the native forest, on waterways, to reduce the spread of weeds, and for your own safety. Access to most designated roads within the plantation forests is further restricted by commercial forestry activities to permitted Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Club events on weekends only.

Motorised recreation access permits

Access permits are required for www.gw.govt.nz

- All casual and Club trail bike and quad bike rides into the forest
- Organised 4WD / "Side by side" group trips only. No casual trips are permitted. Your group must have a current ARAC (Akatarawa Recreation Access Committee) certified trip leader who will carry the access permit

Permit details are on the GWRC website: www.gw.govt.nz

Commercial activities require a concession.

To protect the forest and ensure this access continues into the future, get to know and follow the motorised recreation code. It has been developed by ARAC and GWRC.

The full version is on the ARAC website: www.arac.org.nz



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Important things to note:

- Motorised access into Puketiro and Valley View Plantation Forests is **not permitted** except as part of an organised GWRC Club event
- Track names vary. For example, Valley View Road is shown as Three Skulls Road on the LINZ Topo50 map, while Air Strip Drive is shown as Goat Hill Road
- All the formed Perhams Road side tracks and all power pylon access roads are permitted to be used. Some are not able to be shown on the maps
- Periodic track closures occur throughout the forest for events and for management purposes such as environmental protection, safety, storm damage or fire risk
- On or off-road racing, scrambling, motocross, and competitive riding or driving is not permitted anywhere in the forest at any time, without an event concession

Remember — all tracks and roads are shared

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Motorised Recreation Code

**KEEP LEFT
TWO-WAY
TRAFFIC**

Be responsible

- Obey signs and rules. Carry a current GWRC access permit
- Keep to the designated roads, tracks and routes
- Protect the environment. Clean your equipment before entering the forest, don't damage the bush and take rubbish back out
- Report hazards, or any vandalism and other bad behaviour
- Stay out of private property – or get the owner's permission first

Think Safety

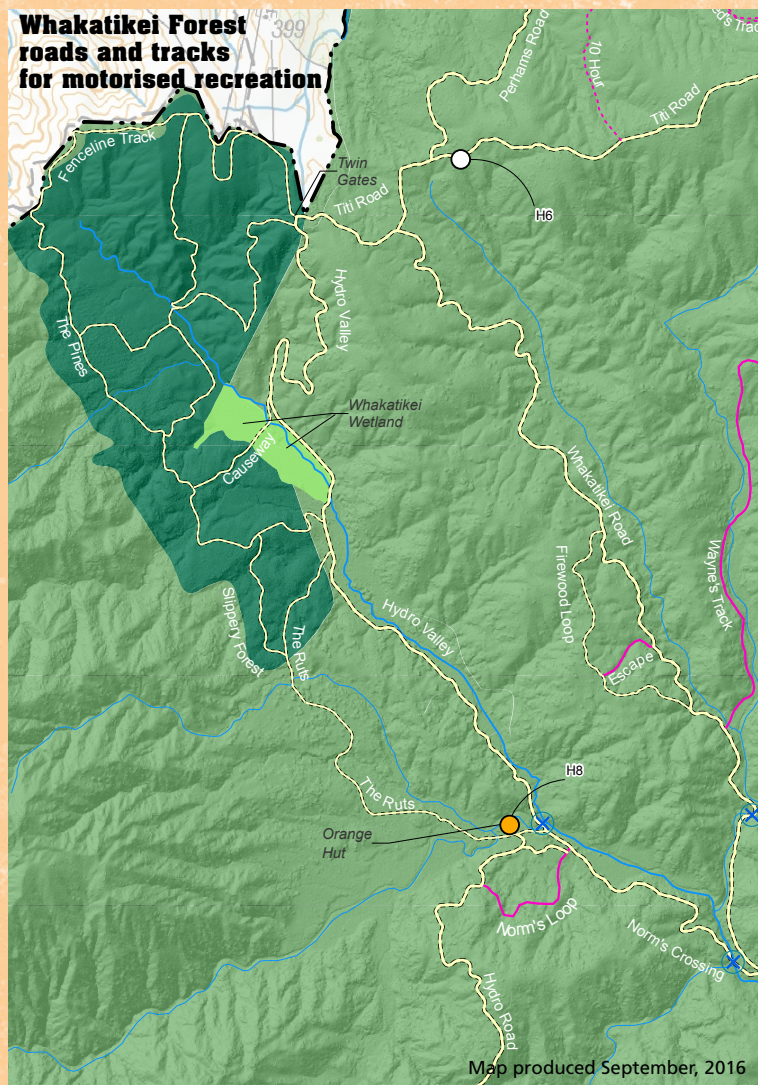
- Drive to the conditions, do not exceed 30kph
- Be prepared to give way. Always expect someone to be coming around the next corner
- Pass walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers at walking speed

Be well prepared

- Let others know your intended forest routes and estimated time of return
- Cellphone coverage is very limited. Take other emergency communication equipment
- Be well equipped – carry a first aid kit, map and compass, breakdown tools, tow rope, food and drink
- Be prepared for rapid weather changes and rapid flooding of river crossings. Carry warm clothing. Use approved safety gear
- Keep vehicles well maintained – and with effective mufflers
- Travel in groups and with experienced people – in case you have an accident and to avoid getting lost



Whakatikei Forest roads and tracks for motorised recreation



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