



Forest Lands Weekly Event Calendar
Friday 17th September 2021

Akatarawa Forest

1080 applied keep dogs out Karapoti Gorge Road closed to all vehicle access due to road wash out collapse

While we are at alert level 2, motorised recreation and hunting has resumed. Adhere to social distancing, hand hygiene, gatherings of no more than 10 people. 4WD trips to use contact tracing of all participants on trips. If unwell stay home.

Under Alert Level 2 forestry harvesting operations will resume including trucking, logging areas remain off limits during this time.

Transpower contractors will be operating in Puketiro.

Northpower pylon refurbishment will resume along Hydro Valley and Hydro road.

**Active logging areas remain off limits to all recreation. Adhere to signage.
Clearys road from Wainui stream to Cooks Ridge junction closed to all vehicles**

Current:

- **Hydro Road , Zig Zag tree blocking road Puketiro side**
- **Any incidents resulting in fire or potential for fire are to be reported immediately Call 111**
- **Rock Garden experienced 4WD drivers only due to difficult terrain**

- **Caution is required when driving on all the forests roads. Hazards may include fallen trees, washouts debris and slips.**
- **Speed Limit on Forest Roads 30km/h**
- **Devils Staircase/Rock Garden route difficult terrain experienced trail/quad riders only**
- **Extra care needed when using all ford crossing**

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1. Saturday 18 th September 2021 – Sunday 19 th September 2021	CCVC	John Parfitt	10 x 4WD	Club Trip	Totara Park Gate, Valley View Rd, Airstrip Dr, Woolshed Rd, McGhies Bridge, Hukinga Rd, Cedarholm Rd, Deadwood Ridge, 3rd Crossing, Pram Track, Whakatike Rd, Titi Rd, Perhams Rd, Twin Gates, Hydro Valley Rd, Orange Hut, Hydro Valley, Toi Toi Rd, Rimu Rd, Long Crossing, Pram Track, Valley View Rd, Totara Park Gate.
2. Saturday 18 th September 2021 – Sunday 19 th September 2021	Wellington Family 4WD Club	Marcus Steeneken	10 x 4WD	Club Trip	Cooks Gate, Puketiro, Hydro, Cleary's, Rimu, The Ruts, Slippery Forest, Whakatiki, Pram Track, Valley View, Clarks Creek, Totara Park
3. Saturday 18 th September 2021 – Sunday 19 th September 2021	Kapi Mana Motorcycle Club	Murray Dick	10 x Motorcycles	Club Trip	Puketiro Rd, Horse Track, Cooks Ridge, Clearys, Rimu Rd, Toitoti Rd, Hydro Rd, 257, Bush Track, Blowfly Rd, Puketiro Rd
4. Saturday 18 th September 2021 – Sunday 19 th September 2021	CCVC	Neil Blackie	10 x 4WD	Club Trip	Totara Park gate, Valley View, McGhie's Bridge, Hukinga, Deadwood Ridge and return. Recce to check for trees down prior to later trip.

Akatarawa Forest Block

- Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest.
- **Whakatikei wetland closed to all motorised recreation users.**

Notice of possum control using 1080 baits applied by helicopter.

Possum control has been undertaken within the Akatarawa Forest to protect the vulnerable ecosystems

Control was undertaken on 2 July using 1080 pellets which were distributed by helicopter at the rate of 2 kg/ha throughout the forest. The 1080 pellets are cereal based, approximately 30mm long, 20mm diameter and dyed green.

Do not take your dog into the Forest as they are very susceptible to 1080 poison, either eating 1080 baits or possum carcasses.

The Forest is now closed for four months to all pig and deer hunting. Hunters will be notified when they can re-enter the park under permit conditions.

We will be monitoring baits and possum carcasses. When they have decomposed and provide no further risk normal use of the Forest can resume, this is likely to take four to six months. When no risk is present, Greater Wellington will remove the 1080 warning signs.

For further information a fact sheet that includes a map of the operational area can be found online at www.gw.govt.nz/1080ops/ and information regarding the use of 1080 can be found at www.1080facts.co.nz/

Visitors to the Park are requested to follow the precautions listed below.

Precautions:

Toxic baits and possum carcasses are dangerous, particularly to children and dogs.

- Children should be kept under strict supervision in the operational area.
- **Do not handle 1080 baits.**
- Dogs should be kept under strict control at all times and not have access to, or be taken into the operational area as they are particularly susceptible to 1080 baits and poisoned carcasses.
- The taking of feral game (pigs and deer) for consumption is to be avoided until further notice.

Metro Plantation Forestry Akatarawa

Fire Danger

There are to be no fires lit and no cigarette smoking within the exotic forest estate. Any fires need to be reported to the Forest360 forest manager immediately after calling 111

Puketiro Forest

- Please note the radio frequency in this forest. All users must have FOMS1 for
- SRG Global will be undertaking works on the pylons in Puketiro forest over the next month
- Comvita now have Hives throughout Puketiro Forest

Whakatikei Forest

- Planting operations underway and expected to continue until around 10/9/21

Valley View Forest

Please note the radio frequency change in this forest. All users must now have FOMS1 for communicating.

- Logging operations to commence in Lindsays block over the next week in Spring Road. Obey operational signage.
- Logging operations to cease in Cruiser drive in the next 2 weeks with post harvest works still to complete, Stay out of this area for the mean time please.

Radio communication on these roads at all times



Cruiser Drive Harvesting

Metro Plantation Forestry Pakuratahi

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Mangaroa Forest

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**The speed limit in the Forests is 30kph
Please ensure that you obey this limit.
Not all vehicles are equipped with radios –
Drive to stop in half the clear distance ahead
All vehicles must have headlights on in forest**

**BEWARE OF MOUNTAIN BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS ADJACENT TO
LOGGING ROADS**

All vehicles MUST give way to loaded logging trucks



Pakuratahi Forest Weekly Calendar
Friday 17
th September 2021

Date	Organisation	Contact	Vehicles	Activities	Areas to be used
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Pakuratahi Forest

- Greater Wellington Regional Council Rangers will be on Duty throughout the Forest.
- **Back Road is Closed due to a culvert blow out**

KNE Feral Ungulate Hunting Schedule Akatarawa and Pakuratahi Forests

Akatarawa Forest Block

- 21-28 Feb 2022
- 6-15 March 2022
- 10-13 May 2022
- Maungakotukutuku Forest Goat control planned, near adjoining KCDC land

Pakuratahi Forest

- 21-28 November 2021
- 6-15 March 2022
- 10-13 May 2022
- Aerial shooting 9-15 Feb 2022