



BATTLE HILL FARM FOREST PARK

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: Creepy Crawly Critters, 2 x 4WD Sunset Tours, Eat, Drink and Be Crafty fair, Farm to Coast, Habitat for Humanity 4WD Fundraising event, Battle Hill History Walk, Porirua Grand Traverse
- A number of schools, playcentres, holiday programmes and other children's groups such as the Wellington Deaf Children's Assn visited the park for activities including educational talks, stream studies, camping, cross country running and orienteering
- The Belmont Keas held a picnic and activity day which 120 people attended while the Titahi Bay Keas had 40 people attend a walk. Overnight camps were held by several local scout and guide groups from Karori to Raumati including volunteer efforts from the Vic Rovers
- A large number of horse events were held and Federated Farmers ran a farm open day
- An area on the valley floor next to the bush remnant was planted by school groups to celebrate Arbor Day

Environment

- The bush reserve was grid-searched for pest plants to maintain progress made in eliminating holly and hawthorn from the area

- Possums and rats were controlled in the native bush remnant through refilling bait stations every four months. This work was completed by volunteers, as was mustelid trapping throughout the park. Their tally was 2 weasels, 26 stoats, 42 rats and 45 hedgehogs. Rodent tracking results in November showed rats to be at 0%

General

- The septic drainage field in the Dell area has been upgraded
- The park was used by film crews – one crew filmed part of 'Tangiwai' in the front paddocks and the cottage, and Transmission Gully was used for three days by a student filmmaker
- The farm lease has been renewed for another five years



Arbor Day saw 700 plants put in the Bush Reserve by 100 students and adults

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