

# Makara Peak



## Facilities



Bus



Lookout



Parking



Toilets



Walking tracks



Mountain bike park



## Highlight

Enjoy some of the best mountain bike tracks in the region, suitable for all ability levels. Utilise the 24 km (approx) of tracks to explore the bush and open hilltops.

## Description, values & significance

Makara Peak has become Wellington's premier mountain biking destination and only 15 minutes from downtown Wellington. Test your skills on the three peaks in the park. Makara Peak has an active network of volunteers working to restore the native bush, control pests and provide top quality mountain biking and walking tracks. The park is an important link between Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary and Otari Wilton's Bush for native birds.

## Accessibility/How to get there/particular time of year to visit

Makara Peak is easily accessible by car or bus, located at the end of Karori. Parking is available off South Karori Road and Makara Road. Other entry points are St Albans Ave or Allington Ave.

## Threatened species/species of interest

Makara Peak's hilltops are clothed in manuka/kanuka shrub land transitioning to native tree lined gullies and on to a restored stream aquatic habitat. The park is a great example of a transitional community showing ecological succession from gorse to natives. The gorse provides a valuable nursery species protecting the native seedlings which eventually emerge above the gorse canopy, shade out and kill the gorse.

## Key threats

Key threats are from introduced pests, particularly Darwin's Barberry, gorse, tradescantia, African club moss, pigs and goats. The habitat has been extensively modified for farming in the past and is missing components of its historic biodiversity. The benefits of the efforts to reverse the damage and protect Makara Peak's ecology are now becoming evident.

## Walks (length)

Makara Peak contains 30km of tracks, with a variety of lengths.

## Walks (grade)

Contains walks and cycling tracks to suit all levels and cycling abilities with a large network of tracks which have been hand-made by the local community.

## Manager

Wellington City Council

## Protection status

Recreation Reserve

## Community Involvement

Makara Peak Supporters

## How to get there

