# Timeline - QEP horse grazing and trekking changes



2017 - 2022

Toitū Te Whenua Parks Plan vision - Restoring healthy ecosystems for the benefit of nature and people.







2017 - 30 Nov 2022 | Kāpiti Stables - five-year licence for trekking and grazing.

 $2020-Toit\bar{u}\ Te\ Whenua\ Parks\ Network\ Plan\ adopted\ by\ council\ after\ two\ years\ of\ development\ and\ consultation.$ 

The vision is 'Restoring healthy ecosystems for the benefit of people and nature'.

ALL grazing is identified as a HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITY.

 Grazing licences are a Restricted Activity (Toitū Te Whenua Appendix 3) and require detailed environmental assessments (Toitū Te Whenua Appendix 2).

(Some of the Toitū Te Whenua policies relevant to high impact activities are: 11P-20P, 39P, 42P, 73-74P and climate change polices 80-83P).

Mid 2020 – Former Farm Track opens to park visitors from Poplar Ave to Whareroa Rd.

Dec 2020 - Commercial stock grazing licensees leave Queen Elizabeth Park.

Northern part of park begins to open to public.

Nov 2021 – Work on new trails in previously farmed areas starts.

Signs, new brochures and trail maps are underway.
All new trails are 'shared-use' including horses.

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2022 - Kāpiti Pony Club licence is ongoing. Licence area relocated off wetlands and further into the park.







## 2022-2023

Fences and gate barriers are removed throughout the park enabling easy access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. 'Horse steps' are added to make mounting easy for horse riders in key locations.

#### **Early 2022**

Kāpiti Stables licence Restricted Activity process includes investigation of possible new sites for a commercial horse trekking licence on the park. The Kāpiti Stables licensee identifies issues of flooding and poor-quality pasture in the licence area they occupied via a five-year licence.

#### August 2022

Greater Wellington's assessment is completed with extensive areas of wetland and a spring identified by scientists.

### **Late September 2022**

The Kāpiti stables licence ends in late September.

Park management focus shifts to wetland restoration and the Recloaking

Papatūānuku parks restoration programme, working alongside mana whenua and others to restore the former grazed areas of the park.

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