

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Here are a few simple things you can do to protect the stunning rainforest, rugged beaches and native wildlife that surround your home.



1 Care for your kauri

Kauri is one of the world's largest and oldest tree species, but it's currently threatened by kauri dieback.

Kauri dieback isn't just a threat to one tree – it's a threat to our entire ecosystem. 17 other species are dependent on kauri, which is why Māori refer to kauri as Te Whakaruruhau (the great protector of the forest).

How can you tell if you have kauri trees on your property? And what can you do to protect them?

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2 Remove invasive weeds

It's important to keep an eye out for weeds and get rid of them as soon as you can, as they can kill native plants and spread quickly to neighbouring properties if left to their own devices.

The most destructive weeds in the Waitākere Ranges are **wild ginger, climbing asparagus, moth plant, Japanese honeysuckle and woolly nightshade**, so we suggest you start by focusing on these.

Want to check whether you have these weeds in your garden?
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3 Deal with pest animals

Pest animals are a huge threat to our ecosystem. They prey on native animals, damage native plants and spread disease.

If you live in the Waitākere Ranges, **you will have rats, possums or stoats on your property.** Rats are the most problematic pest, so setting a rat trap in your garden is one of the best things you can do.

To find out more about pest control and get help from volunteer groups in your area, head to our website:
www.livingintheranges.nz



4 Check for protected trees

Thinking of cutting down a tree on your property? It's important to check whether the tree is protected first.

If the tree is within a Significant Ecological Area or listed as a notable tree, **it can't be removed (or pruned substantially) without resource consent.**

How can you find out whether your trees are protected?
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5 Responsible pet ownership

The Waitākere Ranges is home to many rare and endangered native species, such as the tūturiwhatu (dotterel), matuku (bittern), pekapeka (bat) and moko pirirākau (forest gecko). If you live in this special environment with pets, **you have an important role to play in protecting these endangered species.**

Cats regularly catch birds, bats, lizards and wētā and have contributed to the local or complete extinction of at least nine native bird species. Dogs can be just as detrimental to native birds, even if they don't chase them. The presence of dogs can cause coastal birds to hide or abandon their nests, separating parents from their chicks.

As a pet owner, there are plenty of easy things you can do to protect our native species, such as putting a bell or ruffle on your cat and following local dog bylaws. For more information:
www.livingintheranges.nz



What else can you do to protect the ranges?

As a resident, there's so much you can do to care for our forest, rivers, coastline and wildlife. Head to www.livingintheranges.nz for more ideas.



Welcome to the Waitākere Ranges

YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING IN THE RANGES



A special welcome to the Waitākere Ranges (Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa) from Te Kawerau ā Maki (mana whenua of the Waitākere Ranges), Waitākere Ranges Local Board and Pest Free Waitākere Ranges Alliance.

Did you know that you're living in or on the fringes of a heritage area, protected by legislation? The Waitākere Ranges is home to rare native plants and wildlife, rugged coastlines, spectacular natural landscapes and many wāhi tapu (sacred sites).

We feel that those of us who have the privilege of living in this unique environment also have a responsibility to look after it. By taking a few simple steps, you can play an important role in caring for our native forest, rivers, coastline and wildlife.



WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE?

- Places to explore
- Rāhui information
- Local volunteer groups
- 5 things you should know

Want to win a PekaPeka bird feeder?

To go in the draw, scan the QR code below and complete the entry form. This form will also give you the opportunity to order FREE resources, like a cat ruffle and bell, weed control guide and heritage area information.



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DISCOVER WAITĀKERE

- Heritage Area
- Volunteer group area
- Arataki Visitor Centre
- Lopdell Precinct
- Resource collection point
- Pou Heritage Trail

Locations of landmarks shown on this map are approximate - please refer to our website for more detailed information.



Arataki Visitor Centre

Arataki is the gateway to the Waitākere Ranges. Visit the centre to gather information about walking tracks, see interesting exhibitions and take in the impressive 11m kauri pou depicting the ancestors of Te Kawerau ā Maki outside the entrance to Arataki.



Pou Heritage Trail

Pou (large significant carvings) can be found at six places throughout the forest. Each pou, handcrafted by Te Kawerau ā Maki, has been placed at significant sites, allowing you to learn about the history of the ranges as you explore each of these walking tracks.



Lopdell Precinct

Our wonderful arts and culture centre, where you'll find contemporary art exhibitions, community art projects, local theatre productions and a rooftop terrace that overlooks the Manukau Harbour.



Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act aims to protect and restore the area's heritage features. Any development, subdivision or landscaping work carried out within this area needs to be of an appropriate character, scale and intensity, and is subject to legal requirements. For more information, go to www.waitakereranges.org.nz.



- Harakeke (flax)
- Kōwhai
- Tī kōuka (cabbage tree)
- Pūriri
- Karaka
- Porokaiwhiri (pigeonwood)

Find your local volunteer group

Connect with your local volunteer group to seek advice on invasive weeds (and native plants to replace them with), get assistance with baiting or trapping pest animals, participate in community projects, access subsidised resources (like traps) and attend conservation workshops.

1 Friends of Whatipū	10 Predator Free Swanson/Waitākere	18 Friends of Pūrua
2 Karekare Landcare	11 Ark in the Park + Bufferzone	19 Waima to Laingholm Pest Free
3 Pest Free Piha	12 Kaitiaki Kitewaho	20 Restoration Ruatuna
4 Friends of Anawhata	13 Birdsong Opānuku	21 Cornwallis Petrelheads
5 Te Henga Tūturiwhatu	14 Pest Free Waiatarua	22 Huia Trapping Group
6 O'Neill's Petrel Project	15 EcoMatters	23 Oratia & Waiatarua Native Wildlife Project
7 Matuku Reserve	16 20 Acre Wood	
8 Matuku Link	17 South Titirangi Neighbourhood Network	

WEEDING TRAPPING/BAITING

Where can I walk my dog?

To protect our native species, there are rules about where you can walk your dog, which vary depending on the area, time of day and season. Visit www.livingintheranges.nz for more information.



What does the rāhui mean for me?



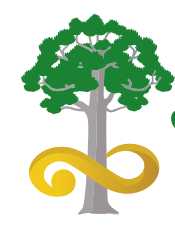
To protect the forest from kauri dieback, Te Kawerau ā Maki has placed a rāhui over the public forested areas of the Waitākere Ranges. Auckland Council has closed many tracks until they are upgraded. However, there are still plenty of beautiful tracks for you to walk on. Stay on these tracks, follow the signs and you'll be looking after the forest.



Explore the Waitākere Ranges

Head to www.livingintheranges.nz to learn more about what you can do to protect this special place.

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LIVING IN THE WAITĀKERE RANGES
our whenua, our future