

1. Documents Purpose

The aim of the document is to outline how Pan Pac provides for managed recreational activities while still managing the risks and conflicts from recreational access in an active working forest. Pan Pac must balance the management of recreational access with its Health, Safety and Environmental requirements and operations. Careful management of forest access is also necessary to control unlawful activities such as rubbish dumping, vandalism to equipment, damage to infrastructure, cultivation of drugs, theft and trespassing.

It's important to note that a clear differentiation exists between public access onto private land managed by Pan Pac and the public access easements (PAEs) which access the DOC estate through Pan Pac managed Forests. PAEs are outlined in Section 2.2 with maps in the Appendix.

2. Management of Forest Access

2.1 Hunting

- The majority of Pan Pac Forest blocks are situated on Māori lease land. Pan Pac is no longer issuing hunting or recreational access permits to members of the public or contractors for these blocks.
- Our landowners have established their own hunting clubs based on iwi affiliation and will be managing this themselves.

2.2 Public Access Easements – No Permit Required

- Public access areas - esplanade strips & reserves along some rivers, marginal strips, easements and unformed (paper) roads, exist within some Pan Pac Forests. Where these exist, for your safety please follow all signage, stay within the public access area and stay out of operational areas. The location of public access areas around New Zealand, including within some Pan Pac forests, can be found [here](#).
- Public access will be suspended during periods of high risk, such as forest operations, logging trucks, pest control, fire danger, heavy storm or extreme winds (falling trees/branches).
- Appendix 1 shows the various PAEs found throughout Pan Pac Forests.

2.3 Fire Risk

- Pan Pac takes note of the [Fire Emergency New Zealand \(FENZ\) website](#) when determining fire danger and fire behaviour within forests. The FENZ documents describe a range of measures for forest managers to adopt in response to climatic (weather) conditions to reduce the risk of fire starting and spreading. Public access to forests can be restricted at the discretion of Pan Pac to manage fire risk.

2.4 Recreation and access to Pan Pac freehold land

Mountain Biking

- Pan Pac have partnered with the Hawke's Bay Mountain Bike Club (HBMTB) and opened a set of mountain bike tracks that run right through our Tangoio Forest. This partnership provides an important social and recreational opportunity for the region.
- This purpose-built mountain bike trail is classed as one of New Zealand's premiere mountain bike parks. It boasts more than 40 km of purpose-built tracks catering for mountain bikers of all abilities on downhill and cross-country trails.

- There is 50km of single-track available as of July 2024, plus connecting forest roads. The forest is entry by permit only. Obtain your permit by joining the Hawke's Bay Mountain Bike Club Incorporated (HBMTBC). Or get a visitor permit via the [HBMTBC website](#).
- Pan Pac will consider facilitating access for other recreational activities where possible. Access is dependent on legal, safety, environmental protection and economic requirements. Access is by permit only and is at the discretion of the Forest Manager and requests can be made via the Pan Pac website.



Rock Station Walking Track

- The Rock Station Walking track at Te Pohue was established to enable the public to safely access an interesting and challenging day walk with incredible views. The loop track is approximately 7.5km long with an elevation gain of over 400m. It passes through production Forestry, regenerating native forest areas and an impressive “Rock Garden” reserve area. The track also circumnavigates a well-established QE2 Reserve. The route is mostly on formed tracks with some metaled Forestry Road surfaces and would be classed as a challenging day walk. The route is marked with poles/reflective stickers, and a KML file can be provided for a digital device. Public Access is strictly by Permit Only from Pan Pac Forest Products.

2.5 Firewood

- Due to the various health and safety issues and to ensure that fire risks are managed appropriately, Pan Pac does not issue permits to the public for cutting and gathering firewood.

2.6 Permit Management and Forest Security

- For enquiries relating to forest access and to seek a forest entry permit, Pan Pac can be contacted via [the Pan Pac website](#).
- The process for consideration of public access for recreational purposes is as follows:
 - Member of public makes access enquiry (via the Pan Pac website is preferred),
 - The access enquiry is forwarded to the Forest Manager for consideration. If the Forest Manager is not available, the enquiry will be sent to an alternative manager or, the General Manager (Forests),

- Consideration is given to the enquiry based on legal, safety, environmental protection, operational and economic requirements,
- A decision is made regarding access and a response is provided to the member of public.
- If access is granted, a permit is provided.

Appendix 1 - Maps of Public Access Easements

Lawrence Rd (Kaweka Forest)

- Vehicle access is permitted to the Kaweka Forest Park along Lawrence Road off the Napier Taihape Road. 4WD vehicles are recommended for the last 500m of road as per signage. This provides access to the Tutaekuri River and tramping tracks to Mackintosh Hut and Lotkow Road

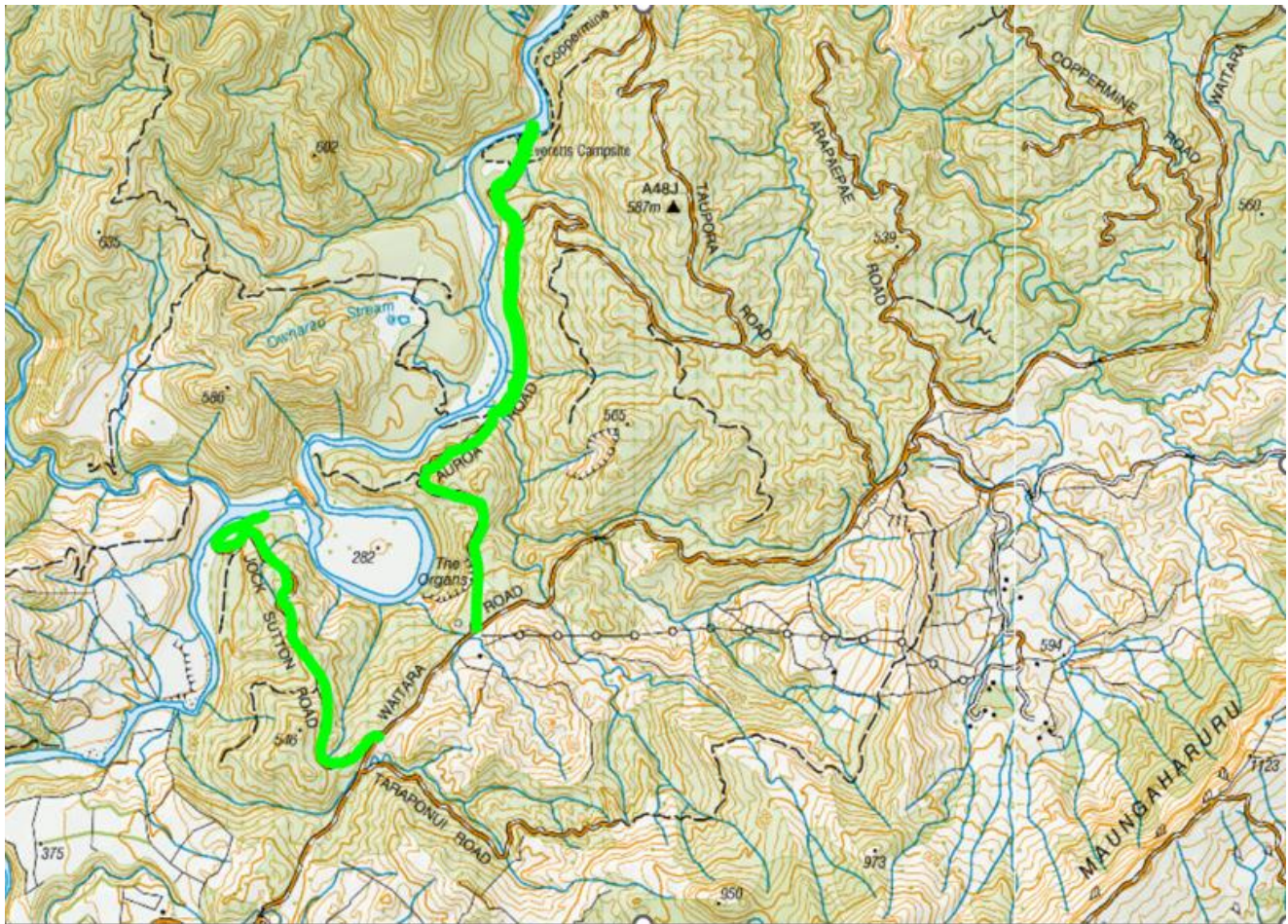
Kuripapango Road Access (Kaweka Forest)

- Vehicle access is permitted to the Kaweka Forest Park along Kuripapango Road off the Napier Taihape Road. This provides access to the Kaweka Lakes and Kuripapango (access to Kiwi Saddle Hut) tramping tracks. Further along the road is access to the Mackintosh Hut tramping track.



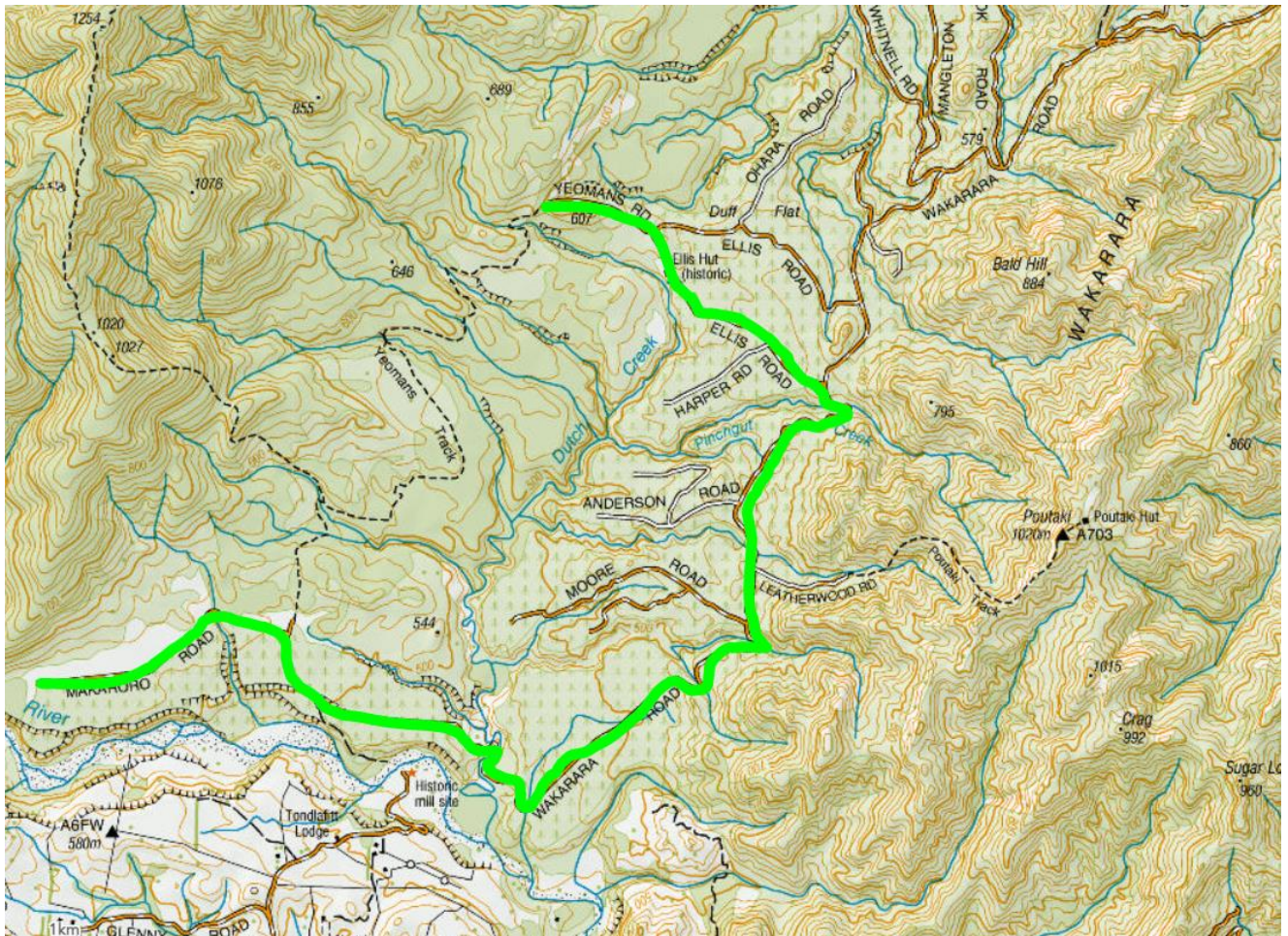
Glenfalls (Esk Forest)

2 access points exists through the Pan Pac estate down to the Mohaka River and Everetts Campsite. Note, there is a gate halfway along Aurora Road due to a large slip. Walking access only is permitted past this point



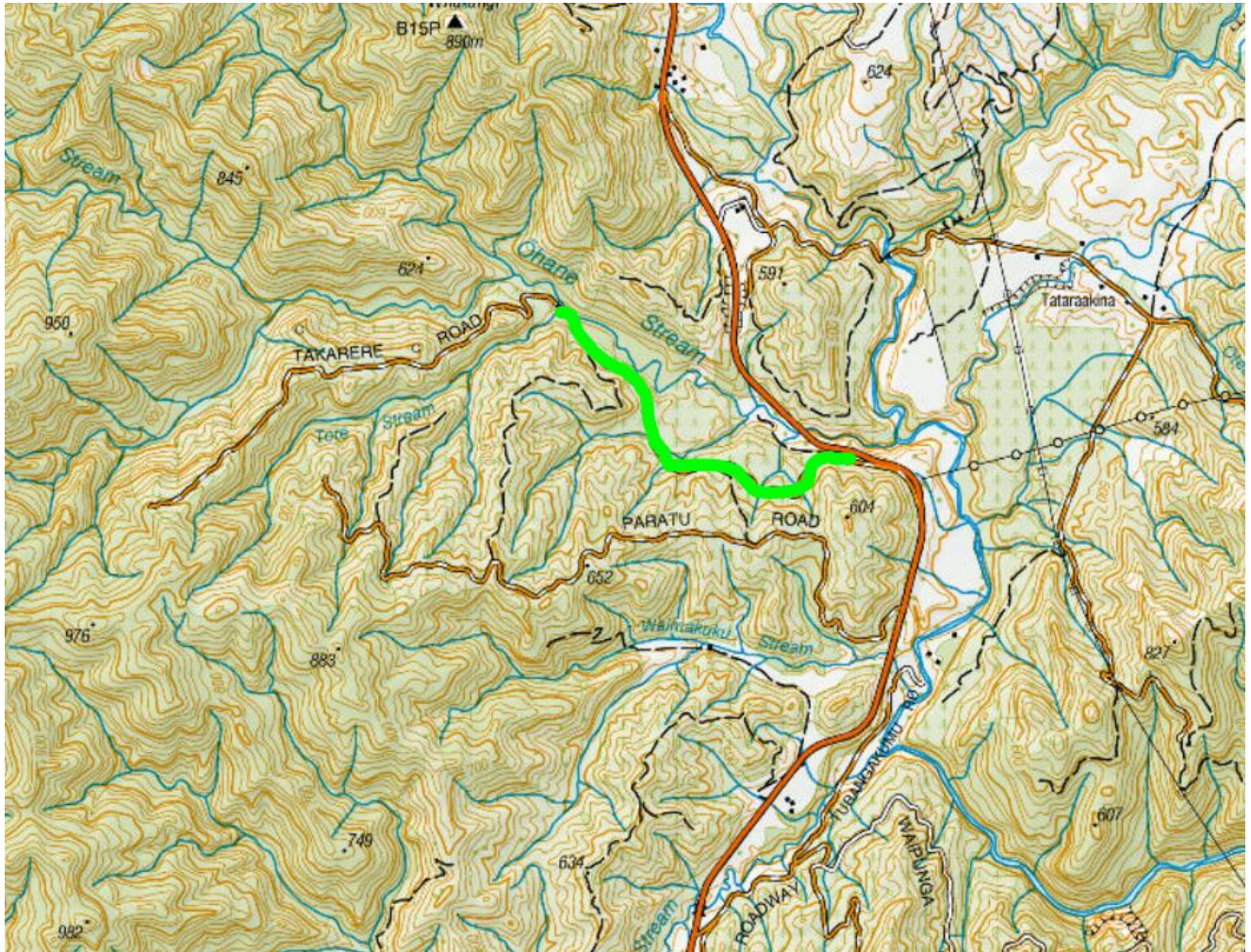
Makororo Rd - Wakarara Road – Ellis Road (Gwavas Forest)

Walking access exists from Wakarara Road (public road) which provides access to Ellis Hut and the Ruahine Forest Park.



Takarere Road – Ohane Forest Block

Vehicle access exists from SH5 into the Stoney Creek Conservation Area.



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