

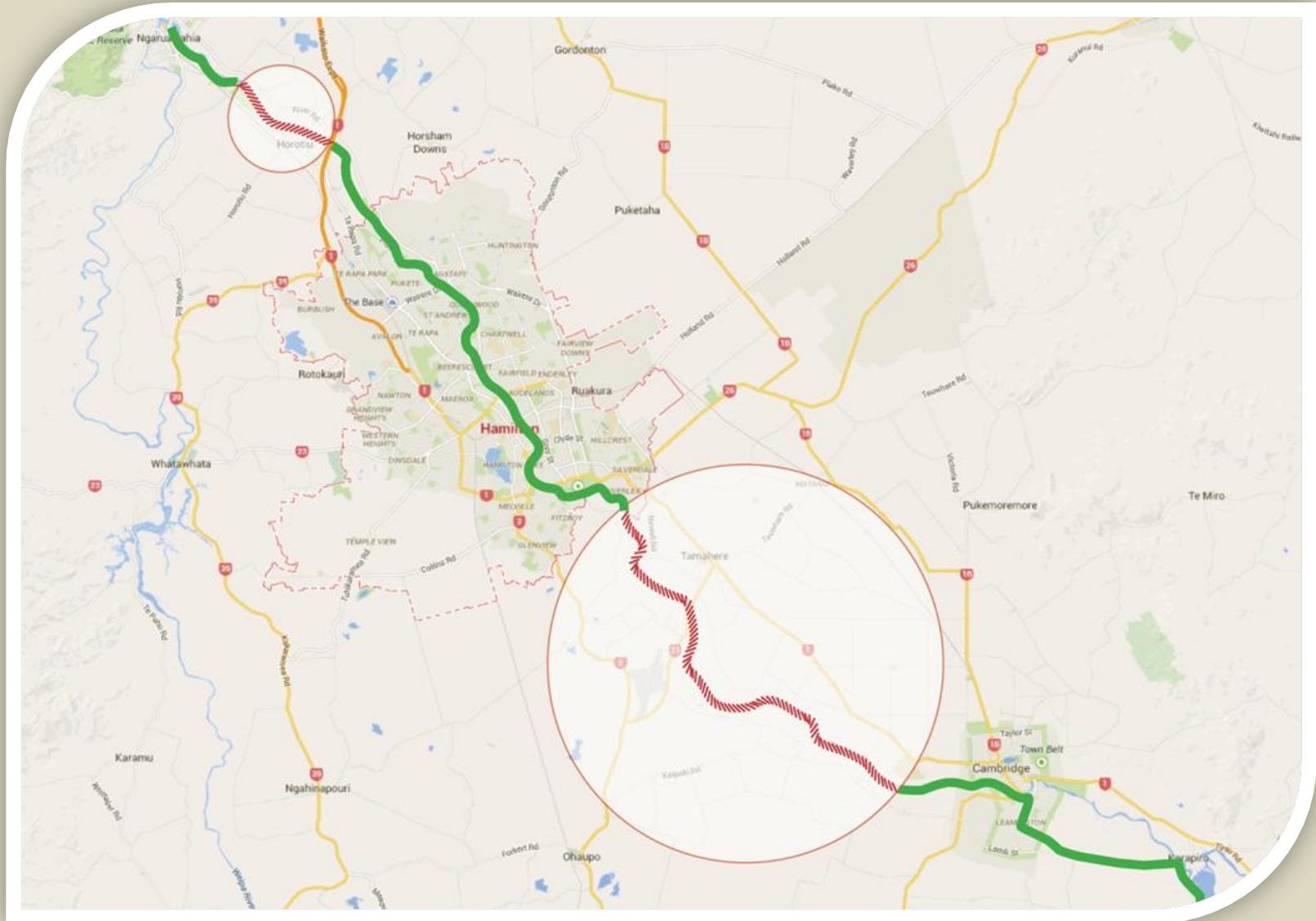


TE AWA
The Great New Zealand

RIVER RIDE

Celebrating the Waikato River by
linking community, culture and
ecology through active experiences

The Bigger Picture: A 70km Journey along the shoreline of the Mighty Waikato River



FOR OUR RECREATION

Te Awa promises to be one of New Zealand's busiest trails

» COMMUTERS

A realistic link for commuters

» VISITORS

Domestic & overseas tourists

» COMMUNITY

Out of cars and onto bikes; learning to ride in a safe and beautiful environment



40,000

AVERAGE ANNUAL
NUMBER
OF USERS ON THE
HOROTIU SECTION

30,000

AVERAGE ANNUAL
NUMBER
OF USERS ON THE
KARAPIRO SECTION

147,000

AVERAGE ANNUAL
NUMBER
OF USERS ON THE
AVANTIDROME SECTION

“The cycleway will also contribute as a healthy recreation activity in its own right, and through potential links to sports such as rowing, waka ama, cycling and multi-sport.”

Bev Gatenby, Trust Waikato



FOR OUR COMMUNITY & HERITAGE

“...an infrastructure that enables people to experience the Waikato River and the many river environments along this route that are presently unavailable”

Waikato Tainui



EVENTS

- › Tri Maori
- › Rotary
- › Rowing
- › Waka Ama
- › Many more



EDUCATION

- › School Planting Days
- › Interpretation Panels



CULTURE

- › Archeological discoveries
- › Connecting sites of significance
- › Access

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

By creating access to, and along, the Waikato River, Te Awa will encourage the protection and restoration of our region's greatest landmark

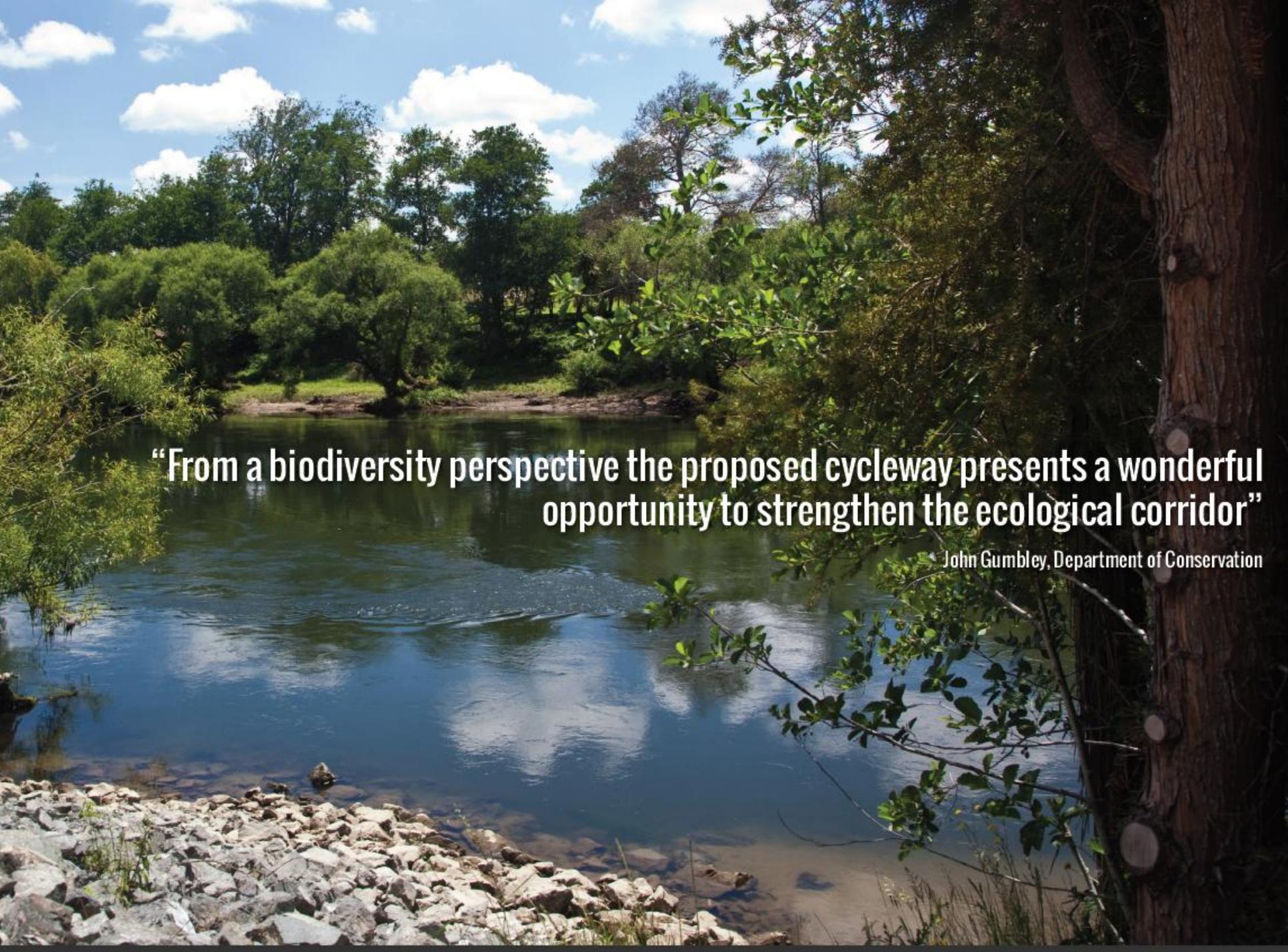
» CREATING ACCESS

Many sections of the river's edge are inaccessible, completely overgrown and under private ownership. The strong relationships held by Te Awa, are a vital first step to opening the doors that currently prevent most members of the community from accessing these sites.



Te Awa will create access to difficult riparian stretches for planting, spraying, fencing and pest control





“From a biodiversity perspective the proposed cycleway presents a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the ecological corridor”

John Gumbley, Department of Conservation

A CATALYST FOR ACTION

Te Awa will grow community awareness and be the catalyst and vehicle for restoring the Waikato River

» COLLABORATION

Te Awa is collaborating with dozens of regional and environmental organisations including schools, Iwi and other not-for-profits



“I recognise the future benefits that this collaborative project will bring not only to all communities involved, but I see it as a bigger picture of ensuring the continued efforts to restore our Waikato River to a healthy ecosystem again.”

Andrea Soanes, Waikato Regional Council Environmental Education

RAISING AWARENESS

As one of the most high-profile river projects to take place in many many years, Te Awa is already raising awareness and interest in the state of the River

Life along the river



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Mussel power

Freshwater mussels, kaeo or kakahi, help improve the Waikato River's water quality.

The mussels are partial to contaminants, including bacteria and viruses, which makes them important bio monitors and good recyclers of nutrients through the ecosystem.

Individual mussels can live as long as 30 years. Their larva, called glochidia, hitchhike on the fins, gills and body of fish making sure the mussels are widely dispersed along the river.



Long-tailed bats

They're as big as a small mouse, have oversized ears, tiny eyes and razor-sharp teeth and can fly at speeds up to 60km/hr.

Contrary to popular myth, they are not blind – in fact their small eyes allow them to see well.

Hamilton is one of a very few urban environments in New Zealand where vulnerable long-tailed bats are found. They like to be near water and are known to be at two locations along the Te Awa trail – at Hammonds Park in Riverlea and at oak fragment just north-east of Hamilton airport.

Unlike the rest of the world, New Zealand has few bat species and short-tailed and long-tailed bats are our only land mammal. They rest in old exotic or native trees and are an important part of a forest ecosystem.



Kowhai

When kowhai trees begin to bloom it's a sign to plant kumara.

The tree's pendulous yellow flowers often announce the beginning of spring and a time for tui to nestle into its nectar and imbibe of the avian mead. The birds vie for position and when some stay too long at the 'bar', fall drunkenly off their perch.

September used to be the month when the banks of the Waikato were awash with yellow and gold kowhai flowers. Land use and introduced plant species has changed this but a range of community groups and organisations plan to reintroduce kowhai along the river area as well as develop a spring kowhai festival.



» EDUCATION

Bringing people to the River and fostering understanding through interpretation panels along the route, featuring information about the river and its wildlife.

FOR OUR **ECONOMY**

\$4,160,000 The benefit to the community of converting just 1% of Vehicle Kilometres travelled in Hamilton City

The average cost saved per person of switching from driving to walking **\$1.20 per km**



» **COMMERCE**

Te Awa provides the opportunity for commercial ventures, both new and existing to benefit from the trail; Bike Hire, Cafes and Accommodation



» **TOURISM**

Te Awa will provide the link between many of our existing tourist attractions; Hamilton Gardens, Mystery Creek, The Avantidrome, Lake Karapiro



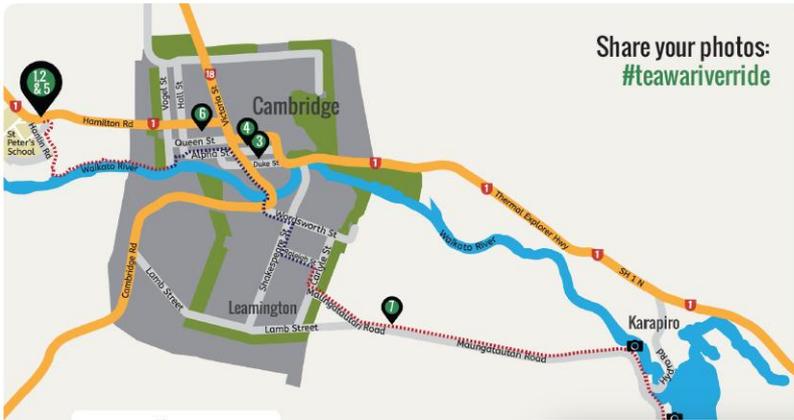
» **EMPLOYMENT**

In addition to the jobs created during the construction phase of Te Awa, employment will also be created in the food & beverage and accommodation industries

“(Te Awa) will provide opportunities for new commercial ventures to be established delivering considerable economic and social benefits to our communities”

Kiri Goulter, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism





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MAP & INFORMATION 2014/15



TE AWA IS FOR CYCLISTS & PEDESTRIANS

- Stay on the path at all times
- Keep dogs on leashes at all times
- Please collect all your rubbish
- Pedestrians always have right of way

THE DISTANT CAMBRIDGE
Walkers Allow 40 min each way

THE DISTANT KARAPIRO IS
Walkers Allow 3.5 h each way

AVANTIDROME TO KARAPIRO HIGHLIGHTS

This section of Te Awa offers something for everyone; let the kids play at the Gallagher Skills Park, have a bite to eat and then head to Lake Karapiro with your camera handy to see the stunning lake views.



1 ACTIVITY TO DO - Avantidrome

A world-class velodrome, offering high performance & community cycling programmes - there's something for everyone!
Off Hanlin Rd, SH1, Cambridge



2 ACTIVITY TO DO - Gallagher Bike Skills Park

Situated next to the Avantidrome, the Gallagher Bike Skills Park opened in April 2014 and offers a mountain skills course, pump track and junior bike skills circuit.
Off Hanlin Rd, SH1, Cambridge



3 TO EAT & DRINK - Absolute Coffee House

Absolute Coffee House is located in the back of the New World car park, with plenty of room to park your bikes. Absolutely the best cafe in Cambridge with our fresh produce from our own gardens and our award winning coffee to complete your Absolute best experience. Extensive healthy menu, fresh salads, smoothies, juices and so much more.
88 Alpha St, Cambridge



4 TO EAT & DRINK - Rouge

Rouge cafe is located at the bottom of Empire St, Cambridge. Bike racks are provided in our sunny courtyard. Enjoy fresh tasty food, delicious espresso coffee, good wine, and great service in a stylish relaxing atmosphere.
Open 7 days from 7.30am to 4pm.
11 Empire St, Cambridge



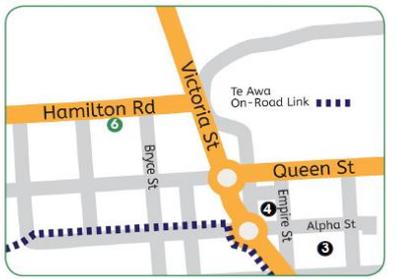
5 TO EAT & DRINK - Revolve Cafe

Enjoy a light ride on the Te Awa river trail, arriving at the foot of the cafe sipping a latte in the sun while your kids keep entertained on the Gallagher Bike Skills Park
Off Hanlin Rd, SH1, Cambridge



6 TO STAY - Captain's Quarters Motor Inn

Captain's Quarters Motor Inn is located on a back section and provides a quiet environment. The spacious units, quiet location and swimming pool provide opportunity for a relaxing stay. All units have cooking facilities and include digital/freeview TV, 6 Sky TV channels, DVD player & Free Wi-Fi.
57A Hamilton Rd, Cambridge



7 TO EAT & DRINK AND TO STAY - Sarnia Park

Sarnia Park offers luxury accommodation, refreshments & eight acres of gardens to walk in. The gardens include a man-made lake, an English garden, rose gardens, an Awanui cherry blossom lawn, a croquet lawn and an old rimu chapel. Bikes & helmets are available for guests to hire.
151 Maungatautari Road, Cambridge



Hauraki Rail Trail paved with tourism gold



SUPPLIED

The Hauraki Rail Trail is used by thousands each month.

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About 41,000 people cycled the year-old Hauraki Rail Trail this summer, and it is estimated users are generating at least \$1.8 million a month for the trail's local economies.

Latest figures from the Hauraki District Council show that in January 12,000 people pedalled the trail that runs between Kopu, just south of Thames to branch either east to Waikino via the Karangahake Gorge, or south to Te Aroha.

In February 7000 used it; 13,000 in March and 9000 in April. The figures are approximate, said the council.

Meanwhile a Waikato University study commissioned by the Hauraki Rail Trail Trust has concluded total net incremental spending generated by the trail is conservatively estimated as around \$1.8 million with a possible maximum of \$2.8m.

The mean spend per cyclist was around \$105. The report said these estimates were based on counters on the trail which also include pedestrian traffic and which can be high at some parts of the track, hence the degree of uncertainty about the spend.

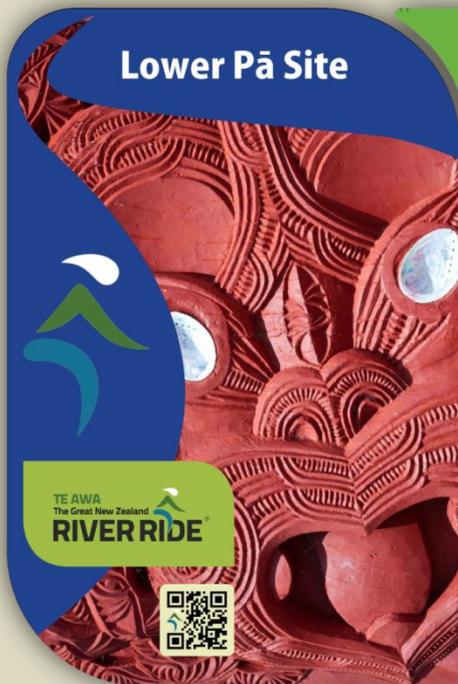
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Cultural Tourism

“We are continuously impressed by the work being completed by Te Awa alongside the Waikato River. The range of benefits that directly impacts on our people in Waikato Tainui... include cultural sites that were previously inaccessible now accessible for all to better understand our culture and history.”

Ms Keri Thompson, General Manager Ngati Haua Mahi Trust

Lower Pā Site



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Once an ancient pā this site is probably the best preserved example on this part of the Waikato.

Radiocarbon dating from archaeological excavations show the pā and its gardens were occupied around 1600AD.

The depressions and undulations on the ground show the remains of two defensive ditches with remnants of the banks on the inside of each ditch.

Imagine the ditches – each about two metres wide and deep with banks about the same height. Palisades, built at the top of the steep slopes to the Waikato River and the small stream helped defend the pā.

Depressions inside indicate food storage pits. Slight terraces on the low rise by the river are houses (whare) sites.

The pā was surrounded by approximately 18 hectares of gardens on the same river terrace and on two terraces above where kumara, taro, gourd (hue) and tropical yam (uwhe) were grown.

The large circular depressions surrounding the pā are remains of quarries. Here sand and gravel were dug and added to the soil to create a special gardening mixture.

Arikirua

Arikirua pā site was a large settlement of the Ngaati Koroki-Kahukura and Ngaati Hauaa people. It was here that both Iwi pledged their support to establish the Kingitanga (King Movement).



Tiotori and Wiremu Tamehaha and others led war parties from Arikirua and Tamahere into Hamilton to successfully defend their territory.

Chronology

1350AD - Maori settlement of Aotearoa began.

1700s - Cultivation of large fertile areas for food production in times of war and peace.

1858 - Kingitanga established with Ngaati Hauaa chief Wiremu Tamihana taking a leading role.

1863 - Land confiscation of 1.2 million acres of Ngaati Hauaa and Koroki-Kahukura land by the British Settlement Government

1890s - Flour mills and flax production export to Australia and the Americas while local produce was shipped around the country.

1995 - The Waikato Tainui Rauapu Deed of Settlement 1995 was finalised with the Crown which included acknowledgement of the illegal confiscation of land in 1863.

UMU

Evidence of Maori settlement under your feet!

Look around you!

So much of the landscape along the Waikato River has changed that its previous use by Maori isn't obvious.

Delicious cooked food straight out of the ground!



A series of umu (earth ovens, often called hangi) filled with residue of cooked food, dating around 1600, were found in the route of the cycleway.



Analysis of the food contents of the umu included: pipi and cockles brought from the coasts, fresh-water mussels from the river bank, henua, karamela and puka.

Charcoal fragments and pollen in the soil showed this was a small clearance in the forest. Stones were brought here to cook the food.



Early Maori cooked food by filling the bottom of a pit with fire-hot stones, layering sea food, meat and vegetables in kete (flax baskets), covering everything with mats and earth then soaking the ground with water and leaving for several hours to steam cook. Even today on Marae (family or tribal meeting places) food is often cooked in hangi.

While today kete have been largely replaced by wire mesh baskets and tin foil, hangi food is prepared in the same manner as in earlier times.





“... the cycleway is focused on the river... these places provide substantial points of interest along the route that serve to both stimulate the users but also, and importantly from the archaeological perspective, the chance for people to become informed about our Maori and early European heritage”

Warren Gumbley, Archaeologist

