

Have your say: Tamahere Reserve

Drop your completed form to any Waikato District Council office or email it to Reserve.Planning@waidc.govt.nz by 16 February 2026

Kia ora. In partnership with the Tamahere Community Committee, and the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust, with input from the Matangi Community Committee and Waikato District Council we are **planning for the future of the Tamahere Reserve (the former 'Crawfords Quarry') on Tauwhare Road.**

Our goal is to gather your ideas on how we can enhance the existing site, its walking tracks, improve access and parking and add amenities so that this land has a purpose which the community wants to use. Your feedback is the most important part of this process and will guide our decisions.

From **16 January 2026** until **16 February 2026**, we're inviting the community to share their thoughts on how the Tamahere Reserve can be used to help shape how the reserve is improved and utilised in the years ahead.

Note: there will be a drop-in design session at the **Tamahere Community Centre** run by Boffa Miskell and Waikato District Council to discuss your early ideas within the first quarter of 2026. A date for this session yet to be confirmed.

We want to know what currently works well, and what upgrades or opportunities our communities think are important for the Tamahere Reserve to better reflect local needs.

Feedback gathered during this period will directly assist in developing the Concept Design for the reserve, being undertaken by Boffa Miskell, meaning the community's voice plays a key role in deciding what gets prioritised, where your rates investment goes and how our community reserve is upgraded for today's users and future generations.

The Current Reserve Layout and Network

The Tamahere Reserve, currently has two key land forms:

- a large undulating open space at the top of the site, and
- a network of trails developed over the last 15 years.

We are proposing to formalise a use for the upper area and improve accessibility between the upper and lower portions of the site.

These upgrades will be based on YOUR feedback.

We have split the reserve into 3 zones:

Zone 1: The large open space (flat to undulating) at the top of the site

Zone 2: The transition/access space between Zone 1 and Zone 3

Zone 3: Existing trail network and boardwalks at the lower levels of the site.



Diagram showing Tamahere Reserve extents and its internal zones, see key below.



ZONE 1

ZONE 2

ZONE 3

1. **We are considering enhancements for Zones 1, 2 and 3 of the reserve. Which of the following would be most valuable to you? (Please select your top 3)**

- Improved vehicle access and parking** at the main entrance.
- A designated **off-leash dog exercise area** in Zone 1
- Minor dog amenities** (e.g., waste bag dispensers, water stations, fencing) in Zone 1
- More extensive **native planting** and pest control in all 3 Zones
- Upgrading existing boardwalks** for safety and longevity. Zone 2-3
- Additional **benches or picnic tables** along the tracks. Zone 1-3
- Cultural heritage markers** or additional educational signage.
- A trailhead map** and information board.

2. Other more extensive options in Zone 1 could include (please tick the options you think merit consideration):

- A building** (say 200m2) to provide shelter from rain while visiting the Reserve, a toilet and spaces for use by any of the following.
- Mens Shed / Repair shop** managed and run by volunteers from the community.
- Community garden** as an education centre for volunteers to teach people how to garden and grow your own vegetables
- Dog training facility** for dog owners to be taught how to manage their dog and an opportunity for dog socialisation in controlled conditions

3. OTHER: please add your ideas below:

4. Thinking about the reserve's natural character, are there any other features or activities you'd like to see?

(For example: removal of pine trees, more native planting etc)

5. On a scale of 1 (Very Poor) to 5 (Very Good), how would you rate the following aspects of the current track network? Please circle your answer.

○ **Track quality** (e.g., gravel consistency, drainage, muddiness):

1 2 3 4 5

○ **Track width:**

1 2 3 4 5

○ **Signage and wayfinding** (e.g., trail markers):

1 2 3 4 5

○ **Sense of safety** (e.g., clear sightlines, trip hazards):

1 2 3 4 5

Tell us more about your answer:

6. ***Are there any specific sections of the path network that you find problematic or would like to see improved?***

7. ***What one small improvement to the existing tracks would make the biggest positive difference to your experience?***

Access & Connectivity

8. ***How do you typically get to the Tamahere Reserve?***

- Walk*
- Cycle*
- Drive and park*
- Public transport*
- Other:* _____

9. ***How easy or difficult is it to access the reserve from the main road (e.g., SH1, Tauwhare Road)? Please rate it on a scale of 1 (Very Difficult) to 5 (Very Easy) (Circle one number)***

1 2 3 4 5

10. What are the main barriers you experience to accessing the reserve? (Select all that apply)

- Lack of safe pedestrian crossings*
- Insufficient or poorly located parking*
- Poorly signposted entrances*
- Pathways do not connect well to surrounding neighbourhoods*
- I do not face any barriers*
- Other (please specify): _____*

About You

11. To help us understand the feedback, please tell us which group you most identify with:

- Tamahere resident*
- Member of a local community group*
- Representative of the Mangaone Trust*
- Local mana whenua (Please specify your hapū/iwi affiliation if you are comfortable doing so): _____*
- Visitor from outside Tamahere*
- Prefer not to say*

12. What is your age group?

- Under 18*
- 18-30*
- 31-45*
- 46-60*
- 61+*



Prefer not to say

13. Are there any other comments you'd like to share

YOUR experience with the Tamahere Reserve

Please give us a short story description/recount of your experiences with the reserve:

Your Contact Details (confidential):

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____