Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	N/A
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	NOT IN BYLAW BUT SEPARATE RESOLUTION TO ENABLE (RESTRICT) SC and NOT SC
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS	AS ABOVE
Reason	Existing site but restrict to specific parks to protect access/H&S - environment (i.e. not grass/bank verge); proximity to stream
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Unclassified Recreation reserve
If the site is not owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to	
discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	Proximity to stream
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	Improve signage, add park marking
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bins avail
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	Yes
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	n/a
No. of parks	
How many parks?	2
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

FIELD WAY RESERVE, WAIKANAE BEACH

Field Way Reserve (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	5
This site is currently an	Site
established freedom	The
camping area allowing for 2	its o
self-contained vehicles to	of
park overnight. The site	t
consists of an unofficial	Ad
parking area with no clear	wo
designated carparks or	the
freedom camping freedom	alte
camping spots (limited	177
signage). The area is	
adjacent to the beach,	
allows for beach access via	
the river mouth/estuary.	
The site offers public toilets	-
and easily accessed from	
the road.	A
	-

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations
lite suitable for freedom camping.
The site has the potential to expand
ts current sites with this inclusion
of appropriate signage indicating
the designated spots for F/C.
Additional designated F/C spots
would help to disperse F/C along
the coast and could be a feasible
alternative to the other Waikanae
locations.









2 parks

- Vehicles up to 8m long
- 2 consecutive nights max.
- SC or not SC
- No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 2 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- MH icon

TURNING CIRCLE

• For up to 8m vehicle = 10m





Assigned status in report	NEWLY IDENTIFIED
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	N/A
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	RESTRICT
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR SC ONLY
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Protect access - competing uses e.g. sauna business
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Not a reserve
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	A
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	FC park marking, signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bin avail
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	No
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	No
No. of parks	
How many parks?	2
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

Protect area - cultural, historical, ecological No

No

Yes

Protect H&S of those visiting the area

Protect access to the area

RESTRICTIONS

- 2 parks
- Vehicles up to 8m long
- 2 consecutive nights max.
- No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 2 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- MH icon

TURNING CIRCLE

• For up to 8m vehicle = 10m

FIELD WAY NORTH, WAIKANAE BEACH



NOTE: SAUNA BUSINESS OPERATES HERE ON SOUTH SIDE OF CAR PARK SOMETIMES

Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	N/A
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	NOT IN BYLAW BUT SEPARATE RESOLUTION TO ENABLE (RESTRICT) SC and NOT SC
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS	AS ABOVE
Reason	*Current site*. Good space and toilets nearby. Protect access (competing uses); protect H&S (away from boat ramp)
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Vest in Crown with KCDC as administering body. Unclassified Recreation Reserve
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 10m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	Improve signage, add park marking
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bins avail
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	Yes
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	n/a
No. of parks	
How many parks?	3
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

TURNING CIRCLE

- For up to 10m vehicle = 11m

RESTRICTIONS

- 3 parks
- Vehicles up to 10m long
- 2 consecutive nights max.
- SC or not-SC
- . No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 3 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- Remove 10 white lines
- MH icon
- · Hatch colouring in between gaps

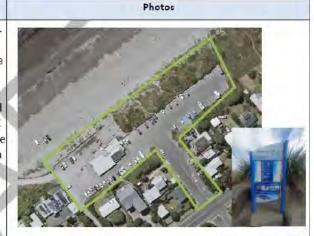
Site Description Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

This site is currently an established freedom self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is a Boating Club and restaurant, provides direct beach access and there are public toilets available.

WAIMEA RD END, WAIKANAE BEACH

Site suitable for freedom camping. The sites proximity to the beach camping area allowing for 2 club and public toilets makes this a prime location for F/C. There is adequate turn around space and large, sealed carpark with direct beach access. The site could approximately 50 spots, is support additional designated F/C adjacent to the Waikanae spots, which would help to disperse F/C along the coast and could be a feasible alternative to the other Waikanae locations.









Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR SC ONLY
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Protect H&S - southbound traffic only? Protect access i.e. prohibit outside restricted area as narrow
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	n/a - road
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	FC park marking, signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	TBC
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	No
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	No
No. of parks	
How many parks?	3
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

RESTRICTIONS

- 3 parks
- Vehicles up to 8m long
- · 2 consecutive nights max.
- No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 2 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- MH icon
- Hatch colouring in between gaps

TURNING CIRCLE

• For up to 8m vehicle = 10m

SOUTH-EAST OF FORMER SH1 BRIDGE, ŌTAKI

#1277 State Hwy 1-Ōtaki Bridge South

Site Description	Scoring Matrix and Recommendations		ions	Photos	
The site consists of two areas. A- The Western side of the highway is a sealed gravel parking area to access the trail network. B- The Eastern side of the highway is an old rest stop and historical area, sealed car	Site B (old re F/C as it has ample turvisible from The current tidy up. To addition. Sit sloped and used as an a F/C may p	est area) w sheltered a rn around s the busy h state is uns ilet facilitie e A is unsu is very exp ccess for th	areas from space, plus highway and suitable as it bosed. Site the trail netwinges for day a parking).	support trees and is less d bridge. t needs a a great is slightly A is also vork, and	A
park with established	Area	H&S	Access	Total	All Control of the Co
trees. Site A is more exposed and site B is more secluded.	3	3	3	9	





Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR SC and NOT SC
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Protect access - competing uses.
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Not a reserve
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	Any iwi interests
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No but yes for kite festival
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	FC park marking, signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bins on site
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	Yes
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	n/a
No. of parks	
How many parks?	6 not SC + 18 SC
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

RESTRICTIONS

- 6 not SC parks
- 18 max. SC parks within zone
- Vehicles up to 10m long
- 2 consecutive nights max.
- No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- · Individual signs for not SC parks
- · Spaced signs for SC parks
- 2-3 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark non SC spaces
- MH icon
- Hatch colouring in between gaps

TURNING CIRCLE

For up to 10m vehicle = 11m

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- Not during e.g. kite festival
- Fit with disability parks?

CAR PARK NEAR PAVILLION, ŌTAKI BEACH

Otaki Beach (adjacent to surf club)

The site is a large, sealed car park offering direct beach access, and is adjacent to the surf club, restaurant, public toilets, and walking trails. There is adequate turnaround area and multiple access points from the main road.

Site Description

Site suitable for freedom camping.
Proximity to Ōtaki Beach township and the beach access makes this an ideal overnight spot. Minimal intervention needed as PT/water and surf club are all within walking distance. Site is suitable (specifically for grey nomads in expensive vehicles that would prefer amenities and safe parking rather than nature seekers who want to park on the beach). Can accommodate 2-8 F/C spots







Assigned status in report	PROHIBIT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	NO
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	TENTING ONLY
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR TENTING ONLY
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Part of Te Araroa Trail. Restrict to tents only to protect area.
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	n/a - road
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	n/a
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	Signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	TBC – pack out
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	Yes - tenting
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	n/a
No. of parks	
How many parks?	No. tent sites TBC
Length of stay	27
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

RESTRICTIONS

- 2 consecutive nights max.
- Max. 10 tents?

SIGNAGE

• generic FC information sign

MANGAONE SOUTH ROAD END

TENTING ONLY - TE ARAROA TRAIL STOPPING POINT



Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR SC ONLY
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Existing site. Protect access (other parks prohibit for competing use)
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Not part of Reserve but status TBC by Richard
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	1 1
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	FC park marking, update signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bins on site
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	No
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	No
No. of parks	
How many parks?	2
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

RESTRICTIONS

- 2 parks
- Vehicles up to 8m long
- 2 consecutive nights max.
- . No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 2 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- MH icon
- Hatch colouring in between gaps
- Remove 2 x white lines

TURNING CIRCLE

For up to 8m vehicle = 10m

OPPOSITE #62, MARINE PDE, PARAPARAUMU BEACH [TBC]

#62 Marine Parade (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description This site is currently an established freedom self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to the beach, is within a short walking beach.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations Site suitable for freedom camping. Increasing signage to designate camping area allowing for 2 which carparks are allocated to F/C including time limits will help to mitigate confrontation between campers upon on arrival (i.e., who allows for beach access, and was there first, over usage). There is the potential to increase the distance from Maclean Park amount of designated spots as the and the retail/shops on the surrounding infrastructure would support this.









Assigned status in report	RESTRICT
Do we agree at a glance with status intially assigned?	YES
If no, what should it be? (review questions below if unsure) i.e. list in bylaw as:	
DECISION POST SITE-VISIT AND IWG ANALYSIS	RESTRICT FOR SC ONLY
DECISION POST IWI CONSIDERATIONS TO DATE	AS ABOVE
Reason	Existing site. Protect access (other parks prohibit for competing use)
Land Status	
If the land is held under the Reserves Act 1977, is it legally possible to provide for camping? i.e. is it, or will it , be included in RMP? Would the use of the land for camping be consistent with (or not have negative consequences on) the purpose for which the land is held.	Not part of Reserve but status TBC by Richard
If the site is <u>not</u> owned by Council, is it feasible to work with the landower/authority to discuss this as a restricted FC site?	n/a
Significance	
Do we need to further investigate cultural significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate ecological significance of this site?	No
Do we need to further investigate the historic or heritage significance of this site?	No
Competing uses and implementation	
Can the site cater for larger sized motorhomes?	Up to 8m
Is this site extensively used for sports activity parking at times?	No
What would the site need in terms of line marking, signage, bollards etc?	FC park marking, update signage
Can waste be adequately managed at the site (on site or in vehicle)?	Bins on site
Non SC camping and amenities	
Would this site be suitable for non-SC camping? i.e does it have amenities	No
If yes but it doesn't have current amenities, does it have the right environment to provide?	No
No. of parks	
How many parks?	2
Length of stay	
How many nights stay would this site be suitable for?	48 hours
External providers and user pays	
Would the site be suitable for an NZMCA campground? i.e. >5,000 sqm	No
Would it be appropriate to charge users to park at this site?	No
Would this site work with user-pays amenities? (provided by Council or 3rd party)	No

RESTRICTIONS

- 2 parks
- Vehicles up to 8m long
- · 2 consecutive nights max.
- No more than 2 consecutive nights at any site in district within any 4-week period

SIGNAGE

- 2 x individual signs for parks
- 1 x generic FC information sign

LINE MARKING

- Mark spaces
- MH icon
- Hatch colouring in between gaps
- Remove 2 x white lines

TURNING CIRCLE

• For up to 8m vehicle = 10m

OPPOSITE #68, MARINE PDE, PARAPARAUMU BEACH [TBC]

#68 Marine Parade (CURRENT SITE)

site Description	Scoring Matrix and Recommendations	
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 2 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to the beach, allows for beach access, and is within a short walking distance from Maclean Park and the retail/shops on the beach.	is the potential to increase the	
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Access

Total





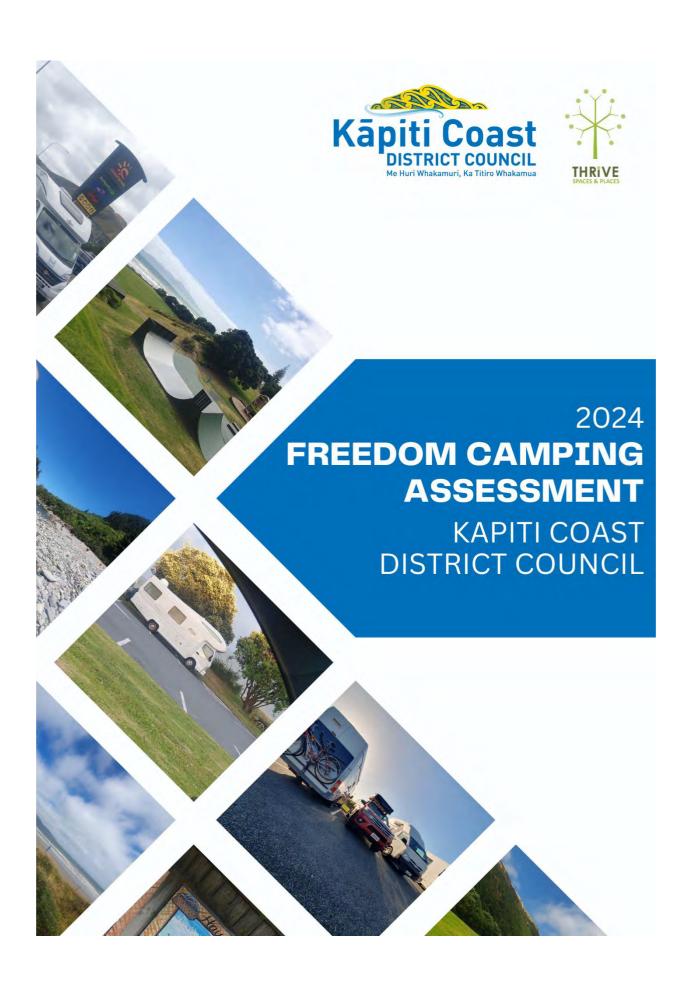


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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment of potential freedom camping sites in the Kāpiti Coast District to assist in the potential creation of a freedom camping bylaw in accordance with the Freedom Camping Act (2011), and the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act (2023).

Overall, the assessment consisted of completing physical site assessments across seven townships in the Kāpiti Coast including, Paekākāriki, Raumati/Raumati South, Paraparaumu, Waikanae, Te Horo, Reikorangi, and Ōtaki. The assessments were carried out by independent parks and recreation specialists, *Thrive Spaces and Places* from February 5th -8th 2024. The sites were evaluated using two tools; one, an assessment scoring tool based on the three assessment criteria set out in the Act – protection of the area, health & safety, and access evaluating various facets of each site from a topical perspective. The second tool was the Freedom Camping Assessment methodologies adopted from over a decade of tried and tested assessments in a council context, modified into a template by Thrive Spaces and Places for KCDC.

Of the 76 total sites assessed, 46 were revealed to hold potential for hosting responsible freedom campers in a capacity whether that be in fully self-contained vehicles, vehicles that are not self-contained, and tenting. The assessed sites included land owned by Kapiti Coast District Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Waka Kotahi, the Department of Conservation, LINZ and some privately owned land.

This assessment process has revealed 30 sites that are unsuitable for responsible freedom camping. The assessment helps to understand the pressures and opportunities for FC across the District and forms the basis of the preliminary phase of a policy review process.

The next steps will include in depth consultation with all pertinent stakeholder groups concerning potential freedom camping sites, and will entail conducting comprehensive investigations into the ecological, cultural, and historical values associated with these sites ahead of a broader process to determine if a bylaw is appropriate.

Freedom Camping Assessment-District Wide

Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Kāpiti Coast District





Introduction

The Kāpiti Coast, situated on the southwestern edge of New Zealand's North Island just northwest of Wellington, offers a stunning blend of natural beauty and vibrant communities. Stretching along the Tasman Sea, it encompasses several charming locales such as Paekākāriki, Paraparaumu, Raumati, Raumati South, Ōtaki, Reikorangi, Waikanae and Te Horo. Each of these areas contribute to the District's unique character and appeal, attracting many visitors either to the region to enjoy its stunning landscapes and charm, or as a pivotal stop over point before heading South on the Cook Strait ferries.

Paekākāriki, with its rich history and artistic community, provides a quaint seaside retreat while Paraparaumu, the largest township, boasts the continuation of beautiful beaches, bustling shopping districts, and easy access to Kapiti Island, a renowned wildlife sanctuary. Raumati, Raumati South, and Waikanae offer visitors relaxed coastal lifestyle with cafes, boutique shops, and picturesque coastal walks where they can connect with nature, and Ōtaki, also steeped in Māori heritage, showcases vibrant cultural events and markets. Reikorangi and Te Horo epitomise rural charm, surrounded by rolling farmland and scenic landscapes. The Kāpiti Coast is cherished for its sense of community, outdoor recreational opportunities, and laid-back atmosphere, making it an ideal destination for both residents and visitors alike.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (FCA) came into force on 30 August 2011. It was enacted as part of a suite of legislation aimed at managing the large number of international visitors expected to attend the Rugby World Cup in 2011 in rental motorhomes as they followed progress of the event nationwide.

While the FCA granted councils authority to regulate freedom camping, it also introduced fresh challenges. And even though freedom camping, and campers are recognised as contributing to the tourism economy, they have also become a divisive issue in many communities. Feedback received by councils frequently highlights concerns regarding hygiene, environmental effects, impacts on access to popular recreational areas, and issues arising from freedom campers in residential neighbourhoods.

The typology of a Freedom Camper is also not consistent; it can vary from expensive private motorcaravans and caravans and upmarket rental vehicles to people deemed as 'rough sleeping'. The 2011 FCA defaulted to permitting freedom camping in a tent or self-contained motor vehicle, allowing it in any local authority area unless specifically restricted or prohibited by other legislation (e.g. Reserves Act), regulations, or local bylaws. Under The Act it is still legal (and encouraged in safety messaging) to pull over to the side of the road and rest/sleep for driver safety.

In June 2023 the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 (Self-contained Act) was enacted, the new legislation amended both The FCA and The Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 (PGDA), and introduced a new certification process for self-contained vehicles, amongst other changes. The amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2023, significantly reshapes the landscape of freedom camping in New Zealand. This legislation aims to strike a balance between promoting tourism and protecting the environment by regulating how freedom camping can occur.

Understanding the nature of freedom campers, and the choices of sites they prefer helps councils make decisions regarding the future of freedom camping within their city, district, or region.

Kāpiti Coast District Council Freedom Camping Assessment 2024

As a result of the new FCA coming into force many councils have looked to review their Freedom Camping policies or bylaws, ensuring that they are adequately providing for freedom camping (if they deem it necessary) while also protecting sites of significance across their city, district, or region. The new FCA amends the definition of Freedom Camp (section 5.1) to:

"Freedom camp means to camp (other than at a camping ground¹) within 200 m of an area accessible by motor vehicle² or within 200 m of the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using either or both of the following: a tent or other temporary structure, a motor vehicle."

With the new Act in place and the transitional period started. The presumption is that freedom camping on local authority and DOC land is a permitted activity, including in a tent or other temporary structure, but is excluded on LINZ land, unless specific provision is made (in a notice). Although councils have the authority to restrict or prohibit freedom camping in specific identified areas within their district, Section 12 prohibits a comprehensive "umbrella ban" on freedom camping throughout an entire district. Consequently, the formulation of a bylaw must take this permissive approach into account.

A modification to this was implemented through the Self-contained Act. The Act states that freedom campers utilising a vehicle on local authority land are restricted to using only certified self-contained vehicles, unless they are accommodated at a site specifically designated by the respective council as suitable for freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles (e.g., paid campground etc).

Due to this change, Kāpiti Coast District Council conducted this Freedom Camping Assessment to reconsider how they deal with freedom camping in their local authority areas. KCDC's current Freedom Camping Policy limits freedom camping within the district to 9 designated areas and in self-contained vehicles only.

Kapiti Coast District Council engaged Thrive to conduct the Freedom Camping Assessment to provide evidence for informing decisions related to freedom camping in self-contained vehicles in the Kapiti Coast. KCDC current Freedom Camping Policy allows freedom camping in self-contained vehicles at 9 nominated areas.

- North Bank, Ōtaki River, Ōtaki Beach
- Field Way, Waikanae Beach

¹ Which is defined as a camping ground that has a current certificate of registration under the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, or any site at which a fee must be paid to camp at the site.

² Caravan, car, campervan, and house truck are no longer expressly stated but all come within the term motor vehicle anyway.

- Waimea Road Carpark, Waikanae Beach
- Waikanae Park, Park Avenue
- Waikanae River Mouth, Tutere Street
- 54 Marine Parade (opposite), Paraparaumu Beach
- 62 Marine Parade (opposite), Paraparaumu Beach
- 69 Marine Parade (opposite), Paraparaumu Beach
- Raumati Beach, Matatua Road Carpark

Assessment Scoring Method

The assessment process commenced with a desktop analysis of all Kapiti Coast reserves, followed by work and comments from KCDC staff regarding projected sites for assessment and any additional non-reserve areas they believed should be included in the assessment (e.g., NZTA land, road reserves, carparks). All KCDC managed sites were considered and based on a desktop exercise and information from staff the list was reduced. With agreement from staff, 76 sites were nominated for site visits and assessment because they appeared to have potential to host freedom camping. Site visits were required to understand the site and whether freedom camping might be a practical proposition.

The assessment was conducted over the Waitangi Day Public Holiday through a comprehensive physical inspection of each site, meticulously scrutinising various facets such as location, amenity value, visual appeal, focal points, natural surroundings, access, built infrastructure, proximity to recreational opportunities, and potential safety risks including natural hazards, crime, and the interplay of flora and fauna. Additionally, it delved into the overarching relationship of each site with respect to cultural, ecological, and historical significance, with further exploration earmarked for subsequent assessments.

The primary objective of this assessment is to establish an evidentiary foundation to:

- Guide Kapiti Coast District Council in facilitating more extensive evaluations of potential sites that may be earmarked for future freedom camping; and
- Support the formulation of a potential bylaw designed to safeguard select sites from the impact of freedom camping activities.

Assessment scoring of each site was based on the three assessment criteria set out in the Act – protection of the area, health & safety, and access. Scores were assigned from 1 (the lowest) to 5 (the highest). The total score of the criteria provides the total significance score. If the significance score for any one of the three criteria is 5, this means the site is determined to have a "significant issue" and freedom camping may be prohibited or restricted.

Cumulatively over all three criteria, if the significance score is 9 or above, this means that the site is determined to be a "significant site" and freedom camping may be prohibited. If the significance score is 8 or below, freedom camping may be permitted at the site; however, there could be some restrictions placed on the conditions specific to the type of camping at the site, the areas' location in comparison to other sites within close proximity, or features of the area.

Assessment scoring will be as follows.

Protect	Protection of the area-Cultural, Historical, Ecological Significance						
1	1 No significant site concerns						
2	Low concerns regarding significant sites						
3	Some concerns regarding significant sites						
4	Significant sites are present but are not fully protected						
5 Significant sites are present and are fully protected							

Protect	Protect the health and safety of those visiting the area						
1	No health and safety concerns						
2	Minimal health and safety concerns						
3	Some health and safety concerns (e.g., natural hazard risk, crime)						
4	Significant health and safety concerns						
5	Risk of health and safety is too great to allow any access to the site						

Protect access to the area						
1 Fully formed access to the site						
2	Good access to the site which would not cause any damage					
3	Moderate access to the site, and vehicle access may cause minimal damage					
4 Minimal access to the site, and vehicle access would cause damage						
5	No access to the site, and vehicle access would cause significant damage					

Overall Assessment Tool

Below is the overall assessment tool, included the scoring matrix totals that was utilised when conducting all assessment.

General Information			
Scoring Matrix Totals			
Area	H/S	Access	Total

SITE DESCRIPTION (Location, Focal Points, Amenity Value, Amenities)

PROTECT THE AREA

Formed Car Parks:

Presence of historic, cultural, or heritage significance: Historic/Cultural/Heritage/ALL

Ecological Issues:

Proximity to Built Environment:

PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE

Fire Risk:

Historic Crime/Safety Issues:

Isolation from Services (Distance from essential services (including emergency services):

PROTECT ACCESS

Limited Car Park Availability (Including Manoeuvrability Issues):

Active Reserve or Non-Active Reserve:

Existing Lease or License in Place:

Prohibit or Restrict: Prohibit Restrict

Freedom Camping Categories

P (Self-contained vehicles)

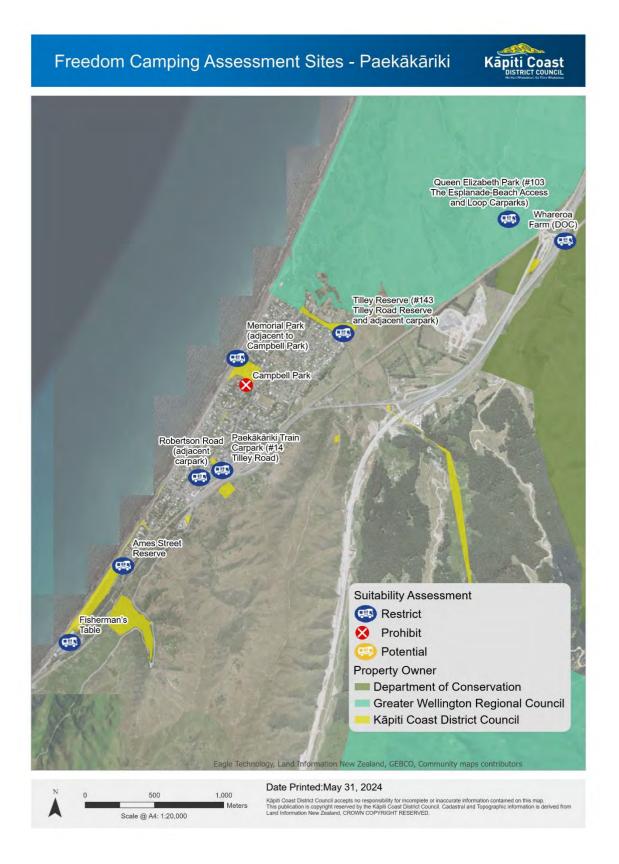
R (Restricted areas)

FC/C (Freedom Camping with specific conditions)

FC Non-SC (Freedom Camping for non-self-contained vehicles)

FC Tenting (Freedom Camping for tents)

Freedom Camping Assessments Paekākāriki



Queen Elizabeth Park (#103 The Esplanade-Beach Access and Loop Carparks)

Site Description	Scoring Matrix and Recommendations			ndations	Photos
Queen Elizabeth Park is owned by DOC and managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council within the Kāpiti Coast District. One loop gravel road was evaluated on the South-West side of the park The sites contained a formed gravel road, ample parking, two sets of toilet blocks and bins. One area was located close to the beach and dunes, while the other was located further inside the park, closer to the formed	Queen Eli Freed cons Wellingt Departm and other	zabeth I om Cam ultation con Regi nent of C stakeho underta	ping alth with Gre onal Cour Conservat	itable for ough ater ncil, the ion, iwi, eds to be	
commercial campground.	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	3	3	4	10	

Paekākāriki Train Carpark (#14 Tilley Road)

Site Description

	Site Description
The Pa	ekākāriki Train
Station Ca	arpark is operated
by Metli	ink (GWRC). It is
located ad	jacent to the train
station, ar	mong a residential
area. Th	e carpark is fully
formed w	ith approximately
30-50 p	parking spaces,
overhead	lighting and CCTV.
There is a	good turn around
area a	and it is easily
accessible	e off of State Hwy
5	9 (and 1).

Suitable for Freedom Camping.
Overall, this site could suit a stopover safe spot for Self-Contained vehicles to park. It would provide day visitors to access Wellington via public transportation and then have a safe, central location to return to, to spend the night. The carpark tends to be full on weekdays.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



H&S	Access	Total
2	1	4
2	1	4
	н&s 2	H&S Access



Tilley Road Reserve (#143 Tilley Road Reserve and adjacent carpark)

Site Description
Tilley Reserve is a large
flat grassy reserve that
contains a large, formed
carpark, trail access to
the heritage trail, and a
large community
building. The site offers a
secluded, quiet area
adjacent to QEP and
residential housing, has
established trees around
the perimeter of the
reserve and is accessed
by one paved roadway.
The land at one boundary
is a formed commercial
campground.
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Site Description

Suitable for Freedom Camping.

Although the site does not host an array of amenities including access to public toilets, water or a dump station, this site offers great space, access, and location for Freedom Camping. It has great walkability to the beach, Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekākāriki township, is a secluded part of the heritage trail, and connects visitors with nature and would make a great stopover spot. It does host events from time to time (footy games)

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



Area	H&S	Access	Total
2	2	1	5







#2 Robertson Road (adjacent carpark)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommen	dations	Photos
This site is near the Paekākāriki Train Station next to the tennis courts. There are approximately 15 formed carparks along the road, in between residential housing, and town.	The location maximum spots a township located w	on of thing of 3-6 For a sit is near the transmithin clare en Eliza		Id suit a amping āriki and is nity to	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	3
	1	3	1	5	

Ames Street Reserve

Site Description	
This site is a large reserve are	ea
with access to the beach	
through some stairs along th	ie
bank edge. It is host to	
penguin nesting, has ameniti	es
such as picnic tables and	
pathways. The site has som	e
large well-maintained grass	y
areas, trees for shade and a	3
formed pathway/utility road	d.
The site is also a part of the	٤
Heritage Trail. It includes a	
number of considerations in	า
the District plan including	
Waahi Tapu and Ecological	
Site.	

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Suitable for Freedom Camping.
The Southern end of the Ames St.
Reserve could be accommodated to a low scale development for some self-contained vans (2-4 max). This area offers nice vantage points to Kāpiti Island and the Tasman Sea, has flat green area for parking with surrounding trees, and is secluded and quiet. A recommendation would instate a gate warden or hours of access (open/close) if necessary to control access.



Area	H&S	Access	Total
5	2	3	10
	5,4		



Paekākāriki Memorial Park (adjacent to Campbell Park)

Site Description	Sco	oring Matrix a	nd Recomme	ndations	Photos
Paekākāriki Memorial Hall is situated between Campbell Park and the beach. It is part of the Heritage Trail, has a fully formed paved carpark, and access to toilet amenities.	Paekākāriki to the re (Campbe beach view and turnard Se Campb	serve and i Il Park), pu ws. There i	Hall has go neighbour blic toilets s adequate to accomr ed vehicles sts club fo	ood access ing park and has e parking nodate 1-3	Camphel Palk
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	The state of the s
	3	3	2	8	

Campbell Park

Site Description This site is a large reserve consisting of a large playground, sports fields, Scouts' Hall, public toilets, and some medium sized grassed areas. There are zones of the reserve. Parking is limited, and access is very restricted as there is a small wooden boulevard illustrating where to park.

Site not suitable for Freedom Camping.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

This site is not suitable for Freedom Camping as it does not offer adequate access and parking for Self-Contained vehicles. The trees dividing the different adjacent Paekākāriki Memorial Hall is better suited to host Self-Contained vehicles and its accessibility supports Campbell Parks activation.



H&S	Access	Total
2	4	8
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#37 State Hwy 1 (Fisherman's Table)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
Large commercial parking lot adjacent to residential area and commercial restaurant right off of State Hwy 59, with a small reserve for beach access. Main area including beach access is Road Parcel, sealed area in front of Fisherman's table is partially privately owned	There is a loften the standard the local the local potential is may suit to customer	ot of nois reetlights tion is no ext to a co n's Table ng infras tion is no as a stop he restau s and be ver for la	s and the sot seclude ommercia Restaurar structure is ot appealing over spot	t pollution State Hwy. d and is I business at). Access s good but ag. The as the site additional ent park	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	3	1	6	

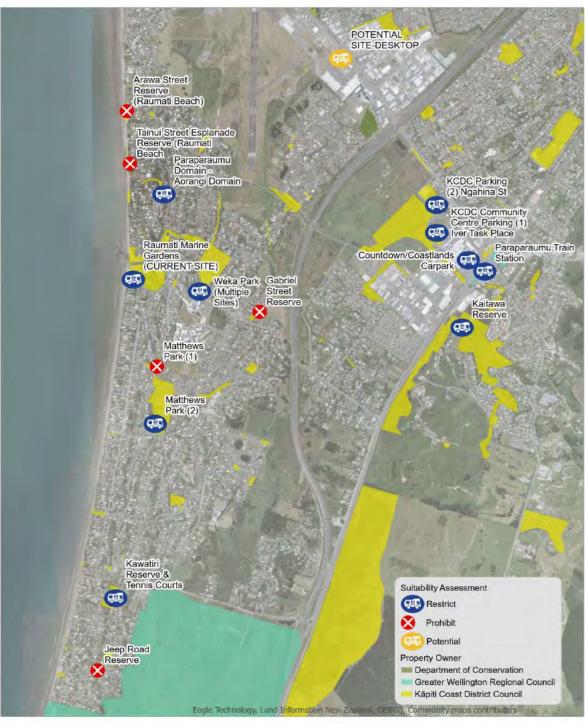
Whareroa Farm (DOC)

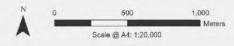
Site Description Scoring Matrix and Recommendations Photos Suitable for Freedom Camping. This site is owned and operated There are benefits to allowing Freedom by the Department of Camping as it further activates other recreation Conservation, and Whareroa and leisure opportunities for the site. There is **Guardians Community Trust** already an established high volume of manage all day-to-day mountain biking attracting both day visitors and operations alongside the farm. potential out of town visitors. There is the The Guardians, in co-ordination possibility to expand camping to non-selfwith the Department of contained (e.g., tenting). This could also be an alternative income stream. The site is in the Conservation and the Farm optimal directional location of the highway Managers, enhance WFR with (going south towards Wellington and ferry) planting working bees, pest Overall this is a great option for offering F/C control, track development, both self-contained and potential other offering guided tours for primary (tenting, NS/C vehicles). school visits and raising the public awareness as well as Restrict many other events and activities. The site has an established parking area, fencing and gates, mountain bike trails and signage. Area H&S Total Access The toilets are closed indefinitely 3 3 8

Raumati/Raumati South

Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Raumati







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Matthews Park (1)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommen	dations	Photos
The site is one of two sites	Suitabl	e for Fre	edom Can	nping.	
located on this reserve. This	The loc	ation an	d infrastru	ıcture	
site is a formed carpark	already a	vailable	on this site	e would	
adjacent to the rugby club.	suppo	rt some	Self-conta	ined	
It has approximately 30	freedom	camping	g, potentia	ally as a	
formed carparks,	stop-ov	er overn	ight destir	nation,	
playground infrastructure,	limiting t	he numb	er of spot	s to 1-3	
and limited access to the	maximum	. The ad	dition of F	reedom	
rugby club with toilets open	Campin	g would	provide n	atural	A Principles Floring
when club activities are	surveilla	ince for t	the rugby	league	A Transmin L
occurring	h - 1" +	clu	ıb.		
	(Res	trict		
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	1	2	1	4	

Matthews Park (2)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	dations	Photos
The site is two of two sites located on this reserve. This is a large carpark, mainly to provide additional parking for code sports using the adjacent sports fields. The site is located at the end of a residential street and is surrounded by residential housing.	F/C wou resident It woul aw Upon as large	Cam Id be an s visually Id be obt kward for ssessmen bus that homeles	le for Free ping. annoyance and acoustrusive must reall partient there was a 'resid's person.	e to the stically. tually es. as one	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	1	2	1	4	

Arawa Street Reserve (Raumati Beach)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is located at the end of a residential street, providing access to the beach through established walkways. There are bench seats and bins provided.	This site quiet re introduce may be residents arounce	Cam s locate esidentia ition of f a disturb . There i space v ort large veh	ole for Free oping. d at a the al street are freedom cance to the is also limit which wout self-contant icles.	end of a nd the amping ne local ted turn ld not ined	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	1	2	4	7	

Gabriel Street Reserve

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
This site is a long grassy recreation reserve located at the end of a residential street. There are boulevards separating the reserve from the street, and no other infrastructure provided.	campin geograp likely imp stormwa	g due to phy of th to be ve eding ac ater infra	hibit	on and ere it is imes e is present.	
	Area	паз	Access	TOTAL	
	1	3	4	8	

Jeep Road Reserve

Site Description	Scoring	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a fully established community orchard located in the middle of residential housing. There is a singular access point through an unformed dirt road. The site undulates and is terraced	There is a the topo allow for no turna access vehi exten e	cam no forme graphy o r level pa around a through cle acces sive tree stablishe	ping. ed access versions of the site of th	vay, and does not ces with stricted ngoing use o the	
4	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	4	4	4	12	

Raumati Marine Gardens (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description
This site is currently an
established freedom
camping area allowing for 3
self-contained vehicles to
park overnight. The area is
adjacent to the beach,
allows for beach access and
boat access. There is a
restaurant and bar, public
toilets, walking pathways,
playground infrastructure
and the old public pool.

Site suitable for freedom camping.
Increasing signage to designate
which carparks are allocated to F/C
including time limits will help to
mitigate confrontation between
campers upon on arrival (i.e., who
was there first). There is the
potential to increase the amount of
designated spots as the
surrounding infrastructure would
support this.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



H&S	Access	Total
2	1	5
	н <u>&</u> s	H&S Access







Tainui Street Esplanade Reserve (Raumati Beach)

Site Description	Scoring N	/latrix an	d Recomme	endations	Photos
beach through established walkways. There are bench	This site a quiet introduc may be reside turn ar	can e is locat residen ction of a distur nts. The ound sp oport lar veh		e end of and the camping the local limited n would entained	

Weka Park (Multiple Sites)

Site Description

Site Description	
This site is a large sports	
field located within a	
residential neighbourhood,	
with some shade trees	
plotted around the field.	
The reserve is next to the	
Scots Hall and football club.	(
There is street side parking	1
along the Weka Road. There	
is a small playground	
located on the reserve.	
Across from Weka Park	
there is available parking	
across from Raumati Church	
community hall.	
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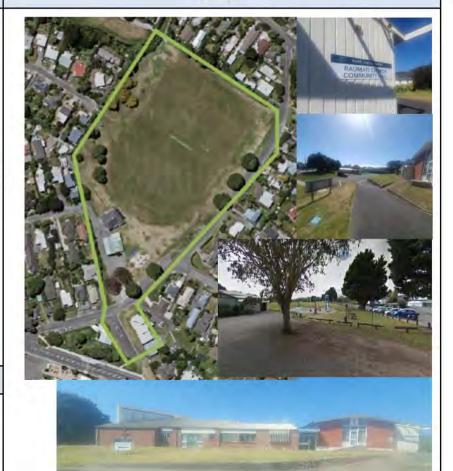
Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Site suitable for freedom camping.
The site has multiple options for freedom camping areas such as along Weka Road, the Scots Hall carpark and across from the reserve next to the community church. This is a potential safe spot for a stopover. Targeted at families needing amenities like the playground/sports fields. 3 spots max.



H&S	Access	Total	
2	2	6	
7	-		
	2	2 2	

Photos



Kawatiri Reserve & Tennis Courts

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommen	dations	Photos
The site is located along a quiet residential street, has tennis courts and a community building (with public toilets), a playground and established paved carpark. There is adequate turnaround space.	The site h toilets open), p with neighbo potentia numb	as acces (when the playground in a quie purhood. I to acco per of sp	reedom ca s to amen ne tennis on nd and is lo et resident The site h mmodate ots (1-2 m	ities like lub is ocated ial as the a small ax).	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	2	3	7	

Paraparaumu

Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Paraparaumu







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KCDC Parking (2) Ngahina St

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	dations	Photos
This site is a large council owned carpark with approximately 50 spots located close to the CBD. The carparks are larger and can accommodate large vehicles and buses. There is high visibility and it is located near the Police station.	This site camping and sig stop amenit safe loc	e would so spots (con posted power spots) ties, is his ation, art transport	reedom c support fr learly line I 2-3 spots ot as its n ghly visible of close to rt routes.	eedom marked s) for a ear e, in a major	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	1	2	1	4	

KCDC Community Centre Parking (1) Iver Task Place

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix and	d Recommer	dations	Photos
This site is a large council owned carpark next to an old council owned community building. The site consists of approximately 20 spots, and a small, grassed area with canopy cover and some picnic tables, located close to the CBD. There is adequate turnaround area to accommodate large vehicles. There is high visibility and it is located near the Police station.	This site campir stop amenities locati	e would s ng spots (n-over spo s, is highl on, and o transpor	reedom ca upport fre 2-3 spots ot as its no y visible, close to m t routes.	eedom) for a ear in a safe ajor	
Very busy during normal Monday – Friday hours	Area 1	2	1	4	

Countdown/Coastlands Carpark

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos	
This site is located on the perimeter of the Coastlands/Countdown carpark in the CBD of Paraparaumu. There are approximately 20 carparks available.	Similar to like Walm America, for sall parking Consultate others before a	to internation Sa this area fe and ce g for larg ation with stakehold site coul	reedom ca ational exa am's Club a could be ntral stop ge S/C veh h Coastlar ders must d be estal	amples in North utilised over icles. ids and occur olished.		
_	Area	H&S	Access	Total		
	1	2	1	4		

Maclean Park Carpark (1)

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	nd Recommen	ndations	Photos
This site is one of two sites located on the reserve. This is the South end carpark and has access to public toilets, beach access, playground infrastructure, and walking tracks. The site is located across from all beach shops, retail and food and beverage. The site is an established carpark with approximately 30 carparks with limited turnaround area.	Withou and accomr th	cam t a substa l alteratio modate fo is site is r	ble for free ping. antial inve on, the site or larger v not suitable	estment e to rehicles	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	2	3	7	

Maclean Park Carpark (2)

Site Description	Scorin	Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
This site is two of two sites located on the reserve. This is the North end established carpark, adjacent to the rowing club, is quiet, has tree canopy and shade, and is larger with adequate turnaround area.	Site suita (allowing large signage) centrally beach an act as establ	to the site of the	a simple of er parking and impro x of 2-3 sp	redesign bays for oved oots. It is as to the and can other arine	
	Area	H&S	Access		
	3	2	2	7	

#62 Marine Parade (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	idations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 2 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to the beach, allows for beach access, and is within a short walking distance from Maclean Park and the retail/shops on the beach.	Increase which can including mitigate campers was ther is the p	ing signar parks and g time lessed upon or e first, of cotential of designating ding infressuppo	reedom ca age to desi re allocate imits will h ntation be n arrival (i. ver usage) to increase asted spot astructure art this.	gnate d to F/C nelp to tween e., who There se the s as the would	
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#68 Marine Parade (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 2 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to the beach, allows for beach access, and is within a short walking distance from Maclean Park and the retail/shops on the beach.	Increase which ca including mitigat campers was the is the pamount	rparks and rparks and register of design ding infraging supposessing supposessing supposessing infraging	reedom ca age to desi re allocate imits will h ntation be n arrival (i. over usage) to increase nated spot astructure ort this.	gnate d to F/C nelp to tween e., who There se the s as the would	
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#54 Marine Parade (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 1 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to the beach, allows for beach access, and is within a short walking distance from Maclean Park and the retail/shops on the beach.	Increase which ca including mitigat campers was there is the pamount surroun	rparks ar rparks ar ng time li e confron upon or e first, o potential of design ding infrasuppo	reedom cage to deste allocate imits will he hation be a arrival (i. ver usage to increase ated spot astructure at this. Access Access	ignate d to F/C nelp to etween e., who). There se the es as the e would	

Jolly Miller and Bus Stop

Site Description	Scoring	g Matrix an	d Recommer	dations	Photos
This site contains a large gravel carpark adjacent to a commercial restaurant. The site backs onto a large open reserve that contains stormwater infrastructure.	This s overnivehicles. turnarou income commun for an inarea (evaluat	ite has the ight/stop. The carp. Ind area in for the backer of the backe	and could pub (supp holder). Pite on the ack of the ed of storucture).	al for arger dequate bring in ortive otential grassy site mwater	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	nd Recommen	ndations	Photos
The site is an established carpark providing access to the Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve and walking trails. There are no designated carparks but there is available parking for approximately 10 vehicles.	The site i state hig to re networ and ame stopov	s directly ghway 59 creation k), and is nities. W er spot p spots	reedom cay located of provides (next to a close to to do noviding 1 s max.	off of the s access trail he CBD eal for a 2 F/C	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve (2)- Nikau Palm Rd

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
The site is a pull off area providing access to the Barry Hadfield Nikau Reserve and walking trails. There are no designated carparks.	Part of private la busy c ameni	cam a trail th and. The orner and ty value. shed sites better	ple for free ping. nat goes th site is slop d has little There are s nearby th suited.	nrough oed, on a to no other	CCTV IN OPERATION Pollowing restricted activity within tities voilely. CCTV cameras how be in intrafile at I verifies paries throughout the roads in the valley.
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Eatwell Reserve (No Street Access)

Site Description	Scoring Matrix ar	nd Recommendations	Photos
This site is a large reserve mainly used as a dog exercise area. The site is completely surrounded by residential housing and has no officially formed carpark or access other than footpaths.	cam There is no av freedom camping	ole for freedom ping. ailable area for g to occur as the access.	re
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Kaitawa Reserve (top entrance)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a large gravel carpark located next to a water reservoir at the top of a residential street. The site allows access to the walking trails in the reserve.	The site reside approprioutside to site also would be	cam is locate ential stre fiate place le and the he reserve has no a e a distur resid	le for free ping. ed at the elect, there he to park he only park he is roads menity valuents.	end of a is no a large rking side. The	
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Kena Kena Park

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
The site is located across from residential housing and consists of a large cricket pitch, cricket clubhouse (with toilets) and some shade trees located around the perimeter of the site. There is unformed parking along Whyte Street.	The site there is reserve parked with o Freedom affect	came has no no lines and car vehicles ncoming a camping the tree nd safety lying po	ole for free ping. formed ca marking the parks, and may cause /through to g would acts s and ther vissues du werlines.	rparks, he road poorly e issues craffic. dversely re are e to low	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Manly St Esplanade

Site Description	Scoring	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is located at the end of a residential street, is a formed access way to the beach including a boat launching area.	There is freedom for boa and cre residents beach/bo as it is ve	cam s no turna camping ters usin ate noise s. Note: S pat ramp ery steep	le for free ping. around are may caus g the boar disturban surprising was locat and pose ty issues.	ea, and se issues t ramp nce for that the ed there	Will office was 13 male Boat Launching only **Principles on only allowed male yes **Allowed To the was 15 male Link office was 13 male Link o
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Mazengarb Reserve

Site Description	Scoring	g Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
This site is a large active reserve consisting of multiple fields/turf/courts for multiple sporting codes. There is also a café on site when events on, public toilets, and other sporting infrastructure (i.e., gymnastics gymnasium). There are large established carparks inclusive of large parking bays for coach buses. There is access to a walking trail network connecting the reserve to	This si parking vehicles. summe with wing reducing The area add	te woulding space: Potential r months inter coding competition of 2 asonality	reedom ca provide a s for large ally restrict to avoid es/tourna etition for nd would -5 spots n considere	emple r S/C t to only clashes ments space. suit the nax ed).	
connecting the reserve to surrounding residential	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Otaihanga Domain

Site Description This site is a large reserve with a loop driveway providing access to the reserve. There are boulevards preventing vehicle access to the large grassy areas. The reserve is River. There is ample public toilets and bins, shaded trees and offers access to recreation (biking, walking, fishing, and beach access) Historically the site has been used for holidays by residents and holidaymakers (Christmas/holiday celebrations).

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Site suitable for freedom camping.
The site offers access to recreation,
has high amenity value and has access
to amenities. Consideration to restrict

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Otaraua Park - Howarth Block

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recommen	ndations	Photos
The site is a large gravel carpark and a sporting field, connected by some walking trails next to the Waikanae River. There is a port-o-loo available but no other infrastructure present other than fencing and gates (locked at night).	Mastery could capabil adequa the loc	olan is in potential ity. The late turnal ation cor reation o	reedom ca process nally include arge carpa round span nects use pportunit	ow and e F/C ark has ce, and rs with ies.	
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Paraparaumu Domain - Aorangi Domain

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos	
The site is a large established carpark adjacent to a football, rugby, and pétanque clubs. There is also a playground within walking distance.	The site as well as are a Site suits BUT the	offers pa s there is mple bin able for r re are mo able acro	reedom cassive survers CCTV signs and facil minimal site or attract oss the dist	reillance ns. There ities. tes (2-3) ive sites trict.		
	Area	H&S	Access	Total		
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Paraparaumu Train Station

Site Description
The Paraparaumu Train
Station Carpark is operated
by Metlink (GWRC). It is
located adjacent to the train
station, among a
commercial area. There are
two carparks, fully formed,
each with approximately
30-50 parking spaces,
overhead lighting and CCTV.
There is good turn around
area and it is easily
accessible off of Amohia
Street (old SH1/59)

Suitable for Freedom Camping.
Overall, this site could suit a
stopover safe spot for SelfContained vehicles to park. It would
provide day visitors to access
Wellington via public
transportation and then have a
safe, central location to return to,
to spend the night. Site suitable for
2-5 spots max.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



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Te Atiawa Park

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Wesley Knight Park

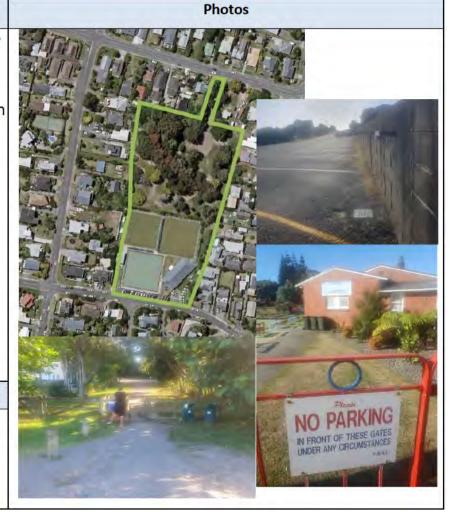
Site Description The site consists of two areas: a lawn bowling club with 3 lawn bowling greens, clubhouse, and facilities. The back of the reserve is a large, wooded, fully fenced dog exercise area with water infrastructure and some benches. Access to the bowling club is via Toru Road with an unofficial walking path to the dog exercise area, also accessible off Ocean Road via a small pathway. There is limited parking on either side and is street parking.

Dog exercise area (back of Wesley Knight Park) has the potential to become and NZMCA site (similar examples in RDC). This would be an addition to the dog park (not removing the amenity).

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



Area	H&S	Access	Total
3	3	4	10



Waikanae/Reikorangi/Peka Peka

Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Waikanae and Reikorangi





Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Peka Peka







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Ara Kuaka Esplanade Reserve

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recomme	ndations	Photos		
The site is a large gravel carpark, with beach access surrounded by larger residential homes.	The large the bead freedom is shelt surveil residen accomm	e carpark th would camping ered, and lance fro tial hous odate 1-	reedom cand proving and proving location. In there is no many many many many many many many many	kimity to a great The site natural ouring e could aximum.			
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Edgewater Reserve

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large grassy areas, public	roa	ding infr	astructure	to	
toilets, playground	accommo	odate ve	hicles. The	reserve	
infrastructure, and other	serves	as a recr	eation are	ea and	
amenities like picnic tables	freedon	campin	g would in	terfere	
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Ferndale Drive Park

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is located within a residential area, contains a fully formed carpark, stormwater infrastructure and a small playground. There is also access to some neighbourhood walking trails via the reserve.	The site neighbo are othe that are freedor local resid far neighbor	cam s' primar urhood r er sites in e better n campir dents and nilies fro urhood r nature o	le for free ping. Ty function eserve and close prosuited. All ng would of potential musing the serve duft the site.	n is as a d there eximity owing disturb ally deter ne e to the	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Field Way Reserve (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 2 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The site consists of an unofficial parking area with no clear designated carparks or freedom camping freedom camping spots (limited signage). The area is adjacent to the beach, allows for beach access via the river mouth/estuary. The site offers public toilets	The site he its curre of approtude the de Addition would he coal alternat	nas the p nt sites vo opriate s esignate onal design elp to di st and co ive to the loca	reedom contential to with this in ignage incommends for ignated F/C isperse F/C ould be a few other Wations.	expand nclusion licating F/C. Spots Calong easible	
and easily accessed from the road.	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Jim Cooke Memorial Park

Site Description	Scorin	Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
The site is located at the end of a residential street and is across the Waikanae River from Otaraua Park. The site consists of large football fields, a clubhouse, public toilets and walking trails.	Site convenience vehicle nations greensp being reserve negative there are	cam instraints a access, al transm ace and by g used by Freedor ely impace other m in close p	ole for free ping. Is include list the presents on line the site is residents or camping at current fore suitable proximity.	mited nce of es over actively as a g would use and ole areas	

Ngawhakangutu Reserve

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is located at the end of a rural residential road and consists of a large natural reserve covered in thick native bush, and a sand walking track allowing beach access.	camp If you w the follo 1. Activ develop per b 2. Devel	vere to a wing wo ration by ment on mit view peach/Ka op a leve cam tial addi	current so commoda uld need to access dri higher gro points to to piti island el parking a pers. tion of toil ter.	tate). ate F/C o occur: iveway ound to the area for	NEIGHBOURNOOD SUPPORT AREA D. HOWIEF
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Peka Peka Beach-Foreshore

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site consists of a large gravel carpark and boat launching area providing beach access for vehicles and walking access for visitors. The site is located at the end of the main road in Peka Peka Beach.	Allowing restrict boat lau causing would pure day use This si	cam g freedor and or in unching a g conflict ose park ers and fr te should ry functi	ole for free ping. In camping nterfere work with user ing challer eedom card only services)	would with the centially rs and nges for mpers. we one	
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Pharazyn Reserve

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
gravel carparks with no designated parking spaces. There is a small playground, picnic table and benches, bins, public toilet, and a connection to the walking trail network. The site is also a KCDC Waster Water Pumping Station site with some overflow ponds directly adjacent to the parking area and	camping the beach the weth of serve stigma of treate attempts a F/C serve	g. Despite and at and (pro ice for m f being a ment wo s to prom pot. This to have amenity	ole for free the proximal system viding good aintenance round was uld undernote the set type of relow appears.	imity to n around od levels ce) the stewater mine etting as eserve	Emergency effluent over the property of the pr
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Pukekawa Park - Greenaway Road Reserve

Site Description
The site is located at the
end of a residential street
and has two sites. Site A is a
combination dog exercise
area and recreation reserve
with large gum trees,
fencing and walking trails.
Site B is a medium sized
gravel parking area and
maintenance area for trail
maintenance. Site B
connects the trail network
next to the Waikanae River.

Site Description

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Site suitable for freedom camping.
The site offers users connections to recreation and nature with connections to trails. Some redesign would need to occur to create adequate parking areas.

Site A-Pukekawa Reserve has some health and safety issues(gum trees and low-lying power lines)

Site B- The maintenance parking lot at the end of the road could host 1-2 spots max.

F/C potential as next to the trail and safer as no gum trees



Area	H&S	Access	Total	
3	4	3	10	

Photos





Te Moana Rd Esplanade Reserve

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site consists of a sealed carpark with approximately 15 carparks, good beach access, is sheltered and protected from the wind.	The site area, has recreation the pote	has adeo s high an onal oppo ential to a F/C s	reedom ca quate turn nenity valu ortunities, accommod spots.	around ue, offer and has date 1-2	
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	2	2	2	6	

Waimeha Domain-Victor Weggery Reserve

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a neighbourhood reserve, with public toilets and playground infrastructure at one end. The site is on the periphery of the Waimeha Domain/Lagoon within a residential area. There is no designated carpark or parking area.	camping. The site offers no clear area where parking overnight vehicles would not cause a disturbance to local traffic and residents. There are other sites more suitable for F/C				
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	4	3	5	12	

Waikanae Park (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 2 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is adjacent to an active reserve, including sports fields, wrestling club, skatepark, pony club, public toilets, and is close to the Waikanae Pool. The sealed carpark as approximately 25 carparks. The site is located within a residential area, is quiet and secluded.	The sit other sit site could design wou	e is a gre les within I suppor ated F/C uld bene	reedom cat exemped the district spots. The fit from bi	lar for ict. The onal 1-2 e site ns.	FREEDOM CAMPING Nga Tokiwa Noho Puril PARK 2 SELF CONTAINED
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Waimea Road Beach Reserve-Waikanae Beach (CURRENT SITE)

	Site Description
	This site is currently an
	established freedom
C	amping area allowing for 2
	self-contained vehicles to
pa	ark overnight. The area is a
1	arge, sealed carpark with
ā	approximately 50 spots, is
	adjacent to the Waikanae
	Boating Club and
r	estaurant, provides direct
b	each access and there are
	public toilets available.

Site Description

Site suitable for freedom camping.
The sites proximity to the beach club and public toilets makes this a prime location for F/C. There is adequate turn around space and direct beach access. The site could support additional designated F/C spots, which would help to disperse F/C along the coast and could be a feasible alternative to the other Waikanae locations.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



Area	H&S	Access	Total	
2	2	1	5	
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Photos



Waimanu Lagoon (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is currently an established freedom camping area allowing for 4 self-contained vehicles to park overnight. The area is a large, sealed carpark with approximately 8 spots, is adjacent to the Waimanu Lagoon and provides direct beach access and there are public toilets available.	The site design signage recrea connecti	offers ar nated F/C and prov tional op ons with is	reedom canple parki Carparks vides visito portunitie nature. R	ng, has with ors with es and etain as	Welcome to Wairruanu Lagoon FREEDOW CAMPINO SITE High Takes Note Part High Takes Note Part Maximum 4 setf-contained well cles at any time ZAI No camping permitted
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Waikanae Train Station Carpark

Site Description
The Waikanae Train Station
Carpark is operated by
Metlink (GWRC). It is
located adjacent to the train
station, with the CBD area
close to shops. The carpark
is fully formed with
approximately 40-50
parking spaces, overhead
lighting and CCTV. There is
good turn around area and
it is easily accessible off
Main Road Waikanae (old
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Suitable for Freedom Camping.
Overall, this site could suit a
stopover safe spot for SelfContained vehicles to park. It would
provide day visitors to access
Wellington via public
transportation and then have a
safe, central location to return to,
to spend the night.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations



Area	H&S	Access	Total	
2	2	2	6	









Mobil/Bohanna Motors

Site Description	Scoring Matrix and	d Recommendations	Photos
and has multiple commercial businesses located on it including realestate office, mechanic in shop/petrol station. It is a large, sealed carpark with direct access off Main Wand, close to the train station and shops.	developed into (NZMCA we frastructure like this could also state cycle trail netwon With the amenities water supply and the addition of a could make a good	e potential to be o a NZMCA site ould supply e a dump station age the area for ork connection. es already present d power) and with dump station th	o. a a ht h is t.

Waimanu Lagoon (end of carpark)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommen	dations	Photos
The site is a gravel carpark with no designated carparks providing access to the trail network and estuary. The site has large grassy areas and some trees.	camping host F/C thoroug farthe toilets. appeal ar is too cl are othe	g. Although, this is a ghfare. The raway for the site of the condition of	le for free gh this site a busy ped he site is lo rom the p does offer e surveilla he estuary shed sites tter suited	e could estrian ocated ublic visual ince but There nearby	
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Waimeha Domain

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	nd Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a large reserve located between the beach and shops in Waikanae. There are 10-15 designated street parking spots, public toilets, a playground, canopy cover and shade trees, and beach access.	The designat parkir	cam area do ed parkir ng. There n Waikar suppo	ble for free oping. es not having area, one are other hae that bort F/C.	e a ly street sites etter	
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Te Horo Beach (Sea Road)

Site Description
The site is located on the
coastal edge between Te
Horo Beach and the beach.
There is an unsealed loop
road (Sea Road) that
connects either end of the
site (one end where the
public toilets are located
and one end where there is
a grassy reserve with picnic
tables, bins and boulevards
designating the parking
areas. Was FC Area
historically was removed as
part of previous review.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Site suitable for freedom camping. This site provides multiple areas that would be optimal for freedom camping as vehicles have access to the reserve via a loop road, there is sanitation infrastructure present (public toilets and water), there is green grassy reserve space and other infrastructure. The site has high amenity value and offers visitors recreation opportunities via the beach. Special conditions would need to be made considering the sensitivity of the coastal edge and dunes. Area lends itself a suitable spot for different types of freedom camping, specifically F/C nonself-contained (e.g., rooftop tenting) in designated areas.



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The Pots Reserve

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Mangaone South Road-Waikanae River

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	nd Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a large gravel carpark adjacent to a D OC trailhead connecting Ōtaki Forks, the TA, and other tracks. There are public toilets.	Due to the safety causing	cam ne narrow the only site, this issues fo g unnece	ple for free ping. w access row in and out may cause or larger vessary chall	oad that it access e some chicles enges.	
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Reikorangi Reserve

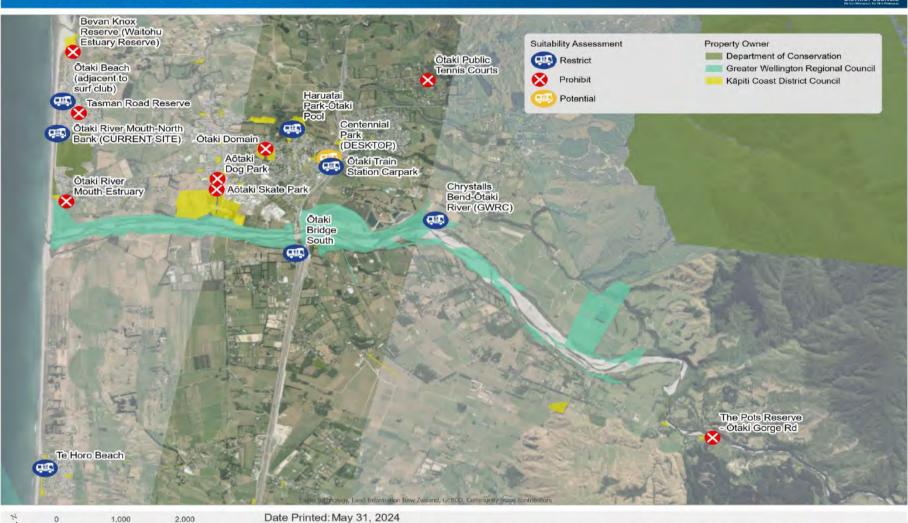
Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is owned by the DOC and is managed by KCDC a large recreation reserve consisting of public toilets, community hall, large, fenced grass paddocks, a multi-purpose hard court and some shade trees. Currently the Gold Coast Riding Club	This site an NZM route the Park, and area. To value geograp flat area Consultainquir	c is a greater of the site has been dependent on the top of the to	reedom cat opporture it is on a set arranda ated in a hear as high and as an estacing to how a dump stacing.	nity for transit Forest sistorical menity and ablished stasite. Iders to ation,	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
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Ōtaki

Scale @ A41:50,000

Freedom Camping Assessment Sites - Ōtaki & Te Horo





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Aōtaki Skate Park

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
The site is a small gravel carpark with approximately 5 carparks. The site is a large skatepark, has public toilets and is located in a heavy industrial area across from a sewage treatment plant.	The sit present securi prope appeal. Iow a industria	cam e is isola te of secu ty measu rties whi The site's appeal as al area ac nent area	ple for free ping. ted. There urity came ares on adjusted the continuities in a harross from a d. hibit	e is the ras and jacent from also has eavy sewage	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	1	3	4	8	

Aōtaki Dog Park

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recomme	endations	Photos		
The site has a large, gravel carpark and is located next to a large, fenced dog exercise area between heavy industrial and residential housing.	camping an ideal s has good area, th indust am unappea a stigm are oth	g. Althorsize for d road a le site is rial area enity valing loca of bei	larger ve ccess/tu located which o lue and i ation. Th ng unsaf	carpark is hicles and rnaround in a high ffers no is an e site has e. There taki that			
	Area	Proh	Access	Total			
	1	3	3	7			

Bevan Knox Reserve (Waitohu Estuary Reserve)

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is located at the end of a residential street, is a sealed parking area (limit 3 cars) and is used for local access to the reserve and estuary.	The site resident the rese and t	cam serves a s and day rve and l curnarour would c vould dis	ping. s local par y walkers e has limited had area. La ause dama turb reside	king for entering d access arger age and	
	5	2	5	12	

Centennial Park (DESKTOP)

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a neighbourhood pocket park, consisting of a pathway, community building and small playground.	Site r	ot suitab cam is no par not supp cam	le for free ping. king availa ort any free ping. hibit Access N/A	edom able this eedom	

Haruātai Park-Ōtaki Pool

Site Description

Site Description
The site is a large active
reserve consisting of large
multi-use sports fields,
tennis club, indoor
recreation facility and pool,
lower neighbourhood
reserve, playground and
BBQ area with shade sails,
amenity planting, shade
trees and multiple sealed
carparks.

Scoring Matrix and Recommendations

Site suitable for freedom camping.
This site would suit long haul
freedom campers that want a break
from remoteness, access to public
infrastructure like the pool/hot
tubs/showers. Could provide
alternative income stream-visitors
using Council facilities. The site
offers some degree of natural
surveillance. Site suitable to
support minimal sites (2-5 max).



H&S	Access	Total
2	1	5
2	1	5
	н&s 2	H&S Access

Photos







Ōtaki River Mouth-Estuary

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix an	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
The site is located at the	Site n	ot suitab	le for free	edom	
end of the estuary road.	camping	g. Manag	ed interve	ention is	
There is a small gravel	needed	to mitiga	ite any dai	mage to	
carpark connecting the trail	the ecol	ogical val	ues of the	site. As	
network, and unsealed	it is locat	ted so clo	se to the	estuary,	
access to the river mouth	access	needs to	o be prohi	bited,	
via gravel tracks. LINZ Land	stopping	people f	rom acces	sing any	
Managed by GWRC		part of t	he river.	5.6.21	
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		Cou	ncil).		
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	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	4	4	4	12	

Ōtaki Beach (adjacent to surf club)

Site Description	Scori	ng Matrix a	and Recomm	endations	Photos
The site is a large, sealed car park offering direct beach access, and is adjacent to the surf club, restaurant, public toilets, and walking trails. There is adequate turnaround area and multiple access points from the main road.	Proximand the idea interven surf or distance for grey that woo parking who was	beach a lovernig tion need to site is a nomads ald preferrather to partommoda	all within v suitable (s in expensi r amenitie han natur	township es this an inimal water and valking pecifically ve vehicles es and safe e seekers each). Can	
- 1	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	3	1	6	

Ōtaki Domain

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix ar	nd Recommen	ndations	Photos
The site is a large active reserve hosting both rugby and football clubs, grass fields and hard courts.	campii charac (amenit more s Conflict	ng. Altho teristics ies, club uitable o s with sp t guests	ole for free ough the si that suppo houses) th options in porting coo may cause	te has ort F/C ere are Ōtaki. des and	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	2	1	5	

Ōtaki River Mouth-North Bank (CURRENT SITE)

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
This site is located at the far	Site suit	able for t	reedom ca	amping.	
end of Ōtaki Beach. It is a	Having	consister	cy betwee	en sites	
large open area allowing	on where	e people	should pa	rk needs	
vehicles to drive directly	to be i	mproved	. This site	needs	
onto the beach. There are	manage	ed interv	ention to p	revent	
no barricades or boulevards	any e	cological	damage t	o the	
blocking access to the	beach/du	unes/est	uary, limiti	ng users	
beach. The site sits in	to a des	ignated a	area (with	the use	
between the estuary and	of signag	e and fe	ncing/bou	levards).	
the beach. There are high	This site	is easily	accessible	and can	Fredgy Danier 1
ecological and cultural	accom	modate	more F/C t	han it	The Hand Additional Control of the Management of
values. Classified as LINZ	currently	allows.	Increase F	/C spots	
Land (untitled Beach area	with r	nanaged	interventi	on (a	2 Personal
Managed by LINZ as Marine	Master	plan is n	eeded: wo	rk with	
and Coastal Area)		Tangata	Whenua)		
		D	total .		
		Res	trict •		
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	20
	3	3	3	9	

Ōtaki Public Tennis Courts

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is located adjacent to rural lifestyle properties. The site consists of two sealed tennis courts, public toilets, and is fully fenced with a gate. The site has some fruit trees and large gums trees.	campi charac there ar Ōtaki. G cater attract locat seclude other ir	ng. Altho teristics e more s um tree to F/C (s ion appe ion, altho ed, is not afrastruct e.g., sup	ole for free ugh the sithat support uitable opinstability afety risks al), and the bugh quiet located claure or amermarket).	te has ort F/C tions in doesn't , low e sites and ose to enities	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	3	3	8	

Tasman Road Reserve

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix ar	d Recomme	ndations	Photos
This site consists of a large gravel carpark, public toilets, and playground infrastructure. The site is slightly sloped, has some shade trees, and is located off a main road surrounded by residential housing.	A charac (amen toilets, suitable cater t	cam Ithough teristics nities, pla location e options to a large at affection	ple for free ping. the site hat support yground, or in Ōtaki to resident luse.	ort F/C public e more hat can of F/C	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	2	2	6	

Ōtaki Train Station Carpark

Site Description	Scoring	g Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The Ōtaki Train Station Carpark is operated by Metlink (GWRC). It is located adjacent to the train station, within the CBD. The carpark is fully formed with approximately 30 parking spaces, overhead lighting and CCTV. There is good turn around area and it is easily accessible off of State Hwy 1.	Overstop Stop Containe provid W transposafe, cer t	all, this sover safe d vehicle de day vi /ellington ortation htral loca to spend	eedom Can ite could s e spot for S es to park. sitors to ac n via publi- and then h ation to res the night.	uit a Self- It would ccess c nave a turn to,	
4	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	2	2	1	5	

Chrystalls Bend-Ōtaki River (GWRC)

Site Description	Scoring	Matrix an	d Recommer	ndations	Photos
The site is a large nature reserve located on the Ōtaki River. The site is owned by and actively being maintained by GWRC and volunteers. New native planting blocks being established. Access to the site is through a large	Site suita The site and vie access to and conn are large vehic Challeng this site	able for f offers hi wpoints, o recreat nection w turnarou les and a es for th include	reedom ca gh amenit offering vion oppor vith nature und areas ample parl e develop access due	amping. ty value visitors tunities e. There for large king. ment of e to the	
quarry. The site has large blocks of native trees, an unsealed loop road, and has planned installation of public toilets.	quarry v are th concerns restri remo	vill dictate reir access, bridge ctions). Attending te, there ructure r	ing hours te useabilities gates, so underpass Also, the seriore proving may be dif	ty (e.g., afety s height ite is iding	
	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
	3	3	3	9	

#1277 State Hwy 1-Ōtaki Bridge South

Site Description	Scorin	g Matrix and	Recommenda	tions	Photos
The site consists of two areas. A- The Western side of the highway is a sealed gravel parking area to access the trail network. B- The Eastern side of the highway is an old rest stop and historical area, sealed car park with	Site B (old r F/C as it has ample tu visible from The current tidy up. To addition. Sit sloped and used as an a F/C may p	sheltered a rn around s the busy h state is uns ilet facilitie te A is unsu is very exp	ould better areas from space, plus highway and suitable as s would be hitable as it bosed. Site he trail netwonges for da l parking).	r support trees and is less d bridge. it needs a a great is slightly A is also work, and	A
established	Area	H&S	Access	Total	
trees. Site A is more exposed and site B is more secluded.	3	3	3	9	

Conclusions

Allowing freedom camping can offer a region significant benefits. It helps to promote tourism and positive destination image by attracting visitors who seek immersive experiences in nature without the constraints of traditional accommodation. This in turns stimulates the local economy through increased spending on goods and services. The slower, 'regenerative' tourism disperses tourists into further recreation opportunity. Additionally, freedom camping encourages exploration of lesser-known areas, distributing tourist traffic and economic spend across a district, alleviating pressure on popular tourist hotspots. By supporting freedom camping, Council can provide opportunities for affordable and accessible travel, allowing individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to experience the magic of the Kāpiti Coast.

The assessment revealed that the Kāpiti Coast District Council has an abundance of potential freedom camping locations, with 46 sites recommended as the potential to restrict freedom camping activities, hosting a limited amount of camping spots per location, and 30 sites recommended as prohibiting all freedom camping activities. The assessment notes that this is the initial step in the policy review process, and further investigation and consultation with all stakeholder groups related to any potential freedom camping sites needs to occur including an in-depth investigation for all recognised ecological, cultural, and historical values.

The assessment notes some locations where issues are being experienced, and acknowledges discussions are already underway, e.g., Ōtaki River mouth. Such locations require comprehensive solutions and planned management interventions, where bans in isolation are typically not successful without master planning and working with people/ agencies. This assessment project has also noted that Council is also aligning process and actions in its current Reserve Management Plan process to support a comprehensive approach.

What's Next?

What's next in the process? The below bullets are the recommended 'next steps' following this initial assessment.

- 1. Submission of draft to Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) for initial review
- 2. Submission of the draft is for early focused feedback on any potential allergic reactions, obvious omissions of sites etc.
- 3. KCDC and Thrive Spaces and Places to scope the journey for the report based on a consultation plan.
- 4. Management briefing with the Parks, Open Space, and Environment Manager and the Environmental Standards Manager to discuss the draft consultation plan and priorities and to approve the circulation of the document externally and internally e.g., KCDC staff, Tangata Whenua, GWRC, NZMCA.
- 5. Consider if there are any strategic context issues as a result of:
 - a. The assessment
 - b. Following the meeting with GWRC
 - c. Consideration of what neighbouring local authorities are active within similar assessments e.g., Porirua, GWRC
 - d. Some consideration of risk around the larger interventions e.g., Ōtaki River dominating the process

- 6. Enacting the consultation plan with a clear project programme and structure for receiving feedback and queries (non-public)
- 7. A further briefing of council staff and coordinating with other processes e.g., the Reserve Management Plan (RMP), bylaw process, and coordination of one or more management interventions is maybe necessary
- 8. Revise any aspect of the consultation planning prior to launch with a jointly signed off project programme with KCDC and other stakeholder groups.