

## Item 3: Mount Iron Trail Plan

**SESSION TYPE:** Workshop

### **PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:**

The purpose of this workshop is to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the work being undertaken to develop the Mount Iron Trail Plan and to seek direction on the Trail Plan.

### **DATE/START TIME:**

Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 12.10pm

### **TIME BREAKDOWN:**

Presentation: 10 minutes

Questions: 20 minutes

### **PRESENTERS:**

Kat Banyard - Senior Parks Advisor

Dave Winterburn - Parks Manager

#### **Prepared by:**

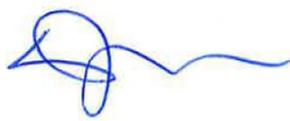


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2 February 2026

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**Title:** Parks Manager

2 February 2026

#### **Reviewed and Authorised by:**



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4 February 2026

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

A	Presentation - Mount Iron Trail Plan
B	Draft Mount Iron Trail Map

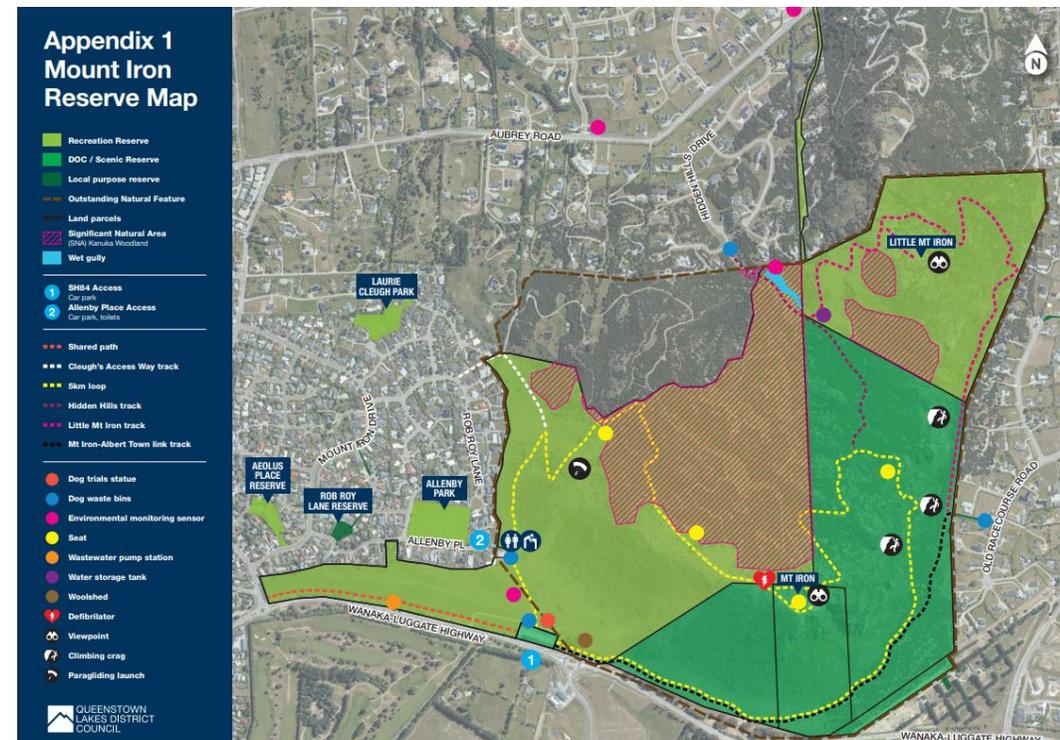
# Mount Iron Trail Plan

Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop

12 February 2026

# Purpose

- Provide an update on development of the Trail Plan
- For the Community Board to provide direction on the Trail Plan (including horse riding)



# Background

- April 2025 - Bike Wānaka approached Council to build bike trails upon completion of the Mount Iron Reserve Management Plan
- May 2025 - Council began development of a Trail Plan for Mount Iron
- December 2025 – Preferred future trail maps received from all groups
- 16 December 2025 - WUCCB approved Stage 1 mountain bike trails in principle, subject to completion of the overall Trail Plan



# Draft Trail Plan

- New walking, biking and horse riding trails proposed
- Utilising and formalising parts of the existing informal network
- Creation of shared use trails (all users) where appropriate
- Ability to horse ride a loop around the reserve (including Mount Iron summit)
- Work to develop the Trail Plan is ongoing

# Being informed by....

- Assessment against the Mount Iron Reserve Management Plan
- Kai Tāhu values
- Ecological assessment
- Landscape assessment
- Consideration of how the trails will be used
- Engagement with relevant groups



# Horse riding in the Mount Iron Reserve

- Very few submissions during engagement on the RMP to understand whether there is community support for horse riding
- Reserve Management Plan (RMP) supports new recreation uses where they do not conflict with existing uses and are consistent with the character of the reserve
- Likely low number of users
- Potential for shared trails where appropriate and low impact horse only trails
- Potential for user conflicts
- Need for additional infrastructure to support parking for horse floats

# Next Steps

- Continued engagement with relevant groups
- Adjustments to the Trail Plan
- WUCCB decision on the Trail Plan – WUCCB Meeting 2 April 2026

If the Trail Plan is approved, followed by:

- More detailed staging of trail development
- Resource consenting, detailed design and agreements for specific trails as groups decide to proceed with trail building

# Direction

- Any issues/opportunities for the walking and biking trails?
- Any issues/opportunities for horse riding trails? How much should horse riding in the reserve be supported and accommodated?

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## Existing and Proposed Tracks/Trails

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### Mt Iron Tracks

- Biking - Proposed
- Horse - Proposed
- Walking - Existing
- Walking - Proposed
- Shared Walking/Biking- Existing
- Shared Walking/Biking/Horse - Proposed
- Other