

# Outdoor Access Champion Awards

## NOMINATION GUIDE

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Do you know someone who has made it easier to access the outdoors?

They may have helped build a trail, are landowners who have shared access to their land, or have organised their community to restore access to the whenua.

This guide will help you nominate them for an Outdoor Access Champion award.

### The nomination process

Nominators (people who nominate someone for an award) can make a nomination on our website at the link below.

The Board of Herenga ā Nuku considers all the nominations in November and selects recipients.

We then organise a presentation for the successful nominees in their home community for the following year.

### Tips and advice for making a nomination

In your nomination, you should tell an accurate and clear story about the nominee (the person you are nominating).

Your nomination should include information and examples about their work and achievements, their impact on others, and what makes them an Outdoor Access Champion.

Before writing the nomination, make a list of what makes the nominee special.

### The nomination does not need to be long or a formal document

We just want to hear from you, in your own words, what makes the nominee a special person.

You may only need to write a few sentences, or you may want to send maps, pictures, clippings, and other information to support your nomination.

### Timeline

Nominations open: 1 August 2025

Nominations close: 3 November 2025

Herenga ā Nuku Board decides: 27 October 2025

Awards presented: First half of 2026

## Some things to consider

Below are some questions to get started. You don't need to have answers for all of these—these are just to get you thinking about what your nomination should include.

Contact us if you have any questions or want help.

## Services and activities

- What services/activities did they provide, and to who?
- How have they served their community, region, or New Zealand?
- How have they demonstrated innovation, entrepreneurship, or voluntary service to improve the lives of others?
- How long have they carried out their services/activities?

## Achievements

- What have they achieved?
- Why are these achievements significant?
- What has been the impact of their services/activities?
- Who has benefited from their services/activities and how?
- Have they worked in jobs that relate to their achievements?

## Involving others in the process

Talk to community members to get their input and check that they support the nomination. They may know other ways the nominee has contributed to the community. Add these to your list. It is helpful to find other people in the community who agree that the nominee is worthy of a nomination.

# Some recent recipients



## The Whangawehi Catchment Management Group

The management group created Te Aratia Walkway across private land, providing a unique link.



## Ally Davey

Ally Davey brought the dream of Ride Coromandel Bike Park into reality as volunteer project manager with the Spirit of Coromandel Trust.



## Suky Thompson

Suky Thompson developed the Banks Peninsula trail network as project manager with the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust.

[herengaanuku.govt.nz/nomination-form](https://herengaanuku.govt.nz/nomination-form)