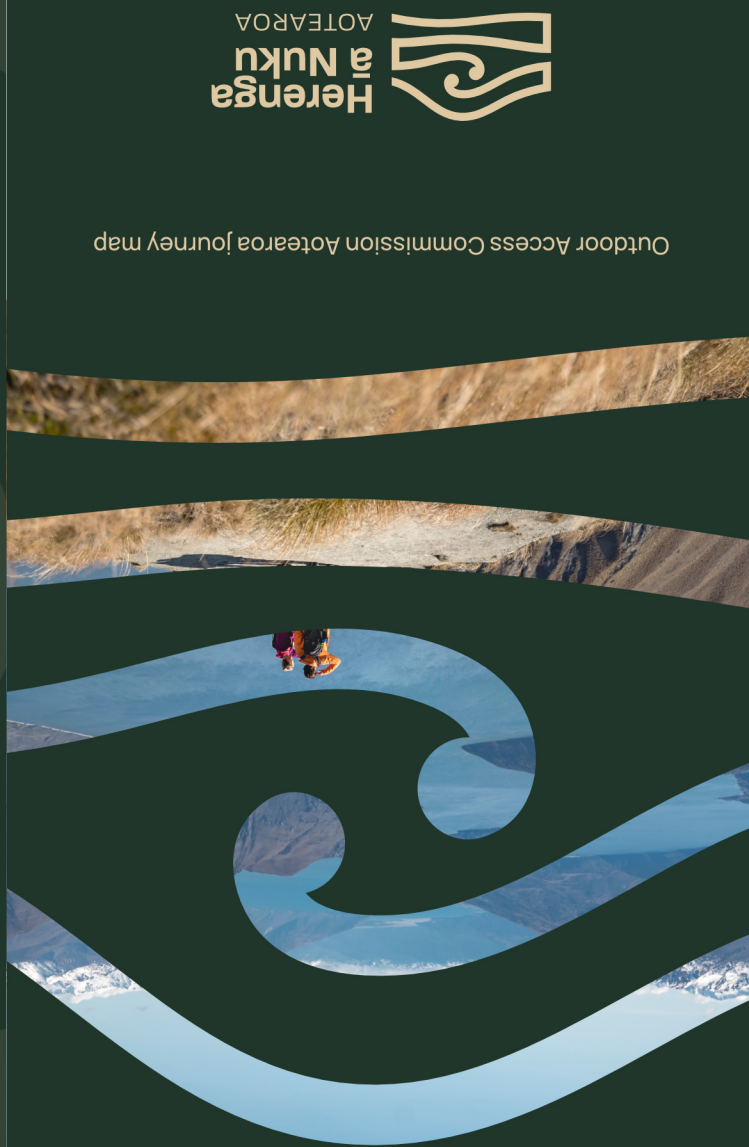


Herea te  
whenua ki  
te tangata,  
tangata ki  
te whenua

Bind the  
people  
to the land  
and the land  
to the people



Connecting people  
Connecting places

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## Our story

Herenga is an obligation, bond or tie. Nuku refers to Papatūānuku, the earth mother. She is the land in all of her beauty, power, strength and inspiration. She is the mother who sustains us. Papatūānuku is the reason we tramp, bike or horse ride across the land.

Herenga ā Nuku the Outdoor Access Commission is the government agency protecting and enhancing public access to the outdoors for everyone in New Zealand – walkers, mountain bikers, anglers, horse riders, landholders, trail runners and more.

We work with communities to create new connections to and across the land, resolve disputes and care for the land and the people who live, work and play on it.

#### Questions we can help answer

- Where can I go fishing?
- Am I allowed to access that land, beach or river, and if so, how?
- Can I create a walking track on my land?
- How do I set up a new group to build a walking and biking track in my community?





# How we connect people and places

Herenga ā Nuku, the Outdoor Access Commission Aotearoa, supports people, organisations, and communities in creating and caring for access to the outdoors. Here are stories of some of the many groups we work with.

## Te Araroa

Te Araroa is NZ’s walk of a lifetime. You can take months to walk the whole thing or a few hours or days to walk a local section. Over time, everyone can walk the length of New Zealand.

Te Araroa is a different kind of trail to traditional back-country tramping tracks. It connects people, towns and cities. Herenga ā Nuku partners with Te Araroa Trust, helping it with logistics and management so it can get on with the task of creating life-changing experiences for walkers.

## Kawatiri Coastal Trail

When finished, the Kawatiri Coastal Trail will be a family-friendly cycle trail stretching along the West Coast from Westport to Charleston. It follows the footsteps of the ancient Māori explorers and the 1860s gold miners and features accommodation, restaurants and cafes along the way.

Within 10 years, 16,000 people will be using the trail each year. It is expected to bring \$18.2 million to the Buller region over the first 12 years. The local trust developing the trail is creating sustainable jobs for local people who provide beds, food and support for the bikers and walkers.



## Pūhoi to Mangawhai

Our Pūhoi to Mangawhai project is a massive network of cycling and walking trails linking Auckland and Northland.

Local people in the Matakana Coast Trail Trust coordinate and lead the project, working collaboratively with Herenga ā Nuku and community organisations, local landowners, businesses and strategic partners such as Ngāti Manuhiri, Auckland Transport, and Auckland Council. The trail makes biking a realistic option in a highly car-dependent area. After it is completed, it will create 257 jobs and an extra \$96 million of tourist spending per year in Auckland and Northland. It will be a free asset that nearly 700,000 people will use each year.

## Te Ahu Pataki – Banks Peninsula

Herenga ā Nuku is helping the Rod Donald Trust, local rūnaka Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and Orton Bradley Park. Together they are creating Te Ahu Pataki, a 3-day walk from Christchurch to Hilltop, across reserves, unformed legal roads, private land, and land purchased specifically for the walkway. Te Ahu Patiki is a stunning recreational asset for walking, biking and climbing. It is also a highly visible landscape for Cantabrians, with the potential to regenerate native forests.

## Maps

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa has one of the most comprehensive mapping systems in NZ. These free maps allow anyone to view areas with legal public access, tracks, conservation land and property information across New Zealand. Our maps are popular with track and trail building groups, hunters, anglers, trampers and people looking for public access. They can help anyone wanting to explore the outdoors.

# We contribute to New Zealand’s wellbeing

