

UPPER CLUTHA TRACK NETWORK STRATEGY 2021 -2027



Introduction

This strategy is intended to guide the development, maintenance, communication and information for the Upper Clutha Track Network (the Network) for the next 6 years (2021-2027). Upper Clutha residents view the existing extensive Network as a major nationally recognised, highly valued, community asset.

The development and maintenance of the Network rests with several organisations. There are a number of reasons for this, including land ownership, track usage, and the particular interests and mandate of each of the organisations contributing to the Network. This strategy provides a vehicle to enhance collaboration between the various groups involved in regard to the Network.

There are opportunities to use the tracks for tourism and economic development, enhancing the quality of life, the economical and physical health of the Upper Clutha region. We also want to collaborate with adjoining networks as part of the national network. Some potential commercial benefit from the Network is recognised. One of the challenges is to balance commercial use with wider community use so that everybody continues to have use of the tracks.

A key function of The Network is linking our communities, for recreation and commuting. A key risk to the Network is the need for ongoing maintenance of both the existing Network and new tracks as they are developed. As the Network becomes more extensive, user demand will increase, this will require collaboration between the organisations involved to ensure the ongoing success of the Network and all its constituent parts. A further risk is reverse sensitivities from developments and lost opportunities to expand the network when development occurs without assessing its potential for the tracks network.

Funding the development and maintenance of the Network will be sought from as many sources as possible, as there is no guaranteed source of funding for the future.

Vision

A Network that serves the needs of the local community, visitors and the natural environment.

KEY STRATEGIES

- **Connect Upper Clutha Communities.** The Network will connect the communities of the Upper Clutha. Work to complete the track network and link all our communities will continue to be key.
 - Complete tracks network to link all communities
 - Identify gaps in commuter network

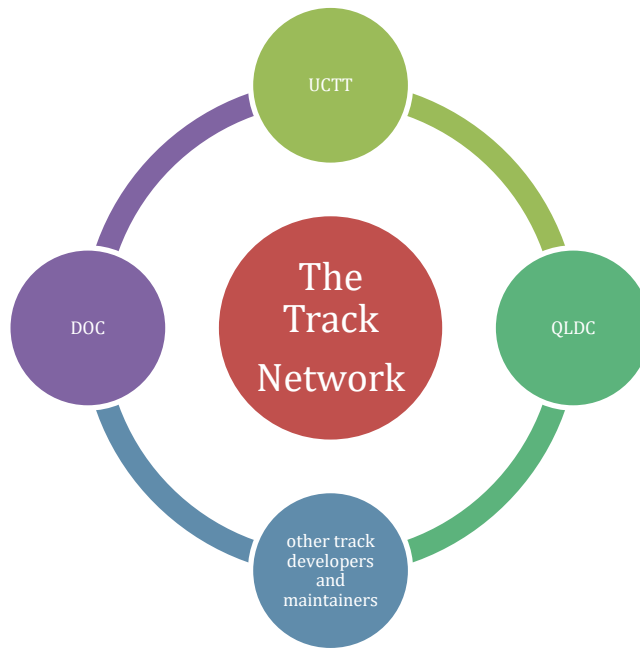
- Take advantage of other opportunities to add to the network as identified.
- **Enable recreation opportunities for all walkers, bikers and horse riders on Upper Clutha tracks.** The tracks network will offer a viable alternative to vehicle use. Specific commuter tracks will be developed. Wanaka is a popular visitor destination and there is a demand for the commercial use of the Network
 - Increase commuter tracks between communities
 - Identify horse trails
 - Increase accessible tracks (wheelchair/pushchair)
 - Develop plan for Sticky Forest
 - Review track information – access/track category/track users/track etiquette/toilets/rubbish/integrated signage
 - Establish guidelines for commercial volumes on tracks
 - Identify Back country/Alpine bike destinations
 - Develop fit for purpose children’s bike track
 - Advocate for non-vehicular access to the Network in Resource consents, Regional Plans, OIO, QLDC, NZTA, development plans, DOC management plans
 - Advocate for linking tracks in Development Plans and all planning processes.
- **Manage, develop and maintain Upper Clutha tracks.**
 - Standards for development and maintenance are identified and agreed.
 - Each track identified for development must have a maintenance plan identified and agreed among the interested parties before development can commence
 - Those responsible for maintenance shall maintain the track network to identified standards
 - A register of MOU’s regarding track maintenance shall be kept by UCTT
 - Lead organisations responsible for maintenance will report annually to the UCTT on the delivery against the maintenance MOUs
 - **Plan collaboratively.** Collaboration between UCTT, DOC and QLDC and key parties to the Network will maximise development of infrastructure and information for the tracks network. Land ownership challenges, resource limitations and conflicting demands makes planning for the tracks network across interest groups essential.
 - Link Network with pre-existing and planned similar networks.

Scope of the Network

Urban Tracks: Within easy access from Lakes Wanaka, Luggate, Albert Town and Lake Hāwea townships.

Rural Tracks: principally but not exclusively North to the head of Lakes Hāwea and Wanaka to the Haast Pass, south to Crown Range, east to Lindis & west to Glendhu Bay. Upper Clutha Basin to the Motatapu River

N. B. Tracks outside this scope may be developed in collaboration with other groups



General Assumption:

Tracks will be maintained to the class/grade to which they are built unless there is a specific Manager's comment.
Refer to key page 13 for track class, user group and MTB grade.

Network Tracks completed – maintenance and issues:

Description	Location	Land Manager	Track Class	User Group	*MTB Grade	Comment	Action
Urban Tracks: Within easy access from Lakes Wanaka and Hawea							
BEACON POINT TRACK MARINA - OUTLET	Lake Wanaka foreshore	QLDC	1	1-3	1		
BUTTERFIELDS WETLAND TRACK	Hawea River Swingbridge access	DOC	3	1-3	1-2		
CAMERON'S CREEK LINK -	Pawson's crossing to Monteiths Rd	QLDC	1	1-3	1	Maintained by UCTT for 3 years then QLDC	
DEANS BANK TRACK (MTB)	Loop track - Albert Town	DOC	3	1-3	3-4	Track maintained by Bike Wanaka	
DUBLIN BAY TRACK	Dublin Bay to Albert Town	DOC	3	1-3	2		
EAST DUBLIN BAY		UCTT	3			Track maintained by DOC	
DUBLIN BAY TO MAUNGAWERA ROAD		UCTT					
GLADSTONE TRACK	Lake Hawea foreshore	QLDC	2	1-3	2		

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MILLENNIUM TRACK- GLENTHU BAY Waterfall Creek to Glendhu carpark Waterfall Creek to Ironside Trig	Lake Wanaka Foreshore	QLDC	3	1-3	3-4		
GLENTHU BAY TRACK - Glendhu carpark to Glendhu campground	Lake Wanaka Foreshore	QLDC	2	1-3	2		
EELY POINT TRACK	Lake Wanaka Foreshore	QLDC	1	1-3	1		
HALLIDAY ROAD LINK TRACK pawsons Bridge	link to UC River Track	DOC	3	1-3	1		
HAWEA RIVER TRACK	Hawea River	DOC/QLDC	3	1-3	2	Developed as commuter track	Work needed in forest area DOC
HAWEA SCHOOL TRACK	Hawea Flat	QLDC	1	1-3	1-2	Developed as commuter track which is accessible to horses	
HIDDEN HILLS TRACK	Mt Iron access	DOC	3	1-3	na	Look at an easement for a linking track	
HIKUWAI CONSERVATION AREA	Albert Town	DOC	3	1-3	2-3	Junior Bike Park - maintained by BW	
HIKUWAI LOOP TRACK	Outlet to Gunn Rd Albert Town	DOC	3	1-3	3-4		
HIKUWAI LINK TRACK	Gunn Rd to Outlet Track	DOC	3	1-3	1		

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LISMORE BIKE PARK	Wanaka	QLDC	2	1-3	Various	Leased and maintained by BW	
LUGGATE CREEK TRACK	Luggate to Clutha River	DOC	1-3	1-3	1-3		
MT IRON TRACK	Wanaka	DOC	3	1-3	na	Public access easement	Part of the track does not meet standard for surface and/or width
NEWCASTLE TRACK	Albert Town – Luggate	DOC	3	1-3	2-3	BW – MOU to maintain the existing trails	
Hawea Mountain Bike Track Noema Tce	Bike Wanaka	QLDC				Bike Park with a variety of tracks to cater to all levels	
OUTLET TRACK	Clutha River Mouth to Albert town	QLDC/DOC	3	1-3	2		Part of this track remains below width standard
ROYS PEAK TRACK	Mt Aspiring Road to Summit	DOC	3	1-3	na	Public access easement	
STICKY FOREST	Wanaka	PF Olsen	5	1-3	Various	BW – MOU to maintain the trails.	
UPPER CLUTHA RIVER TRACK	Albert Town to Luggate	DOC	3	1-3	3		
WANAKA LAKEFRONT TRACK	Lake Wanaka Foreshore	QLDC	1	1-3	1		
WATERFALL CREEK TRACK - Stoney Creek	Lake Wanaka Foreshore	QLDC	1-2	1-3	2		
Rural Tracks: North to the head of Lake Hawea, south to Crown Range, east to Lindis & west to Glendhu Bay.							

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AWA NOHOAKA TRACK	Grandview Range	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
BLUE NOSE TRACK	Grandview	DOC	5	5	NA	Public access easement	
BOTTOM BAY TRACK	Glen Dene, Lake Hawea	DOC	3	2	2	Public access easement	
BREAST HILL TRACK	Hawea	DOC	5	5	4-5	Public Access Easement	
CARDRONA-CROM PACK TK (to Lowburn) Pisa boundary	Pisa Conservation Area	DOC/WAC	5	5	4		
CARDRONA BIKE PARK	Cardrona	Cardrona Alpine Resort	Na	Na	Various	BW - MOU develop and maintain event tracks	
CHAIN HILLS ACCESS TK	Cluden valley	DOC	5	5	3	Public access easement	
CLOUDY PEAK TRACK	Argour, Tarras	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
CLUDEN CREEK TRACK	Cluden valley	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
CRAIG BURN ACCESS TRACK	Glen Dene, Lake Hawea	DOC	3	2	3	Public access easement	
CROWN RANGE SUMMIT TO ROCK PEAK	Pisa Conservation Area	DOC	3	2	3		
DEEP GULLY TRACK	Grandview Range southern access	DOC	5	5	3-4	Public access easement	
DIAMOND LAKE TRACK	Mt Aspiring Road	DOC	3	2	na		
DINGLE BURN PENINSULA TRACK	Dingle Burn access	DOC	3	2	3	Public access easement	
DINGLE BURN VALLEY TRACK	Dingle Burn valley	DOC	5	5	na		
DRY CREEK TRACK	Argour, Tarras	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
DUNSTAN PASS TRACK	Cluden to Chain Hills	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	

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EASTERN HILLS TRACK	Grandview Range southern access	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
EMERALD BLUFFS LAKE ACCESS TRACK	West Wanaka	Longview Enviro Trust	2	3	na	Privately owned track	
GLEN DENE RIDGE TRACK	Glen Dene, Lake Hawea	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
GRANDVIEW CREEK TRACK	Grandview Range northern access	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
GRANDVIEW MOUNTAIN TRACK		DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
GRANDVIEW RIDGE TRACK	Grandview Range	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
HUNTER VALLEY TRACK	Hunter Valley	DOC	2	5	3		
ISTHMUS PEAK TRACK	Glen Dene access	DOC	3	2	5	Public access easement	
KIRTLE BURN TRACK	Snowfarm access to Pisa	DOC	5	5	3		
LAKE HAWEA TRACK	Dingle Burn and Hunter valley access	DOC	5	5	3	Public access easement	
LINDIS PEAK TRACK	Old Faithful Road access	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
LITTLE CRIFFEL TRACK	Cardrona Valley	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
LOCHARBURN TRACK	Queensberry	DOC	5	5	na	Public access easement	
LONG ACRE TRACK	Chain Hills, Lindis	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
LOWER TIMARU CREEK	Timaru Valley	DOC	5	5	na	Public access easement	

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MATAKITAKI ACCESS TRACK	West Wanaka Bridge access	DOC	3	2	na	Public access easement	
McPHIES RIDGE TRACK	Chain Hills, Cluden	DOC	5	5	3-4	Public access easement	
MEG HUT PACK TRACK	Pisa Range	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
MINARET BURN TRACK	West Wanaka	DOC	5	5	3-4	Public access easement	
MOTATAPU TRACK	Fern Burn carpark access	DOC	5	5	na	Public access easement	
MOU WAHO ISLAND - ARETHUSA POOL TK	Lake Wanaka	DOC	3	2	na		
PARKINS BAY ACCESS TRACK	Lake Wanaka access	DOC	3	2	2	Public access easement	
PISA RANGE RIDGE TRACK	Pisa Ranges	DOC	5	5	3-4	Public access easements	
PLANK CREEK TO TUOHYS SADDLE TRACK	Pisa Range	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
SANDY POINT TRACK	Grandview Range access	DOC	2	1	na	Public access easement	
SAWYER BURN TRACK	Head of Lake Hawea	DOC	5	5	na		
SHILMAR TRACK	Chain Hills, Lindis	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
SOUTH AWA NOHOAKA TRACK	Grandview Range	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
SPOTTS CREEK TRACK	Cardrona Valley Road to Summit	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
TIMARU HIGH RIVER TRACK	Timaru Valley	DOC	5	5	na	Public access easement	
TINWALD BURN RIDGE TRACK	Mt Pisa station access to Pisa	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	
TUOHYS GULLY TRACK	Cardrona Valley	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	

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WEST COAST GULLY TRACK	Grandview Range southern access	DOC	5	5	4	Public access easement	

Implementation Plan 2021-2027

There are a mix of strategic (more likely to be achieved within the strategy period) and aspirational goals (maybe less likely to be achieved) in both projects and track development. Where consultation is required, for example with a private landowner, this is a necessary first step before planning for the project/track can proceed.

Development Projects						
Description	Lead organisation	Land Owner/Manager	Users	Timeframe	Future Funding Options	Comments
Develop plan for Sticky Forest	BW	Beneficiaries of the Office of Treaty Settlement	Beginner - expert			Waiting for District Plan review
Develop consistent commercial use policy	QLDC/DOC	Crown/DOC/QLDC	all	July 2021	na	Incl. sporting events, filming & commercial users;
Develop track etiquette and signage	BW/QLDC/LWT/DOC	All		2021		
Review and develop track user information	BW/LWT	na	all	2021		Distribute information on signs and in publications, social media etc

Develop up to date map of track network	UCTT/QLDC	All	All	2021	QLDC AP submission	
Establish volumes of use of high use tracks	DOC/QLDC	DOC/QLDC	all	2019	na	Includes all commercial activities. Counters to be installed on key tracks and data collected
Develop collaborative planning processes	UCTT/DOC/QLDCBW/LWT	na	all	ongoing	na	Annual planning meeting to be set up and further meetings as need arises with user groups.
Identify horse trails	QLDC/DOC	QLDC/DOC/Private	Horse Riders			Relevant trails will be identified in planning documents; advise LWT for promotion; address signage
Explore increased accessibility to tracks (e.g. wheelchair, pushchair access)	QLDC/DOC/BW	QLDC/private	all	Ongoing	NZTA QLDC	In conjunction with QLDC Walking and Cycling Strategy. Identify current and potential accessible tracks; coordinate with LWT for promotion and signage

Development of New Tracks								
Description	Lead Organisation	Land Owner	Track Class	User Group	MTB grade	Time frame	Future Funding Options	Manager's Comments
Cardrona-Wanaka track	Cardrona Res. Assoc. & UCTT	Private/LINZ/DOC	1/2	All		2022 - 2025		Consultation stage Part of Twin Lakes Project
Lower Cardrona River	UCTT	Private/LINZ/DOC	3	All		2022	UCTT/Sponsorship	In Development Part of Twin Lakes Project
ALBERT TOWN BRIDGE TO FRYE CRES	Albert Town	QLDC				2021	NZTA	In development
Albert Town Link Track (Templeton St)	UCTT	QLDC		Families		2021	UCTT/QLDC/Albert Town Community Association	In development
Commuter bike track Glendhu Bay - Wanaka	UCTT & QLDC	NZTA/QLDC					NZTA	Roadside track when road is widened - sectional
Commuter bike track Luggate - Wanaka	UCTT & QLDC	NZTA					NZTA	QLDC to submit to NZTA when new roads/improvements are proposed
Identify site for junior bike track	BW/DOC/QLDC	DOC/QLDC		Families	1-2	2021	Community grants/DOC/QLDC	Present site unsuitable for expansion, new site to be identified

Corbridge Downs	UCTT/ Developer	private						Awaiting development
-Albert Town- Dublin Bay bike track	UCTT	DOC	2	All	2	None		Single track development subject to DOC approval. Part of Twin Lakes Project
Dublin Bay - Maungawera Road	UCTT	DOC, QLDC	2	2	2	2021	Sponsor ship, other Trusts, UCTT	Subject to resolution of legal road matter. QLDC UCTT Fish & Game, DOC Part of Twin Lakes Project
Maungawera Road	UCTT	QLDC	2			2025		Part of Twin Lakes Project
Camphill Road	UCTT	QLDC	2			2025		Part of Twin Lakes Project
Hawea Back Road	UCTT	QLDC	2			2025		Part of Twin Lakes Project
Outlet to Hikuwai High Route	UCTT	QLDC	2			2025		Part of Twin Lakes Project CMS affected.
Stevensons Arm	UCTT	QLDC	2			2022		Part of Twin Lakes Project CMS affected.

Eely Point Loop bike track	QLDC	QLDC		Families	1-2	2021	Trusts	Loop track around the Scout Den subject to the Eely Point Development Plan
Deans Bank Network	BW	DOC						
Glendhu Bay Golf course Tracks	UCTT/Private/QLDC		2/3			2022 -		UCTT to follow up re schedule of work
Glendhu Bluff Track	UCTT	DOC				2022 - 2025		UCTT to look at in conjunction with above. Walking track only
HAWEA RIVER true right - Dam to Camphill Rd	UCTT	DOC	2/3			2021	UCTT/Trusts/Sponsorship	Awaiting CMS review outcome and DoC capital works permission. Part of Twin Lakes Project
Wanaka - Cromwell track	UCTT	Private, DOC, COQTNT	2	2	2	2021-2023	Sponsorship, other Trusts, UCTT, CODC, central Govt	Work progressing, by Cetrat Otago Queenstown Trail Network Trust but stalled by Otago CMS Review.
Makarora River Access	Crown							Referred to Walking Access Commission
MAKARORA - Charteris covenant area track	UCTT	Private/DoC				2022	UCTT/Trusts/Sponsorship	Awaiting DoC Capital works approval. Walking track only

Lake Hawea Round Hill track	UCTT	QLDC/LINZ Private				2022	Trusts	Walking track
Outlet Track to Penrith Point	UCTT/BW	QLDC	2/3		3	2021 - 2022	Sponsorship	Part of Twin Lake Project
Urban Track Masterplan	QLDC							Consultation re plan underway
NEWCASTLE TRACK – extension to the Red Bridge	UCTT	DOC	2/3			2021	UCTT/Skycity Casino Community Trust	Awaiting DoC capital Works approval
Studholme Road connection	UCTT/QLDC	Crown	2					QLDC to check paper road re further plans
Extension of West Wanaka track Parkins Bay – West Wanaka Track	UCTT/Emerald Bluffs	Crown/Private	2/3			2023		Part of Twin River Track Project
Newcastle Road ‘replacement’ Hawea Flat – Hawea River	UCTT	Private, QLDC DOC	1	1	1	2020	Sponsorship, other Trusts, UCTT, QLDC, CLT, OCT	Completed December 2020
Kane Road – Red Bridge	UCTT	DOC	2				UCTT/Trusts/Sponsorship	Part of Twin Lakes Project
Motatapu River track stage 2 to Matukituki River	UCTT	Private, DOC	3	3	3	2025	Sponsorship, other Trusts, UCTT	Some small sections will not be rideable CMS affected
ASPIRATIONAL TRACKS								

Makarora link track between communities*							Ongoing	Consultation with LTNZ
Red Bridge to Maori Point (True Left)	UCTT	DOC						CMS Affected
Mt Brown – Maungawera Road*								
Mt Maude – circuit*		Private						Eg Quartz Creek & over Saddle
Motatapu - Arrowtown	UCTT							CMS affected. Would require Landowner support
Outlet Bridge over Clutha River*	UCTT	QLDC/DOC						Connection for Great Ride
Sentinel Peak via Camp Creek*	DOC							Part of OIO decision Hunter Valley unlikely to be developed as difficult access
Lake Hawea Circuit	UCTT	QLDC/DOC/ Private						Existing access through Hunter Valley Station restricted
Lake Wanaka Circuit	UCTT	QLDC/DOC/ Private						

* are aspirational tracks - even these aspirational tracks should have more comment – suggest aspirational form another table perhaps – but if they have been started in any way – negotiations with owners – they should be in the strategy – and put in the strategy that part of the plan that will be achieved in next 8 years

STANDARDS NEW ZEALAND - CLASSIFICATION OF TRACKS

TKV01 Path

TKV02 Short walk

TKV03 Walking Track

TKV04 Easy Tramping Track

TKV05 Tramping Track

TKV06 Route

STANDARDS NEW ZEALAND - IDENTIFIER VISITOR/ USER GROUP

1 Urban Residents

2 Short Stop Travelers

3 Day Visitors

4 Back Country Comfort Seeker

5 Back Country Adventurer

6 Remoteness Seeker

NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK GRADING SYSTEM

1 Easiest

2 Easy

3 Intermediate

4 Advanced

5 Expert

6 Extreme

Na – not open to MTBs

*Grading for MTB tracks are an approximation only

Reference documents:

New Zealand Handbook: Tracks and Outdoor Visitor Structures - Standards New Zealand HB 8630:2004

Mountain Bike Track Grading System - The Kennett Bros 1995

Queenstown Lakes District Council – Cycle Trail Maintenance Specification, Draft April 2015

Queenstown Lakes District Council – Cycle Trail Design Standards & Specification, Draft April 2015.