

Item 1: Mount Iron Trail Plan Update

SESSION TYPE: Workshop

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

The purpose is to update the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Community Board on the timeframes to complete a Trail Plan for Mount Iron and to seek direction on whether wider community engagement should be undertaken on the draft Trail Plan.

DATE/START TIME:

Thursday, 25 September 2025 at 11:00AM

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation: 10mins
Debate/Discussion: 20mins

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Presentation – Mount Iron Trail Plan Update	
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Mount Iron Trail Plan Update

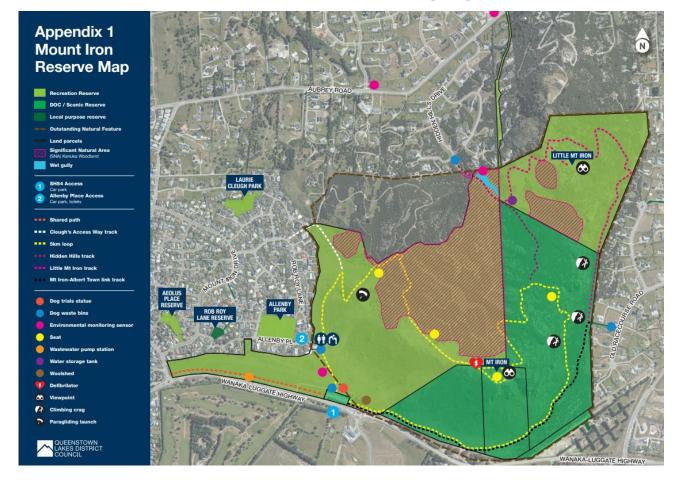
Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board Workshop 25 September 2025



Purpose



• Update on timing to develop the Mount Iron Trail Plan and to seek direction on the level of engagement with the community.



Background



Mount Iron Reserve Management Plan (RMP) finalised in April 2025

RMP guides Council decision making for the reserve

Bike Wānaka has approached Council to build and maintain mountain

bike trails



Development of a Trail Plan



- Will provide a long term view for the future of trails on Mount Iron
- Includes development of mountain bike trails
- Allows for staged build of trails over time
- Ensures alignment with the policies in the RMP e.g. providing for separate walking and biking trails, consideration of Kāi Tahu values etc.
- Supports discussions with relevant groups about future maintenance and management

Trail Plan Development Timing



September 2025

Developing draft trail plan (map)

QLDC, Bike Wānaka (BW) and Upper Clutha Tracks Trust (UCTT) Additional engagement (?) – TBC

Resource consenting - TBC

October-December 2025

Landowner assessment - Assessment of draft trail plan and creating management agreement

- Ecological Assessment
- Landscape Assessment
- Assessment of alignment with Mount Iron RMP
- Cultural Assessment (TBC by mana whenua)
- Expert Trail Assessment
- Agreement between BW, UCTT and QLDC funding and ongoing maintenance and management

Engagement with other groups operating on Mount Iron

December-February 2026

Wānaka Upper Clutha Community Board decision on whether to approve Trail Plan

QLDC

Trail Plan Engagement



- Engagement with mana whenua and Department of Conservation
- Engagement with groups operating on Mount Iron e.g. conservation and recreation groups, to understand the potential impacts of the Trail Plan on their activities
- Aligns with RMP Policy 6.8.3 'Ensure trail design considers effects on other reserve stakeholders and users, Kāi Tahu values, and ongoing

maintenance and safety requirements'



Additional Trail Plan Engagement



Community feedback on draft Trail Plan for 1 month on Let's Talk? Purpose:

- to understand if the level of trail development (both walking and biking) is supported by the community
- further education on the direction in the RMP and future reserve management