

Bottle Lake Forest Park and the Burwood Resource Recovery Park

An area of the central Bottle Lake Forest Park is being used for the Burwood Resource Recovery Park operation following the February 22 earthquake. Rubble and silt from the earthquake is being recycled at the park.

A number of tracks have been re-routed and an exclusion area is in place for public health and safety. Closed tracks and roads are clearly signposted and barricaded for the safety of the public. All park users should be aware that heavy vehicles are using park roads, seven days per week, to access the Resource Recovery area and visitors should exercise extra caution at all times.

To reduce congestion, travel time and distance, trucks are using two additional entrances to the resource recovery park, via Bower Avenue and Putake Drive in Tumara Park, as well as the normal Landfill Road entrance.

Park Rangers and security staff are patrolling the park and only authorised vehicles are allowed to enter the forest road at all times.

Recreational Opportunities

Over 400,000 people visit the 1000 hectare Bottle Lake Forest each year, enjoying the signposted network of roads, mountain-bike tracks, horse-trekking trails and walking tracks. There is something for everyone, with long and short options to suit all ages and levels of fitness.

Some tracks link up with the Spencer Park recreational area, the coastline, and the Southern Pegasus Bay shared track.

The opportunities for extended day walks and bike rides are considerable. Motorised bikes and vehicles are not permitted in the park.

Dogs are welcome but please make sure they are kept under control at all times.

There are toilets and a visitor centre in the main car park. Map boards and brochures have details of tracks and trails.



Production Forest

Bottle Lake is a working forest, and tracks are closed from time to time.

Logging operations can be undertaken at any time, including felling and thinning operations, skid sites and stacks of logs. Remember that logging trucks and other heavy operational vehicles use the forest roads. Safety is your responsibility.

Operational logging areas are usually clearly sign posted and marked "out of bounds". For your own safety please obey these temporary restrictions.

Fire Danger

Fire is a constant threat to this forest. The lighting of fires is forbidden. If you see smoke or fire please phone 111 immediately.

How not to get lost!

Bottle Lake is organised as a pine production forest with a grid-like pattern of roads, which can be confusing.

The north-south roads are named alphabetically Apple, Bravo, Charlie etc across to the beach. The east-west avenues are numbered sequentially, starting from 10th by Spencer Park to the 28th by Parklands. Most junctions are signposted. See the map in this brochure for further details.

Further Information

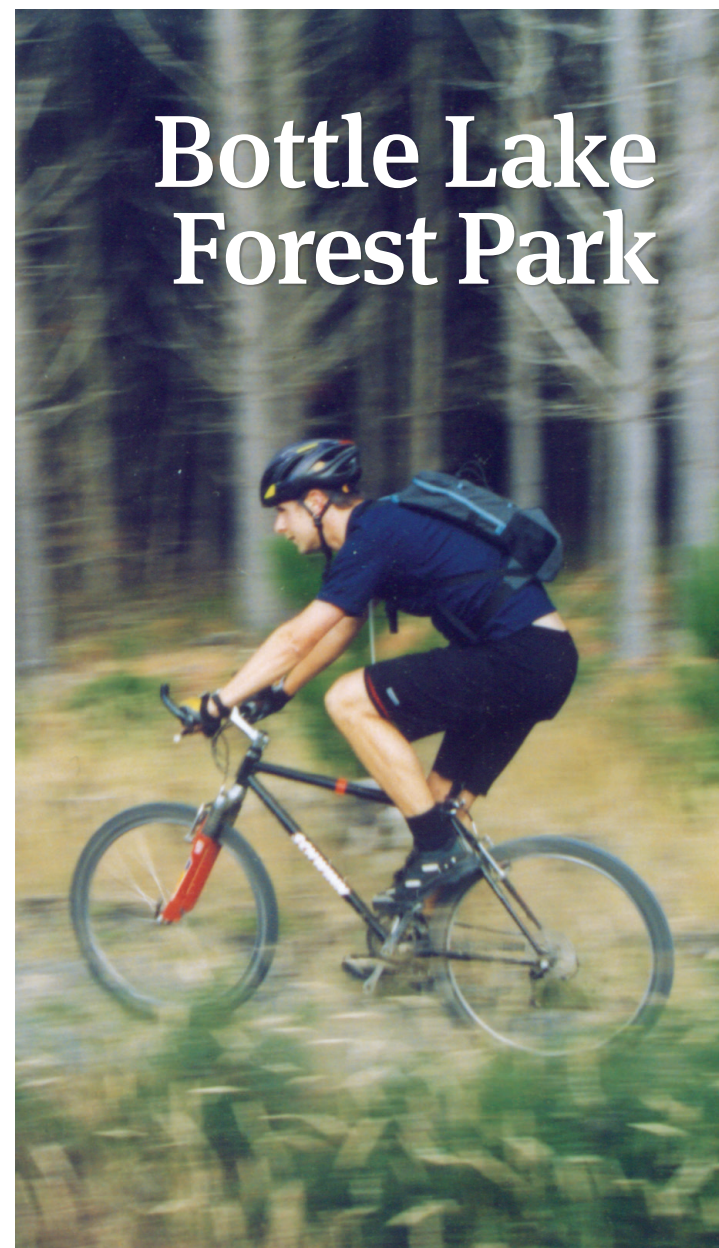
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Bottle Lake Forest Park - a forest for all seasons

