

BIKE WĀNAKA

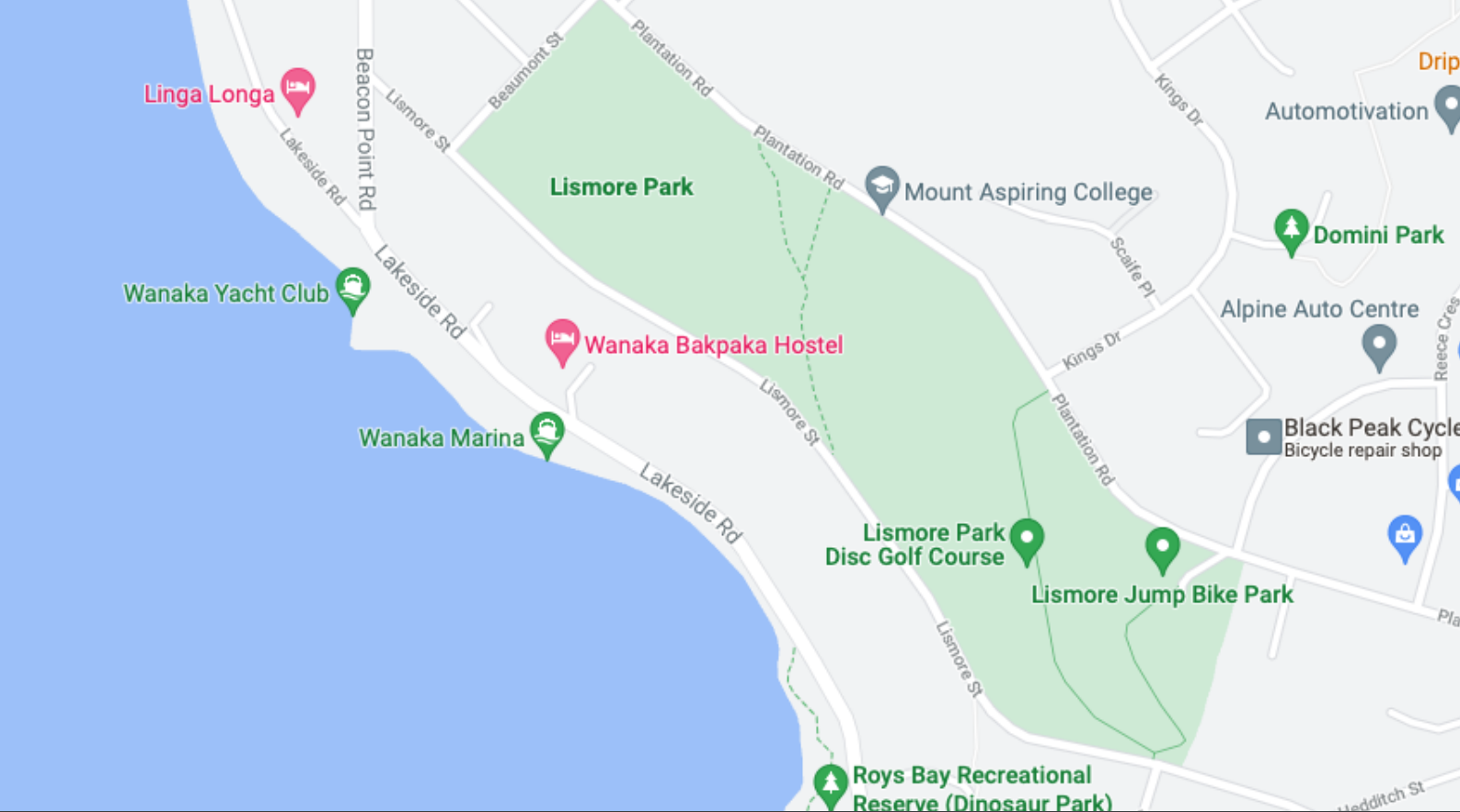
LISMORE BIKEPARK PROPOSAL



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Lismore Park

Lismore Park is a QLDC reserve in central Wānaka hosting a large frisbee golf area and a small bikepark located in the NE corner of the reserve. Over the years due to lack of direction, funding and maintenance the bikepark has become tired, an eyesore and a wasted area for the Wānaka community.

Local BMX'ers had taken over building & maintenance in the area, but have all recently left town leaving no-one to maintain the park and creating a free-for-all within building and upkeep of the park. Due to the nature of the jumps, the poor condition of the area and lack of progression for less capable riders this area sees little to no use from the Wānaka community and we believe the area to be a hugely wasted asset to the town.

Bike Wānaka are proposing to rejuvenate this urban bikepark into a community hub that is accessible to all walks of life within the Wānaka community, using biking as a medium to bring people together, promote active lifestyles and exercise in nature. The core principle behind our proposal is to create an area for all of Wānaka to enjoy from children to grandparents, beginners to experts and for anyone with access to two-wheels, be it a balance bike, a rusty old BMX or a mountain bike.

We want to create a place where all people of Wānaka can progress their bike skills in a fun, safe and progressive environment.

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Lismore Bike Park

Currently



The area is overgrown, unmaintained and has become a local spot for loitering, underage drinking, and we have been called out to numerous fires.

The riding photo (above) is from the "Main line" which is unapproachable for 99% of bikes in the country. T

As a central bikepark in the middle of a biking-mad town, this place should be busy every night, but is in fact the bikepark is currently a ghost town.

Obviously this is not an attractive environment for the people of Wanaka to work on their bike skills.

Because of all of this, if we do not act now and re-develop the bikepark, Wanaka risks losing this area for good.



Existing Issues

Wanaka Pain Points



Currently mountain biking lacks accessibility to the youth of Wānaka, the Sticky forest area is our only central MTB facility and it's days are very numbered due to proposed development plans. Once this community asset is gone then the Wānaka community will be left with a small amount of biking options.

UNDER 5'S

Parents do not want to take their children to our existing MTB areas as the trails are not suitable for young kids due to the number of natural hazards. Lismore is currently an uninviting area due to it's unkempt appearance and nowhere for parents to supervise.

LEARNING TO RIDE

Youths are not interested in pedalling their bikes around XC trails and would prefer somewhere to base themselves, learn new skills and hang out with their friends, just look how busy the skatepark is by comparison to Deans bank. It is hard to self teach or coach without obvious progression from one trail to the next, this creates a lot of unnecessary accidents.

PASSIONATE MTB'ERS

Sticky forest and Kirimoko provide a great area to ride MTB trails and are hugely popular with local bikers. However these trails are more focussed around enduro riding and are lacking anywhere to progress your jumping skills in a controlled environment. Currently people have to travel to other towns to work on these skills, therefore creating a safe progressive environment in Lismore will reduce the number of unnecessary accidents, save people from driving to other towns and draw people to Wānaka area.

The proposed improvements to Lismore bikepark would fix these issues for Wānaka community, create a hub for biking in the area and a serious asset to the town for decades to come. A central bike park where people from all ages & ability levels can sharpen their skills, meet fellow riders and get outdoors in a safe, fun and progressive environment, the benefits of this area will be seen for generations to come.



A Community Hub

Lismore User Groups

The proposed Lismore bikepark will be an area for everyone. Biking is wildly popular in Wanaka and all over the country with the vast majority of households owning a bike and every age range now interested, from under 5's on balance bikes looking to take on the next challenge to over 50's wanting to work on their e-bike trail skills, plus parents and coaches. We want to provide a community hub for every user.

UNDER 5 - Learning to ride balance bikes and pedal bikes, accompanied by parents.

Tracks - Sealed balance bike track progressing to pump track. Scooters and balance bikes.

Needs - Short Loops not long trails, shade, safety, toilets, parents to watch, water.

LEARNING TO BIKE - Learning to ride mountain bikes, self taught and coached. Aged from 5+ and people in mountain bike clubs such as WORD, WOW etc.

Tracks - Pump track, Skills area, Bike Park, Rock & Rolla trail, Freestyle Area

Needs - Safe and obvious progression to work on core skills, such as berms, small jumps, drops. Somewhere for coaches, parents to watch. Water, Toilets.

PASSIONATE MOUNTAIN BIKERS 10 to 60+ years old, lives and breathes MTB, often has to drive to Queenstown, Cardrona or Glendu to get their fix.

Tracks - Bikepark, Freestyle Area, Skills Area, Rock n Rolla trail.

Needs - A safe and progressive area to improve their skills which they can then take out on the trails in the mountains. A hub for the mountain bike community, somewhere that they can enjoy riding with their children/partners who may not be as skilled.



Proposal

Bike Wānaka plans to rejuvenate Lismore bike park area and turn it into a vital asset for the town, aimed towards bikers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. The bikepark will provide trails progressing from family Grade 1 trails featuring bermed turns and rollers, all the way to a grade 6 jump trail boasting 15ft+ gap jumps. Alongside the trails, a freestyle area with a mulch jump and an airbag will provide a safe way for riders to learn tricks, plus an asphalted pump track would provide somewhere for younger riders to learn aswell as encouraging scooters & skateboards to the area. To achieve a World class facility we have to clear a lot of the area and start from scratch. We would work with any invested parties that currently use a facility to find a solution for the design of the new park that provides for the whole Wānaka community.

We plan to do the build once and do it properly the first time, using World class trail builders and installing a sprinkler system to reduce re-build and maintenance costs down the line. Future maintenance costs have been budgeted for by Bike Wānaka at ~\$5K per year, plus volunteer dig days.

Proposal

Draft proposal, subject to change.



Pink Line - Current XL dirt jumps.

Red Line - Grade 6 jump line. 15ft+ gap jumps, wooden drops & features

Orange Line - Grade 5 jump line. 5 - 15ft gap jumps, medium sized drops.

Dark Blue Line - Grade 4 jump line. 10 - 15ft tabletop jumps, all rollable.

Light Blue line - Grade 3 jump line. 5 - 10ft tabletop jump line, all rollable.

Green line - Berm line, rollers and >5ft tabletop jumps, all rollable.

Purple areas - Freestyle area of wooden ramps, mulch jump, airbag and drops.

Yellow area - Pump track

Beige Area - Seating, BBQ, Toilets & Bins

Grey Line - Rock N Rolla Track rebuild and extended. **White line** - Push up track.



Proposal

STAGE 1

Build central bike park progressive jump trails from Green line to Grade 6 Jump line. Build freestyle area with dirt, mulch & airbag jumps. Install sprinkler system.

COST - Quoted at \$100K.

STAGE 2

Asphalt pump track and learn to ride track.

COST - Estimated \$100K.

STAGE 3

Improve and extend "Rock'n'Rolla" trail, improve climbing trail create XC loop.

COST - Estimated \$50K.

STAGE 4

To be fulfilled by Council. Create seating and BBQ area, toilets and water facilities, plant native trees around area.

COST - Estimated \$200K.

MAINTENANCE

On going maintenance of the bikepark will be overseen by Bike Wanaka, the funds will be raised through our yearly membership fees and events

COST - Estimated \$5K per year.



We have full support from the council , high school and local community.

We have successfully raised \$100,000 from Bike Wanaka, QLDC Council, Lion Foundation and Otago Community trust to make this project a reality.



Wynyard Bike Park

Reference

You don't have to look far to see what a positive impact a World class facility like the proposed bikepark can have on a town, just check out our neighbours over the hill. Wynyard Bike Park or "Mini Dream" in Queenstown, has proven to be an amazing asset to the community and wildly popular for both first time mountain bikers looking to work on their skills, all the way through to World Cup MTB racers. The development of talented young Queenstown mountain bikers has been huge and these riders will be showing these skills on the World stage in years to come. This is largely down to these style of progressive facilities, of which the youth of Wanaka are seriously lacking.

This facility was funded by the Queenstown Mountain Bike Club, through memberships, fund raising events and support from the council, the cost to build this facility was ~\$95,000 and it was built to a high standard by Elevate Trails. Above you can see small rollable features on the left hand side, progressing to larger gap jumps and wooden features on the right.





Bike Wanaka is a registered non-for-profit and more information on our history of reliably delivering projects can be found [here](#). This project has backing from Queenstown Lakes District Council, Mount Aspiring College and the Wānaka community. We have successfully raised \$100,000 seed fund to back this project and plan to get underway in January 2023.

We are looking for support to help turn this concept into a reality that will be enjoyed by generations of Wānaka to come. Support can come in many forms such as donations from trusts, companies and individuals. Donations of services, material, volunteers and much more. Every ounce of support is appreciated, so please get in touch if you would like to help improve the lives of all generations of the Wānaka community.

Thanks for your time.
Bike Wānaka

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