

Site Gestural Plan



Key Plan



## Te Ara Whetū

The Path of the Stars

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Te Ara Whetū, The Path of the Stars, invites visitors on a journey guided by celestial markers and cultural traces that reconnect Waitohi Picton to its landscape and history. The design draws inspiration from Matariki, whose constellation becomes both a guide and a metaphor for navigation, reflection, and renewal. Each step through the site encourages awareness of direction and connection, where movement is not only physical but spiritual, echoing the voyages once taken across Te Moana nui a Kiwa.

The experience begins at the edges of the site, where tūtōhu arataki, directional markers designed with mana whenua, orient visitors and introduce the stories of the stars. From here, pathways branch like constellations, linking the central campus, Auckland Reserve, and the Waterfront into a sequence of spaces that form their own celestial network. The amphitheatre lies at the heart of this constellation, a gathering point for the community to come together under the same sky that guided ancestors. As night falls, embedded lighting traces the Matariki pattern across the ground, transforming the landscape into a glowing map of the heavens.

The second main path, Te Taiuhu, follows the alignment of Matariki and represents the prow of a waka cutting through the land. It draws people forward, connecting land, sea, and sky. Together, these elements create a living journey that guides, unites, and celebrates the enduring relationship between people, place, and stars.



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