

Masterplan



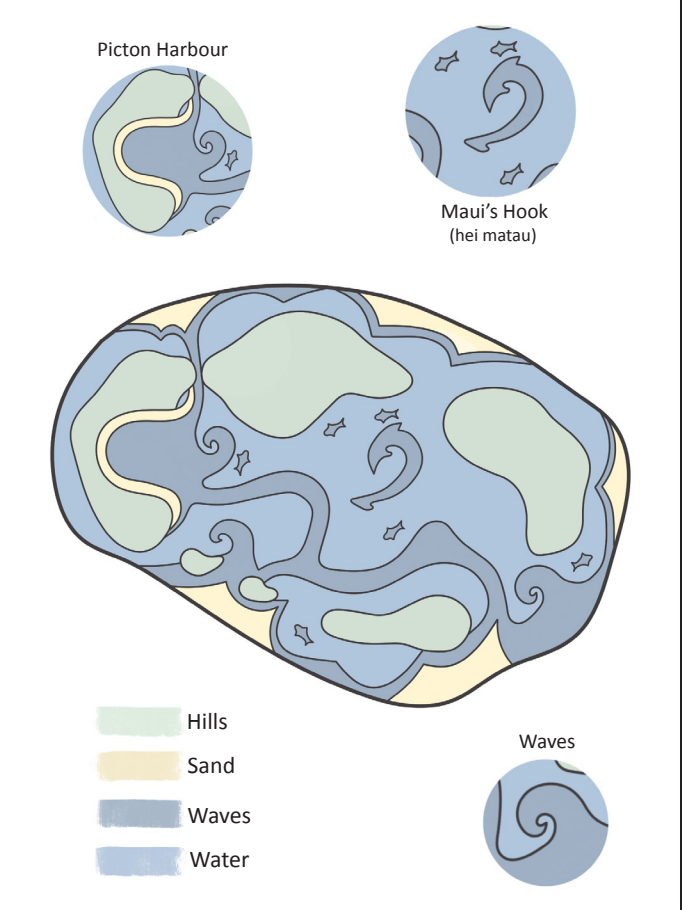
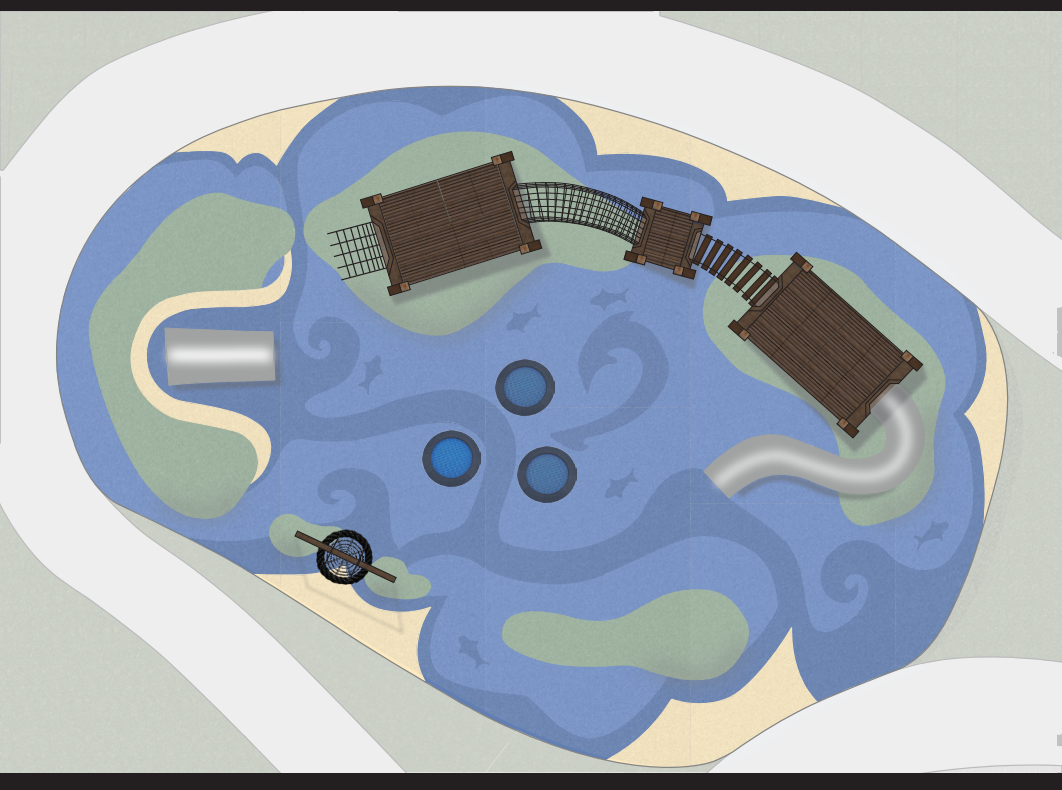
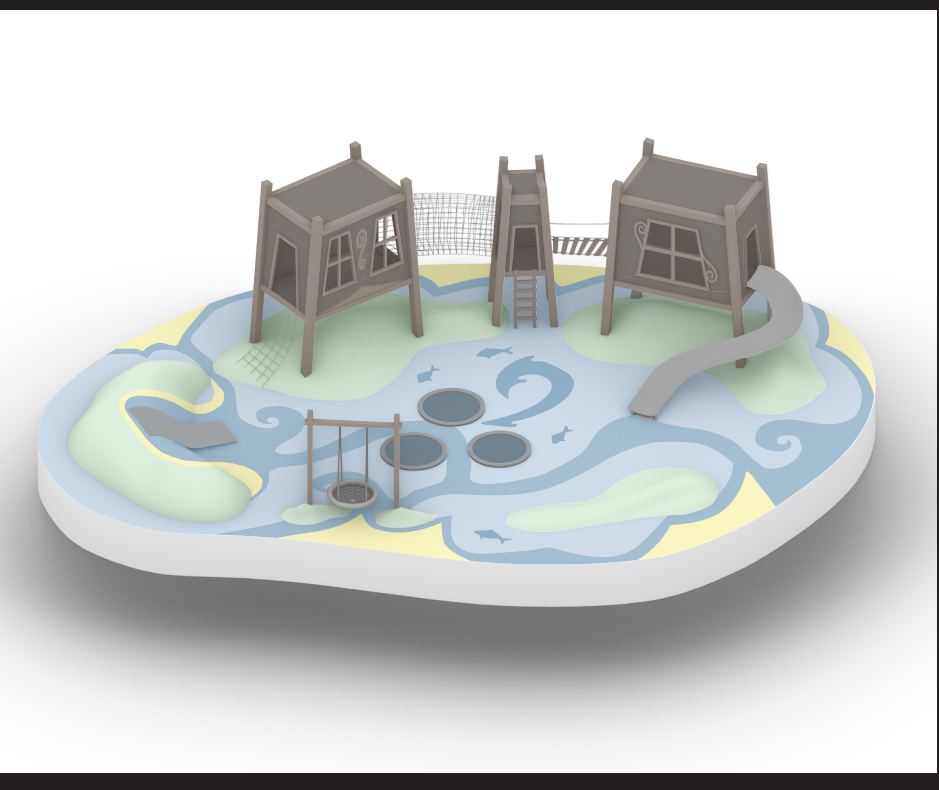
Statue Area



This area serves as a space that celebrates Māori culture and invites visitors to slow down and reflect. The central statue, to be designed by Te Āhau o Te Waka-a-Māui, is elevated on a rock and surrounded by Carex virgata, creating a strong focal point within the space. Thoughtfully placed benches and softly curving paths foster a calm atmosphere, offering a quiet sanctuary where culture, nature, and human experience come together in harmony.



Playground Area



The playground's ground pattern draws inspiration from the Marlborough Sounds and the journey into Picton by ferry, capturing the essence of the coastal landscape. Flowing patterns represent the movement of water, the texture of sand, and the surrounding hills, while illustrations of local fish celebrate the area's close relationship with the sea. The design encourages curiosity and storytelling, allowing children and visitors to engage with the landscape's natural and cultural features through play. By reflecting the character of the Sounds, the pattern helps strengthen the site's identity and connection to its unique coastal setting, fostering a strong sense of place and belonging within the community.



Southern Passages

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Our design of Nelson Square in Waitohi Picton creates a vibrant and inclusive gathering space that strengthens community connections and celebrates the unique cultural and natural identity of the area. Drawing inspiration from the surrounding landscapes and local heritage, the design integrates both ecological and social values to enhance the 'sense of place'. The layout encourages interaction and movement, with pathways and open spaces inviting people to gather, rest, and explore while maintaining a strong connection to the natural environment.

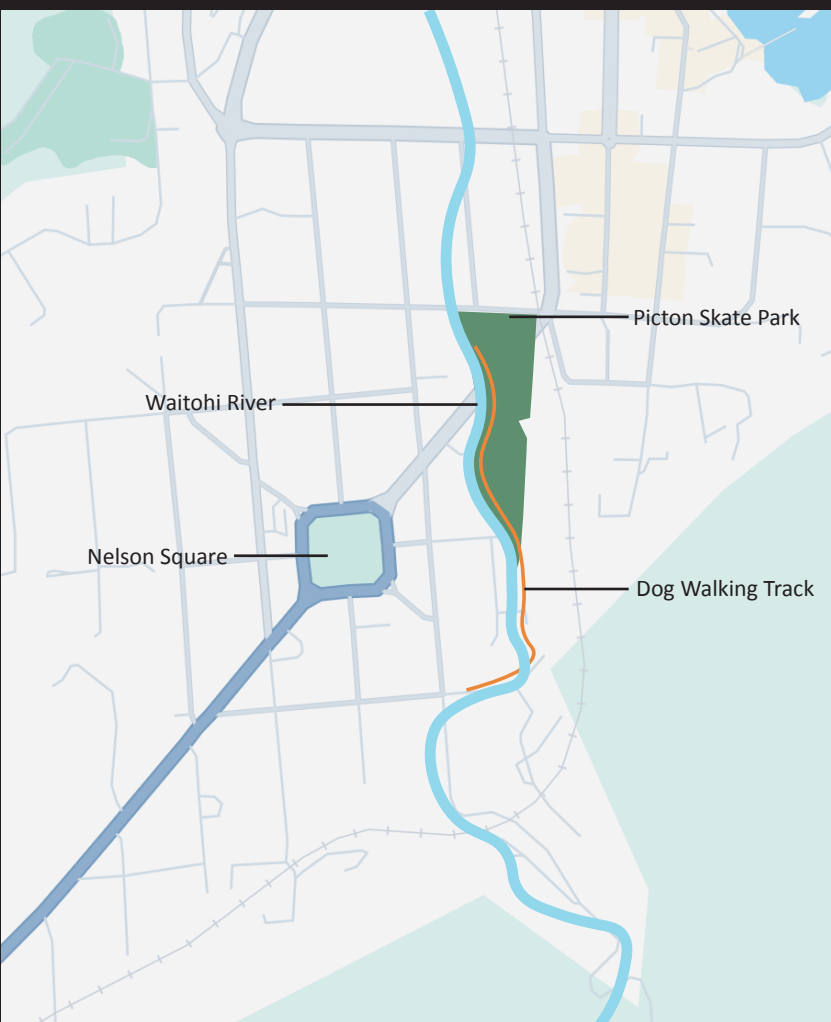
Accessibility is central to the design, ensuring easy movement to, from, and around the square. This focus on openness and connection allows all people to experience and enjoy the space fully. By linking the two existing greenbelts, the design establishes a continuous ecological corridor that acts as a bridge between the mountains and the township. This green connection enhances biodiversity, supports native habitats, and strengthens ecological resilience within the urban environment.

Through the thoughtful integration of native planting, natural materials, and cultural narratives, the design highlights local identity while promoting long-term environmental sustainability. Nelson Square becomes a place where people and nature come together in balance, creating a living landscape that evolves alongside the community. It celebrates the stories and heritage of Waitohi Picton, deepening the connection between people and the natural environment. Ultimately, the design harmoniously weaves together ecology, culture, and community, fostering a meaningful connection between people and place.

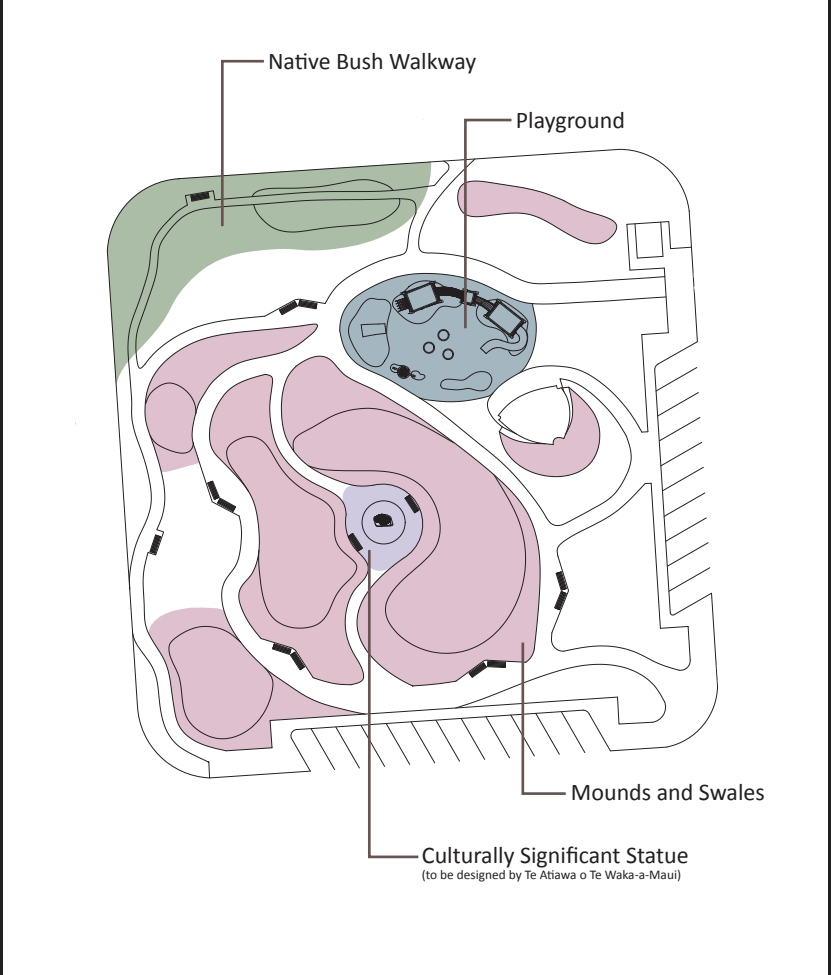


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Wider Connectivity



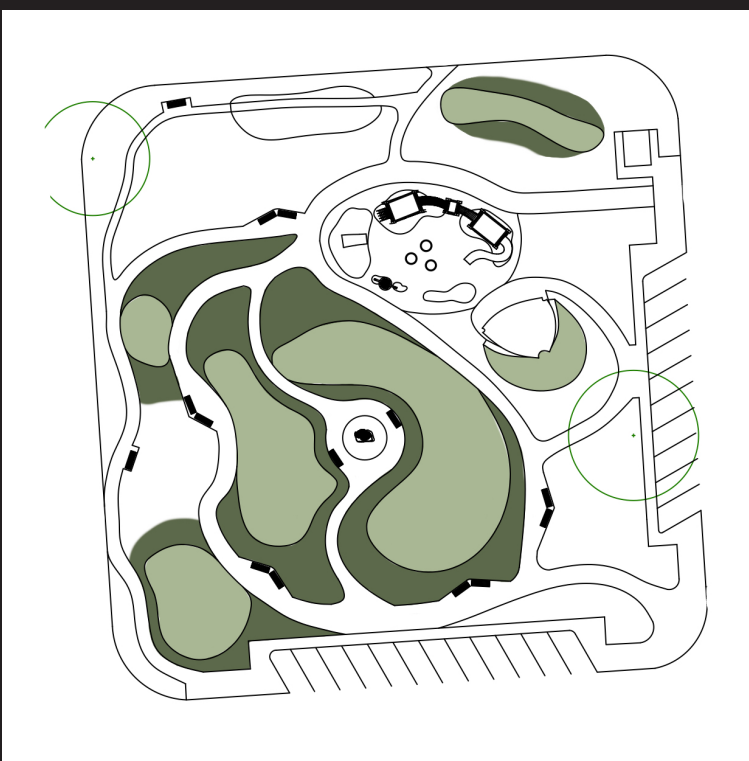
Significant Areas



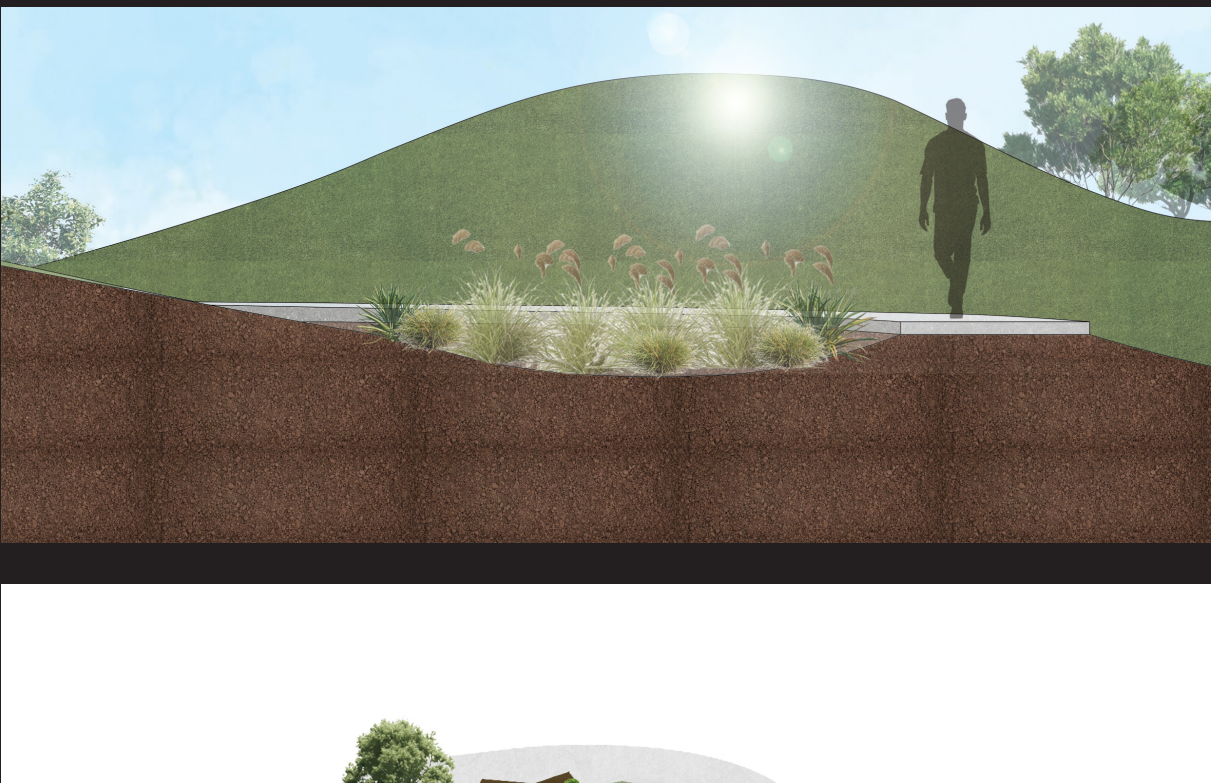
Ecology



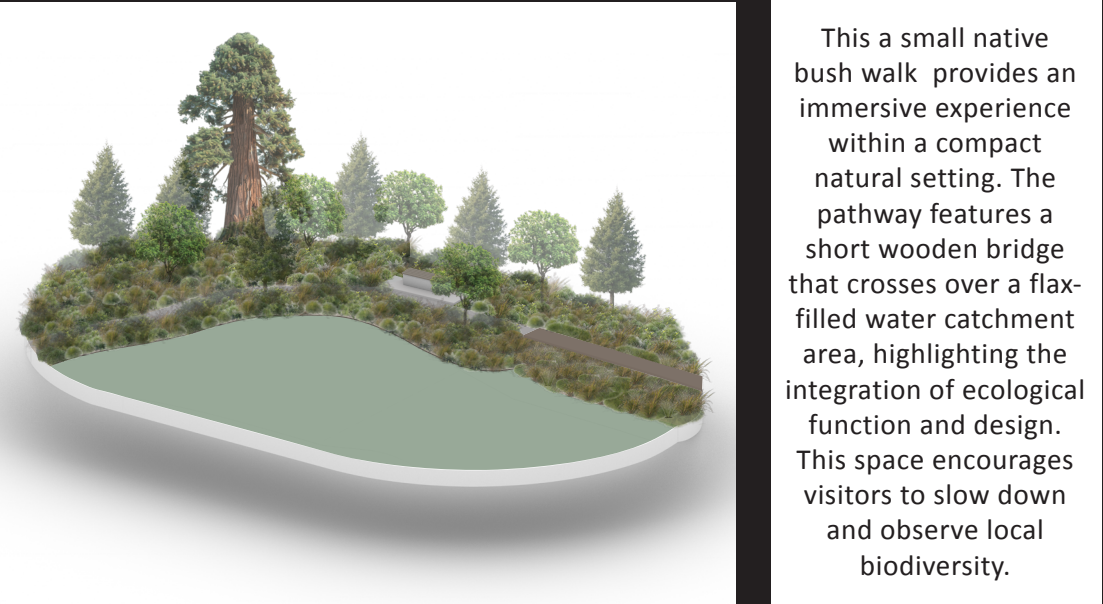
The mounds and swales within the design create a sense of movement and depth across the landscape, ensuring the ground plane is not flat but gently sculpted to enhance spatial dimension. These undulations invite curiosity and guide the eye, reflecting the natural rhythms of the surrounding hills and grounding the site within its wider context. The vegetated swales serve multiple purposes — they introduce native plant species that enrich local biodiversity, while also functioning as natural drainage systems that reduce surface pooling and support sustainable water flow through the site. Together, the mounds and swales form a dynamic terrain that balances ecological performance with cultural and visual expression, creating a landscape that feels both purposeful and connected to place. The subtle elevation changes also encourage slower movement through the site, prompting moments of pause and reflection that heighten visitors' awareness of their surroundings.



This diagram highlights the topographical variation within the design, where light green areas represent raised mounds and dark green areas indicate the lower swales. The mounds introduce gentle elevation that reflects the surrounding hills, adding visual depth and shaping views across the site. The swales, in contrast, collect and guide rainwater naturally, enhancing both the ecological function and the sense of movement within the landscape. Together, these landforms create a dynamic terrain that integrates visual interest with sustainable water management.



Native Bush Walk



This small native bush walk, provides an immersive experience within a compact natural setting. The pathway features a short wooden bridge that crosses over a flax-filled water catchment area, highlighting the integration of ecological function and design. This space encourages visitors to slow down and observe local biodiversity.

