

WITHER HILLS MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (MTB Park)

A dedicated 65hectare area offers a network of mostly one-way trails catering to all skill levels. Access is via the **Mountain Bike Park Gateway** and **Rifle Range Place Gateway**.

Easy trails run around the foothills and base of the Park, with the intermediate and advanced trails on the steeper slopes. The main access tracks into the Park are Prima One that turns off Stockyard Track and Easy As that starts at Taylor Pass Carpark. The Bender, Calorie Killer and Skyline are the main tracks that take you to the Upper Trails. Pamplona, Captain Slapstick and Deviation are the favourite descending trails.

The MTB Park may be closed when tracks are wet and soft to minimise track damage (check MDC website for MTB Park status). Check Marlborough Mountain Bike Clubs website and Facebook page for information on events.

<http://www.marboroughmountainbikeclub.co.nz/>
<https://www.facebook.com/MarboroughMountainbike/>

POTENTIAL FIRE DANGER

Farm Park users must be aware of potential danger from fire, particularly during summer months and in dry, windy conditions. During these conditions it is strongly recommended to only use the lower tracks and trails beside the town. Look for and follow Fire Danger advisory signs at the park entrances during the summer months.

REMEMBER...

Wither Hills Farm Park is a working farm. Treat it with respect. The Farm Park is open 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

- Keep to tracks.
- Watch for holes in the ground or tracks and trails as ground is erosion prone.
- Do not ride wet / soft tracks as this will damage the track.
- Bikers give way to walkers, stock & vehicles on shared tracks.
- Do not disturb stock, wildlife or vegetation.
- Leave all gates as found.
- Carry out all rubbish.
- Sorry – as this is a working farm, no dogs are allowed.
- Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

The Farm Park, or parts of it, may occasionally be closed due to extreme fire risk, lambing or pest control operations.

Maps and further information can be obtained from:

Marlborough District Council, 15 Seymour St,
Ph: 03 520 7400 www.marborough.govt.nz

Marlborough District Library, 33 Arthur St
Ph: 03 520 7491 www.marboroughlibraries.govt.nz

Blenheim i-SITE Visitor Centre, beside the Railway Station,
Sinclair St, Ph: 03 577 8080 email: blenheim@marboroughnz.com

Picton i-SITE Visitor Centre, Picton Foreshore
Ph: 03 520 3113 email: picton@marboroughnz.com

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YOUR GUIDE TO WALKING, RUNNING AND CYCLING IN THE WITHER HILLS FARM PARK

**Brilliant
WITHER HILLS
FARM PARK**



Welcome to Wither Hills Farm Park. Named after early landowner Charles Bigg Wither, this 1100 hectare tract of rolling hill country is administered by the Marlborough District Council. The Farm Park is a working farm. Please respect stock and danger warning signs, including fire.

WALKS

The creation of the walks began in the early 1970s when Blenheim South Rotary and the Council developed the walk to what is now known as Rotary Lookout, with a circuit down through Quail Stream. Today there are over 60 kilometres of walking and mountain biking tracks to enjoy.

The walks are well signposted and most require only average levels of fitness. Good footwear would be helpful and some tracks may be muddy or slippery especially after significant rain.

The Mount Vernon Lookout walk provides some of the finest vantage points in Marlborough. The Gentle Annie and Quail Stream walks provide easier and shorter walks to the Rotary Lookout shelter where one can experience excellent views of Blenheim and the Wairau Plains.

As some tracks are shared use, do watch out for mountainbikers (refer to map).

Popular walks - all one way unless otherwise stated

A Rifle Range Place Gateway

- To Rotary Lookout, 25min (1.0km).
- Lower Quail Stream, Rotary Lookout Walk, 1hr 45min return (5.7km).
- To Taylor Dam Lookout 1hr 20min (2.7km).
- To Redwood Street Gateway via Quail Stream and Sutherland Stream, 2hr 30min (7.6km).
- Forest Hills Track and Lower Farm Track to Redwood Street Gateway, 45min (3.7km).

B Redwood Street Gateway

- To Sutherland Stream Picnic area, 30min (1.6km).
- To Mount Vernon Lookout, 50min (3.0km).
- To Rifle Range Gateway via Sutherland Stream and Quail Stream, 2hr 30min (7.6km).
- Lower Farm Track and Forest Hills Track to Rifle Range Gateway, 45min (3.7km).

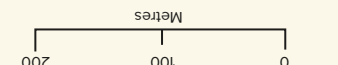
MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS – Easy

Lower Farm Track

This shared use track provides an ideal family ride and connects Redwood Street to Taylor Pass Road. A gentle climb to Harling Ridge is encountered along the way and provides excellent views over Blenheim and beyond. Speed limit applies, stay on main track and give way to all other track users (3.7km). GRADE: EASY.

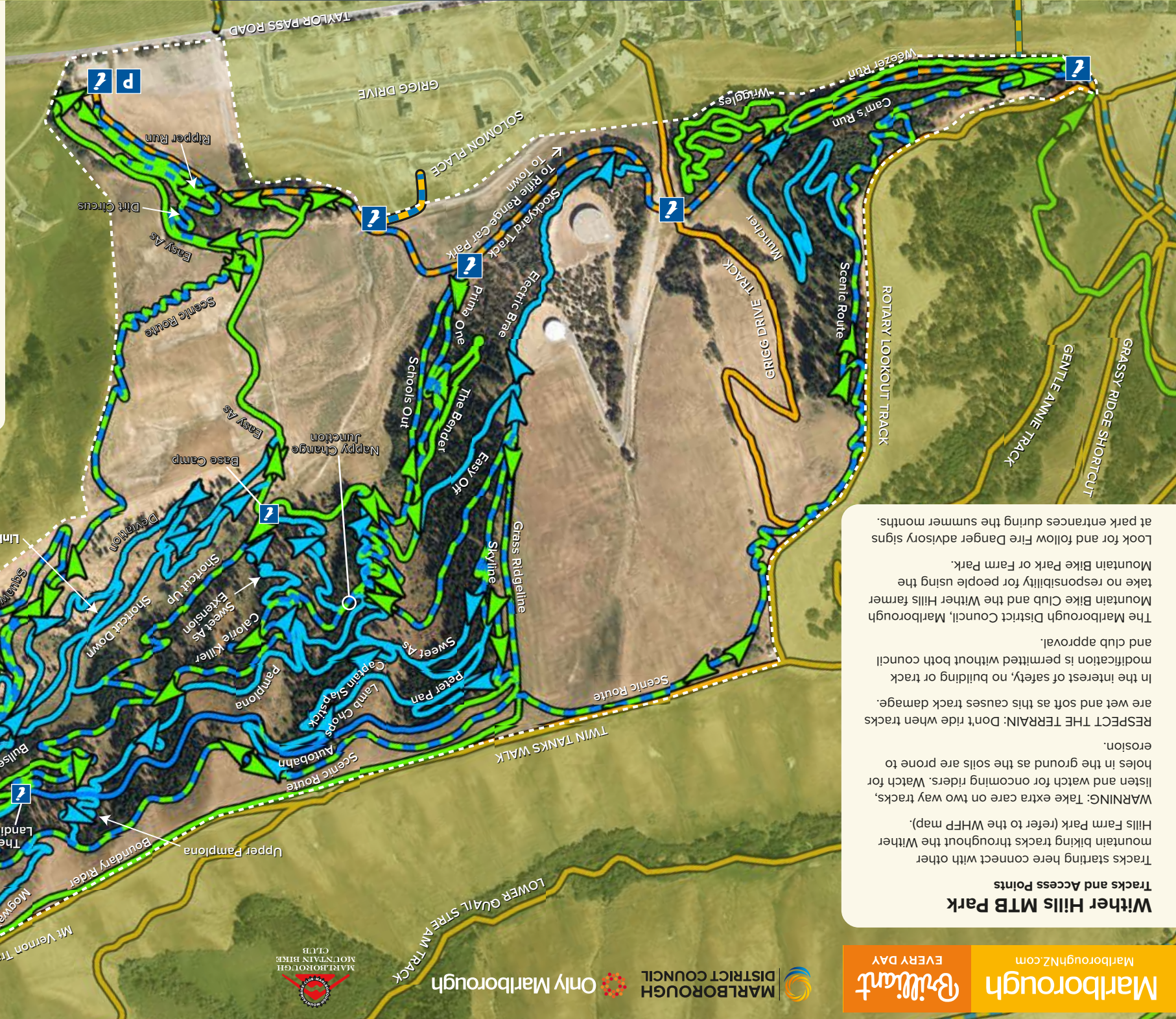
Rifle Range Mountain Bike Track

This two way track starts near the Rifle Range Car Park and traverses above the Lower Farm Track almost to Redwood Street. This is a single track and somewhat more challenging than the Lower Farm Track. Watch for other riders as it is two way (4.8km). GRADE: EASY



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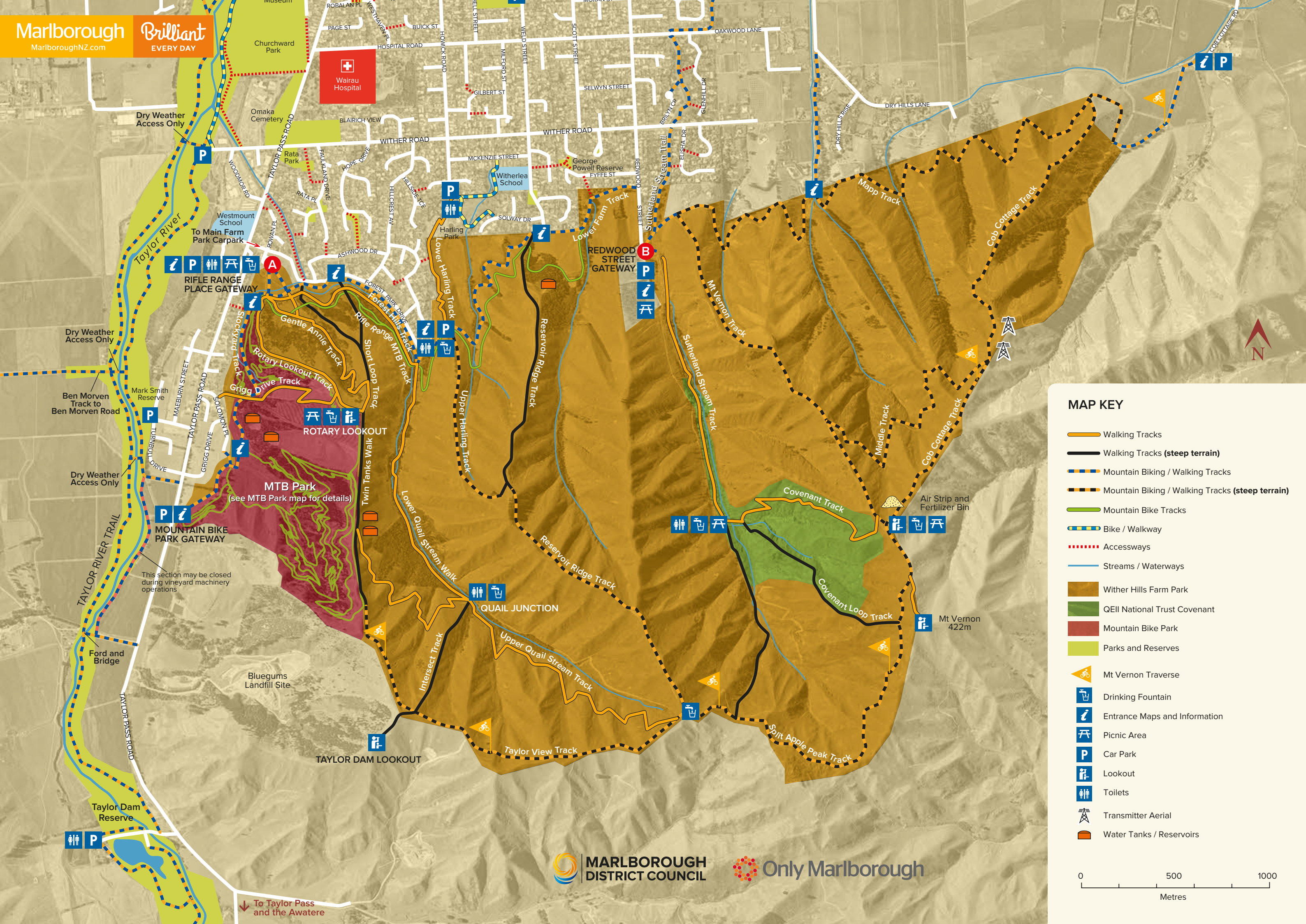
- Information and Maps
- Car Park
- Mt Vernon Traverse
- MTB - Intermediate (Grade 3)
- MTB - Easy (Grade 2)
- MTB - Easy (Grade 1)
- Walking Tracks / Mountain Biking
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- Mountain Bike Park Boundary



Wither Hills MTB Park Tracks and Access Points

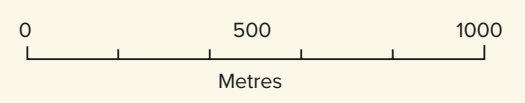
Tracks starting here connect with other mountain biking tracks throughout the Wither Hills Farm Park (refer to the WHFP map).
 WARNING: Take extra care on two way tracks, listen and watch for oncoming riders. Watch for holes in the ground as the soils are prone to erosion.
 RESPECT THE TERRAIN: Don't ride when tracks are wet and soft as this causes track damage. In the interest of safety, no building or track modification is permitted without both council and club approval.
 The Marlborough District Council, Marlborough Mountain Bike Club and the Wither Hills farmer take no responsibility for people using the Mountain Bike Park or Farm Park.
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- Walking Tracks
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- Mountain Bike Tracks
- Bike / Walkway
- Accessways
- Streams / Waterways
- Wither Hills Farm Park
- QEII National Trust Covenant
- Mountain Bike Park
- Parks and Reserves
- Mt Vernon Traverse
- Drinking Fountain
- Entrance Maps and Information
- Picnic Area
- Car Park
- Lookout
- Toilets
- Transmitter Aerial
- Water Tanks / Reservoirs



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