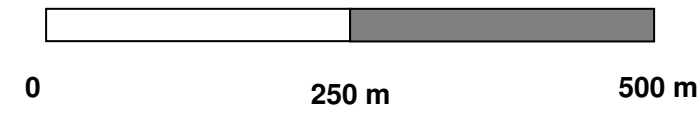


# Living Springs mountainbike trails

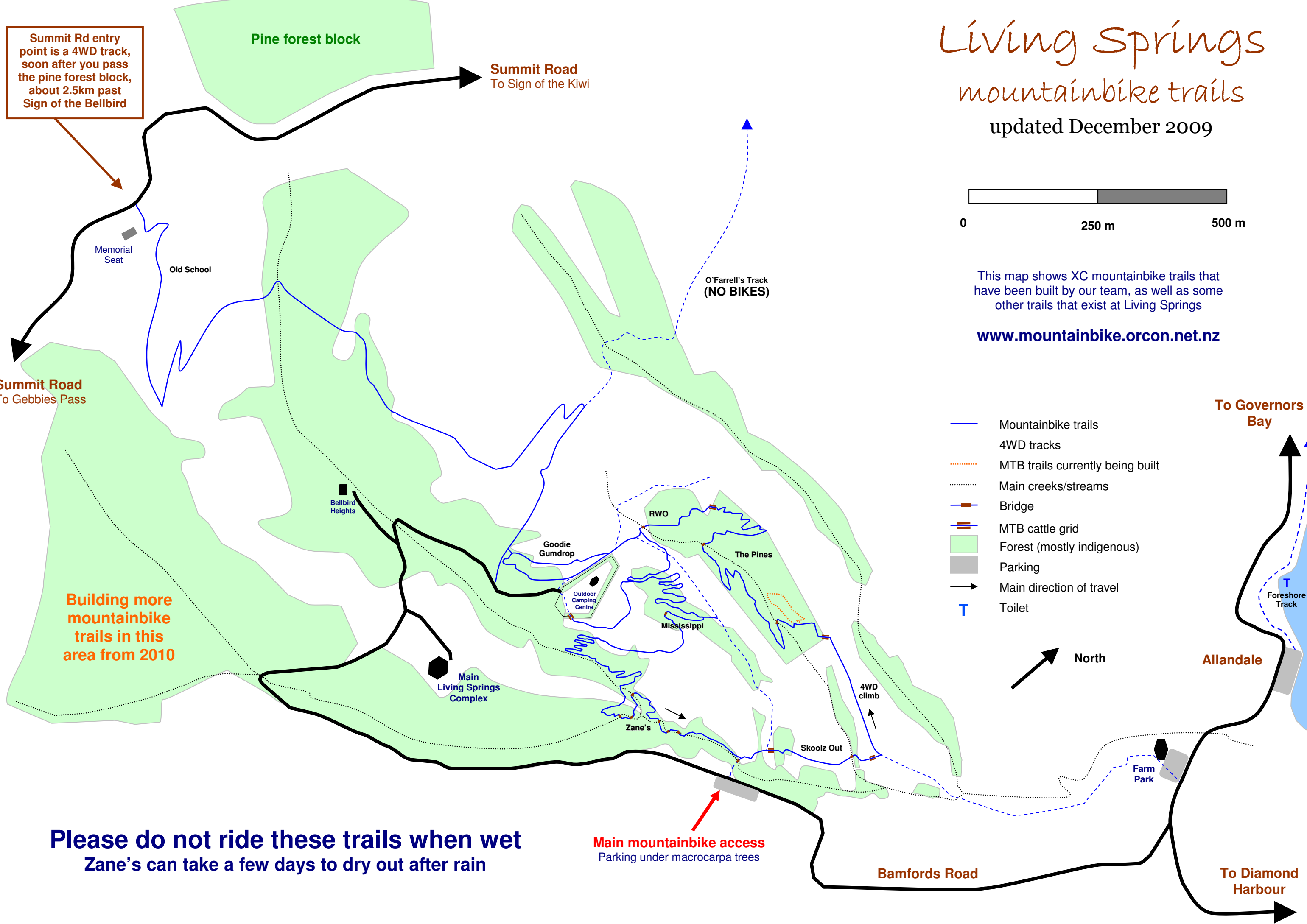
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This map shows XC mountainbike trails that have been built by our team, as well as some other trails that exist at Living Springs

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- Mountainbike trails
- 4WD tracks
- MTB trails currently being built
- Main creeks/streams
- Bridge
- MTB cattle grid
- Forest (mostly indigenous)
- Parking
- Main direction of travel
- Toilet



Summit Rd entry point is a 4WD track, soon after you pass the pine forest block, about 2.5km past Sign of the Bellbird

**Summit Road**  
To Sign of the Kiwi

**Summit Road**  
To Gebbies Pass

**Building more mountainbike trails in this area from 2010**

**Please do not ride these trails when wet**  
Zane's can take a few days to dry out after rain

**Main mountainbike access**  
Parking under macrocarpa trees

**Bamfords Road**

**To Governors Bay**

**Allandale**

**To Diamond Harbour**

## Welcome

Welcome to the Living Springs XC Mountainbike Trails. This map shows the 4.5 km of purpose built mountainbike trails on the lower loop, as well as the other trails in the area that are open to mountainbiking. This trail network is open to the general public to ride but keep in mind that you ride at your own risk. Thanks must go to Living Springs for making this land available. This map and guide will be updated as further trails are developed and opened.

## How to get there

From Christchurch head up Dyers Pass Rd and drive over the Port Hills to Governors Bay. Continuing through Governors Bay, follow the road around the harbour for 3.5 km. Just past where the road gets down to sea level (Allendale) is the Living Springs Farm Park. Turn right just past the Farm Park into Bamfords Road and follow that uphill for 900m to a lay-by on the left under some macrocarpa trees. See the map if wanting to bike down from the Summit Road.

## Trail network history

Building the trail network at Living Springs began during autumn 2006. The Huxster club, interested in creating a new club XC course, obtained permission from Living Springs to build trails in their forests and the Tregurtha's took on the role of planning and overseeing the trailbuilding.

After 3.5 years, 92 dig sessions, 150 local riders, and 2050 hours of volunteer labour the lower Stage One loop is finished and a start has been made on Stage Two. The effort the volunteers have put into these trails is no small feat and shouldn't be taken for granted.

## Maintenance and Improvements

Please report any trail damage (e.g. slips, fallen trees, vandalism) or areas of concern to Craig and Rebekah (see below).

## Restricted use

These trails may be closed at certain times such as for lambing or during events. Please respect any closed signs on these trails. Some trails, particularly Zane's, get very slippery when wet and take a few days to dry out and therefore need to be ridden with extreme caution. Please avoid riding any trails if conditions are so wet that riding will cause damage to the trail or make it challenging to you.

## Other activities at Living Springs

This trail network is located within the 450 hectares of native bush and farmland of Living Springs, which also includes an internationally recognised conference and outdoor education centre and recreation park.

Whether it be school camps, retreats, accommodation for church and community groups or advanced business training, Living Springs has the ability to provide the venue, the programme, comfortable accommodation for small groups and large (up to 250) and spectacular meals, all whilst enjoying a magnificent views down Lyttelton Harbour.

Living Springs has a growing outdoor pursuits programme with qualified instructors, bolted climbing sites, low ropes and initiative courses and a fleet of sea kayaks. The property is also home to a designated farm park which offers an authentic New Zealand rural experience for small and large groups of any age. Call 03 329 9788 or see [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz) for more information.

## Important information

As these trails are on private land please respect the rights of land owners and farmers by staying to formed trails, leaving gates as you find them and not spooking stock. Respect other uses of Living Springs facilities and give way to walkers on any multiuse trails. Motorised vehicles are strictly prohibited on the mountainbike trails. Neither the map authors, trail builders, Living Springs staff, nor farmers accept any liability for accidents or injuries associated with the use of this map or the Living Springs trails.

## NZMG coordinates

Bamford's Road entry = 2481115 E, 5728620 N  
Summit Road entry = 2479590 E, 5728400 N

## More information

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## Mountainbike trails

**Mississippi** – flowing Kanuka forest singletrack (intermediate grade) built mostly in 2006.

**Zanes** – a 1.1 km long native forest singletrack (intermediate grade with some technical sections) with lots of tight switchbacks, bridges and big grin riding. Built 2007 to 2009.

**Skoolz Out** – initially a grass 4WD but becoming singletrack over time. It was built years ago for campers to access the Farm Park and is sometimes bumpy due to cattle treading.

**4WD climb** – the steepest section of the lower loop, a 250 m long grass 4WD track that takes you up to The Pines and gets your heart beating faster.

**The Pines** – a 1 km long uphill singletrack (intermediate grade) in pine forest, built in 2007.

**Rhymes with Orange (RWO)** – a short section of singletrack through scattered kanuka that joins The Pines to Mississippi. Built in 2007.

**Goodie Gumdrop** – a 450 m loop built in late 2009 that winds partly through a stand of gum trees. The climbing part of this loop is used to access Old School.

**Old School** – a 2.4 km long trail built as a walking track in the 80's that links the Summit Rd to the lower loop. The lower sections of this trail include a short section of O'Farrells Track

**Foreshore Track** – originally a road, this very easy flat 4WD track follows the water's edge for 2.3 km from Living Springs to the Governor's Bay jetty. A great ride for families.

While all trails are bidirectional, the intended and general direction of travel on the lower loop is in an anti-clockwise direction (up The Pines and down Mississippi and Zane's), as shown by the black arrows. Please ensure you take extreme care if riding any trail in the opposite direction. The lower loop at a comfortable pace takes the average rider around 30 minutes.

## Future trails

From late 2009 we started building the upper loop that will incorporate the existing Old School trail and include a few km of new trails on the slopes above the main Living Springs complex, to create what will be one of the longest and most scenic singletrack descents on the Port Hills. The building of this loop will thankfully be speed up with the grateful assistance of numerous Community Work crews.

## How can you be involved?

Late 2009 we will begin developing Stage Two, a forest trail descending from the Summit Road to our lower loop, which when linked up with an existing track will create an even larger loop on the upper slopes of Living Springs. You can help in two ways, either by volunteering your time or donating money that can go towards tools, materials, signage etc. For more information, email [xc@paradise.net.nz](mailto:xc@paradise.net.nz) or phone **322 7886**.

## Project supporters

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