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Tēnā koutou

Re: Track and carpark closures in Kuripapango mid Feb-mid July 2026

As neighbours to the Kaweka Forest Park, we want to inform you that from Monday 15 February we will be conducting harvesting activities in the areas surrounding the Twin Lakes Carpark and the public walking tracks used to access Kuripapango Hill, Mackintosh Hut and the Tutaekuri River. Our priority is keeping our people and the public safe; therefore, we will need to fully close some areas.

Pan Pac recognises how important access to this area is for the public, and we have developed a harvest plan that allows some tracks to remain open, as well as provide an alternative carpark that is closer to the highway and lakes. We will endeavour to harvest sections of our forest that are closest to the walking tracks first, and any track rehabilitation required will be done as soon as practicable following the harvest. Full details of the areas that are impacted and alternative routes are listed in the table below.

Closure effective from	15 February 2026
Duration	Approximately 5 months (until mid-July 2026)
Tracks and carparks CLOSED	○ Twin Lakes Carpark and track ○ Mackintosh Hut Track ○ Access to Tutaekuri River
Tracks OPEN (with marshals in place during operational hours)	○ Kuripapango Hill track ○ Kaweka Lakes Track (from Timpson Rd)
Alternative routes	○ Cameron Carpark (to Kuripapango Hill, Kiwi Saddle Hut) ○ Lawrence Road (to Mackintosh Hut) ○ Top Lakes Track via Timpson Road (for access to lakes)
Alternative carpark	○ Timpson Road (shorter route to the lakes).

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we carry out this work. For your own safety, please adhere to all closures, follow the marshals' instructions, and observe all signage posted in this area.

Ngā mihi

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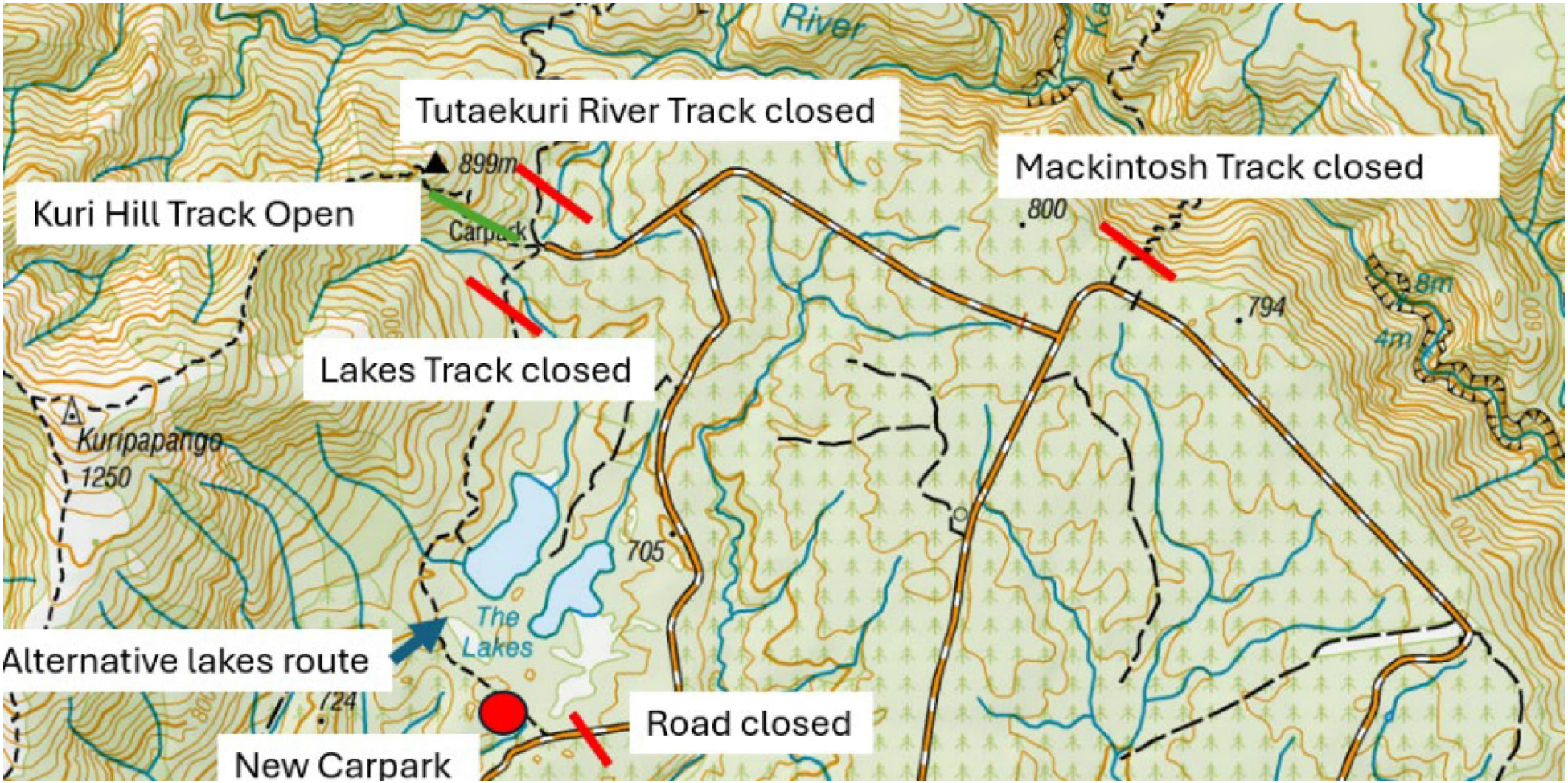

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