

Ōparara Upgrade Project Update

October 2021

Tena koutou, welcome to the October update of the Ōparara Upgrade Project.

Track upgrades

Realignment work on the Ōparara Arch track is ongoing with the WestReef track construction team and Helicharter Karamea doing incredible work. Please note that we have extended the track closure to the public on weekdays until the end of November. This is to allow the upgrade work to be carried out safely. The Ōparara Arch track will be open on the weekends for visitors, but on the weekdays, please use the Mirror Tarn/Moria Gate loop track instead.

Structures upgrades

Work on the Mirror Tarn viewing platform has started. While the Mirror Tarn/Moria Gate loop track is open, the access to the Mirror Tarn has been closed during the construction.

Ōparara Access Road Upgrade

The final road design is nearing completion, with the construction tender due to go out later in the year. Keep an eye out for tracking tunnels being installed along sections of the road to start surveying the road for lizard activity for the summer.

Ōparara Upgrade community information session

The project team are intending to host a community information session, however, will hold off until we move to COVID alert level 1.

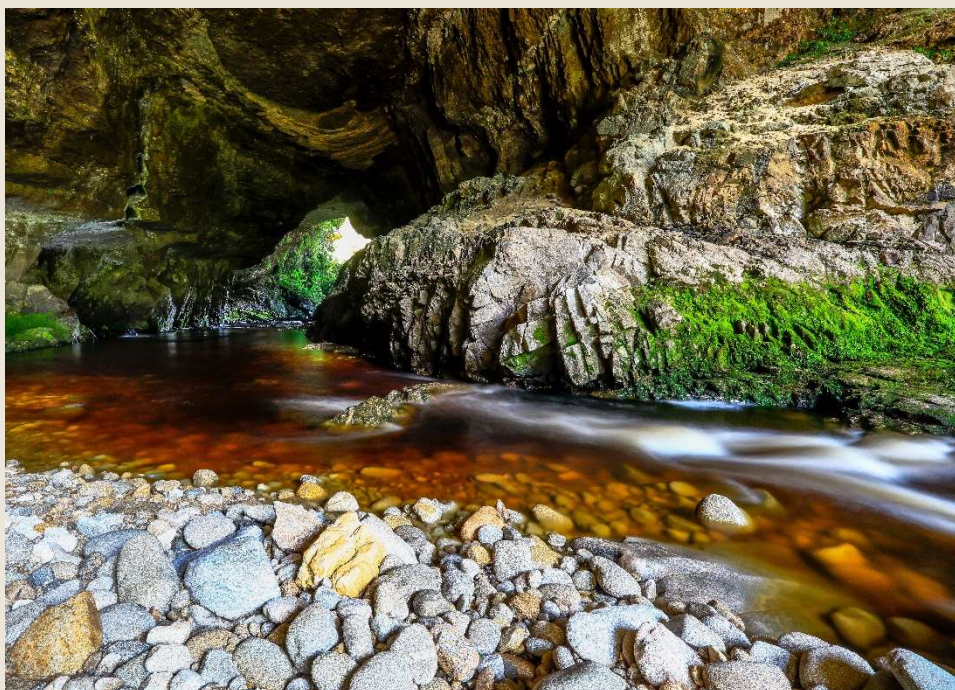


Figure 1 Oparara arch credit Richard Rossiter



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