

# Ōpārara Upgrade Project Update

## August 2021

Tena koutou, welcome to the August update of the Ōpārara Upgrade Project.

The storm in July caused a slip on the access road that closed the road. This has meant some delays. Geotech assessed the slip on the road and work was completed to clear it. The road has been reopened to the public.

### Track upgrades

The Mirror Tarn track extension is now complete. This track completes the loop from the main Ōpārara carpark to Moria Gate, on to Mirror Tarn and back to the main carpark. New signs, brochure and website updates are being worked through now.

Realignment work on the Ōpārara Arch track is ongoing. Please note that we will be closing this track to the public on weekdays until the end of September. This is to allow the upgrade work to be carried out safely. The Ōpārara Arch track will be open on the weekends for visitors, but on the weekdays, please use the Mirror Tarn Moria Gate track instead.

### Ōpārara Access Road Upgrade

The final road design is underway, with the construction tender due to go out later in the year.

### Structures upgrades

Work on the Mirror Tarn viewing platform and the widening of a bridge on the Ōpārara Arch track is due to be started shortly, keep an eye on our website and at the Karamea i-Site for updates.

Come and check out the Moria Gate entranceway. The upgrade with the limestone inground steps looks fantastic.

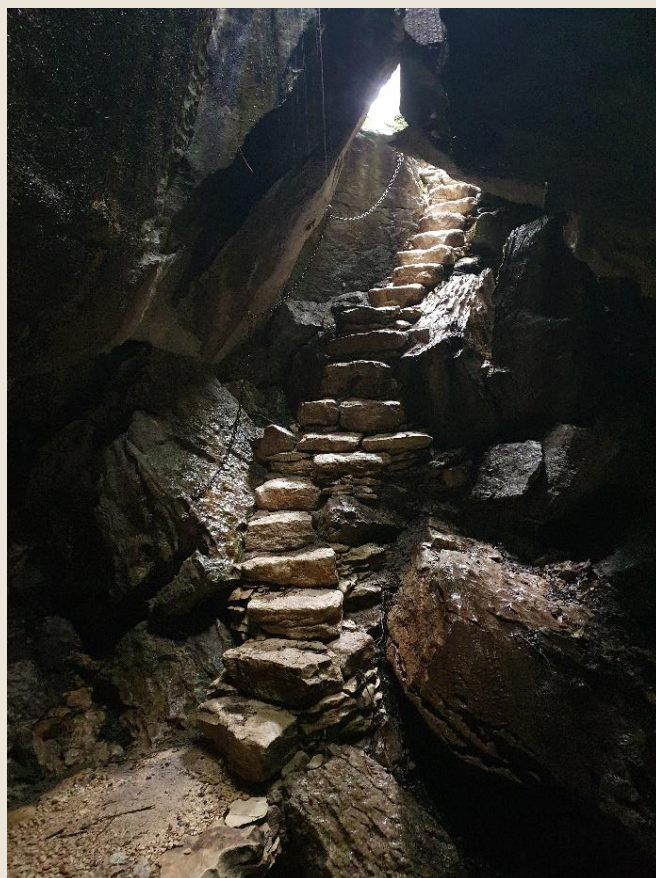


Figure 1 Moria Gate steps

Keep an eye on the track webpage for updates  
<https://dxcprod.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/nelson-tasman/places/kahurangi-national-park/oparara-basin/?tab-id=50578>.

Project update under the webpage  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/oparara-investment/>



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