

Catchpool Restoration Project

Rimutaka Forest Park

Ferret traps (DOC 250s) were added to the existing trap network following sightings of ferrets in adjacent farm areas to create a barrier to their entrance into the Catchpool and kiwi zone areas

Hundreds of eco-sourced native trees planted all around the Camping Ground area and gorse and other pest plants removed from the entire stream bank from the new ford to just above the temporary one. New "shelter belts" established to section off some areas and reduce vehicle access/ damage.

The gardens around the Catchpool Centre were weeded frequently and new *Carex secta* planted in the surrounding beds

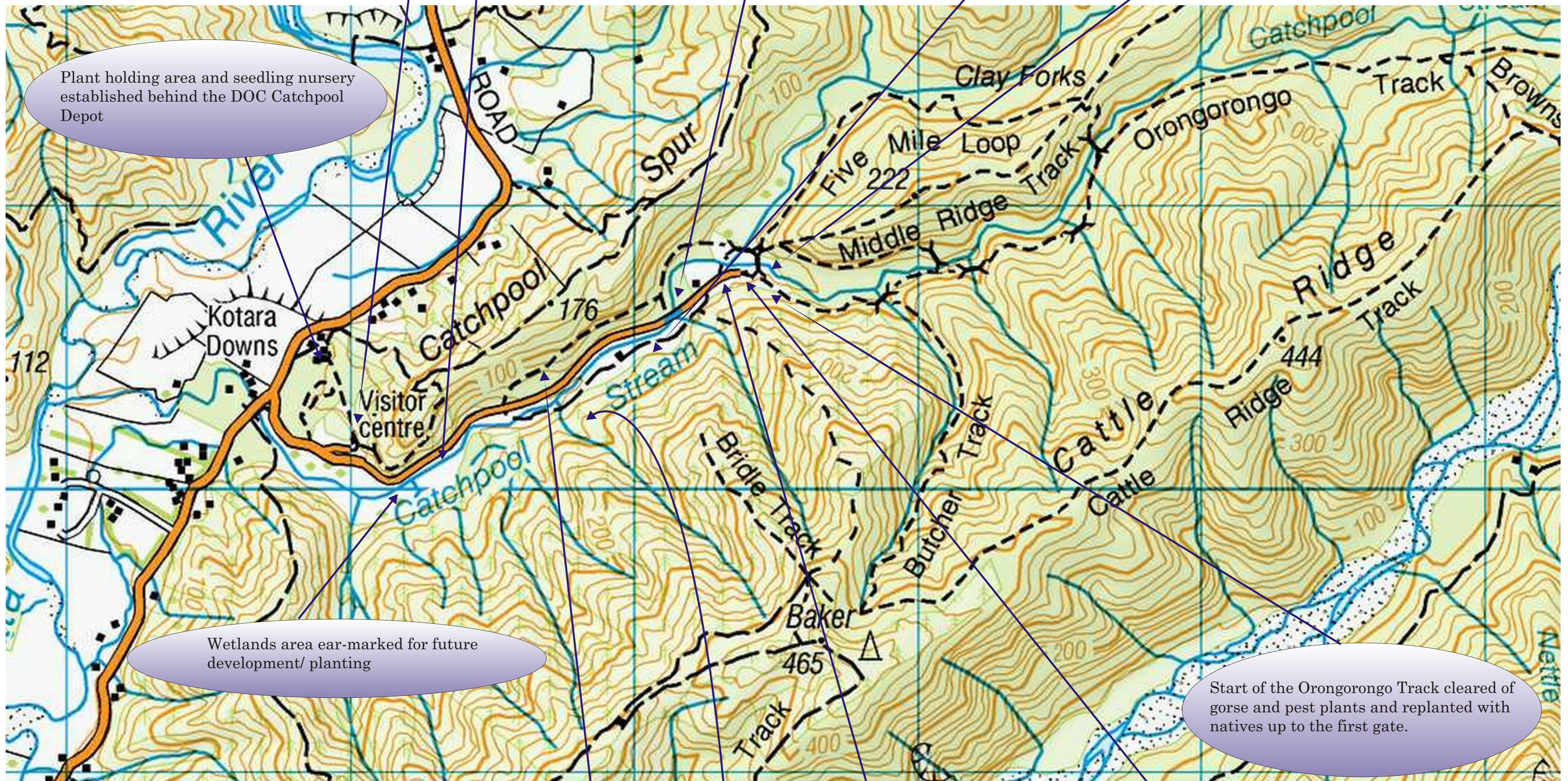
Kereru Corner picnic area was cleared of gorse along the stream-side all the way to the ford from the Graces Stream/ Catchpool Stream confluence. Hundreds of native trees and riparian plants were planted there instead.

Kahikatea and other "wet-feet" plants planted in swamp areas between the car park and the creek near the start of the Catchpool Loop track

Plant holding area and seedling nursery established behind the DOC Catchpool Depot

Wetlands area ear-marked for future development/ planting

Start of the Orongorongo Track cleared of gorse and pest plants and replanted with natives up to the first gate.



Kahikatea and nikau palms planted all along the swampy border to the grassed areas on the left-hand side of the access road - this area should look awesome in 300 years!

Slopes planted with beech trees during August/ September, 2009

These steep slopes and many bare slip-faces will be progressively planted with kanuka and manuka with seed sourced from nearby plants

21 access laneways cut into the scrub above the car park and picnic ground areas between the start of the Orongorongo Track and the Camping Ground entrance gate. These were subsequently planted with hundreds of eco-sourced native trees and shrubs and wilding pines and gorse removed. Upper slopes were aerial-sprayed by DOC to suppress wilding pines

