



Working Bee Sunday 25 Jan 2015

Eastern Portal, Chain Hills tunnel, Wingatui. We want to re-discover and then re-instate the drainage network above the tunnel mouth to reduce the amount of water coming into the tunnel at that end. At present the area is covered with soil, plant matter, and vegetation, including fuchsia trees. The aim is to find the old (concrete?) drainage network and clear out as much as possible without damaging the vegetation too much.

Interested?

If you can make it on the day, please email contact@dttt.org.nz with a subject line of Working Bee, and specify whether you can make the morning or afternoon group. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the afternoon Public Session, please use the subject line of Afternoon Volunteer.

2 working bee parties:

Each party is limited to a maximum of 15 people.

9:00am-12:00pm #1. drainage probing, mapping, string lines.

The morning session will be focused on finding, mapping, and marking the old drainage network that has been covered up by forest litter, mud, and plants.

1:00pm – 4:00pm #2. digging down to drains, clearing scrub around drains

The afternoon session will be aimed at digging out/exposing/clearing as much of the old network as we can, and clearing vegetation where required. This is a “fuchsia tree forest”

Personal items to bring: gumboots, water, snacks, torch. Depending on weather: hat and/or raincoat

Tools.

- #1 Please bring a keen eye, prodding pole, mallet or clipboard/paper/pens, gloves
- #2 Please bring a shovel or spade, hand-saw, wheel barrow or bucket, gloves

Site.

- This is on private land, but you are responsible for your own safety as part of the Working Bee.
- The area is wet and muddy, gumboots or similar definitely required, and you will be walking through an unlit 460m-long old rail tunnel to get to the site.
- **There is an unfenced 5 metre vertical drop above the tunnel mouth where we will be working so this Working Bee is unsuitable for children.**

The site is accessed via a walk-through of Chain Hills tunnel which is approx. 480 metres long so will require a torch of some form. A short clamber up a bank is required to get to the area above the tunnel entrance.

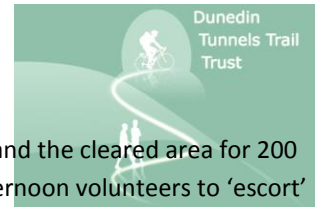
- You will be responsible for the safe use of any tools you may be bringing.

Location.

Above Eastern portal of old Chain Hills tunnel, accessed via **324 Gladstone Road Nth., Wingatui, and through tunnel itself.**

Parking and facilities.

Thanks to their kind support, parking is available at the Wingatui Racecourse: please park there and walk north (approx. 200 metres). Toilets are available in the amenities block at the Racecourse. **There is no parking available on-site or beside/along the driveway, there are no toilet facilities on-site.**



Public Open Day.

We will also be inviting the public to come along in the afternoon (1pm-3:30pm) to see the tunnel and the cleared area for 200 metres past the tunnel mouth. A gold coin or suitable donation will be suggested. We will need afternoon volunteers to 'escort' people up the driveway from the road, to the tunnel mouth, and back: this is private property with stock so people cannot wander around, but need to be directed to tunnel and cleared area only. **The end of the cleared area will be taped off to avoid people continuing on past the open area.**