

the lakes through the community-use-reserve area to Driver Crescent. The community-use-reserve area has pleasant views down to the lakes and up the gully to the Waitangirua Farm part of Belmont Regional Park. Bench seats and rubbish bins are provided for the use of visitors.

Entry to the reserve from public lands is possible from the reserve's boundary with Warspite Avenue, from the Cannon's Creek Shopping Centre carpark, from the Cannon's Creek Pool Reserve, from the two accessways from Bedford Street, and from Driver Crescent. In addition, access may be had from Waitangirua Farm along the designated walkway because of the farm's status as part of Belmont Regional Park (although access through the farm may be restricted at certain times for various reasons, such as lambing).

2.1.5 Flora and Fauna

Some plant species found in the lake reserves have cultural significance for the tangata whenua. These include: kotukutuku (tree fuchsia, *Fuchsia excorticata*), the berries of which are used for making a jam; mahoe (whiteywood, *Melicytus ramiflorus*), used for making fire; manuka (tea tree, *Leptospermum scoparium*), used for making a tea-like drink; New Zealand flax (*Phormium tenax*), the fibre of which is used to produce textiles; tarata (lemonwood, *Pittosporum eugenioides*), which is used as a perfume when rubbed on the skin; and watercress, a delicacy in Maaori cuisine.

Whitby Upper Lake Reserve

The following fish species have been identified in the lake:—

Anguillidae family

Short-finned eel *Anguilla australis*

Cyprinidae family

Koi carp } *Cyprinus carpio*
Rudd } *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*
Tench } *Tinca tinca*

Galaxiidae family

Giant kokopu *Galaxias fasciatus*

Percidae family

Perch *Perca fluviatilis*

The following plant species have been identified in the reserve:—

Native species

Bracken *Pteridium esculentum*
Kanuka (tea tree) *Leptospermum ericoides*
Kowhai *Sophora* sp.
Kotukutuku (tree fuchsia) *Fuchsia excorticata*

Mahoe (whiteywood)
 Manuka (tea tree)
 New Zealand flax
 Pittosporum
 Pohutukawa (New Zealand Christmas tree)
 Pseudopanax
 Raupo
 Sedge (carex)
 Shiny spleenwort
 Ti kouka (cabbage tree)
 Toitoi
 Tree fern

Melicytus ramiflorus
Leptospermum scoparium
Phormium tenax
Pittosporum sp.
Metrosideros excelsa
Pseudopanax sp.
Typha orientalis
Carex sp.
Asplenium sp.
Cordyline australis
Cortaderia sp.
Dicksonia sp.

Introduced species

Alder
 Arum lily (calla lily)
 Buddleia
 Eucalyptus
 Leyland cyprus
 Nightshade
 Old man's beard (clematis/traveller's joy)
 Oxygen weed
 Radiata pine
 Thistle
 Tree lucerne
 Wandering Jew
 Water lily

Alnus sp.
Zantedeschia aethiopica
Buddleia davidii
Eucalyptus sp.
Cupressocyparis leylandii
Solanum sp.
Clematis vitalba
 Hydrocharitaceae family
Pinus radiata
Cirsium sp.
Chamaecytisus palmensis
Tradescantia fluminensis
Nymphaea sp.

Whitby Lower Lake Reserve

Carp are present in the lake and trout are released into it. Several common bird species such as ducks, gulls, cormorants, and sparrows can be regularly seen in the reserve.

The following plant species have been identified in the reserve:—

Native species

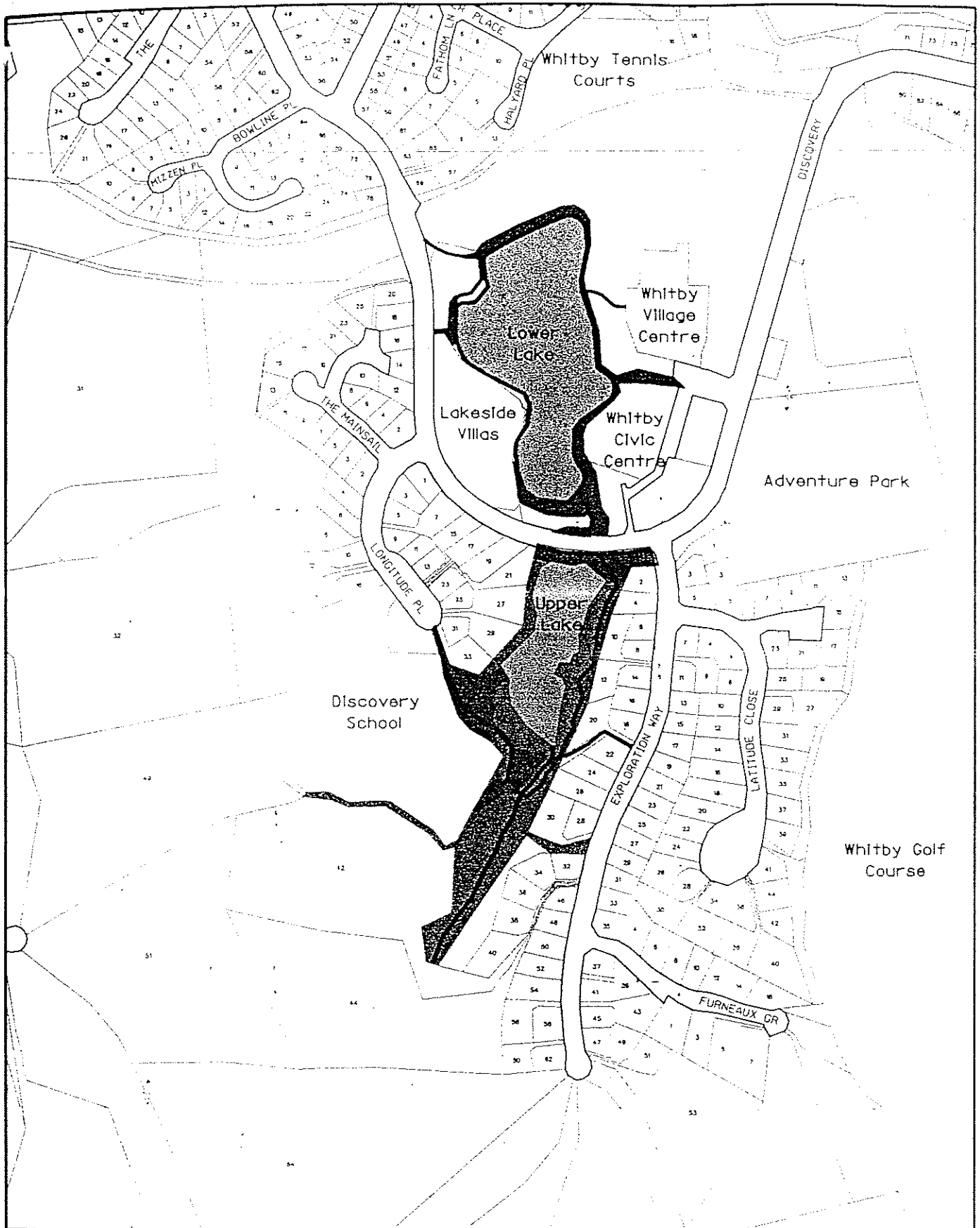
Griselinia
 New Zealand flax
 Pohutukawa (New Zealand Christmas tree)
 Raupo
 Rush
 Ti kouka (cabbage tree)

Griselinia sp.
Phormium tenax
Metrosideros excelsa
Typha orientalis
Juncus sp.
Cordyline australis

Introduced species

Alder
 Eucalyptus
 Gorse (furze/whin)

Alnus sp.
Eucalyptus sp.
Ulex europeaus



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Lakes



Gardens



Native Bush



Grass Area



Stream



Walkways



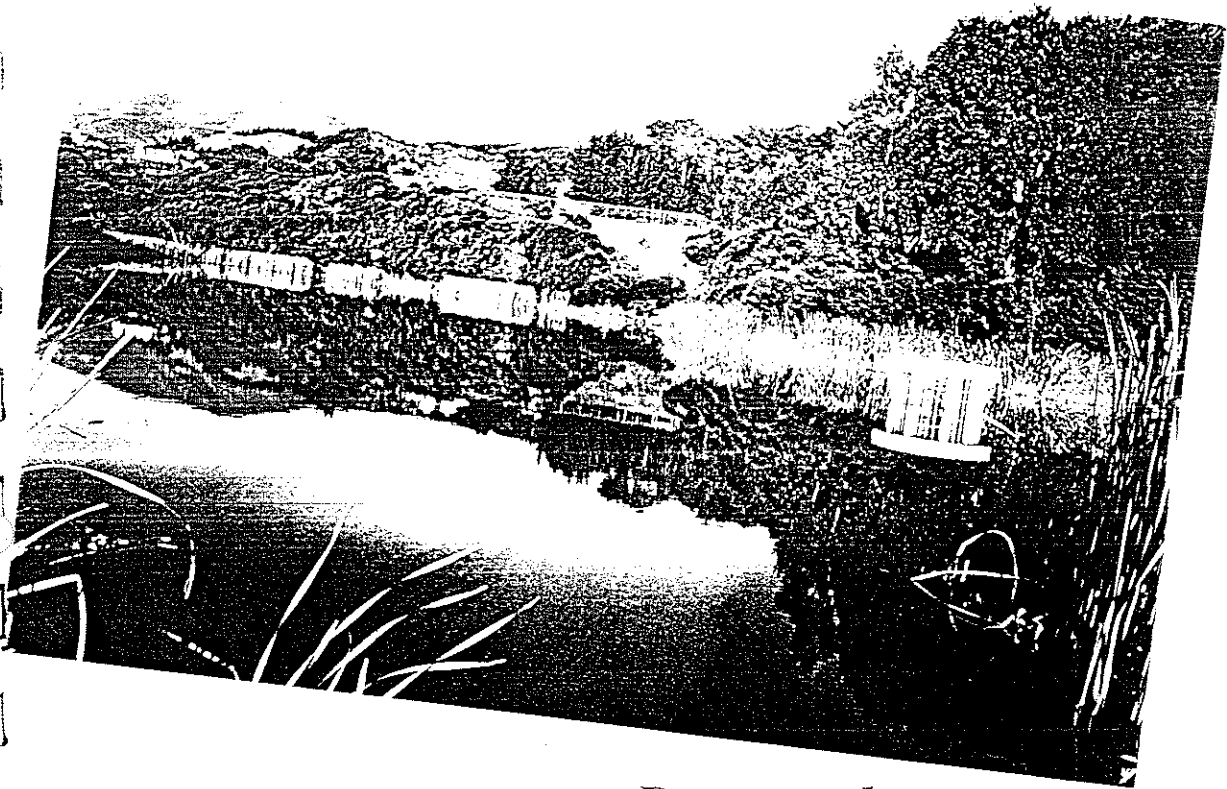
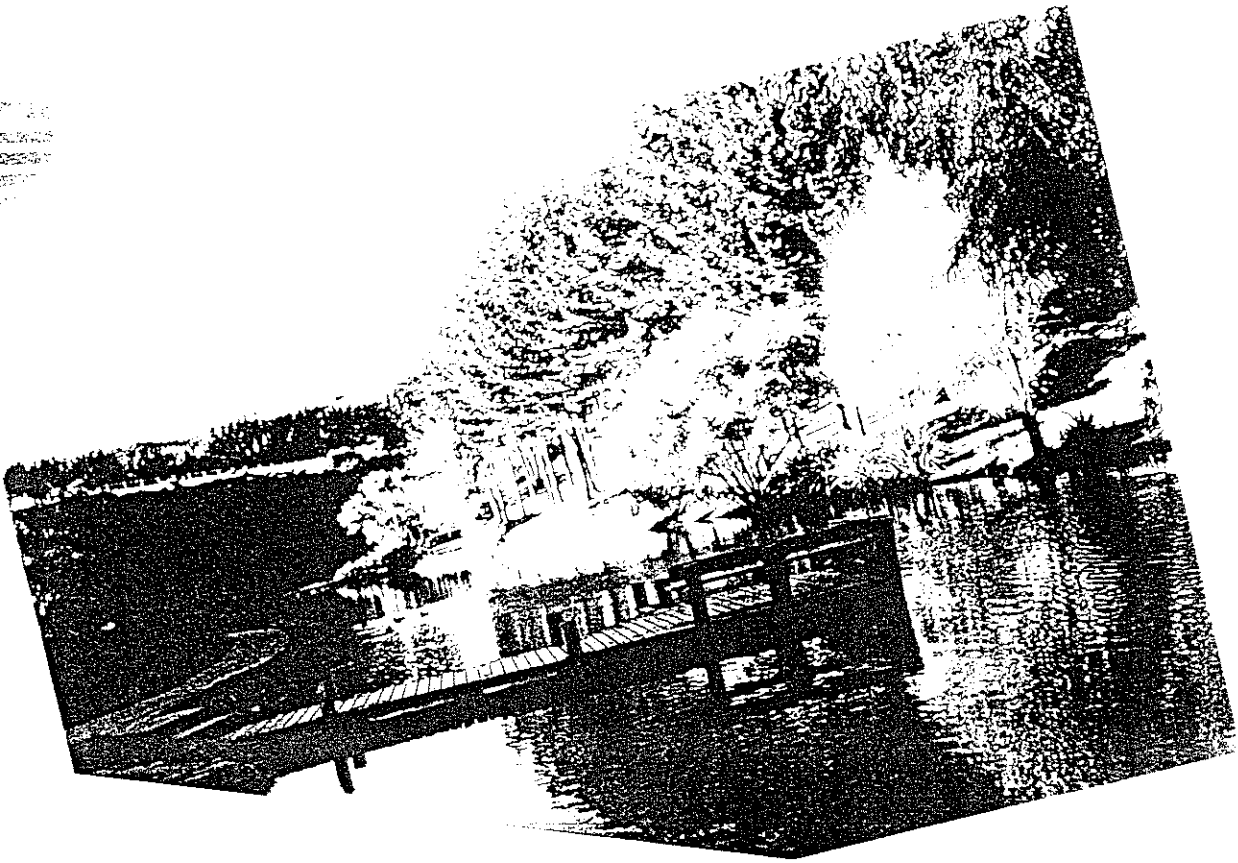
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Upper and Lower Whitby Lakes

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