National Gathering 2012

Every year the world stops on Waitangi weekend for one reason and one reason only....The New Zealand Parkour National Gathering, hosted by the New Zealand Parkour Association. An eventful weekend involving the world's greatest people. There will be lots of jumping stuff and bags piled in rad stacks. Expect your muscles to ache, the grip to be worn off your shoes, and your mind to be blown from witnessing incredible jumps. Start getting amped now.

Time: Saturday, February 4th - Monday, February 6th
Location: Wellington

We have some sweet stuff lined up for the long weekend, including:

- NZ's biggest gathering of parkour and freerunning practitioners.
- Free workshop hosted by NZPA instructors.
- Great training spots all over Wellington, NZ's parkour capital. They're also the best spots in the entire southern hemisphere ;p
- Natural training out at Wellington's finest bouldering spot - Turakirae Head.
- Games of capture the flag and zombie bull-rush. Parkour skills allowed.
- The NZPA Annual General Meeting. Have your say in a pivotal moment for the NZ parkour scene.

And, of course, a whole heap of Parkour shenanigans, including:

- Kai with parkour family.
- Hugs.
- Smiles.
- Chur peeps.
- Baggy pants.
- Body tool.
- Smelly sleep overs.
- Protruding muscles.
- Too many pushups.
- Mad flips.
- Onomatopoeias.
- David Belle.

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Saturday, 4th

Morning:

- -10am, Frank Kitts Park. Beginning of National Gathering! Introductions, admin work etc.
- -Group warmup.
- -Game of zombie bullrush.

Lunch:

- -12pm. Break for lunch.
- -1pm. Re-meet at Frank Kitts Park.

Afternoon:

- -1pm. Free 2-hour parkour foundations workshop. Frank Kitts Park. Experienced traceurs not wishing to do the workshop are free to jam.
- -Jam around city all afternoon.

Evening:

- -5pm. Re-meet at Frank Kitts Park to car-pool out to Huntleigh Centre.
- -Game of capture the flag.
- -Group BBQ.
- -7pm. NZPA AGM. Huntleigh Centre.

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Sunday, 5th

- -10am. Meet at Frank Kitts Park to car-pool out to Turakirae Head.
- -Visit Supermarket to purchase supplies.
- -Turakirae Head.

  Turakirae Head is an amazing, isolated spot outside of the city that's great for natural parkour training and bouldering. We will spend all Sunday out there. Access is by foot only, vehicles need to be parked before the actual spot itself. Make sure to bring food, water, and any supplies with you for lunch and snacks. There are no shops out there! This includes bringing toilet paper, as there are also no toilets! Bring climbing shoes if you have them. Some people may be camping the night at Turakirae Head. You are welcome to do this. If so, make sure to bring all your required camping gear with you.

- -Head back to the city.
- -Group BBQ. Huntleigh Centre.

Monday, 6th

Congratulations on making it to the third day. This day is for the strong and those who still have energy left to move.

- -Start time to be decided. Meet at Frank Kitts Park.
- -Jam all day. Check out some new and/or different and/or lesser known spots around the city.
- -Swimming and diving off the waterfront to relax.
- -3pm. Finish of National Gathering.

Accommodation

The base of the national gathering will be the Huntleigh GirlGuiding Centre.

It is located in Crofton Downs, about 4kms from Wellington city. Within walking distance, less than 1km, is a train station which provides transport into the city. Next to the train station is a supermarket and fruit & vegetable shop.

Huntleigh is surrounded by four acres of bush-clad grounds, with a stream running through the grounds, to explore. There are also two large lawn areas suitable for outdoor activities. On the grounds is also a low ropes challenge course, which hopefully we will be able to use (waiting for confirmation on this).

There is a fully equipped kitchen. There are also bathrooms, showers and a laundry on site, as well as off-street parking for 10-12 cars.

Accommodation will on the floor marae-style - so you will need to bring your own bedding of a sleeping bag, roll mat, pillow, etc.

Book Your Place
The cost per person per night is $10.

To book your place, send an email to the email address in the contact section below.

We have the Centre for two nights - Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th. If you require accommodation outside of these nights please get in touch through the contact section below so we can sort something out.

Other Accommodation
If you wish not to stay with the group, you will need to arrange your own accommodation. This will preferably be with friends or family, as Wellington is also home to the Rugby Sevens over Waitangi weekend so most accommodation will be fully booked.

Meals

You will be responsible for providing your own meals.

Except for group BBQs at the Huntleigh Centre on Saturday and Sunday nights. The cost for these will be shared to keep them low. Everyone is welcome.

Transport

Wellington's main parkour spots are within walking distance of each other, so we will start each day at Frank Kitts Park as a central meeting point and then stay on foot to get around for the most part.

Huntleigh Centre
Transport from the Huntleigh Centre into the city will be by car-pooling or by train.

Turakirae Head
To get to Turakirae Head we will car-pool. Or, depending on numbers, we will hire vans to provide transport for everyone.

Airport and Busses
If you're arriving and departing Wellington via plane or bus, we can provide transport to and from the airport and the main bus stops. Please let us know through the contact section below if you require transport.

Safety

Please be aware of your own safety and the safety of others at all times.

First Aid kits will be carried by certain people during the gathering. First Aid Certificates are held by NZPA Instructors as well as many practitioners who will be present.

If there is an emergency, or you injure yourself, we need to know your emergency contact details and if you have any medical conditions. This is especially important while at Turakirae Head, which is an isolated location. For health and safety reasons we require you to complete this form: http://www.nzparkour.co.nz/documents/Safety_Form.pdf. Please hand it in at the start of the first day.

Check List

You need to bring:

-Enough money to cover accommodation.
-Enough money for food.
-Sleeping bag, roll mat, and pillow (if staying at group accommodation).
-Sunscreen. We will be outside all weekend.
-We will be going to Supermarkets throughout the weekend to allow you to purchase any supplies you need.
-Other than these, make sure to bring general parkour and travelling gear.

Before arriving you need to:

-Book your place at the group accommodation if you wish to stay there. To book your place, send an email to the email address in the contact section below. If not, you will be responsible for your own accommodation.
-Let us know if you require transport from or to the airport or bus stop.

Upon arriving you need to:

-Hand in this form: http://www.nzparkour.co.nz/documents/Safety_Form.pdf. This information is collected for health and safety reasons in case there is an emergency or an injury.
-Pay $10. We ask that everyone pays this as it goes towards group costs that need to be shared, eg food and drinks for the group BBQs. If you are an NZPA member, payment is lowered to $8.
-Go hard and make the national gathering a time to remember!

Contact Info

If you have any questions:

Max Bell - Wellington Regional Representative
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Please put my contact number into your cell phone now, in case people get separated during the gathering. I'm looking forward to meeting the new faces and seeing the old ones.

AGM

The NZPA Annual General Meeting will be held during the National Gathering on Saturday 4th, 7pm, at the Huntleigh Centre.

This will be the place to discuss and progress the NZ parkour scene, and decisions reached here will affect the NZPA and the NZ parkour scene for at least the next year. The AGM is open to the public but only NZPA members can discuss points, raise issues and vote. We highly recommend coming along, even if you just want to listen in, as this is shaping up to be a pivotal moment for parkour in NZ.

To get involved before the meeting, visit the Pre AGM Agenda Discussion and check out the NZPA forum.