

TAUPŌ PLIMMERTON HERITAGE TRAIL

1. Taupō Plimmerton History

Māori history in this area dates from Kupu's visit over 850 years ago. Ngāi Iwi later held the territory until it was taken over by Ngāti Toa Rangaitia in the 1820s, and known as Taupō. When the railway arrived in 1885, the area was named Plimmerton, after John Plimmer, a founding director of the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company. It was advertised as "the great marine suburb of Wellington". By 1896, about 50 sections had been sold and hundreds of day-trippers flocked here during the summer months. Over time cottages, holiday homes, boarding houses and shops were built forming Plimmerton village.

More information about this site at: www.plimmerton.nz/heritage-trail/site-1/

Welcome to the Taupō Plimmerton Heritage Trail

This trail is flat except for a short rise to Te Rauparaha Reserve and the Motuhara Tramway and Tunnel. The pedestrian bridge over State Highway 1 also needs to be negotiated. The trail can be walked in approximately 2 hours excluding two sites, Tāua Tapu Track and Taupō Wetland.

Both are about 2-3 kms away. The part of the Tāua Tapu Track, which remains a walking track, continues for another 1.5 kms beyond the end of the road. It is steep and graded as medium to challenging.

HERITAGE TRAIL SITES

- 1 Taupō Plimmerton History
- 2 St Theresa's Catholic Church
- 3 Kirkcaldie Family Holiday Home
- 4 Machine Gun Emplacement
- 5 Taupō Block - Te Rauparaha
- 6 Plimmerton House
- 7 Plimmerton Post Office
- 8 Exnells
- 9 Sokol
- 10 Casey's Butcher Shop
- 11 Plimmerton's First State School
- 12 Plimmerton Railway Station
- 13 First General Store
- 14 Early Christian Services
- 15 St Andrew's Anglican Church
- 16 7 Steyne Ave
- 17 1 Steyne Ave
- 18 Te Rauparaha Reserve
- 19 Plimmerton's Second State School
- 20 Fire Brigade/ Station
- 21 Taupō Block - Te Rangihaeata
- 22 Plimmerton Pavilion
- 23 Taupō No 2 - Taupō Ūrupū (Burial Ground)
- 24 Navigation Ball and Rail Tracks
- 25 Motuhara Tramway and Tunnel
- 26 Mana Island - Te Mana o Kupu ki Aotearoa
- 27 Somme House
- 28 Motuhara Block
- 29 Cameron's Guest House
- 30 George Troup
- 31 Karehana Bay
- 32 Plimmerton Boating Club
- 33 Fires of Plimmerton
- 34 Tāua Tapu Track
- 35 Taupō Wetland

