THE
WAIKATO WAR
DRIVING TOUR

This map shows the route of the Waikato War Driving Tour. You can use the map in conjunction with the website, smartphone and audio resources provided. Or you can use this map to explore the historic sites by yourself.

1. HIGHWIC
   40 Gillies Avenue, Epsom, Auckland
   GPS: 36° 52' 18.4188" S, 174° 46' 29.9418" E

2. PUKEKOHE EAST CHURCH
   Take the motorway south of Auckland to the Bombay Service Centre, then 3.3 km along the Pukekohe road. Turn right up Runciman Road 1km to the Pukekohe East Church and cemetery.
   GPS: 37° 11' 18.377" S, 174° 56' 46.00" E

3. POKENO/QUEEN'S REDOUTB
   The entrance to the paddock where the redoubt was located is on Pokeno Village Road, 250m north of the southern entrance into Pokeno from S.H.1, opposite Hitchen Road. Turn into Hitchen Road for safe parking.
   GPS: 37° 14' 50.7798" S, 175° 1' 30.2052" E

4. MERCER/KOHEROA
   5km south of Pokeno, turn into Mercer Service Centre and head west towards the Waikato River. The turrett is situated on the corner of Roece Road and the unnamed road along the riverfront.
   GPS: 37° 16' 47.3522" S, 175° 2' 47.6199" E

5. WHANGAMARINO/MEREMERE
   Whangamarino Redoubt is 2km south of Mercer. Turn off State Highway 1 into Oram Road and cross the floodgate to a walking track up the spur. The historic reserve is at the top of the hill, on your right.
   GPS: 37° 17' 39.0624" S, 175° 3' 45.5652" E

6. RANGIRIRI
   State Highway 1 bisects the Rangiriri defences about 400m north of the township. A signposted parking area at the intersection with Te Whero Road gives access to the western end of the central redoubt.
   GPS: 37° 25' 36.7824" S, 175° 7' 47.8272" E

7. TE WHEORO'S REDOUTB
   From Rangiriri Pā cross S.H.1 and go south along Rangiriri Road, past the school and turn left into Talbot Street. Then proceed 50m to the entrance of the redoubt.
   GPS: 37° 25' 44.7882" S, 175° 8' 0.1824" E

8. NGĀRUAWĀHIA
   From Rangiriri proceed 30km south down S.H.1 to Ngāruawāhia. Take the first turn to the right after crossing the bridge over the Waikato River, cross the railway lines, then turn right again into Broadway Street and drive down to the Point.
   GPS: 37° 39' 44.4096" S, 175° 8' 45.4302" E

9. PATERANGI
   To visit the military grave on the western side of Bird Road, stop at a point about 300m past the Bird/Waikari Roads intersection (on the Pirongia side of the intersection). The grave sits, under a big old oak tree, is clearly visible about 40m below the road.
   GPS: 37° 58' 1.1166" S, 175° 13' 12.1548" E

10. RANGIAOWHIA
    From the roundabout at the northern end of Te Awamutu proceed along the Cambridge Road, about 4.5km to Mandoeno Road. Follow Mandoeno Rd to the end and turn right at Rangiaowhia Rd. About 200m to the south stands historic St Paul’s church, a prominent landmark.
    GPS: 38° 0' 52.4226" S, 175° 22' 35.0682" E

11. KIHIKIHI
    The memorial to Rewi Maniapoto is at the corner of State Highway 3 and Apauru Road in Kihikihi.
    GPS: 38° 2' 20.1552" S, 175° 20' 43.5588" E

12. ORĀKAU
    From Kihikihi, drive 5km along the Kihikihi-Arapuni Road until you reach a monument on the right. Parking is available beside the monument.
    GPS: 38° 2' 58.581" S, 175° 23' 15.6516" E

13. PIRONGIA/ALEXANDRA
    REDOUTB
    At the southern end of the main street of Pirongia (Franklin Street) turn into Bellot Street. Proceed 100m to a small parking area adjacent to the NZ Historic Places Trust noticeboard. The redoubt is clearly visible on a low hill behind the noticeboard.
    GPS: 37° 59' 36.1788" S, 175° 11' 54.456" E

DRIVING TOUR GLOSSARY
- Aukati: Confiscation line, or frontier
- Kainga: Village
- Iwi: Tribe
- Kaitiaki: Caretaker/guardian
- Kingitanga: The King Movement
- Marae: Meeting place
- Pā: Fortification
- Tupara: Double-barrelled musket
- Waka: Canoe
- Whare: House