Main camp Advanced base Ruapekapeka Pa

Visiting Ruapekapeka

GETTING THERE

From Whangarei, drive north along State Highway 1 for 35 kilometers. At Towai turn right onto Ruapekapeka Road and follow it for four kilometres. You will see signs for Ruapekapeka and the carpark 300 meters beyond the intersection where Ruapekapeka Road meets Kawakawa Road. The road is unsealed and narrow in places so take care.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

A self-guided walk begins at the main carpark and leads to the Advanced British Position and up through a bushwalk to Ruapekapeka Pa itself. Download the site guide from the link above or pick-up a copy at the carpark and follow the signs on-site.

RESPECTING AND PROTECTING THE SITE

Ruapekapeka is a wahi tapu or sacred site, and blood was shed here. Please respect the site.

- Do not climb on or into the historic features.
- Please do not take food onto the site. A picnic area is located near the carpark.
- Keep dogs under control at all times and clear away dog litter.
- Do not light fires.
- Please take your rubbish away with you. There are no bins on North Head.
- Do not remove or disturb any artefacts or other historic remains.
- Do not camp on the reserve.
- Please shut gates and do not disturb grazing cattle.

Because of holes, uneven surfaces and water hazards, take care when exploring the reserve and supervise children at all times.

For more information on protecting and caring for archaeological sites, please visit the Historic Places Trust/Pouhere Taonga Website

