

## Woodstock Pumphouse



Historic photo

**Location:** At the end of the Crown Track, Waitawheta Gorge, Karangahake

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:** 7359

**Historic Places Trust Category:** Category 2 - Registered Historic Place

**HDC Heritage Category:** A - Heritage Feature. National or Outstanding Regional Significance

**Other:** Recorded archaeological site (T13/291)

**Physical Description:** Mine Pumphouse

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** Stone, timber and iron

**Date of Construction:** c.1880

**History:** The Woodstock Gold and Silver Mining and Smelting Co. was formed in 1885. It acquired other Karangahake sites during the decade and reformed as the Woodstock United Goldmining Co. in 1890 after merging with the Kenilworth Company. Its early history was difficult. Use of the cyanide process improved profitability, enabling the company to purchase further

**District Plan Schedule**

**Number:** HAU026

**Heritage Category:** A

**Heritage Type:**

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

**Date Period:**

**1880-1910**

**Significance:**

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

**Thematic Context**

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

# Historic Heritage Inventory

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claims. Returns declined in the early 1900s and the Talisman Co. took over the company in 1904.

The pumphouse is a large cavern in the hillside that housed a pump used to evacuate water from the lower levels of the Woodstock mine. As can be seen from the historic photo, the entire cavern was lined with timber. Also see HAU283 Woodstock Battery.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Ruin

**Integrity:** Substantially altered

**Current Uses:** Walking track

**Former Uses:** Mine Pumphouse

**Registered owner:** Department of Conservation

**Legal Description:** Te Aroha SD Blk 1, Pt Crown Land reserved from sale (Esplanade Reserve), SO 7257, Pt Sec 105 SO 46968 Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park

**Reference Source:** *Paeroa Lions Club* (1962:28); Ritchie, N. (1990) *A Survey of Historic Mining Sites in the Thames and Ohinemuri Areas of the Hauraki Goldfield*. Department of Conservation.

**Associated Pictures:**



Pumphouse interior 2010 with some ceiling timber still in place.