

Historic Heritage Inventory



Royal Standard Battery, Wharekirauponga

Location: Coromandel State Forest Park, Coromandel (from end of Parakiwai Quarry Road)

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **B** - Heritage Area. Regional or Sub-Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: A walking track runs along the former tramline from the end of Parakiwai Road. There are extensive remains of an old mining operation including the remains of the battery foundations (the battery was not built), other tramways, tunnels, adits, shafts and machinery.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials:

Date of Construction: c.1896

History: The Royal Standard claim was taken up by the company of the same name in 1896. Considerable money was spent in constructing a tramway which connected the mine with the Otahu Inlet and purchasing a battery to explore the reefs. The results were terrible and the company was ordered to stop in 1897 by the English manager. The mine was abandoned until 1899 when Captain Hodge bought the mine at auction and had limited success in working the claim for a few years.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: poor

Integrity: substantially altered

Current Uses: walking track

Former Uses: mining site and tramline

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU271**

Heritage Category: **B**

Heritage Type:

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

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

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

Thematic Context

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

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Registered owner:

Legal Description:

Reference Source: Downey, J.F (1935) *Goldmines of the Hauraki Goldfield*.
Cadstonbury Press, Christchurch; Ritchie and Moore, *Coromandel Gold*,
Dunmore Press; Waihi Heritage Group

Associated Pictures: