

MAUNGARUAHINE

Maungaruahine was a pā of Waitaha.

An extensive system of tracks linked Maungaruahine with other pā sites - *Ōhui*, *Takarangi*, *Tapuae*, *Te Pōhue* and *Hinepoto* – and in times of war, women and children would take refuge here.

The track system also helped Waitaha utilise the gullies and ridges of the area to organise their defensive forces and transport the wounded, who were usually taken to Hinepoto to recover.

During one battle in the 1830s, the pā was attacked by Ngāi Tauwhao while the men of Waitaha were away engaged in another battle. To avoid capture and slavery, the women and children threw themselves off the top of a cliff.