

HINE POTO

Hine Poto was one of the main trails from Tauranga to the area originally known as Te Puke (just west of the Waiari River). It covered an area of about 5 hectares and was well used in pre-European times and in the early days of European settlement. It is on high ground that is dissected by small gullies that were ideal for surprising enemy taua. It was therefore a place where many of our people were killed or buried and for that reason, Hine Poto is treated with great care and respect. Hine Poto was also used as a place for healing the sick or the wounded.

(Sourced from Waitaha Treaty Archives)