

## **TE KŌPUAROA STREAM**

Te Kōpuaroa (sometimes known as Te Kōpūroa) goes through Te Kōpuaroa swamp, then west to Hikutawatawa.

This is a significant waterway to Waitaha as it links the area of Te Kōpua, where the Kaituna turns down the coast, to the Pāpāmoa plains. Waitaha would navigate their canoes to and from pā in the area.

Te Kōpuaroa was also a rich food source. It was an eeling ground for Waitaha and fish and freshwater crays (*koura*) were clearly visible in its pristine waters. Today the river is a dumping ground for sledge from the Pāpāmoa Quarry.