

THE COROMANDEL'S GOLD HERITAGE

A former gold mining boom town that once produced gold by the tonne, Thames has proudly maintained its heritage buildings and has an operational gold stamper battery and original tunnels which now exist only to preserve a fascinating insight to the past. Thames had a small beginning with the first official strike of gold in June 1867. The 'big bonanza' was between 1869 and 1871. In 1871 the top producing Caledonian Mine turned out 361,581 ounces - more than 10 tonnes - with a total value of about \$1,950,000.

GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL



GOLDMINE EXPERIENCE

Main Road, SH 25, Thames



THE TREASURY

705 Queen Street, Thames



BELLA STREET PUMPHOUSE

Cnr of Bella & Cochrane Streets, Thames



THAMES MUSEUM

503 Cochrane Street, Thames



THAMES SCHOOL OF MINES

Cnr of Brown & Cochrane Streets, Thames



THAMES SMALL GAUGE RAILWAY

Brown Street, Thames

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

25



BROWN STREET

DAVY STREET

CAMPBELL STREET



BELLA STREET

MARY STREET

RICHMOND STREET

ROLLESTON STREET

FENTON STREET

PARAWAI ROAD

ALBERT STREET

COCHRANE STREET

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POLLEN STREET

MACKAY STREET

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

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THAMES

~ our heritage is gold ~

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- Tunnel

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From its shanty town beginnings in the 1880s, Waihi has played a major role in mining in New Zealand, with activity spanning three centuries, and continuing today. With the invention of the cyanide process, making mining profitable, the town boomed. It was a tough life for miners, and the strikes in 1912 were a major political event.

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SOUL



VICTORIA
BATTERY
SH2 Karangahake



GOLDFIELDS
RAILWAY
Wrigley Street



WAIHI ARTS CENTRE
AND MUSEUM
54 Kenny Street, Waihi



CORNISH
PUMPHOUSE
Seddon Street, Waihi



GOLD DISCOVERY
CENTRE AND MINE
TOURS
Seddon Street, Waihi



MARTHA MINE
PIT RIM WALK
Seddon Street, Waihi


WAIHI
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For centuries Māori travelled the Waihou River to reach Ōhinemuri, and Europeans were quick to develop this waterway with the opening of the Ōhinemuri goldfield in 1875. By the 1880s small paddle steamers were running up the river as far as Paeroa, as gold attracted people, shipping and investment.

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HURAHI RAIL TRAIL



HISTORIC MARITIME PARK
SH2 Paeroa



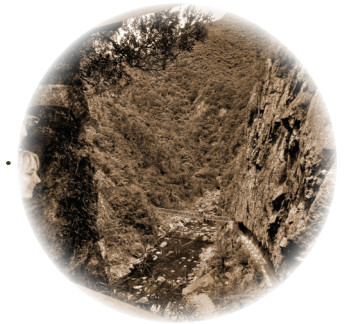
PAEROA AND DISTRICT MUSEUM
37 Belmont Road, Paeroa



KARANGAHAKE GORGE
SH2 Karangahake



KARANGAHAKE GORGE HISTORIC WALKWAY AND TUNNEL
SH2 Karangahake



WINDOWS WALK
SH2 Karangahake



PAEROA
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