

Relics of the Marines

Water Intake/Silt Trap

This water intake was built when the United States Marines' camps were established here in 1942 following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour in Hawai'i. This brought the USA into World War 2.

As most NZ troops were away in North Africa the US sent their troops to NZ to train for and recover from, battle in the Pacific Islands.

There was one camp here in Whareroa, another at Q E Park and one at Paekakariki. These camps were built in 6 weeks by the Ministry of Works and housed 15,000 men.

The camp on Whareroa and the one across the road in Q E Park needed lots of water which was collected from this catchment and the Water Intake acted as a silt trap/settlement pond.

With no stock grazing in the stream catchment, the water is good to drink. The water for both the Hub and the toilet block at the entrance comes from here.

What native NZ fish might you find in this catchment?

