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# SMITH HOTEL SITE



Site photo



Signpost



Site interpretation

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## Location

GREEN HILLS TRACK YANGOURA, WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8222-0020

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Historical Significance State Forest - threat from fire and timber harvesting

Hermes Number 191942

Property Number

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## History

The hotel was run by William and Ellen Smith during the Gold Rush. The restaurant and accommodation house was located in a position so as to attract business from both the White Star Mine and those travelling from Sale to Woods Point.

The hotel was described as a slab house with drugged walls, which offered little protection from wind or snow. The Smiths' hospitality was noted as renown, it was said that they never refused to feed anyone regardless of whether they had the means to pay.

It is referenced that miner William Watts, who was potentially staying at the hotel, died in February 1865 on the Jordon Road and was buried by William Smith (under the supervision of Constable James McManus) behind the restaurant.

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