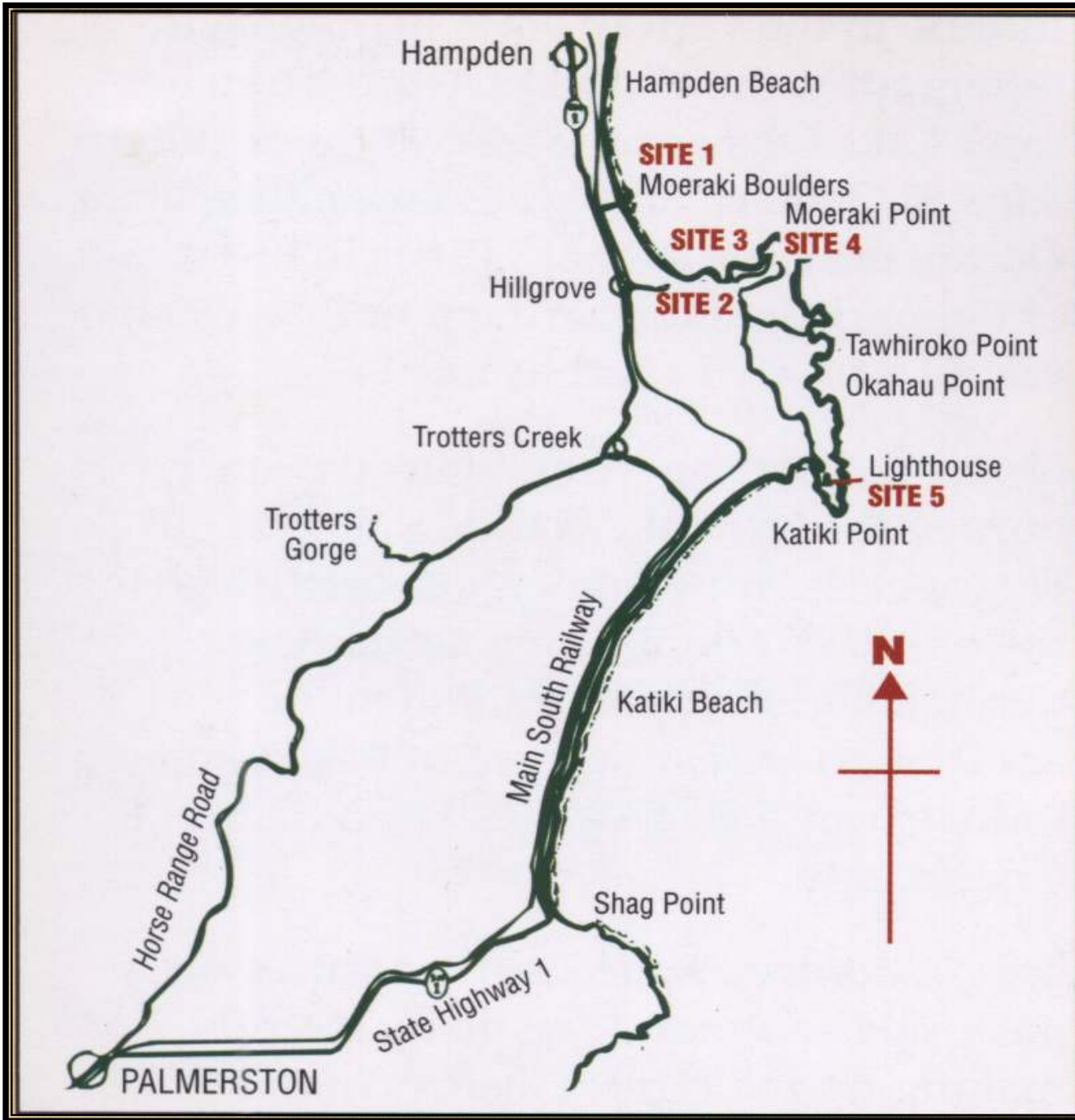


Moeraki Heritage Trail



This is the first Waitaki District Heritage Trail to be put in place. It was opened in October 1984.

The Moeraki Trail consists of five sites. These are the Moeraki Boulders, Kotahitanga Church, Centenary Park, Whaler's Lookout and Moeraki Lighthouse.

The introduction to the trail and site one is at Boulder Park, which is off State Highway One, 40kms south of Oamaru and 78kms north of Dunedin.

Site 1: THE MOERAKI BOULDERS

These are an internationally renowned geological phenomena measuring up to four metres in circumference.



Site 2: KOTAHITANGA CHURCH —1862

From Boulder Park, head south on State Highway One for about one kilometer, turn left and travel towards Moeraki Township. On your right is the historic Kotahitanga (One people) Church.

The beautiful stained glass windows were made in Rome and depict Christ, Mother and Child and an elderly Maori Leader, Matiaha Tiramorehu, a local chief. It is believed that he was the only Maori so honored during this period.

Site 3: CENTENARY PARK

Travel on from the Church towards the village and on your left is Centenary Park.

Here you will find out about the history of Moeraki, whaling and local fishing.

Site 4: WHALER'S LOOKOUT

From Centenary Park, drive east along Haven Street to the Camping Ground, turn left into Haverford Street and then left into Tenby Street, continue on and at the top of the hill is Whaler's Lookout.

Enjoy the magnificent views of the sea and coastline here.

Site 5: MOERAKI LIGHTHOUSE — 1877

From Whaler's Lookout, continue straight along Tenby Street until you reach Lighthouse Road. Take care because this is a rough gravel road. Wind your way along to the end of this road. This is Katiki Point which is a very popular fishing spot. You will see the Lighthouse, seals, Yellow-eyed penguin colony and information on the local Maori history.

