

TE KAIHINAKI/MOERAKI BOULDERS

- Where: Beach near Moeraki / Hampden
- What: Boulders made of hardened mudstone
- How: Mud grains buried under the seafloor were cemented together by calcite around a fragment such as bone or shell. The land has been uplifted and the boulders eroded out of the seacliff
- Age: Around 60 million years
- Kāi Tahu whānui treasure these boulders as the remains of the baskets, gourds and kumara washing ashore from the wreck of the Araiteuru waka.



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