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It is important for our sense of history and national identity that archaeological sites be protected. However, only a small proportion of archaeological sites in New Zealand are in reserved areas. This guide is intended to help improve on-site protection of archaeological sites, features and areas through practical land management. Archaeological sites can be visible at or above the ground surface or lie buried beneath it.

For all sites, minimising deterioration is a key management objective. Earthwork fortifications are a common form of surface-visible site in New Zealand. Surface erosion by visitors and farm animals, and planting in pine forests both cause significant problems.

Sub-surface sites also need specific attention. The management of archaeological sites requires close consideration of plant ecology, because plants will generally be the most cost-effective cover.

Techniques and management philosophies are recommended for five broad ecological settings: native grassland, exotic (pasture) grassland, native shrubland, indigenous forest, and exotic (plantation) forest. Techniques include encouragement of native grass covers, site-adapted mowing regimes, stock management, fencing patterns and methods, manipulation of native forest succession, felling and removal of problem trees, artificial covers such as geosynthetic cloths, and deliberate site burial. Mowing and line-trimming should be preferred to grazing for all significant sites, especially those which are open to the public.

Wider cultural or historic landscape design needs to be considered, particularly for large reserves.

The general principles outlined in these guidelines will be useful when preparing management or conservation plans for archaeological sites.

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