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Timeline of key events related to New Zealand's 19th-century wars.

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- About 1807: First use of muskets in battle in New Zealand, by Ngāpuhi
- 1809: Crew of Boyd killed by Ngāti Uru at Whangaroa
- 1818-25: Ngāpuhi raids across North Island
- 1821–6: Ngāti Toa and other iwi migrate from Waikato to Wellington area
- 1829–37: Ngāti Toa and allies fight Ngāi Tahu in South Island
- 1835: Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Tama invade Wharekauri/Chatham Islands
- 1840: Treaty of Waitangi; first large-scale British settlement
- 1843: Twenty-two Pākehā and 4 Māori die when land dispute between Ngāti Toa and Nelson settlers turns violent at Wairau
- 1845–6: Inconclusive Northern War which splits Ngāpuhi for and against government
- 1846: Fighting near Wellington as Ngāti Toa resist expansion of settlement
- 1847: Fighting around Whanganui as up-river tribes attack settlement
- 1858: Coronation of Maori King symbolises opposition to further land sales
- 1860-1: First Taranaki War ends in stalemate between government and local iwi
- 1863–4: Waikato War Kīngites expelled from lower/mid-Waikato and Tauranga
- 1863: Suppression of Rebellion Act enables confiscation of land of 'rebel' Māori
- 1864–8: Many small conflicts, most between Pai Mārire followers and other Māori
- 1865, 1866: Campaigns in south Taranaki by imperial troops
- 1868–9: Tītokowaru's War threatens settler control of Whanganui area
- 1868–72: Te Kooti raids across central North Island and is pursued by kūpapa
- 1881: Māori autonomy in south Taranaki ends with occupation of Parihaka
- 1884: Survey of King Country; Pākehā no longer excluded
- 1890s: Urewera Māori resist land surveys
- 1898: Hokianga Māori assert rights in 'Dog Tax Rebellion'
- 1916: Arrest of Rua Kēnana at Maungapōhatu ends Māori autonomy in Urewera

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