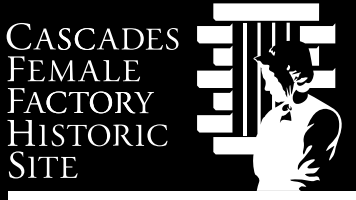




# Cascades Female Factory Historic Site



Trade Sheet  
2024/2025

# Discover the Stories of Australia's Convict Women

The Cascades Female Factory is Australia's most significant historic site associated with female convicts. It is located in the shadow of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, a short distance from Hobart's city centre. It was as a self-contained, purpose-built institution intended to reform female convicts. Thousands of women and children were imprisoned at the site and many never left.

Visiting this World Heritage site can be both emotional and rewarding, creating a connection with the stories of female convicts in Australia and their children – the stories are often tragic, but also inspire hope and resilience.

When visiting Cascades Female Factory a guided tour is highly recommended as it will help bring the story

of this challenging but very special place to life. The Convict Women's Tour is available several times each day and provides emotional engagement with the site and its stories.

The Notorious Strumpets & Dangerous Girls storytelling experience is an emotional journey through the stories of seven remarkable convict women who faced life's hardships with resilience. It is held on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Our education programs help bring to life the stories of the women who spent time within the walls of the Cascades Female Factory. We also have a range of resources to support student learning before and after your visit. Please note that our education programs are designed for primary and secondary school students.



# Key selling points

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## About the experience:

- The Cascades Female Factory is Australia's most significant historic site associated with female convicts. Nestled in the shadow of kunanyi/ Mount Wellington, the site holds the stories of the thousands of women and children imprisoned. These stories have often been neglected. We bring them into the light.
- Walk in the footsteps of the convict women and children. Hear their stories of strength, courage, loss and love with one of our expert guides.
- Immerse yourself in this space, lean in, listen, and feel the impact of these stories.
- Explore our Research Room, finding your own family connection to this story.
- Visiting our site can be both emotional and rewarding. The stories are often tragic, but also inspire hope and resilience.

## How do people feel when they leave here?

- Emotionally connected to the women and children who lived here.
- Surprised they didn't know the history and treatment of female convicts.
- Curious about their own family history, driven to find connections to this story.
- Fortunate to live now, grateful to the strong women who came before them.
- Motivated to support women and children, reflecting on the challenges still faced.

## What are the main reasons why people recommend that others should visit?

- To experience and understand the female convict story.
- To honour the women and children who lived here.
- To experience how the site connects the female convict story with contemporary female stories.
- To visit the baby name wall, and pay respect to the many children born here.
- To access the Research Room and trace their family connections.



# Tours and activities

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Site Entry and all Tours are commissionable products for agent bookings. Site entry includes the Convict Women's Tour and access to the History and Interpretation Centre, Audio Experience, Matron's Cottage and Research Room.

Site Entry without the Convict Women's Tour is available if desired, however it is recommended that visitors gain a more engaged experience through one of our guided storytelling experiences.

## Cascades Female Factory Audio Experience

The self-guided audio experience provides a comprehensive overview of the history of the site. Listen to the true tales of courage, resourcefulness and resilience of the women who lived, worked and aspired to a better life outside the female factory walls. The experience is available in English and simplified mandarin languages.

\*It is recommended to bring your own device and headphones or earbuds to access this self-guided audio experience. Free wi-fi is available on site.

## History and Interpretation Centre

The History and Interpretation Centre provides an immersive opportunity to gain a connection to the Female Factory site, including first nation's insight into palawa culture and the significant link to Trukanini who was once buried at the Female Factory.

## The Matron's Cottage & Research Room

The Matron's Cottage provides an opportunity to walk through the original Matron's quarters. A research room has been created, allowing visitors to access our female convict database to trace family connections and their link to the site's story.

## Convict Women's Tour

The Convict Women's Tour is a 45 minute guided walking tour providing a comprehensive introduction to the women's stories and history of the site, the convict system of punishment and reform and offering a glimpse of what convict life was like for the thousands of women transported to Van Diemen's Land and imprisoned.

\*Tours depart every hour starting from 10.00am, with the last tour departing at 3.00pm. Additional lunchtime tours run at half past the hour during summer months.

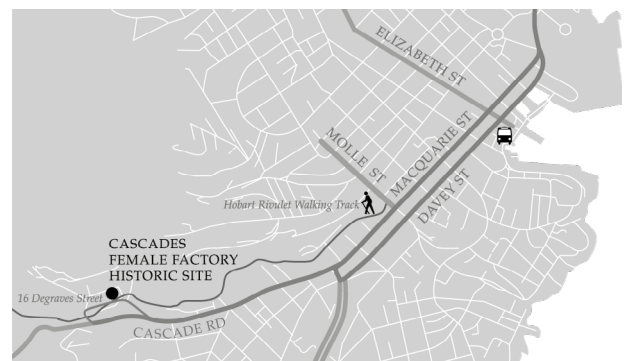
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# What to know before you visit

- The Cascades Female Factory Historic Site is located within a 5 minute drive or a 40 minute walk from the Hobart city centre. It is open 7 days a week.
- Comfortable footwear and clothes for all weather are recommended.
- To gain the most from your experience at the Cascades Female Factory, it is recommended to take part in a Convict Women's Tour or the Notorious Strumpets & Dangerous Girls experience.
- Choice of two entrances to the site on Degraives and Syme Streets. Accessible parking is available on Syme Street.
- The Red Decker Bus stops nearby the Female Factory should you wish to complete a hop-on and hop-off tour and is valid for 24 or 48 hours around Hobart.
- Remember to charge mobile devices and bring your own headphones if you opt for the self-guided audio experience.
- Due to the heritage nature of the site and the gravel ground covering, some areas may be challenging for wheelchairs, strollers and mobility aids to access unassisted.



## Contact us

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### Bookings:

Site entry and all tours are commissionable products for agents. To make a reservation you can contact:

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## Rates Reference Sheet – Valid from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

PRODUCT	GST excl	GST	RETAIL
	\$	\$	\$
<b>SITE ENTRY ( INCLUDES AUDIO EXPERIENCE )</b>			
Adult	25.00	0.00	25.00
Concession*	15.00	0.00	15.00
Child	10.00	0.00	10.00
Family	60.00	0.00	60.00
<b>CONVICT WOMEN' S TOUR + SITE ENTRY</b>			
Adult	35.00	0.00	35.00
Concession*	25.00	0.00	25.00
Child	20.00	0.00	20.00
Family	90.00	0.00	90.00
<b>NOTORIOUS STRUMPETS &amp; DANGEROUS GIRLS + SITE ENTRY</b>			
Adult	40.00	0.00	40.00
Concession*	22.00	0.00	22.00
Child	27.00	0.00	27.00
Family	116.00	0.00	116.00
<b>CONVICT WOMEN' S TOUR + NOTORIOUS STRUMPETS AND DANGEROUS GIRLS + SITE ENTRY</b>			
Adult	50.00	0.00	50.00
Concession*	37.00	0.00	37.00
Child	32.00	0.00	32.00
Family	146.00	0.00	146.00

Child = Aged 7 to 17 years.

Family = 2 Adults & up to 6 children (aged 7 to 17 years).

Infant = Child less than 7 years

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