



ALUM CLIFFS

Alum Cliffs Trail follows a short, well-defined track through an area of historical and cultural significance.

From the car park there is a short ascent to a plateau with a large sculpture (the three points on the sculpture represent the three significant paths aboriginal people would walk; from Western Bluff to tulampanga and Quamby Bluff). Then through a gentle descent, the track terminates at a viewing platform overlooking the Mersey River and spectacular Alum Cliffs Gorge. tulampanga is the Pallitorre (local Aboriginal) name for the area.



Time: 40 minutes return
Distance: 1.6km return



Located on Mersey Hill Rd, the carpark can be accessed via the B12 Mole Creek Rd between Chudleigh and Mole Creek. The turnoff at the Mole Creek end of Mersey Hill Rd has signs to the car park (2km gravel).

Ref: -41.539248, 146.430502 (type this grid reference or "Alum Cliffs" into Google Maps).



There are no amenities at the walk location. However there are toilet, cafe and accommodation options at nearby Chudleigh, Mole Creek and surrounds.



Grade 2: Suitable for most ages. The track has a hardened or compacted surface that may have a gentle hill section or sections, and occasional steps.



Supervise Children; hazardous cliffs and unprotected track edges at the lookout.

tulampanga, a sacred celebration place.

tulampanga, or Alum Cliffs, was a place of particular social and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people because of the ochre found in that area of the Gog Range.

Many tribes travelled to tulampanga to obtain this highly prized material and for them this was a sacred celebration place.

The connection of Aboriginal people with the Mole Creek area is thought to date back more than 10,000 years, and the Pallitorre band of the North tribe was based around nearby Mole Creek and Meander.

To these early inhabitants, the Great Western Tiers were known as kooparooka niara, or Mountains of the Spirits, culturally significant as the meeting place of three Aboriginal nations.

Take the walk to find out more about this special place.

SAFE WALKING: Plan, be prepared, walk with friends, tell someone where you are going. Consider hiring an EPIRB from Service Tasmania (Launceston & Devonport) to prepare for emergency events. Make a personal determination as to your fitness and ability to undertake specific walks.

LEAVE NO TRACE: walk on formed tracks, observe all restrictions, dispose of waste properly and leave what you find.

FURTHER INFO: National Parks: www.parks.tas.gov.au Restrictions & Alerts: www.fire.tas.gov.au & www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts Weather: www.bom.gov.au/tas

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