

**Duration:**

3 hours.

Distance:

8 kms return.

Parking:

Ample parking at Tyndall Beach. Limited parking at top of Wooten Drive and the Shot Tower.

Information:

Narrow bush track. Multiple steps on Brickfields Track. Metro Bus 427 goes through Kingston Beach and along Channel Highway to Taroona and the city if you only wish to walk one way.

Warnings:

Do not approach cliff edges. Closely supervise children.

Nearby Tracks:

Taroona Foreshore (2) & Boronia Beach (4).



The route followed by today's Alum Cliffs Track has long been a coastal path used by local people. In 1988 it was formally developed as part of Australia's Bicentennial celebrations. In 2016 Council completed the extension of the track from the historic Shot Tower to Wandella Avenue, which then links into the Taroona Foreshore Tracks if you wish to do a more extended walk. The Alum Cliffs are so named because alum – a compound used in dyeing, tanning and medicinal products – is found in the cliffs.

Browns River Probation Station

The Brickfields Track links the Alum Cliffs track to the Channel Highway. The walk passes through the historic remains of the brick-making area, part of the nearby 1840's convict probation station. The station's living quarters are now largely hidden in private properties along Taronga Road. At its peak, the station housed about 370 prisoners, whose major task was to construct a road for horse and bullock-drawn vehicles between Hobart and Browns River (now Kingston) – the road we know today as Channel Highway. After that feat had been accomplished the number of convicts quickly dwindled and the station was closed in 1851.

