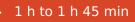


Red Hands Cave

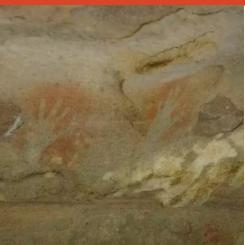
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)



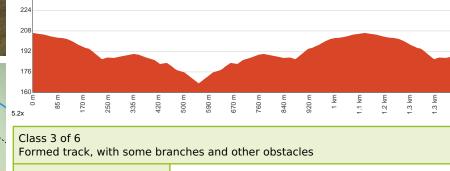




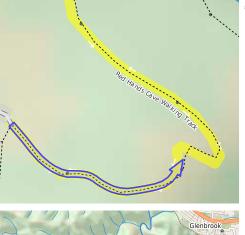




Red Hands Cave is a small sandstone overhang cave that showcases a number of very clear hand stencillings. The site is protected with an obtrusive cage to keep would-be vandals out. There are a number of signs explaining the history and some artifacts found in the area. The walk is enjoyable and seems to take less time than the drive around. If you are reasonably fit, consider the walk to the same cave, starting from the causeway. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

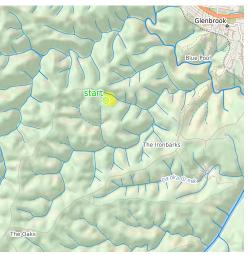


Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)





- Turn on to Euroka Road then drive for 2.5 km
- Turn left onto The Oaks Trail and drive for another 6.8 km
- Turn sharp right onto Red Hands Firetrail and drive for another 5.1 km



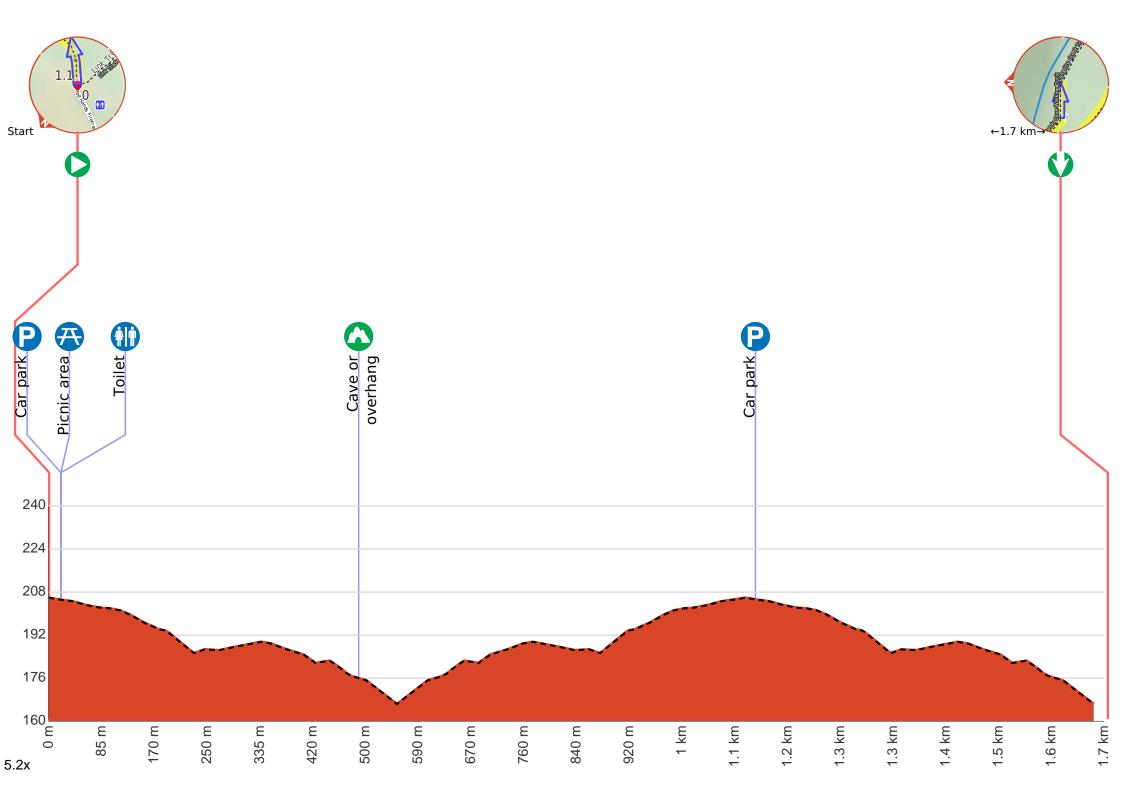
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.







Getting started: From Red Hands Cave car park, this walk follows the 'Red Hands Cave' sign, past the wire and logs. The track slowly winds down through the bush, passing a few rocky outcrops. The track continues downhill and across a rocky surface. The walk then follows the track right, under the rock outcrop, and down the steps onto the metal veranda at Red Hands Cave.



Start.



After 20 m pass the "Red Hands Cave Car Park" (6 m on your left).



Then find the "Red Hands Cave Picnic Area" (20 m on your left).



Red Hands Cave Picnic Area is found at the end of the Red Hands Cave Fire Trail in the Glenbrook area of the Blue Mountains National Park. The small picnic area is next to the car park and has a couple of platforms (to act as both a table and seat) as well as a fire place and toilet. The toilet itself is wheelchair accessible, but access to the toilet is over moderately rough terrain. A good spot to rest when exploring Red Hands Cave.



Then pass the toilet (50 m on your left).



After another 470 m find the "Red Hands Cave" (on your right).



Red Hands Cave, in the Glenbrook area of the Blue Mountains National Park, is found near the end of Red Hands Cave fire trail. The cave has quite a few hand stencils and prints of various colours (including red). The cave is well protected, with a perspex and steel cage. There are some information signs and some artifacts to help visitors learn more about the people who made these prints over 1600 years ago. In 1913, when searching for a lost child, this cave was found by Europeans and is now protected.

After another 620 m pass the "Red Hands Cave Car Park" (175 m on your right).



Continue another 550 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.7 km to get back to the start.