Halls Falls Track

Region: Central Tasmania
Distance: 1.5–2 km return
Experience: Forest, waterfall, fern glade
Return distance to lookout: 1.5km
Return distance to weir: 2km
Suggested time: Walk to weir – 1 hour return
Difficulty: Easy to moderate

This short forest-to-waterfall walk is both rich in history and infused with the tranquility of moving water.

Halls Falls lies on the Groom River and drops from a hand-made, nineteenth century weir located upstream from the waterfall. The weir remains from a time when Chinese miners worked the region’s rich, mineral veins for tin. During the 1880s, tin was used widely for household utensils, including pots, pans, candleholders, oil lamps,
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and lanterns. Preserving food in cans, first invented in the Napoleonic Wars, was initially a status symbol among civilians but became increasingly popular through the nineteenth century.

This mainly flat track passes above and below Halls Falls and its charming rock pools, presenting many excellent photo opportunities. The walk is steep only in the brief descent to the base of the Falls.

Above the falls, the track branches off to a number of sites via sidetracks along the Groom River and through the nearby forest.

Immense tree stumps remain as a reminder of tall trees felled over a century ago by early settlers.

You will find a special excerpt from a poem by Australian poet, Peter Hay, on the interpretation panel at the head of this track.

Getting there

→ From St Helens follow the Tasman Highway towards Weldborough. Continue through Goshen and past both turnoffs to Goulds Country and Blue Tier. The turnoff (on the right) to the Halls Falls Track is clearly signposted 24 km from St Helens. Follow Anchor Road for approximately 1 km. The trailhead car park is on the right hand side.

→ From Weldborough follow the Tasman Highway towards St Helens and continue through Pyengana. The turnoff (on the left) to the Halls Falls Track is clearly signposted 21 km from Weldborough.

Further resources

- Tasmania Fire Service Alerts Map
- Bureau of Meteorology weather warnings for Tasmania
- Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania – Before You Walk