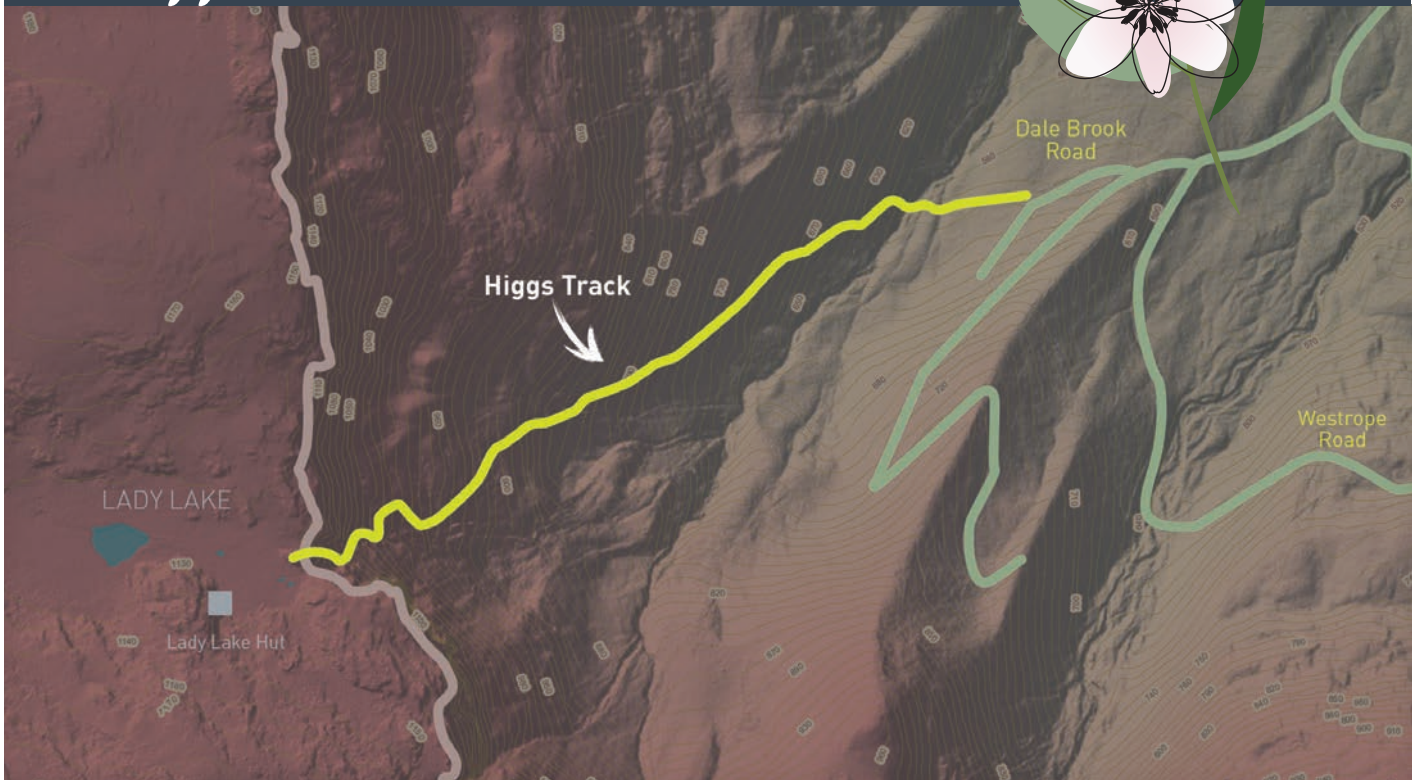


Higgs Track



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Region: Central Tasmania

Experience: Wet forest, subalpine rainforest, alpine plateau

Suggested time: Walk to Dale Brook – 30 minutes return

Return distance: 600m

Difficulty: Moderate

Suggested time: Walk to Lady Lake Hut – 4-6 hours return

Return distance: 4.5km

Difficulty: Hard

This moderate and fairly steep trail takes walkers to Dale Brook and Lady Lake Hut before continuing across a plateau and open moorland to Lake Nameless.

The track – striking for its dramatic change in surrounding vegetation – was first cut in the late 1870s so farmers could drive cattle and sheep to and from alpine grazing land. It traverses attractive wet forest and subalpine rainforest, and finally opens up to spectacular views of Mother Cummings Peak.

The Higgs Track also showcases old Scottish stone-pitching techniques



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and Tasmanian mountain hut history. The path leads directly to Lady Lake Hut, and a rough extension of the path journeys towards Lake Nameless and the striking, stone Ironstone Hut, the original of which was built in 1918.

Ancient Scottish stone-pitching techniques were used by skilled workers who restored the track in 2014. This time-intensive technique was developed in the Scottish highlands hundreds of years ago and involves hammering wedge-shaped rocks into the soil. The resulting intricate stonework will last for centuries to come and, as you will see, resembles an artisanal stone tapestry, which should completely blend into the landscape after just a decade of mossy growth.




Dale Brook is a lovely spot to enjoy a picnic!

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

Getting there

- From Deloraine, take the B12 to Mole Creek, about 30 minutes drive.
- From Mole Creek, take Caveside Road (C169) until you see the sign for Western Creek.
- Turn right and follow that road to Westrope Road
- Turn right into Westrope Road and continue on for about 4km until you see the sign for Higgs Track, and then follow the signs.
- The trailhead carpark is approx. 400m from the turnoff on Westrope Road.

Further resources

-  [Tasmania Fire Service Alerts Map](#)
-  [Bureau of Meteorology weather warnings for Tasmania](#)
-  [Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania – Before You Walk](#)