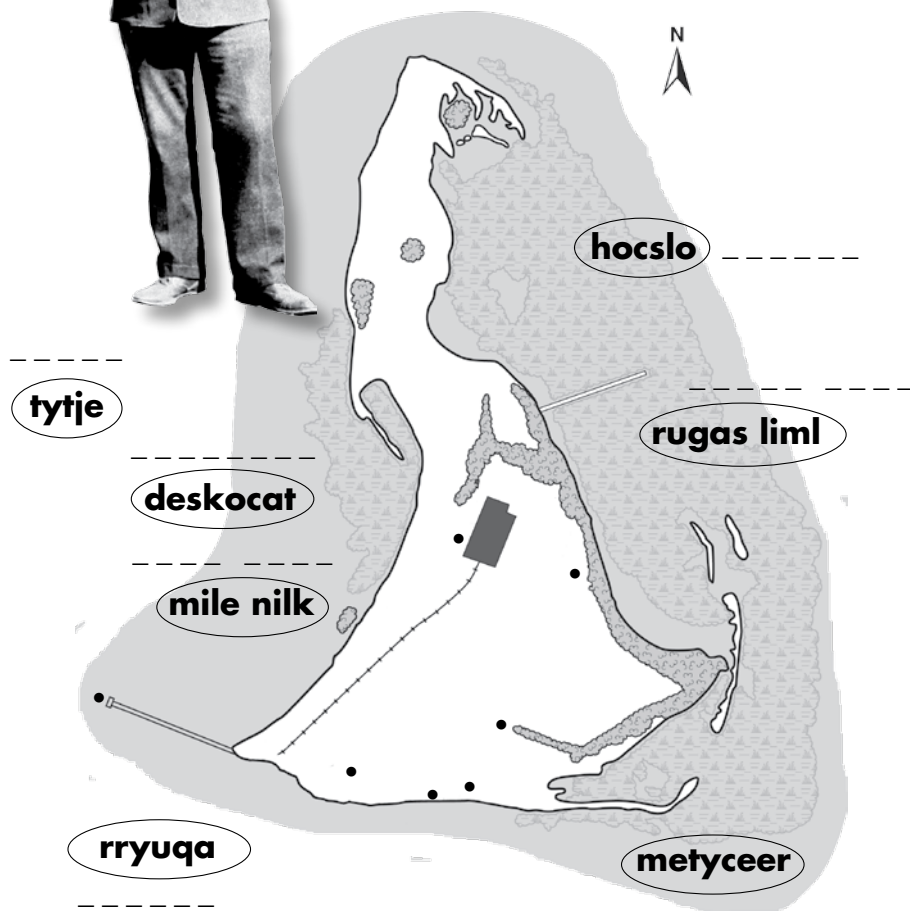


10 Where on the island?



Can you unscramble the seven St Helena sites and draw a line from each to where they are on the map?



St Helena Island Prison

Exploring ST HELENA ISLAND

Colonial Queensland's Island Prison



Over 130 years ago, in 1867, in Queensland's early days, a prison was built on St Helena Island in Moreton Bay. It grew to become Queensland's largest prison, the home of nearly 400 prisoners and warders.

The prison closed in 1933, and most of the buildings were torn down. For many years, the remaining buildings fell into disrepair.

In 1979, St Helena Island became Queensland's first 'historic' national park. Its remaining buildings are now national treasures, protected for all time.

When you visit St Helena Island, this worksheet will help you learn more about the old prison....

This sheet belongs to:

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1 A prison on an island

Why was this a good idea?

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Why was it **not** a good idea?

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The lime kiln

The prisoners used this kiln to make lime. What was lime used for?

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To make the lime, what did they burn?

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Who worked in this beachrock building?

Name something they made.

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This is the stores building, where the supplies for the prison were kept. No prisoners were housed in this building – so why are there bars on the windows?

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Down to the dark cells

This is all that remains of the steps down to the underground cells, below the now demolished cells of C Wing. Here the worst prisoners were sent for days, even weeks at a time, as punishment for misbehaving.

Can you think of four words to describe what it would be like to spend all that time in utter blackness?

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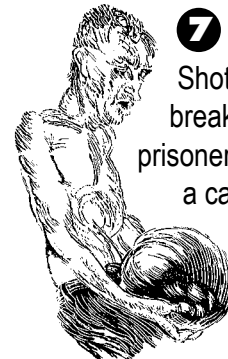
The Prisoners' Cemetery

This is the gravestone of prisoner No. 422 who died of a heart attack in 1875. Can you find it in the cemetery? About how many prisoners are buried in the cemetery?

- 26
- 56
- 96
- 116

Can you think of a reason why the gravestones are marked with numbers only?

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7 Shot drill

Shot drill was a back-breaking punishment for prisoners. They had to carry a cannonball (weighing 24 lbs or 11 kg) for over an hour at a time.

How heavy was the cannonball?

- one house brick
- two house bricks
- three house bricks
- four house bricks



The Kangaroo

'The Kangaroo' ran on tram tracks. How was this vehicle driven around the island and why was it called 'The Kangaroo'?

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9 National Parks

St Helena Island is an 'historic' national park.

Can you name another national park in Queensland?

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Can you name another 'historic' national park?

Why are national parks important?

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