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SUBJECT	9. Sandy Bay – Mount Wellington		
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Stop 9 - Sandy Bay – Mount Wellington/kunanyi

The mountain that dominates Hobart was named Mount Wellington by British settlers but is known as kunanyi by Aboriginal Tasmanians. It is 1270 metres high.

The mountain was given many names by early European settlers, including Table Mountain after the landmark overlooking Cape Town in South Africa, although Hobart's version is almost 200m taller.

British settlers named the mountain after the Duke of Wellington in the 1820s. Hobartians simply call it 'the mountain'.

A visit to the summit is a must while you're in Hobart. There are spectacular views of southeast Tasmania and the Derwent Estuary.

The Pinnacle Road opened in 1937, providing vehicle access to the top of the mountain.

Albert Ogilvie's Tasmanian government built the road during the Great Depression to provide work for thousands of unemployed men. The road was known as Ogilvie's scar, but it gave Tasmania a new tourism asset.

The Wellington Range and its foothills are the traditional lands of the muwinina³ Aboriginal people.

In the late 18th century, French explorers observed the muwinina using traditional burning techniques to manage the Mount Wellington foothills.

Aboriginal Tasmanians today tell of a creation story that describes lightning originating from the summit. Some prefer not to visit the pinnacle, considering it a place where spirits are laid to rest.