

Significant sites of the Whitsundays



Indigenous sites

A sea-faring people, the indigenous Ngaro tribes lived here for over 9000 years, up to C.1930

- 1 **Nara Inlet rock art site**, the only rock art site you can visit in the Whitsundays. The hashed oval shape you will see either depicts turtle shells, or pandanus seeds, both significant food sources for the Ngaro people. They fished with barbed harpoons from canoes similar to Polynesian outriggers. It is believed this is a significant burial site of Ngaro elders
- 2 **Hill Inlet**, another significant site to the Ngaro people. Here you can gain an insight into their life and culture from the informative signage along the lookout track

Historical sites

- 3 **Sawmill Bay**, a significant logging site from the 1860s – 1930s
- 4 **Captain Cook** sailed through here in 1770
- 5 **Hook Island Observatory**, although now closed, was one of the first underwater observatories in Queensland built in 1954
- 6 **Dent Island Lighthouse**, built 1879
- 7 **Mandalay Chapel**, an outdoor cross and pews facing the ocean, built in 1969

Movie sites

- 8 **Pirates of the Carribbean – Dead Men Tell No Tales**
- 9 **Fools Gold**
- 10 **Muriel's Wedding**
- 11 **Dead Calm**
- 12 **Unbroken**