

STATION: THE NUT (ST 674)

LOCATED: This station is located on a hill overlooking the town of Stanley, on the north coast of Tasmania, Australia. The hill is named "The Nut", and its summit is flat to slightly rolling. This hill, as well as the historical town of Stanley, are very popular tourist attractions. The vegetation on this hill consists of grass and low native bushes. There is a tourist walk track around the perimeter of the top which is some 4 kilometers around. There are many nut-ton bird burrows along this track. The surrounding district, Circular Head, derives its name from the distinctive shaped "Nut" which juts into Bass Strait. The station marker is on the northern side of The Nut.

ACCESS: Access to the town of Stanley can be made from Burnie or Devonport. It must be noted that minor towns may not appear on road signs. When leaving Devonport, read "Smithton" for "Stanley". At times, only route numbers appear in lieu of town names. It is approximately 120 kilometers from Devonport to Stanley.

Drive north on the Bass Highway to the intersection with the Stanley Highway (B21). This intersection is 64 kilometers past Wynyard. Turn onto Stanley Highway and drive 7 kilometers to the town of Stanley. The Nut will be easily seen to the northeast of Stanley, right beside the town. The road to the hill is signposted "Nut". A vehicle can be taken as far as the car park on the slopes of The Nut. A zig-zag 1-meter wide cement track with center hand rail leads from the car park to the summit. Take the left hand track at the fork on top of the hill. The station marker is from 300 to 400 meters along this track. It is a walk of about 20 minutes (unburdened) from the base of the hill to the station.