

Huon Pine Walk – Story

Natural regeneration at its most exquisite

“In the scarred landscape of the southern forests, the sounds and colours of the forests are returning.”

“The newly created Huon Pine Walk at Tahune Airwalk is a leading example of how innovation, creativity, culture, and resilience is immersed in a fire-affected landscape to highlight the natural regeneration of forest at its most exquisite.”

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Sustainable Timber Tasmania has spent two years, with more than 150 contractors and staff to restore the Tahune Airwalk, an iconic tourism attraction in the Huon Valley.

The Tahune site was severely impacted in January 2019 after the Riveaux Road bushfire swept through the area and impacted the forest, Airwalk and surrounding site.

The new Huon Pine Walk is a short, 20-minute stroll through the forest and along the Huon River.

The walk includes several feature points where burnt out remnants from the 2019 fires have been preserved to showcase the changes within the natural landscape. Burnt out stumps and fire impacted trees allow visitors to see a story of regeneration throughout the walk.

Other additions include wood carvings and an interactive timber display, exposing the inner beauty of the different types of Tasmanian special species found around the site. This includes Huon pine, Sassafras, Myrtle and more. This interactive display highlights for visitors the connection between trees in the forest and beautiful timber furniture and décor they may have in their homes.

Visiting the Huon Pine Walk is a wonderful experience where you get the chance to get up close and touch some of Tasmania’s oldest trees, while learning about the resilience and regeneration of the Australian bush.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania and its contractors planted 400 seedlings including 37 Huon pine during the restoration of the Huon Pine Walk. The seedlings were all grown in STT’s Perth Nursery. The Huon pine seedlings were grown from select, small clippings of mature Huon pine trees located at the Teepookana Plateau, on Tasmania’s Wild West Coast.

When a bushfire comes through, or an act of nature occurs, the landscape is irrevocably changed. You can rebuild a building based on blueprints and plans and restore everything as it was previously, but you can’t do that with the forest.

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Sustainable Timber Tasmania has created the Huon Pine walk to enhance the iconic Tahune experience so visitors can witness the natural resilience of our beautiful Tasmanian forests and be immersed in the heart of this important story of regeneration.