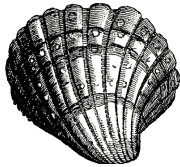


There are many different Aboriginal Site types in Lane Cove. This brochure shows many main site types that you may come across in the estuarine environment of Blackman Park.

### **Shell Middens**

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Middens are shell mounds built up over hundreds of years as a result of countless meals of shellfish. They often contain mature specimens of edible shellfish species. They may also contain pieces of clay, bird, fish and animal teeth and bones, human remains, stone tools and campfire charcoal. Middens differ in shape and size, from a few shells scattered on the surface, to deposits that are metres thick. Middens are the most common and visible site along the Australian coast.



### **Stencils and Charcoal Drawings**

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Stencils are created by mixing ochre and other material with water and spraying from the mouth over the object or hand to be stencilled. Other forms include ochre paintings, charcoal drawings and etchings. Materials used include red and yellow ochre, white pipeclay, gypsum and charcoal. Ochre was traded around the country for its colour .

### **Rock Engravings**

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Found on elevated, smooth, flat rock surfaces, and also on large vertical rocks. They are produced by forming a series of holes and connected to form a line. Local designs include fish, whales, animals, humans and mythological beings. The precise meanings behind the engravings are not known.

### **Rock Shelters**

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Sandstone outcrops create rock shelters. They are found in overhangs that allow good protection from the elements and near food and water or with great views. Many rock shelters hold archaeological evidence of past occupation. Remains may include midden material, stone artefacts and tools, fireplaces, and burials.

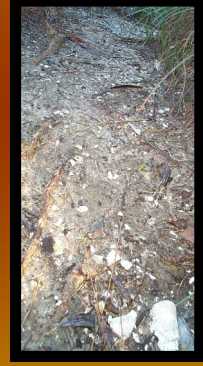
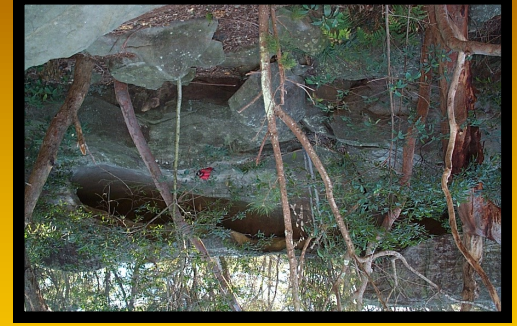
### **Axe Grinding Grooves**

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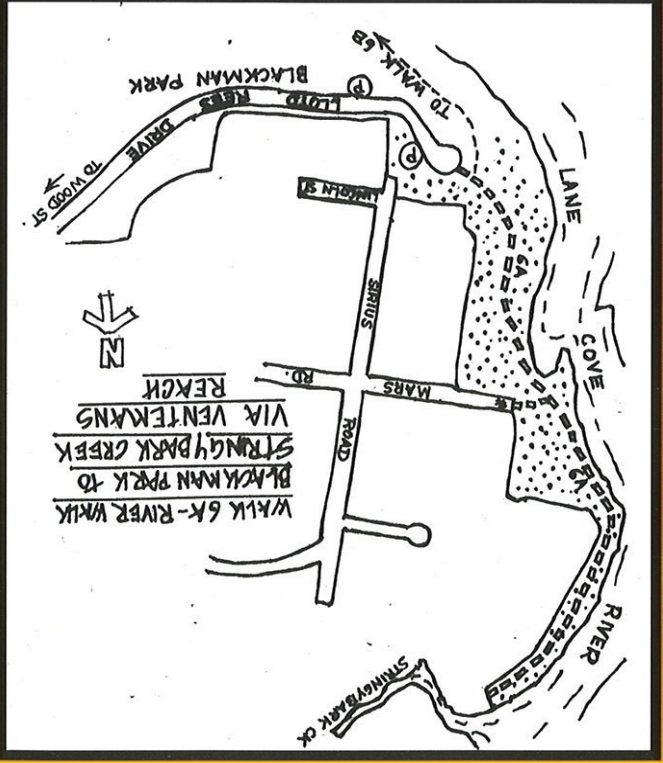
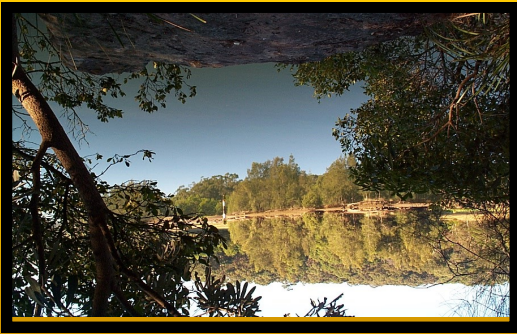
These are grooves resulting from the sharpening of an edge ground tool. Often the traditional stone axe. These sites are located near creeks or rock pools. Grinding grooves are located throughout Lane Cove and the general Sydney area.



# Can you Find?



**Importance of the Law**  
Please report any sites you may find.  
All sites are protected by law  
Fines for damage are from \$275,000 to \$55,00 and 2 Years imprisonment



**Parking:** Blackman Park, Lloyd Rees Drive.  
**Time:** Approximately 1 hour casual stroll  
**Grade:** Medium grade.  
Sturdy shoes advisable.



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## Mana Badangai 'Gather Sydney Rock Oysters'



Walk around the Mana Badangai and find sites that may tell the story of the local Aboriginal People.



The impact of British settlement through displacement, genocide and disease scattered the Sydney clans who lost over half of their families. The survivors regrouped into new clans, their history rarely recorded and their language & ceremony forbidden or actively discouraged.