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Follow the Convicts' Lives in Parramatta by the Dictionary of Sydney

“Convict Parramatta”

A free self-guided walking tour of the sites of colonial Parramatta, from the grisly 'Hanging Green' to 'God's Acre' in your Mobile Phone

The Dictionary of Sydney presents its newly released Mobile Phone App “Convict Parramatta”, a free guided walking tour tracing the lives of convicts – where they lived, worked, rioted and were punished in the oldest colony after Sydney.

Following on from the success of the Old Irish Sydney walking tour app, this new mobile guided walk provides a fascinating insight into the lives of convicts in Parramatta. Parramatta is where most convicts found themselves after they bid their Old World 'adieu' – that is, if they survived the long and difficult transportation 'beyond the seas' on board the convict ships!

Guiding you from the grisly 'Hanging Green' to 'God's Acre', learn how convicts were treated by the emerging health care systems and where many of them are buried, how some rose above their status, by grasping opportunities in the developing colony; and some found themselves behind bars in the penal colony, at the end of a hangman's noose and destined for a pauper's burial.

From Old Government House, to Bennet's Bakery and the Female Factory, discover historical and fascinating facts from 14 sites in Parramatta. Tour includes commentary and historical imagery, starts in Parramatta Park in front of Old Government House (Estimated walking time: one hour).

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Walk with friends or family. Discover and Enjoy historical facts about Parramatta and its convicts' lives. Find out more from the Free Dictionary of Sydney Phone App. Available Now from DOS website and through Apple and Android (under Dictionary of Sydney)

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The Dictionary of Sydney website provides an authoritative online historical source for all Sydney's stories and delivers these resources for free, encouraging knowledge, research, education, community engagement and entertainment. The Dictionary of Sydney is proudly supported by the City of Sydney.

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