

# HISTORIC HUTS in the ANTARCTIC from the HEROIC AGE

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#### Existing Huts (7)

1. Location: Cape Adare.

Expedition: British Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1898-1900. Vessel: Southern Cross.

Winter year: 1899 Personnel: 10. Winter leader: Carsten Borchgrevink.

Maintained by: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

2. Location: Hut Point, Ross Island.

Expedition: British National Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1901-04. Vessel: Discovery.

Winter year: 1902 Personnel: 45; Winter year: 1903 Personnel: 37. Winter leader: Robert Scott.

Expedition: Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1914-17. Vessel: Aurora.

Winter year: 1916 Personnel: 3. Winter leader: Not designated.

Maintained by: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

3. Location: Snow Hill Island.

Expedition: Swedish South Polar Expedition. Year: 1901-03. Vessel: Antarctic.

Winter year: 1902 Personnel: 6; 1903 Personnel: 6. Winter leader: Otto Nordenskjöld.

Maintained by: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

4. Location: Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands.

Expedition: Oficina Meteorológica Argentina. Year: 1905-06. Vessel: Austral.

Winter year: 1906-present. Personnel: 5 (1906). Winter leader: Albin Lind and subsequent leaders.

Maintained by: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

5. Location: Cape Royds, Ross Island.

Expedition: British Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1907-09. Vessel: Nimrod.

Winter year: 1908 Personnel: 15. Winter leader: Ernest Shackleton.

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6. Location: Cape Evans, Ross Island.

Expedition: British Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1910-13. Vessel: Terra Nova.

Winter year: 1911 Personnel: 25. Winter leader: Robert Scott. Winter year: 1912 Personnel: 13. Winter leader: Edward Atkinson.

Expedition: Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1914-17. Vessel: Aurora.

Winter year: 1915 Personnel: 10. Winter leader: Æneas Mackintosh.

Winter year: 1916 Personnel: 4. Winter leader: Not designated.

Maintained by: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

7. Location: Commonwealth Bay.

Expedition: Australasian Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1911-14. Vessel: Aurora.

Winter year: 1912 Personnel: 18. Winter leader: Douglas Mawson. Winter year: 1913 Personnel: 7. Winter leader: Douglas Mawson.

Maintained by: Mawson's Hut Foundation and Australian Antarctic Division

### Ruins (roofless) (5)

1. Location: Paulet Island.

Expedition: Swedish South Polar Expedition. Year: 1901-03. Vessel: Antarctic.

Winter year: 1903 Personnel: 20. Winter leader: Carl Anton Larsen.

Maintained by: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

2. Location: Hope Bay.

Expedition: Swedish South Polar Expedition. Year: 1901-03. Vessel: Antarctic.

Winter year: 1903 Personnel: 3. Winter leader: Gunnar Andersson.

Maintained by: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

3. Location: Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands.

Expedition: Scottish National Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1902-04. Vessel: Scotia.

Winter year: 1903 Personnel: 33. Winter leader: William Bruce.

Expedition: Oficina Meteorológica Argentina. Year: 1904-05. Vessel: Scotia.

Winter year: 1904 Personnel: 5. Winter leader: Robert Mossman.

Maintained by: Instituto Antártico Argentino.

4. Location: Booth Island.

Expedition: French Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1905-05. Vessel: Français.

Winter year: 1904 Personnel: 20 in 1904. Winter leader: Jean-Baptiste Charcot.

Maintained by: Apparently not maintained.

5. Location: Cape Adare.

Expedition: British Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1910-13. Vessel: Terra Nova.

Winter year: 1911 Personnel: 6. Winter leader: Victor Campbell.

Maintained by: New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust.

#### Sites where huts were deployed but where they no longer exist (9)

1. Location: Iles Kerguelen.

Expedition: German South Polar Expedition. Year: 1901-03. Vessel: Gauss.

Winter year: 1902 Personnel: 5. Winter leader: Emil Werth.

Reason for Loss: Dilapidation.

2. Location: King Edward Point, South Georgia.

Expedition: Norwegian whalers (Grytviken transport vessels).

Winter year: 1907 Personnel: 1. Winter leader: Erik Nordenhaag (meteorologist).

Winter year: 1955 Personnel: ? Winter leader: Later ones.

Reason for Loss: Demolition in 1974 by British Antarctic Survey.

3. Location: Petermann Island.

Expedition: French Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1908-10. Vessel: Porquoi Pas?

Winter year: 1909 Personnel: 30. Magnetic Observatory. Winter leader: Jean-Baptiste Charcot.

Reason for Loss: Removal at end of expedition.

4. Location: Bay of Whales.

Expedition: Norwegian Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1910-12. Vessel: Fram.

Winter year: 1911 Personnel: 9. Winter leader: Roald Amundsen.

Reason for Loss: Calving of the Ice Shelf.

5. Location: Inexpressible Island.

Expedition: British Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1910-13. Vessel: Terra Nova.

Winter year: 1912 Personnel: 6. Winter leader: Victor Campbell.

Reason for Loss: Ablation and melting.

6. Location: Shackleton Ice Shelf.

Expedition: Australasian Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1911-14. Vessel: Aurora.

Winter year: 1912 Personnel: 8. Winter leader: Frank Wild.

Reason for Loss: Calving of the Ice Shelf.

7. Location: MACQUARIE ISLAND.

Expedition: Australasian Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1911-14. Vessel: Aurora.

Winter year: 1912 Personnel: 5. Winter leader: George Ainsworth. Winter year: 1913 Personnel: 5. Winter leader: George Ainsworth.

Expedition: Commonwealth Meteorological Expedition. Year: 1914-16. Vessel: Endeavour.

Winter year: 1914 Personnel: 3. Winter leader: Harold Power. Winter year: 1915 Personnel: 3. Winter leader: Arthur Tulloch.

Reason for Loss: Demolition in 1948 by Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition.

8. Location: Point Wild, Elephant Island.

Expedition: Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Year: 1914-16. Vessel: Two boats from Endurance.

Winter year: 1916 Personnel: 22. Winter leader: Frank Wild.

Reason for Loss: Overwhelmed by sea.

9. Location: Waterboat Point.

Expedition: British Expedition to Graham Land. Year: 1920-22. Vessel: Svend Foyn.

Winter year: 1921 Personnel: 2. Winter leader: Thomas Bagshawe.

Reason for Loss: Dilapidation.

Winter personnel numbers for huts are given where they were independent, or as complements of vessels where one wintered in the vicinity of a hut.

Huts, castaway depots, and similar structures, which were built by whalers, sealers, and others during this period, were also on South Georgia, South Shetland Islands, South Orkney Islands, Prince Edward Islands, Iles Crozet, Iles Kerguelen, Macquarie Island, Campbell Island, and Auckland Islands. Several of these islands also had sealers' refuges and abandoned observatories from earlier expeditions.



Omond House, the hut on Laurie Island from Bruce's Scotia expedition.

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