



Napoleon in exile on St Helena

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Map of the island of St Helena, the South Atlantic island chosen to house Napoleon during his second exile because of the ring of high cliffs that would make escape a virtual impossibility. For the first two months he lived in a pavilion on 'The Briars' estate (almost the centre of the map), marked here 'Buonaparte's First Residence'. He was then moved to Longwood House, as shown here. The poor state of repair of Longwood, situated on a damp and windswept part of the island, is reported to have shortened the former emperor's life.

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