

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking. **Getting there** You can get to Blaxland Station (gps: -33.7438, 150.6099) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available. This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/bstbp

0 | Blaxland Station

(530 m 10 mins) From the station, this walk heads up to the pedestrian bridge and turns right, crossing over the Great Western Highway. The walk then uses the stairs or ramp to descend to the footpath below.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down along the pedestrian lane way, under the foot bridge and away from the highway. Here the walk crosses the car park entrance and follows the footpath downhill to turn left onto 'Hope St'. This walk then crosses another car park entrance, then turns right to cross Hope St at the traffic calming device. Here the walk turns left and continues down along the footpath beside Hope St for about 150m to turn right at the 'Blaxland Civic Centre' sign. Now the walk follows this footpath downhill then along the back deck of the library to the car park on the far side of the building.

0.53 | Blaxland Library Carpark

(350 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the Blaxland Library car park, this walk heads to the lower left corner of the car park to find a 'Bushcare site' information sign. Here the walk follows the track towards the houses for a few meters to then turn right and heading down the narrower track and timber steps. This track winds downhill for about 80m to pass a grafittied sandstone overhang. Here the track continues along the side of the hill for another 15m to a smaller overhang where the track bends right and downhill for about 50m to come to a T-intersection in the heath. Here the walk turns right to almost immediately cross over a sandstone rock platform and small creek then after another 30m the track passes another grafittied sandstone overhang (on your right). From this overhang this walk continues to wind gently downhill for another 40m to cross a small often dry creek then after another 70m the track leads across a sandstone platform and larger creek to come to a T-intersection with another track on the opposite bank.

0.88 | Int of Pipas Pass and Bates Ave tracks

(950 m 25 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill initially keeping the creek to

your right. The heath soon becomes thicker (and the creek is not visible for a while), after about 60m the track leads down through a cleft in the rock. The track leads down through a rocky section then leads along through a pleasant and shaded valley for about 200m where the track passes along the base of a few natural sandstone walls before leading down to cross the usually small and pleasant creek. The track then bends left to begin a gently climb out of the valley by undulating along the side of the hill. Soon the valley on your left becomes quiet steep then track leads down a short set of sandstone steps then past a a shallow sandstone overhang. Here the track winds along the side of the hill for another 100m to head up a small hill and come to a T-intersection just before a rock face. Here there is a 'Pippas Pass' sign pointing back where you came from (about 2m up a tree on your right).

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads right, around a boulder, and soon meets a set of stairs, with arrows and place names scratched into the rock either side.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Florabella Pass' arrow engraved in rock face along the mostly flat track around the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your left. The track soon comes to another intersection with a set of stone steps (on the right).

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads steeply down the stone steps and eroded track, winding steeply, in some sections over steep rocky surfaces. The track continues downhill until coming to an intersection where the track meets a large boulder which stretches towards the creek.

1.83 | Int St Helena and Glenbrook Ck trks

(170 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the track keeps the creek on the right, as it heads down stream. The track winds to a creek junction where the track crosses a log to the right. From here the track meanders along the creek bed to a pool with a large boulder in it.

2 | Boulder Pool

Boulder Pool, unofficially named, is a nice pool along the Glenbrook Creek with a boulder sitting in it. The pool is a great place to cool your feet, and sit on the sandy banks and grab a bite as you take in your surroundings.

