



Wentworth Falls Station Loop

5 hrs 30 mins Hard track 9.5 km Circuit ↑ 1030m



The Wentworth Falls Station Loop takes in most of the upper tracks around Wentworth Falls. There are many scenic views near the cliffs, with a few highlights away from the cliffs such as Lillians Glen and the Conservation Hut. This walk takes some time, so be sure to bring a packed lunch or buy something delicious from the scenic Conservation Hut restaurant.

665m

Blue Mountains National Park

914m

Weeping Rock

Weeping Rock is a waterfall on Jamison Creek, upstream of Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains National Park. The water falls over the wide circular top overhang, to then cascade down the rocks to a pool below. A staircase beside the falls helps walkers view this waterfall from different angles. This is a nice cool spot on hot days. The rocks are slippery and there are no fences, care is needed.

Queen's Cascades

Queen's Cascades are a lovely set of falls on the Jamison Creek at the top of Wentworth Falls. The creek heads down the wide, two-stage cascades into a sandy pool. From the pool, the water flows between the stepping stones, under the fence and down the very tall Wentworth Falls. There are also great views to Sublime Point across the valley.

Grand Stairway

The Grand Stairway is a very memorable section of the National Pass in the Blue Mountains National Park. The stairway is reported to be 'the tallest outdoor staircase in Australia' and was built in the early 1900's by hand (and dynamite). This stairway, and the rest of the National Pass, was built by a team nicknamed 'the Irish Brigade' for the cost of £430 . Today, the Grand Stairway is well-maintained and provides walkers access to the valley below Wentworth Falls.

Middle of Wentworth Falls

The National Pass crosses Wentworth Falls halfway down its long drop. At this crossing, NPWS have installed sandstone block bridges to improve access for walkers. There are a few side tracks that have been used to explore the area - beware of the slippery rocks and unfenced ledges. There is also a great view into the valley from where the water continues to fall on it long journey further into the valley. This is a lovely spot to cool down on a warm day.

Lodore Falls

Lodore Falls are a lovely set of falls on the Valley of the Waters Creek. The narrow falls have a staircase on one side and stepping stones (and handrail) crossing the bottom, making it easier for walkers to appreciate this waterfall from many angles. Just beyond the handrail, the water falls over another cliff, providing a great view down the valley.

Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an ejoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast (BOM Central Tablelands District)
- 2) Fire Dangers (<u>Greater Sydney Region</u>)
- 3) Park Alerts (Blue Mountains National Park)
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

 \mathbf{T} Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.

R Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.

Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).

Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include:

1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA **1:100 000 Map Series**:8930 KATOOMBA

Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is dertermined by the highest classification along the whole track.

| 4 | Grade 4/6 Hard track | | | | |
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| Length | 9.5 km Circuit | | | | |
| Time | 5 hrs 30 mins | | | | |
| Quality of track | Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6) | | | | |
| Signs | Directional signs along the way (3/6) Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6) | | | | |
| Experience Required | | | | | |
| Weather | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6) | | | | |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6) | | | | |



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 Wentworth Falls Railway Station (gps: -33.7097, 150.3764) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available. This is a circuit, 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/wfsl

0 | Wentworth Falls Railway Station

(490 m 9 mins) From Wentworth Falls Railway Station, this walk exits the station on the western side, on Station St, and turns left to head down to the Great Western Highway past the shops. At the highway, the walk crosses at the lights and turns right, heading down the hill along the foot path. This walk then turns left into Wilson Park soon after the colourful bus stop. The walk follows the footpath through Wilson Park. At the toilet block in the centre of the park, the walk tends slightly more to the left until coming to a large archway entrance to the Charles Darwin Walk, near the tennis courts.

0.49 | Wilson Park

(540 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the south-east corner of Wilson Park (near the tennis courts), this walk heads under the large wooden archway signposted as 'Charles Darwin Walk'. The walk follows the track passing a blue sign pointing to 'Wentworth Falls Waterfall' and soon after crosses the creek on a small wooden bridge. On the other side of the creek the track meanders through the open pine forest. After heading up some steps the track comes to an intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Wilson Park' (the steps on the left head up to Page Ave).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk passes the blue sign (on the right) and turns right down the steps to immediately come to an intersection just before the bridge (and a 'Charles Darwin Walk' sign).

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Charles Darwin walk' sign downstream, keeping the creek on the right. The track meanders alongside the creek over some timber platforms and through a lovely Banksia grove. Soon the track heads under a pipe bridge and comes to a clearing and intersection.

1.03 | Int of Charles Darwin and Parkes St Tracks

(840 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection near the pipe bridge, this walk follow the 'Wentworth Falls Waterfall' sign downstream (keeping the creek on the right). The walk soon passes another track (that crosses the creek using a small bridge on the right) and then passes a bush regeneration sign to leave the clearing. The track meanders alongside the creek for a while before heading down some stairs and crossing the creek on a bridge. On the other side the walk passes a bench seat and then comes to an intersection with the signposted 'Parkes Street' track (on the right). From this intersection, this walk heads downstream (keeping the creek to the left). The walk crosses the creek on a foot bridge and follows the creek closely soon passing a beautiful set of cascades. After cascades, the walk goes down a steep section of stairs and once again crosses the creek. The track continues along a section of boardwalk before joining up with a track that continues beside the creek. This goes along a mixture of boardwalk and bush track until coming to an intersection with a track, with 'Fletcher St' and 'Falls' signs.

1.87 | Int of Charles Darwin and Fletcher St Tracks

(820 m 14 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the creek downstream along a mixture of bush track and boardwalk. The track continues down until crossing two small creeks. Soon after these two small creeks, the track comes to an intersection, with 'Wentworth Falls' and 'National Pass Trail' signs.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps following the 'Weeping Rock Circuit' sign to the creek a short distance away. Soon the track comes beside Jamison Creek, a lovely flat section of the creek on top of the waterfall. The track continues downstream and across a slippery rockshelf and down a staircase beside the falls. At the bottom of the stairs is another slippery rock platform and a pool at the bottom of Weeping Rock waterfall.

2.69 | Weeping Rock

Weeping Rock is a waterfall on Jamison Creek, upstream of Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains National Park. The water falls over the wide circular top overhang, to then cascade down the rocks to a pool below. A staircase beside the falls helps walkers view this waterfall from different angles. This is a nice cool spot on hot days. The rocks are slippery and there are no fences, care is needed.

2.69 | Weeping Rock waterfall

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the bottom of Weeping Rock waterfall, this walk heads downstream (keeping the creek to the left), up some steps and passes another great view of Weeping Rock. After passing between some large rocks, the walk comes to a 3-way intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Weeping Rock Circuit' and 'Darwins Walk'.

2.73 | Int of Weeping Rock and Wentworth Falls Tracks

(60 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' and 'Wentworth Pass' signs down the steps. The track soon comes to a nice view of Jamison Creek, where it continues to wind down the hill and open up at a fenced rock platform at the top of Wentworth Falls. Here the walk crosses Jamison Creek using the stepping stones, to reveal a lovely waterhole and Queen's Cascades(the creek may be impassable after rain). This is the top of the Wentworth Falls.

2.79 | Queen's Cascades

Queen's Cascades are a lovely set of falls on the Jamison Creek at the top of Wentworth Falls. The creek heads down the wide, two-stage cascades into a sandy pool. From the pool, the water flows between the stepping stones, under the fence and down the very tall Wentworth Falls. There are also great views to Sublime Point across the valley.

2.79 | Top of Wentworth Falls

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the top of Wentworth Falls, this walk heads away from the falls (keeping the valley view to the right). With the handrail on the right, the track soon crosses a small creek and comes to a three-way intersection and a 'Rocket Point Circuit' sign.

2.81 | Grand Stairway

The Grand Stairway is a very memorable section of the National Pass in the Blue Mountains National Park. The stairway is reported to be 'the tallest outdoor staircase in Australia' and was built in the early 1900's by hand (and dynamite). This stairway, and the rest of the National Pass, was built by a team nicknamed 'the Irish Brigade' for the cost of $\hat{A} \pm 430$. Today, the Grand Stairway is well-maintained and provides walkers access to the valley below Wentworth Falls.

2.81 | Rocket Point Creek Intersection

(330 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass To Wentworth Pass' sign along the clear track, keeping the

handrail on the right. The track soon comes to the cliff. From here the National Pass heads though a series of sandstone caves and down plenty of stairs, most of which are cut into the stone. The views into the valley and of Wentworth Falls are stunning. After passing a fairly long rock-shelf at the bottom of the timber stairs (and the square hole in the cliff), this walk heads down a long set of steep stone stairs to come to a fenced 'No Access Cliff Point' area. From here, the pass continues down more steep stone stairs until reaching the moister area at the bottom of the cliff. The track continues down the hill along the steps and stepping stones. As the track approaches the creek, it zigzags down to the stone-slab bridges and crosses Jamison Creek. From here, there is a small side track up to the pool, at the bottom of the falls (halfway down the main Wentworth Falls).

3.14 | Middle of Wentworth Falls

The National Pass crosses Wentworth Falls halfway down its long drop. At this crossing, NPWS have installed sandstone block bridges to improve access for walkers. There are a few side tracks that have been used to explore the area - beware of the slippery rocks and unfenced ledges. There is also a great view into the valley from where the water continues to fall on it long journey further into the valley. This is a lovely spot to cool down on a warm day.

3.14 | Middle Wentworth Falls

(270 m 19 mins) Continue straight: From pool and creek crossing (halfway up Wentworth Falls), this walk follows the track (keeping the main valley to the left) away from the falls. The track heads across the rock-platform and timber bridge, with the handrail on the left, then up a series of steep stairs. As the track flattens out, it winds around the side of the valley at the base of a large cliff (on the right). Following the stepping stones, the track heads under a low sandstone overhang (be sure to duck) - past this overhang, there are great views back to the waterfall. The track then rounds the corner to the right, coming to an intersection marked with a 'National Pass' sign and a sign pointing back to 'Wentworth Falls' (at the top of 'Slack Stairs').

3.41 | Top of the Slack Stairs

(1.5 km 1 hr 23 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the top of 'Slack Stairs', this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign up the few steps, keeping the main valley to the left. The walk soon crosses a creek (and waterfall) using the stepping stones. The walk continues along the cliff-line, up the stairs and along more stepping stones to pass over a couple of smaller creeks. Soon after passing a great vantage point, the walk comes to a handrailed timber platform that passes behind a waterfall from Den Fenella Creek. From the Den Fenella Creek waterfall, this walk heads along the path, keeping the valley views to the left. After passing a few open ledges with great valley views, the walk heads into another valley and crosses a small creek. The walk continues along the cliff line as it bends right, into the Valley of the Waters, passing a sandstone bench seat and few small creeks. The walk then crosses a timber platform through a sandstone overhang then heads down the stairs to a lovely ferntree valley. From here, the walk continues down the stairs, soon coming to an intersection with Wentworth Pass and a 'National Pass - Wentworth Falls' sign pointing back.

4.86 | Int of Valley of the Waters and National Pass Trac

(20 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Conservation Hut' sign up the steps, keeping the creek to the left. After heading under the overhang and up the timber steps, the walk crosses the Valley Of the Waters Creek in front of Lodore Falls (using the stepping stones). This creek may be impassable after rain.

4.88 | Lodore Falls

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narrow falls have a staircase on one side and stepping stones (and handrail) crossing the bottom, making it easier for walkers to appreciate this waterfall from many angles. Just beyond the handrail, the water falls over another cliff, providing a great view down the valley.

4.88 | Lodore Falls

(70 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From Lodore Falls, this walk heads upstream, up the staircase, keeping the creek on the right. The steps climb to the base of a wider cascade - Sylvia Falls. From Sylvia Falls, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the handrail and creek to the right. The path heads up the hill, passing a Track' sign before coming to a creek crossing in front of the tall Empress Falls.

4.95 | Empress Falls

Empress Falls is a spectacular waterfall in the Valley of the Waters. The Valley of the Water Creek comes out of the slot in the cliff and tumbles down a series of cliffs to a sandy pool. The fall is the site of the last abseil in a popular canyon, making a great site for walkers in the area. Stepping stones help walkers cross below the falls. There is a small overhang next to the falls, giving the area shade and offering a great place to rest.

4.95 | Empress Falls Crossing

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the bottom of Empress Falls, this walk crosses the creek using the stepping stones, keeping the handrail on the left. On the way up the hill, the walk passes closer to Empress Falls before zigzagging up to a sandstone overhang and timber staircase. At the top of the staircase, the walk crosses Isabel Creek using the stepping stones. The track then winds up the hill, soon coming to an intersection with the 'Nature Track' and a sign pointing back to 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters'. (These creeks may not be passable after rain)

5.04 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks

(90 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the wooden steps, following the 'National Pass - Tea Rooms' sign. The walk soon heads though a long rock overhang to the base of a metal staircase. The walk climbs the series of steep metal staircases zigzagging up the hill. After climbing some wooden steps, the walk comes to the fenced and signposted 'Empress Lookout'.

5.13 | Empress Lookout

Empress Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout, perched on a sandstone overhang above the Valley of the Waters Creek. There is a view down to part of the Empress Falls and into the canyon. The views are filtered through the surrounding trees. It makes for a good spot to catch your breath when walking into, or out of, the Valley of the Waters.

5.13 | Empress Lookout

(60 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the Empress Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps away from the lookout. The walk heads up the hill, soon passing under a sandstone overhang then up more steps, coming to a 'Y' intersection with the signposted 'Queen Victoria Lookout' track (on the right).

5.19 | Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout

(20 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail. Soon the track passes a small lookout on the left and, shortly afterwards, the fence leads to the rock platform and fenced 'Queen Victoria Lookout'. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

5.19 | Queen Victoria Lookout

The Queen Victoria Lookout is perched above the Valley of the Waters,

south-west of Conservation Hut. The fenced lookout has views into the narrow section of the valley. The views are made more dramatic by the roar of the waterfalls below and the mists which frequent the area. Empress Falls are only just visible - the main views extend down Jamison Valley. Kings Tableland (left) and Sublime Point(right) dominate the views and the eastern edge of Mount Solitary and beyond is also visible.

5.19 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tra

(320 m 8 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' up the set of stairs to almost immediately come to a 'Y' intersection with the unsignposted Lyrebird Cliff track (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the timber and dirt steps, away from the valley views. The track passes a few faint tracks (on the right, that lead to an unfenced view point). The track soon comes to a signposted intersection with the 'Overcliff Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Tea Rooms' sign up the steps, with the handrail on the left. After a short time, the track passes a couple of faint tracks (on the right, leading to an old picnic area). Heading up the main steps, the walk passes another handrail (and signs) then an information sign, before coming to a three-way intersection with the 'Shortcut Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steps towards the building. The walk passes a couple of picnic shelters (on the right) before coming to the road and the front of the 'Conservation Hut'.

5.51 | Conservation Hut

Conservation Hut is a small cafe perched above the Valley of the Waters, Blue Mountains National Park. The hut was opened in 1963 as a meeting place for the local conservation movement. Rebuilt, Conservation Hut opened as a cafe in 1993, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week. Around the Conservation Hut is a small parking area, public toilets, picnic shelters, town water and B&B's. For further information or bookings call (02) 4757 3827. More info.

5.51 | Conservation Hut

(470 m 14 mins) Turn around: From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters. The track soon leads to the signposted intersection with the 'Short Cut Track' (still in view of the Conservation Hut).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down the steps, passing an information sign. After the handrail and more signs, the track passes a couple of faint tracks (on the left, leading to an old picnic area). Further down the steps, the walk comes the end of another handrail and a three-way intersection (signposted 'Overcliff Track' and 'National Pass').

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign down the timber steps. The track passes a few faint tracks (on the left, that lead to an unfenced view point). The walk continues down the steps, soon coming to an unsignposted intersection with the Lyrebird Cliff track (on a small sandstone rock platform).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the wooden steps to almost immediately come to the signposted intersection with 'Queen Victoria Lookout' track.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' keeping the rock face to the right. The track soon passes under a sandstone overhang and then down more steps to come to the fenced and signposted 'Empress Lookout'.

Turn right: From Empress Lookout, this walk heads down the wooden steps, keeping the handrail and valley to the left. Soon the walk heads downs a series of steep metal staircases that zigzag down the hill. At the bottom of the staircases, the walk follows the handrail through a long sandstone overhang.

The track then heads down some steps to come to an intersection with the 'Nature Track' and a sign pointing back to 'National Pass - Tea Rooms'.

5.99 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks

(430 m 13 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Nature Track' sign down a few steps and over a small wooden bridge, coming to a clearing, picnic table and small waterfall. From the picnic table, this walk heads up the steps, passing a 'Welcome to the Nature Track' information sign (point 1). The track turns right and passes three numbered posts (2,3,4) - After number 3, the track heads down hill. Soon after the handrail starts, the walk comes to an intersection just before Lillian's Bridge and post number 5.

Continue straight: From post number 5 at Lillian's Bridge, this walk heads up the stairs away from the handrail, keeping the bridge and valley to the left. The track makes its way around the hill, passing a few handrails before heading down to some stepping stones across the creek. (This is a nice but slippery spot to enjoy, with a small waterfall to the right). After crossing the stepping stones, the track heads over a small rise to come back down and cross the creek again, on another set of stepping stones. This is signposted 'Lillians Glen'.

6.42 | Lillian's Glen

Lillian's Glen is a moss and fern filled section on the 'Valley of the Waters' Creek (where the Nature Track crosses the creek, south of Edinburgh Castle Rock). There are stepping stones to help cross the creek. Lillian's Glen is a great spot to rest and enjoy the area, especially on warmer days. For the surefooted, a short clamber upstream to Asmodeus Pool at the bottom of a waterfall, is worthwhile - a very nice spot at the end of a narrow canyon.

6.42 | Lillian's Glen

(400 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From Lillian's Glen, this walk heads up the stairs away from the creek, passing the 'Lillian's Glen' sign. The track winds up the hill for some time (passing a handrail) until just after post marker 7, where the track heads through an sandstone overhang to comes to an unfenced view point with great valley views. From the view point, this walk heads away from the valley views through the sandstone overhang, keeping the rockface to the right. After the cave, the walk heads up the stairs to follows a tall rock wall (on the right) and comes to post marker 8. From the number 8 post, the walk heads up the stairs, as the track flattens it come to a three-way intersection with a 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' sign and post 9. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the sign saying 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' towards the unfenced rock and great views - this is

6.82 | Edinburgh Castle Rock

Edinburgh Castle Rock.

Edinburgh Castle Rock is a signposted, unfenced viewpoint on the Nature Track, in the Blue Mountains National Park. The rock platform has an interesting formation, with an uneven surface of circular lines. From Edinburgh Castle Rock, there is a view left, up the valley towards the houses on the ridge. Looking right, down the Valley of the Waters, it is possible to see the escarpment of Kings Tablelands.

6.82 | Edinburgh Castle Rock

(10 m 1 mins) Turn around: From Edinburgh Castle Rock, this walk heads away from the valley views for a short distance, to a three-way intersection with the Nature Track and the 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' sign.

6.83 | Int of Nature and Edinburgh Castle Rock Tracks

(540 m 15 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, (with Edinburgh Castle Rock on the right), this walk heads up the gentle hill. The track heads through the bush before crossing a gully using a small metal bridge. Climbing out of

this gully on the timber steps, the walk then heads up some metal stairs, and then more timber steps to come to a three-way intersection with 'West Street' Track and a sign pointing back down the 'Nature Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign up the steps. The track soon flattens out and heads through the bush for a little while until coming to a 'T' intersection with the wide West St trail and a 'Nature Track Circuit' sign.

7.37 | Int of Nature Track and West St Servicetrail

(350 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign along the trail, passing the back of a house (on the left). The track soon narrows and then passes the back of another house with a private track (on the left). The trail starts heading uphill and, about 60m later, comes to a three-way intersection with a 'Conservation Hut 11min' sign (marking the track on the right).

7.71 | Int of Armstrong St Servicetrail and Nature Track

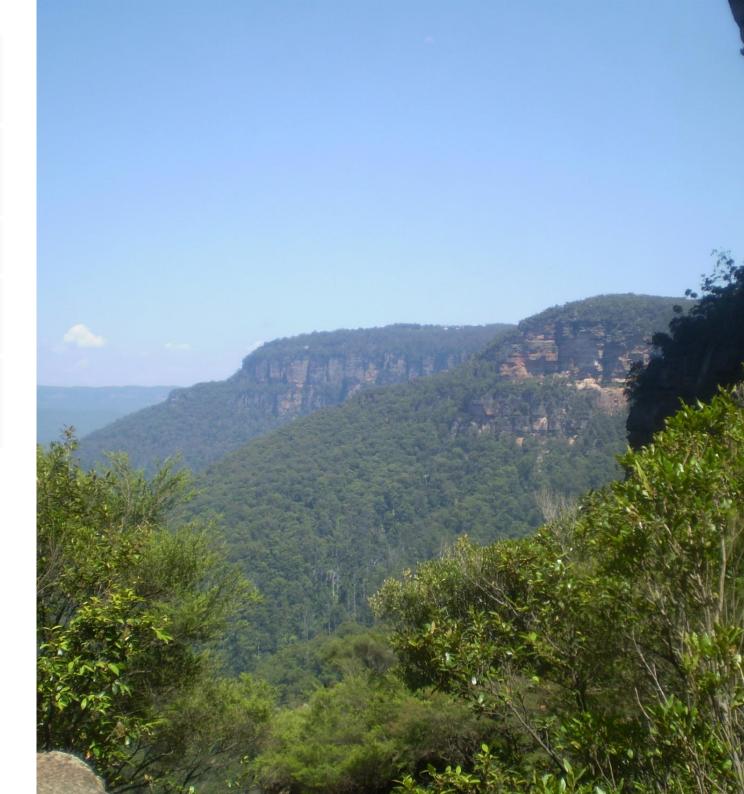
(100 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads uphill along the wide clay track. This is rough and rocky. The track soon emerges onto the corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls.

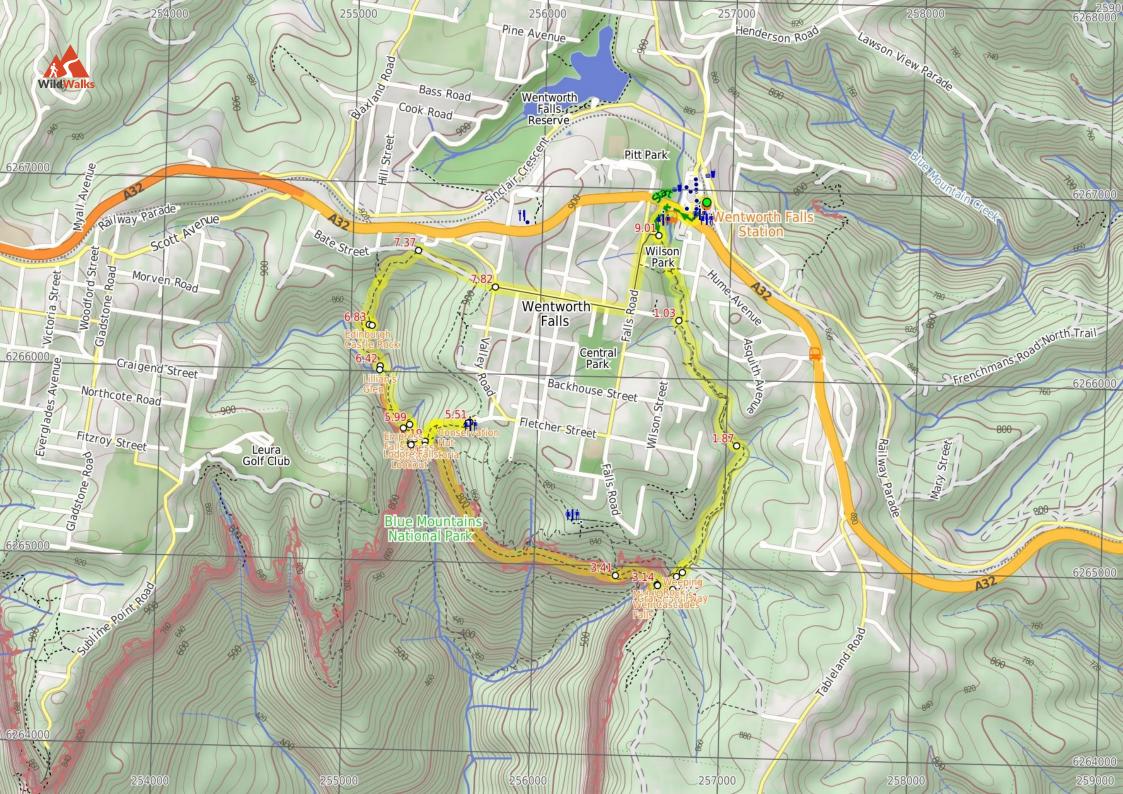
7.82 | Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd

(1.2 km 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down Armstrong Rd for some time. The walk then turns left onto Falls Rd to continue up the footpath, with the road to the left. When the tennis courts appear on the right, the walk tends right, into the park. The walk continues into the park to the intersection above the stairs and Jamison Creek pondage.

9.01 | Wilson Park

(490 m 9 mins) Turn left: From the the archway in Wilson Park, this walk heads away from the tennis courts, keeping the creek on the right. At the far end of the park, the walk comes to the Great Western Highway and turns right. After about 150m, this walk crosses the highway at the traffic lights and heads up Station St, past the shops and up to Wentworth Falls Railway Station on the right.





Summary navigation sheet for the Wentworth Falls Station Loop

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| km | From | Up/Dw | n Length | Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks |
| Start | Wentworth Falls Railway Station -33.7097,150.3764 (GR Katoomba, 569669) | 13 -15 | 490 m 9 mins | From Wentworth Falls Railway Station, this walk exits the station on the western side, on Station St, and turns left to head down to the Great Western Highway past the shops. |
| 0.49 | Wilson Park -33.7113,150.3737 (GR Katoomba, 566668) | 20 -33 | 540 m 12 mins | Continue straight: From the south-east corner of Wilson Park (near the tennis courts), this walk heads under the large wooden archway signposted as 'Charles Darwin Walk'. |
| 1.03 | Int of Charles Darwin and Parkes St Tracks -33.7154,150.3748 (GR Katoomba, 567663) | 22 -44 | 840 m 17 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection near the pipe bridge, this walk follow the 'Wentworth Falls Waterfall' sign downstream (keeping the creek on the right). |
| 1.87 | Int of Charles Darwin and Fletcher St Tracks -33.7213,150.3781 (GR Katoomba, 571657) | 3 -26 | 820 m 14 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the creek downstream along a mixture of bush track and boardwalk. |
| 2.69 | Weeping Rock waterfall -33.7273,150.375 (GR Katoomba, 568650) | 0 -8 | 40 m 1 mins | Continue straight: From the bottom of Weeping Rock waterfall, this walk heads downstream (keeping the creek to the left), up some steps and passes another great view of Weeping Rock. |
| 2.73 | Int of Weeping Rock and Wentworth Falls Tracks -33.7276,150.3747 (GR Katoomba, 568650) | 3 -2 | 60 m 1 mins | Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' and 'Wentworth Pass' signs down the steps. |
| 2.79 | Top of Wentworth Falls -33.728,150.3747 (GR Katoomba, 568649) | 2 -6 | 30 m 1 mins | Continue straight: From the top of Wentworth Falls, this walk heads away from the falls (keeping the valley view to the right). |
| 2.81 | Rocket Point Creek Intersection -33.7282,150.3745 (GR Katoomba, 567649) | 36 -98 | 330 m 16 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass To Wentworth Pass' sign along the clear track, keeping the handrail on the right. |
| 3.14 | Middle Wentworth Falls -33.728,150.3736 (GR Katoomba, 567649) | 117 -88 | 270 m 19 mins | Continue straight: From pool and creek crossing (halfway up Wentworth Falls), this walk follows the track (keeping the main valley to the left) away from the falls. |
| 3.41 | Top of the Slack Stairs -33.7275,150.3712 (GR Katoomba, 564650) | 410 -411 | 1.5 km 1 hr 23 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection at the top of 'Slack Stairs', this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign up the few steps, keeping the main valley to the left. |
| 4.86 | Int of Valley of the Waters and National Pass Tracks -33.7214,150.3597 (GR Katoomba, 553656) | 14 | 20 m 1 mins | Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Conservation Hut' sign up the steps, keeping the creek to the left. |
| 4.88 | Lodore Falls -33.7212,150.3595 (GR Katoomba, 553656) | 9 | 70 m 2 mins | Continue straight: From Lodore Falls, this walk heads upstream, up the staircase, keeping the creek on the right. |
| 4.95 | Empress Falls Crossing -33.7206,150.3592 (GR Katoomba, 553657) | 14 -4 | 90 m 2 mins | Continue straight: From the bottom of Empress Falls, this walk crosses the creek using the stepping stones, keeping the handrail on the left. |
| 5.04 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks -33.7203,150.3595 (GR Katoomba, 553657) | 20 -12 | 90 m 4 mins | Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the wooden steps, following the 'National Pass - Tea Rooms' sign. |
| 5.13 | Empress Lookout -33.721,150.3598 (GR Katoomba, 554656) | 18 0 | 60 m 2 mins | Turn left: From the Empress Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps away from the lookout. |
| 5.19 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656) | 0 -17 | 20 m 1 mins | Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail. |
| 5.19 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656) | 75 -2 | 320 m 8 mins | Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' up the set of stairs to almost immediately come to a 'Y' intersection with the unsignposted Lyrebird Cliff track (on the right). |
| 5.51 | Conservation Hut -33.7202,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 556657) | 14 -113 | 470 m 14 mins | Turn around: From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters. |
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| 5.99 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks -33.7203,150.3595 (GR Katoomba, 553657) | 42 -43 | 430 m 13 mins | Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Nature Track' sign down a few steps and over a small wooden bridge, coming to a clearing, picnic table and small waterfall. | | | | |
| 6.42 | Lillian's Glen -33.7175,150.3578 (GR Katoomba, 552660) | 88 -21 | 400 m 13 mins | Continue straight: From Lillian's Glen, this walk heads up the stairs away from the creek, passing the 'Lillian's Glen' sign. | | | | |
| 6.82 | Edinburgh Castle Rock -33.7156,150.3573 (GR Katoomba, 551662) | 6 -2 | 10 m 1 mins | Turn around: From Edinburgh Castle Rock, this walk heads away from the valley views for a short distance, to a three-way intersection with the Nature Track and the 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' sign. | | | | |
| 6.83 | Int of Nature and Edinburgh Castle Rock Tracks -33.7156,150.3572 (GR Katoomba, 551662) | 54 -18 | 540 m 15 mins | Turn right: From the intersection, (with Edinburgh Castle Rock on the right), this walk heads up the gentle hill. | | | | |
| 7.37 | Int of Nature Track and West St Servicetrail -33.712,150.36 (GR Katoomba, 553666) | 17 -17 | 350 m 8 mins | Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign along the trail, passing the back of a house (on the left). | | | | |
| 7.71 | Int of Armstrong St Servicetrail and Nature Track -33.7134,150.3633 (GR Katoomba, 557665) | 15 0 | 100 m 2 mins | Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads uphill along the wide clay track. | | | | |
| 7.82 | Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd -33.7138,150.3644 (GR Katoomba, 558665) | 3 -55 | 1.2 km 21 mins | Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down Armstrong Rd for some time. | | | | |
| 9.01 | Wilson Park -33.7113,150.3737 (GR Katoomba, 566668) | 15 -13 | 490 m 9 mins | Turn left: From the the archway in Wilson Park, this walk heads away from the tennis courts, keeping the creek on the right. | | | | |