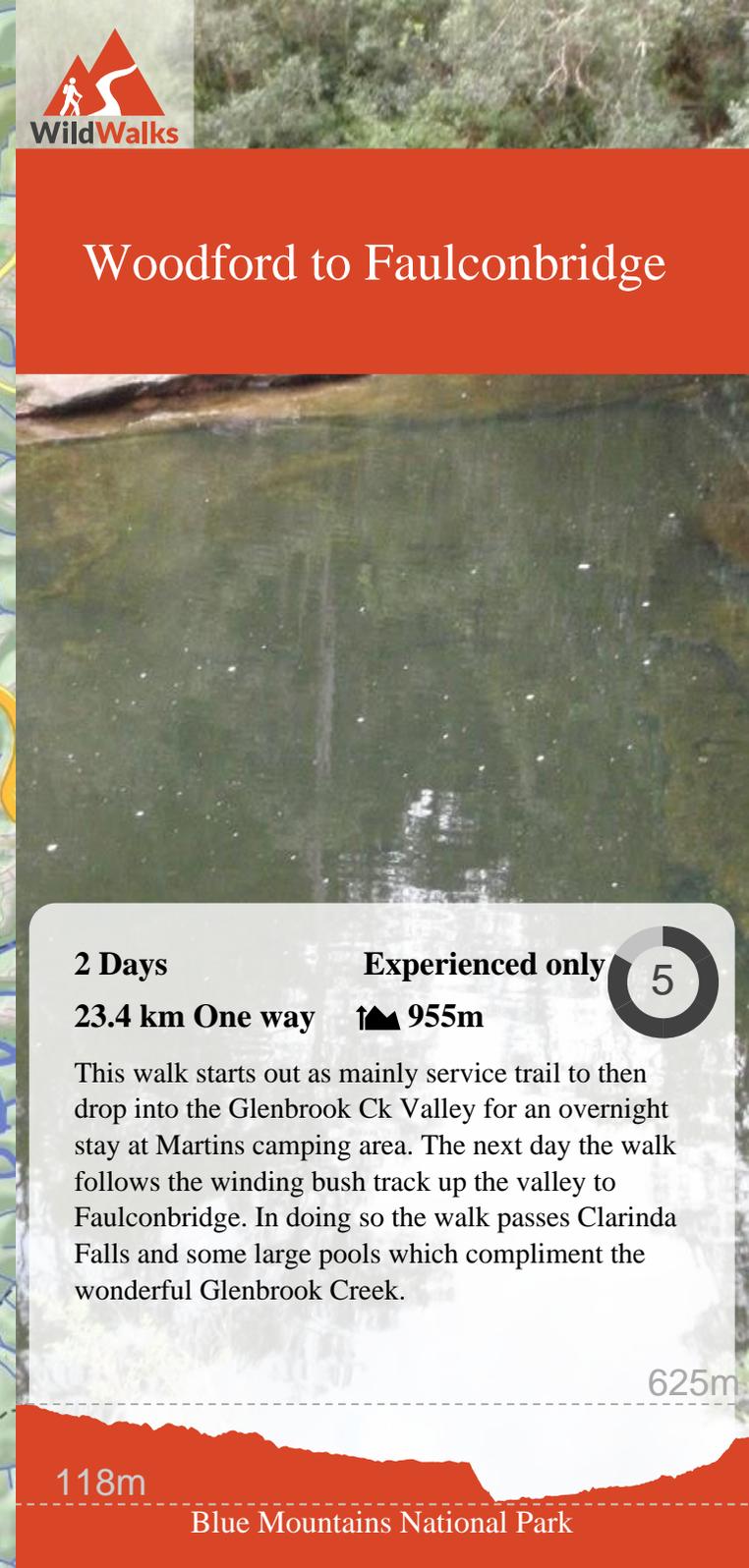
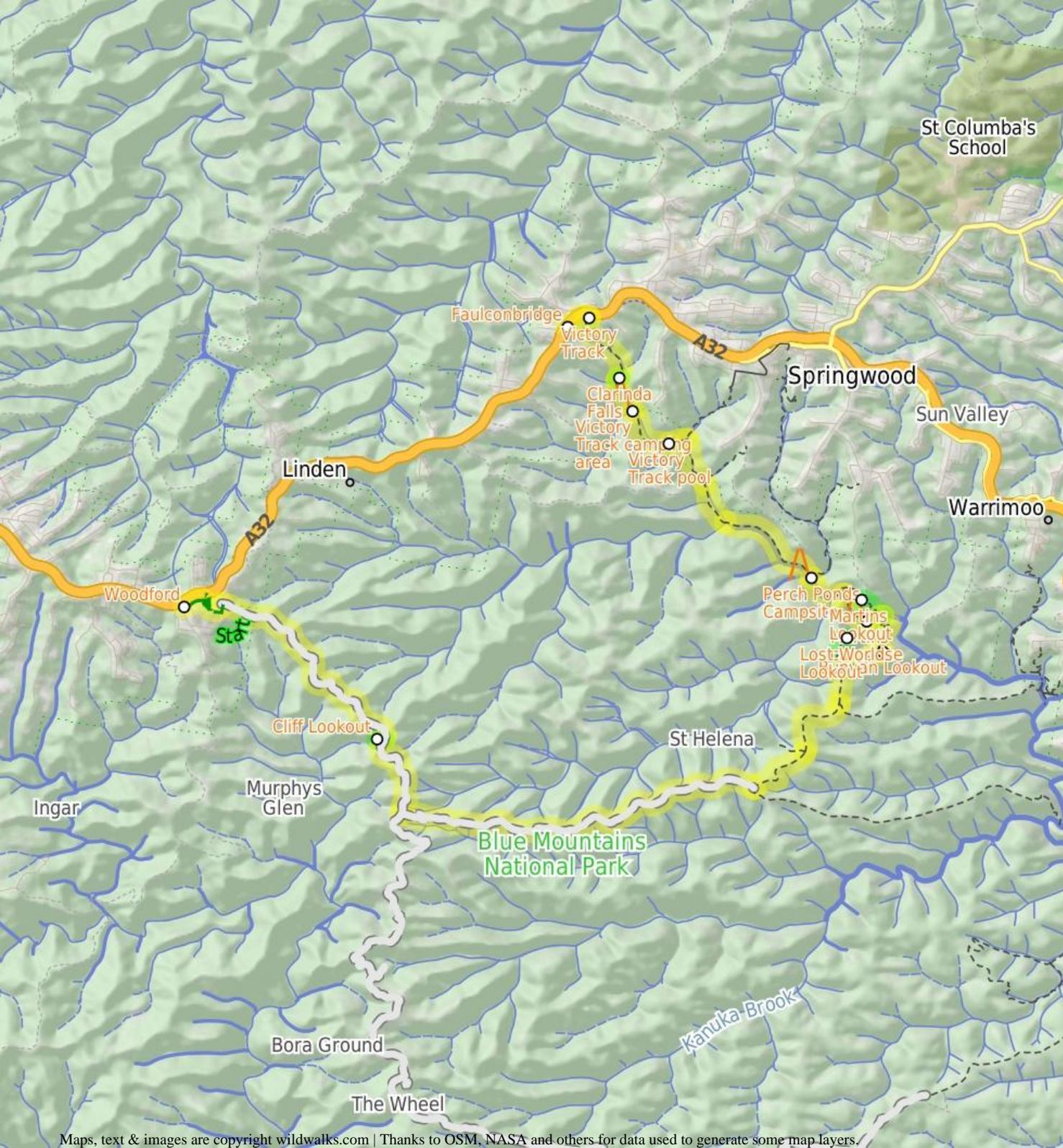


Woodford to Faulconbridge



2 Days

Experienced only

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23.4 km One way  **955m**

This walk starts out as mainly service trail to then drop into the Glenbrook Ck Valley for an overnight stay at Martins camping area. The next day the walk follows the winding bush track up the valley to Faulconbridge. In doing so the walk passes Clarinda Falls and some large pools which compliment the wonderful Glenbrook Creek.

625m

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Blue Mountains National Park

Woodford

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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 enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 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:

- 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.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** 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:90304S SPRINGWOOD, 90303N PENRITH, 89302N JAMISON, 89301S KATOOMBA

1:100 000 Map Series:9030 PENRITH, 8930 KATOOMBA

Grade

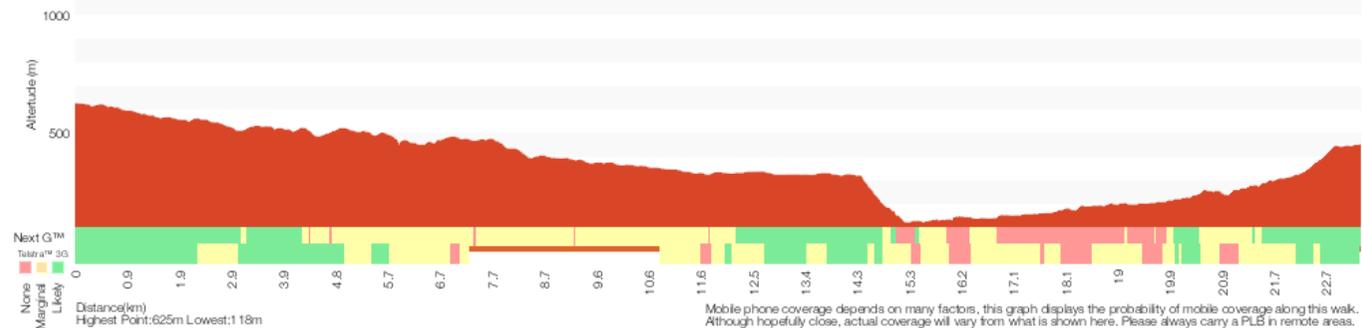
This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 5/6
Experienced only

Length	23.4 km One way
Time	2 Days
Quality of track	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Signs	No directional signs (5/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

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Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

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 walk's 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. **Experianced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

Getting there You can get to Woodford Station (gps: -33.7358, 150.4823) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Faulconbridge Station (gps: -33.6966, 150.5349) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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0 | Woodford Station

(730 m 15 mins) From the station, this walk heads down the stairs, off the station and turns left under the station. It then continues up to Railway Parade, opposite a shelter with a bench seat. The walk heads up Railway Pde, keeping the railway tracks to the left. The road tends right then the walk turns right onto The Appian Way. The walk follows The Appian Way, which turns into Parker St. (If you cross over a bridge, you have gone the wrong way.) The walk leads along Parker St to Taylor St, where it turns left and continues down the hill to the intersection with The Oaks Fire Trail. This is signposted at the clearing on the right.

0.73 | Int. Oaks Firetrail and Old Bathurst Rd

(3.5 km 1 hr 10 mins) Turn right: From the road, the walk heads to the gate and crosses over it. (On the lower side of the gate is a tap which provides drinking water.) From the gate and tap, the walk heads down the hill, passing a broken interpretative sign on the left, and continues to wind and undulate for quite some time. The trail passes a mound in a junction. From the mound, the trail continues to wind and undulate, turning right and steeply downhill twice, before passing a small dam (just to the left). The walk winds, with the hillside higher on the right than left, before leading up a steep slope to a small clearing with a large step.

4.21 | Optional sidetrip to Cliff lookout

(100 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the management trail, with the small depression (or waterhole) on the left, surrounded by reeds. The track winds up the hill, following the gap in the vegetation, leading to a rock shelf with a view. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

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edge perched just above the trees. The cliff is unfenced. The view across the valley provides a pleasant panorama.

4.21 | Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk

(6.9 km 2 hrs 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill in a southerly direction and tends right. At the bottom of the hill, the trail winds left and then up a hill to the right, onto a plateau with clearer, lower vegetation. The management trail here is also lined by large rocks, which look as though they could have been placed there. The trail comes off the hill and heads across a saddle to a large management trail intersection (on the left).

Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads east, down the rocky management trail. The trail winds down the hill, passing over sandy and rocky areas. The trail then flattens out, undulating and winding for quite some time, with the track widening and narrowing greatly in many areas. After some time, the walk enters a large clearing, with a rocky outcrop to the right.

11.1 | Int. St Helena Ridge Trail and Bunyan Lookout Trk

(2.7 km 47 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads north-east out of the small clearing. The track winds through the heath for a short time before coming to a clearing with a fireplace, on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north-east along the sandy track. The walk meanders through low, green heath for quite some time, winding through a section of pines before returning to heath as the track arrives at the cairn, on the right, which marks the intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north, winding through the scrub. The walk meanders for a short time, passing through a few sandy sections before coming to a red painted stump in a clearer section of track.

13.81 | Optional sidetrip to Lost Worlds Lookout

(570 m 11 mins) Turn left : From the red stump intersection, the walk follows the 'Lost Worlds' sign up the small hill. The walk winds through the bush for a short time then crosses a rocky surface. The track then leaves the rocky surface briefly to return to a similar rock surface with a white crucifix on the edge of the cliff. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

13.81 | Lost Worlds Lookout

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13.81 | Int. Bunyan Lookout Trk and Lost Worlds Trk

(570 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north-east, following the wider, more defined track. The track meanders little as it tends right but continues relatively straight along the spur, opening onto the clearing before the cliffs, overlooking Glenbrook Creek.

14.38 | Bunyan Lookout

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14.38 | Bunyan Lookout

(960 m 38 mins) Turn sharp left: From Bunyan Lookout, the walk heads away from the unfenced cliffs and through the clearing behind. At the end of

the clearing, the walk turns right at a cairn (rock stack) and winds down the hill, steeply in sections, passing through a few rocky outcrops to a rock landing with a cairn, just in front of boulders. The walk follows the cairns between the boulders, then ducks through a hole in the rock and passes the small cliff line. The walk winds down the hill from the rocky outcrop, then follows the cairns across a flat area and crosses the creek. The track immediately turns left, following the creek for a short distance before turning right, up the stairs, and arriving at the intersection marked with a 'Bunyan Lkt' sign (pointing back the way you came).

15.33 | Optional sidetrip to Martins Lookout

(530 m 26 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs and soon begins zigzagging up the hillside for a short time, coming to be under a cliff line. The track heads up stairs which head through the cliffs and winds steeply up to the next set of stairs. The track heads under many wonderful rock overhangs, as it winds its way using stairs to come up to Martins Lookout. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

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15.33 | Int. Martins Lookout and Bunyan Lookout Trk

(230 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk keeps the creek on the left as it heads across the hillside. The walk winds above the creek for a short time before opening out onto a clearing and fireplace next to the creek.

15.56 | Martins campsite

Martins campsite is an unofficial camping area beside Glenbrook Creek. The camping area is a sandy clearing, opposite cliffs on the other bank. The camping area is situated below Martins Lookout, with Bunyan Lookout up the ridge on the opposite hillside. A quiet and shaded location which can give a great night's sleep.

15.56 | End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

15.56 | Martins camping area

(1.2 km 27 mins) Turn right: From the clearing, the walk keeps the creek on the left as it meanders along the bank. The walk soon passes through another clearing (with a small beach access) and turns right, up the hill. The walk continues to wind and undulate above the creek to the signposted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the direction of the 'Springwood Stn Via...' sign across the hillside. The walk keeps the valley to the left as it winds down near the creek, on the left. The walk continues down across the creek to immediately lead up the hill into the clearing of Perch Ponds. The walk crosses the clearing to the signs at the other side.

16.73 | Perch Ponds Campsite

Perch Ponds is a lovely waterhole, with a clearing suitable to pitch a tent, located at the junction of Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creeks. The meeting of the two creek provides a relaxing sound of rushing water and a cool spot to rest on warmer days. The campsite is a flat area above the pool marked with a fire scar. A great shady and quiet area for a camp. There are no facilities and water from the creek needs to be treated.

16.73 | Perch Ponds camping area

(3.4 km 1 hr 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Sassafras Gully Rd' sign, keeping the creek on the left. The walk leads up the hill, passing a track (on the left, which leads to an overhang). The walk continues up the hill, then down across a junction of two creeks, immediately entering a clearing with a fireplace in the middle.

Continue straight: From the campground clearing, the walk exits the clearing, keeping the creek on the right. The track follows the creek, undulating and meandering for some time, and passing through a steeply banked creek junction. The walk tends left and slightly uphill to a 'Perch Ponds' sign (pointing back the way you came).

Veer left: From the intersection, the track heads across the hillside in the opposite direction to the 'Perch Ponds' sign. The track winds for some time, crossing a creek and passing a blue track marker on the other side. The track follows the creek, now on the left, up to a 'To Wiggins Track' sign (pointing back the way you came).

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Faulconbridge Station' sign across a gully. The track winds and undulates above the creek (keeping the creek to the left) and soon drops down and crosses the creek. The walk continues, now with the creek on the right, to an intersection with a faint track (which leads to a pool in the creek).

20.11 | Victory Track pond

The Victory Track pond is an unofficially-named pond in Sassafras Creek. The pond is deep in parts but not adequate for a swim. It does, however, offer a chance to rest and gaze over the water. There is a small sandy beach, some moss-covered rocks and a lovely grove of Sassafras trees around the pool. This is a nice spot to stop, catch your breath and soak up your surroundings.

20.11 | Victory Trk pool

(880 m 24 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, keeping the creek on the right. The track winds up and away from the creek and back down to the creek a few times before arriving at a campground clearing (directly under power lines).

20.99 | Victory Track camping area

Victory Track camping area is a fairly large, informal camping place at the junction of Sassafras and Numantia Creeks. The clearing is in a moist section of forest with plenty of shade. Water from the creek should be treated before use.

20.99 | Victory Trk camping area

(630 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing, the walk crosses the creek junction. The walk then leads up the hill away from the creek for a short time, before dropping to the creek again and crossing it at a junction. The walk leads up the valley, keeping the creek on the right, arriving at a 'Clarinda Falls' sign.

21.62 | Optional sidetrip to Clarinda Falls

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the track follows the 'Clarinda Falls' sign towards the log fallen on the rock. The track tends left around the hillside, coming to Clarinda Falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

21.62 | Clarinda Falls

Clarinda Falls is a charming waterfall on Sassafras Creek. The water cascades over a near-vertical wall, into a sandy pool below. The falls are signposted from the main track and provide a nice cool detour, especially on warmer days. The falls are named for the first wife of Sir Henry Parkes, 'Father of Australian Federation'.

21.62 | Int. Victory Trk and Clarinda Falls

(1.3 km 38 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Faulconbridge Station' sign up the hill. The walk steeply climbs up the hill and passes a smaller track (on the right, which leads to the top of the falls), and then crosses the creek and leads under a few rock overhangs. The walk comes up the hill beside No. 10 Sir Henrys Pde (marked with a 'Victory Track' sign).

22.94 | Victory Track

The Victory Track is more formally known as the 'Sir Henry Parkes Victory Track' and is called the 'Victoria Track' in many guide books. The track starts near Sir Henry Parkes' grave in Faulconbridge and leads to Sassafras Gully Creek. Sir Henry Parkes (1815-1896) was a politician and journalist, born in England. He is considered to be the 'Father of Federation' for Australia, although he died of natural causes 5 years before Australia's federation. Parkes was the premier of New South Wales five times. The town Parkes was named in his honour. Parkes would sometime write under the pseudonym 'Faulconbridge' (his mother's maiden name) for the Sydney Morning Herald and other papers and Faulconbridge (the township) was named after his mother when Parkes purchased 600 acres in 1877. [More info.](#)

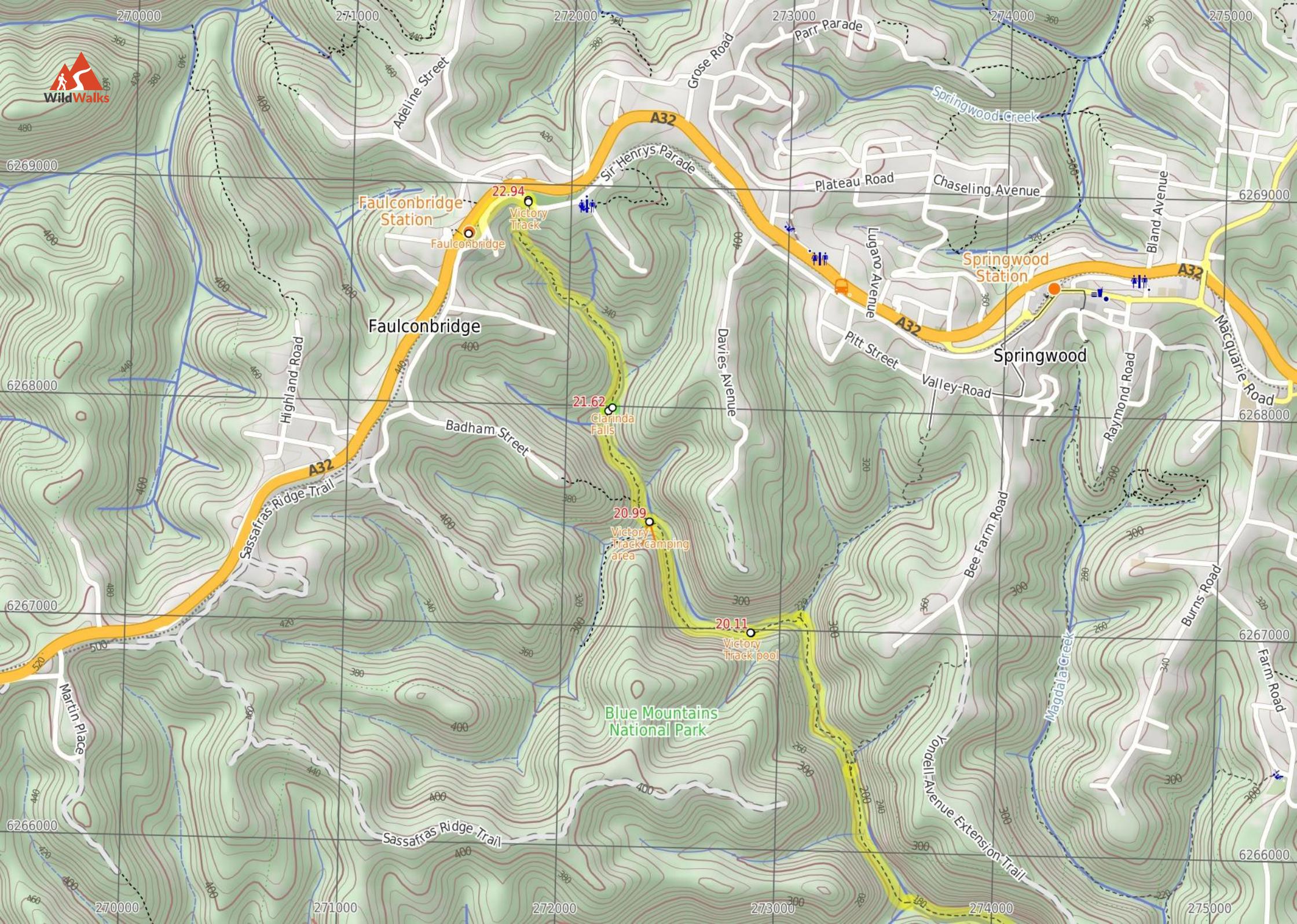
22.94 | No. 10 Sir Henrys Pde

(410 m 8 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads towards the power pole (if you come to a rail line, you have taken the wrong road). The walk continues along the road, keeping the rail line above on the right for some time to where the road turns left. The walk then continues along the management trail, with Faulconbridge Station in sight. Soon, the walk arrives at the entry to train station.

23.35 | Faulconbridge

Faulconbridge, in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, was named after the maiden name of Sir Henry Parkes' mother. Faulconbridge sits on the Great Western Highway and is surrounded by valleys of lush bushland. This picturesque town was a home, and final resting place, for Sir Henry Parkes', heralded as the 'Father of Federation'. Faulconbridge was originally explored by non-indigenous Australians in 1813, by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson who were searching for a route over the Blue Mountains.





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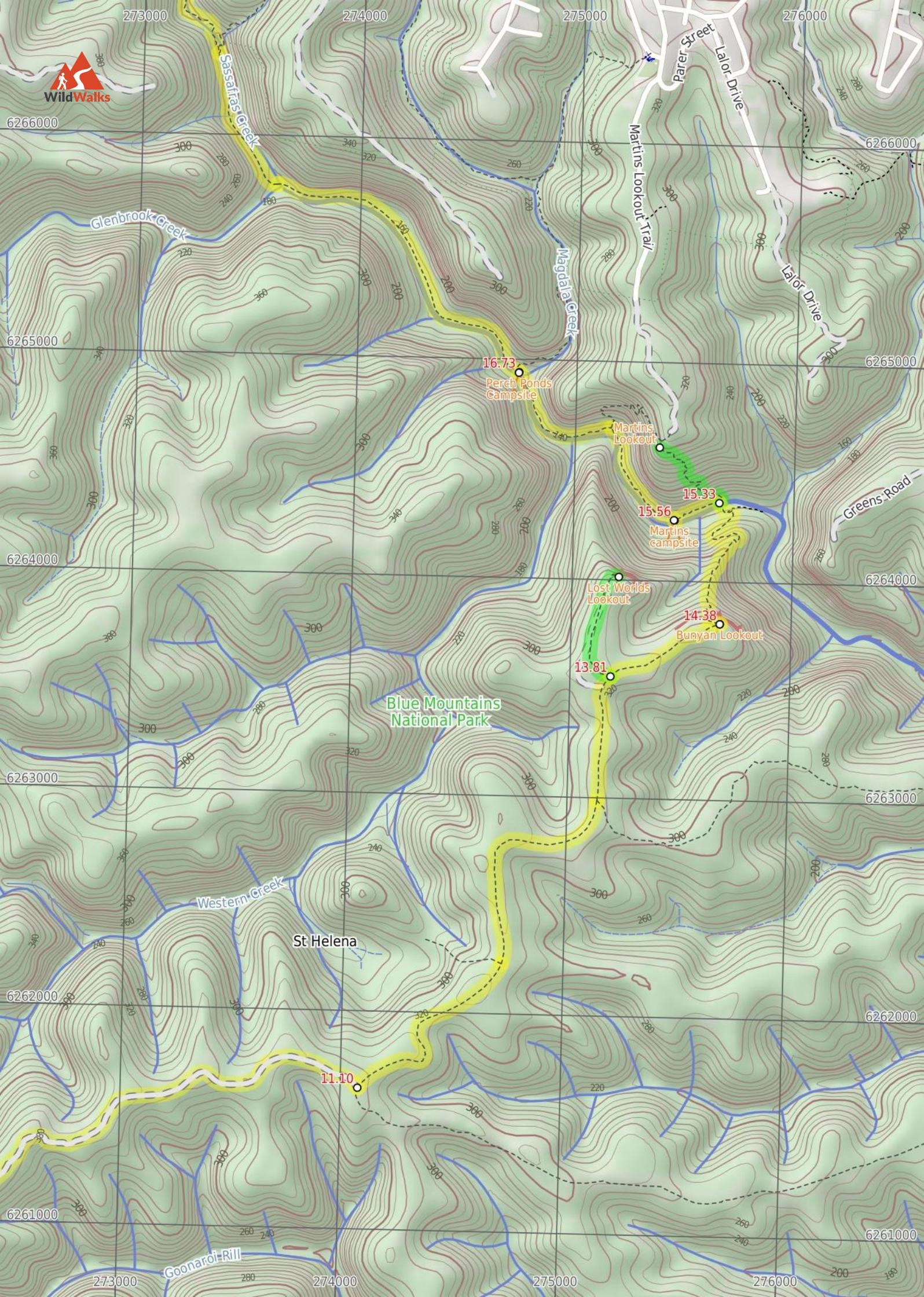
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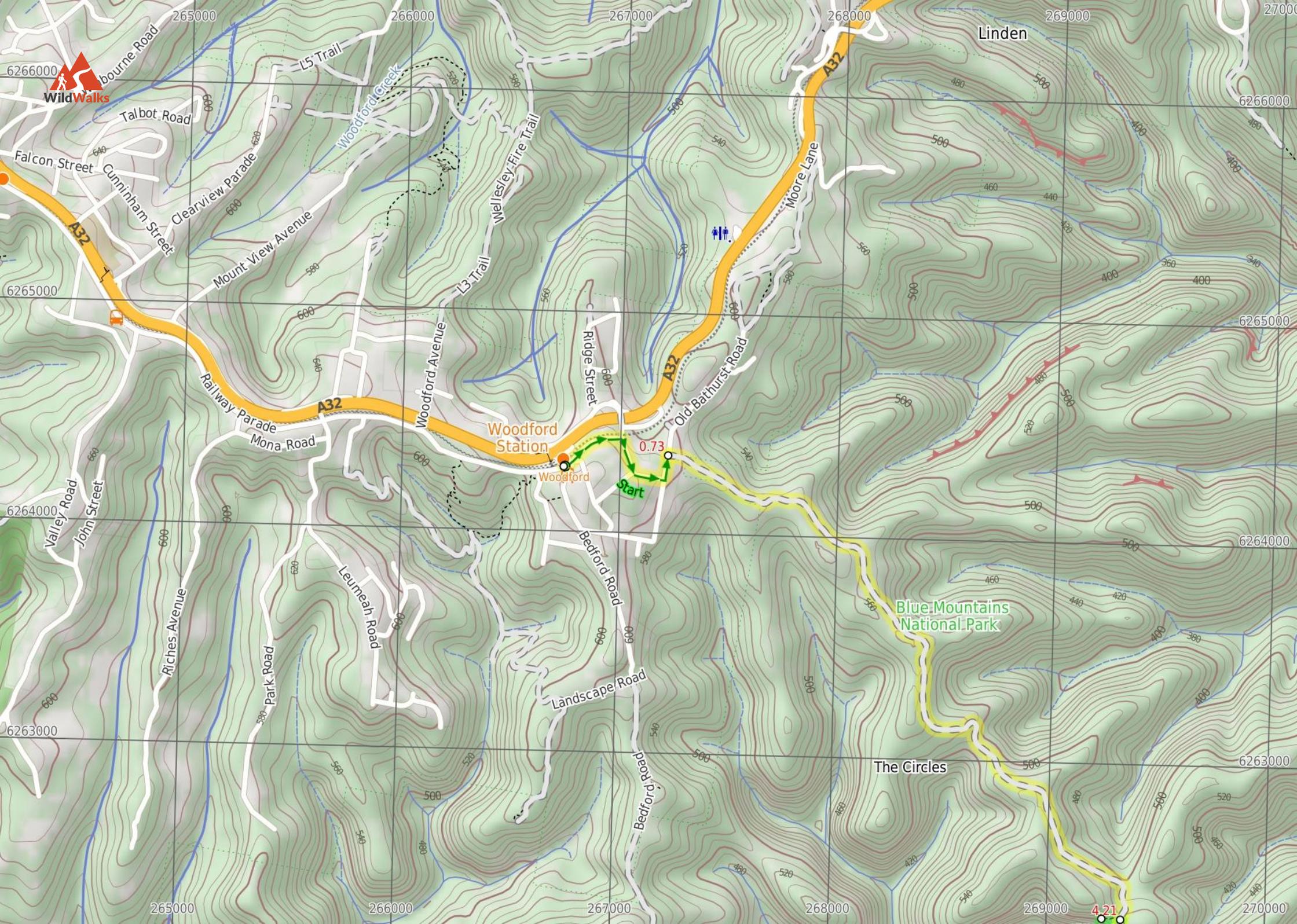
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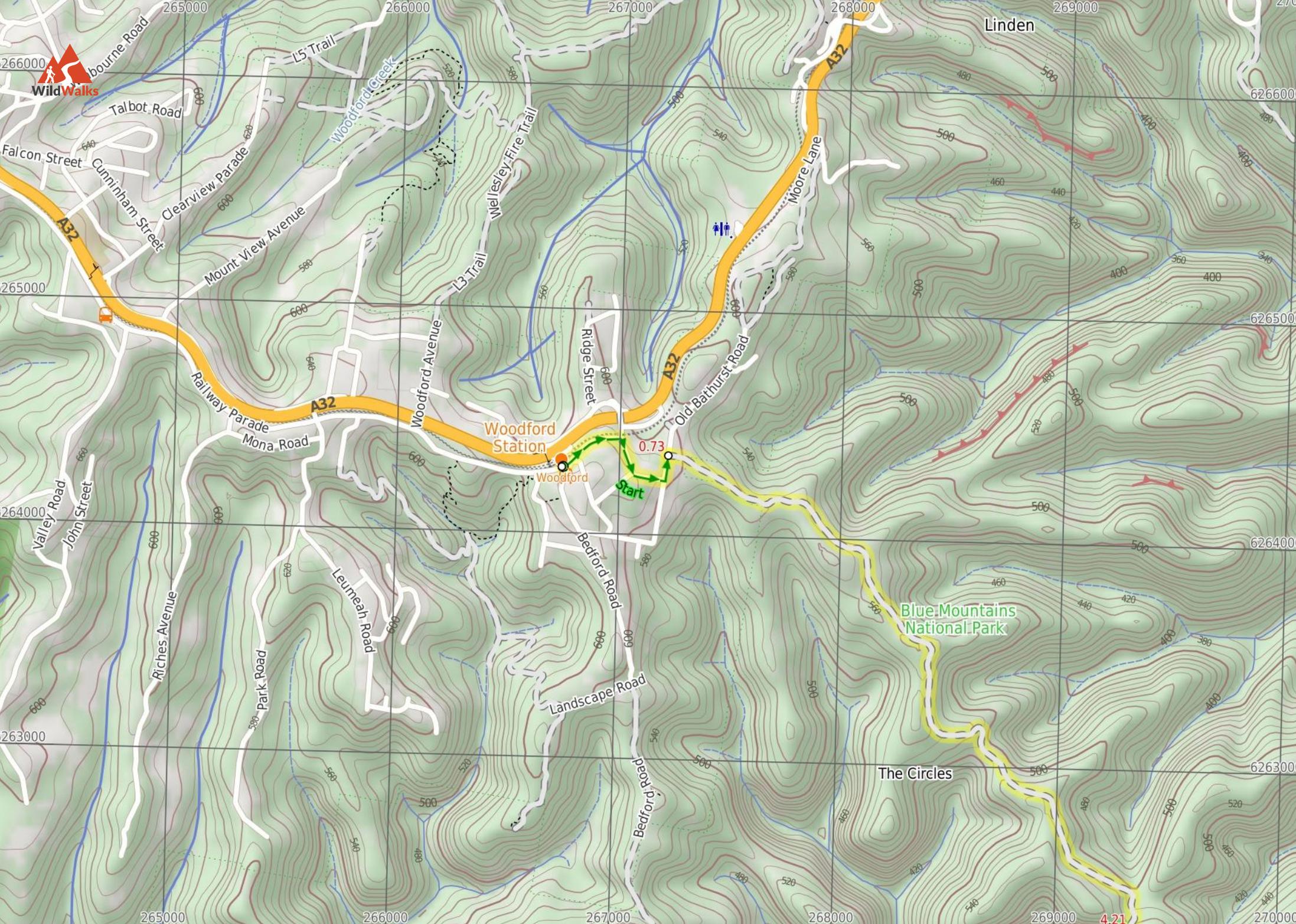
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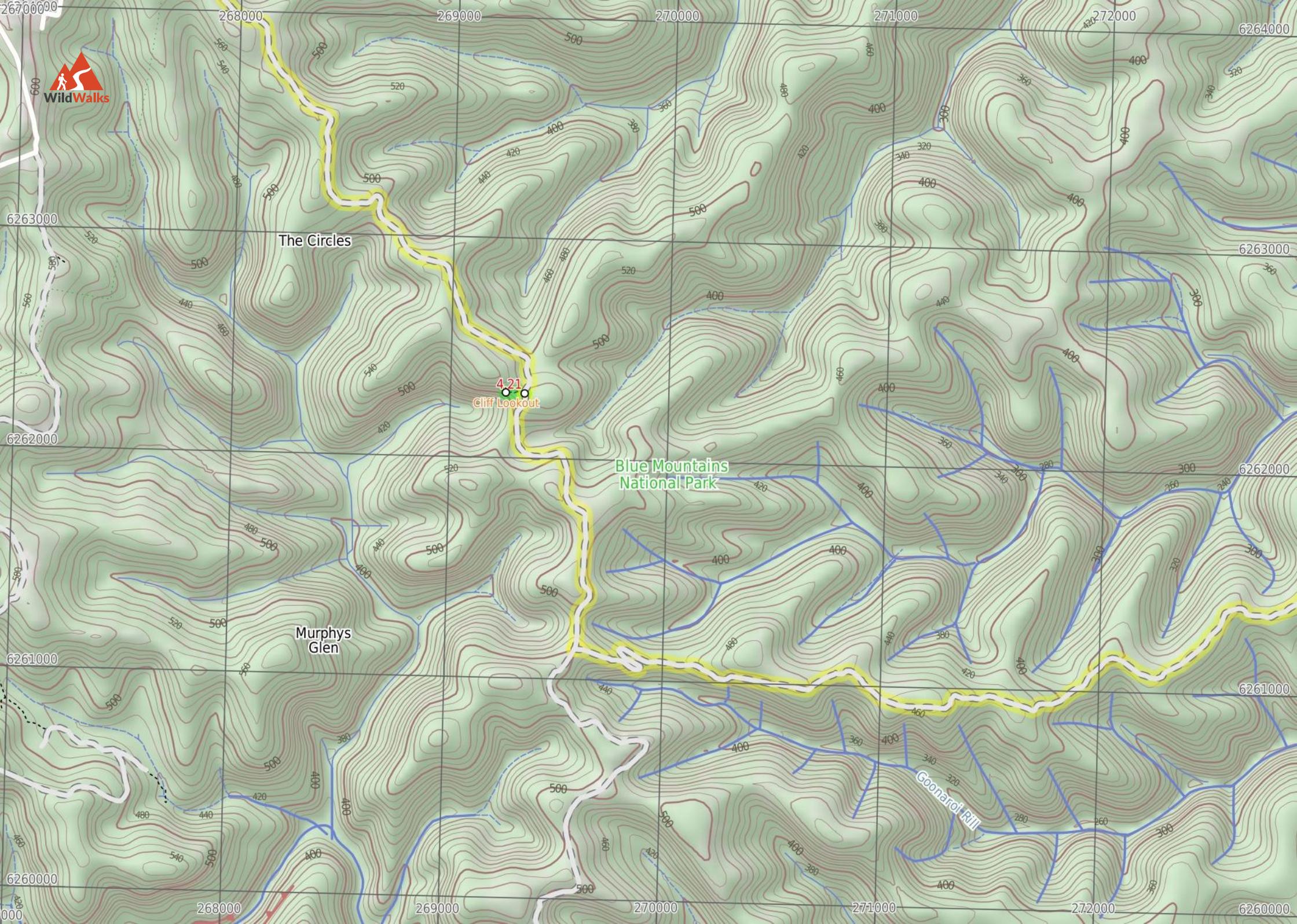
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Summary navigation sheet for the Woodford to Faulconbridge



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Woodford Station -33.7358,150.4823 (GR Katoomba, 667643)	22 -39	730 m 15 mins	From the station, this walk heads down the stairs, off the station and turns left under the station.
0.73	Int. Oaks Firetrail and Old Bathurst Rd -33.7353,150.4874 (GR Katoomba, 672644)	87 -175	3.5 km 1 hr 10 mins	Turn right: From the road, the walk heads to the gate and crosses over it.
4.21	Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk -33.7544,150.5097 (GR Penrith, 693623)	5 -18	100 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Cliff lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the management trail, with the small depression (or waterhole) on the left, surrounded by reeds.
4.21	Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk -33.7544,150.5097 (GR Penrith, 693623)	187 -363	6.9 km 2 hrs 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill in a southerly direction and tends right.
11.10	Int. St Helena Ridge Trail and Bunyan Lookout Trk -33.7612,150.5607 (GR Penrith, 741616)	42 -56	2.7 km 47 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads north-east out of the small clearing.
13.81	Int. Bunyan Lookout Trk and Lost Worlds Trk -33.7442,150.5731 (GR Springwood, 752636)	20 -13	570 m 11 mins	Optional sidetrip to Lost Worlds Lookout. Turn left : From the red stump intersection, the walk follows the 'Lost Worlds' sign up the small hill.
13.81	Int. Bunyan Lookout Trk and Lost Worlds Trk -33.7442,150.5731 (GR Springwood, 752636)	7 -18	570 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north-east, following the wider, more defined track.
14.38	Bunyan Lookout -33.7421,150.5785 (GR Springwood, 757638)	25 -222	960 m 38 mins	Turn sharp left: From Bunyan Lookout, the walk heads away from the unfenced cliffs and through the clearing behind.
15.33	Int. Martins Lookout and Bunyan Lookout Trk -33.7371,150.5784 (GR Springwood, 757644)	180 -2	530 m 26 mins	Optional sidetrip to Martins Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs and soon begins zigzagging up the hillside for a short time, coming to be under a cliff line.
15.33	Int. Martins Lookout and Bunyan Lookout Trk -33.7371,150.5784 (GR Springwood, 757644)	14 -13	230 m 6 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk keeps the creek on the left as it heads across the hillside.
15.56	End of day 1 -33.7378,150.5762 (GR Springwood, 755643)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
15.56	Martins camping area -33.7378,150.5762 (GR Springwood, 755643)	67 -51	1.2 km 27 mins	Turn right: From the clearing, the walk keeps the creek on the left as it meanders along the bank.
16.73	Perch Ponds camping area -33.7317,150.5686 (GR Springwood, 747649)	165 -85	3.4 km 1 hr 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Sassafras Gully Rd' sign, keeping the creek on the left.
20.11	Victory Trk pool -33.7129,150.549 (GR Springwood, 729670)	78 -61	880 m 24 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, keeping the creek on the right.
20.99	Victory Trk camping area -33.7083,150.544 (GR Springwood, 724675)	72 -23	630 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From the clearing, the walk crosses the creek junction.
21.62	Int. Victory Trk and Clarinda Falls -33.7038,150.5419 (GR Springwood, 722680)	1 -4	30 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Clarinda Falls. Continue straight: From the intersection, the track follows the 'Clarinda Falls' sign towards the log fallen on the rock.
21.62	Int. Victory Trk and Clarinda Falls -33.7038,150.5419 (GR Springwood, 722680)	173 -15	1.3 km 38 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Faulconbridge Station' sign up the hill.
22.94	No. 10 Sir Henrys Pde -33.6951,150.538 (GR Springwood, 718689)	16 -10	410 m 8 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads towards the power pole (if you come to a rail line, you have taken the wrong road).