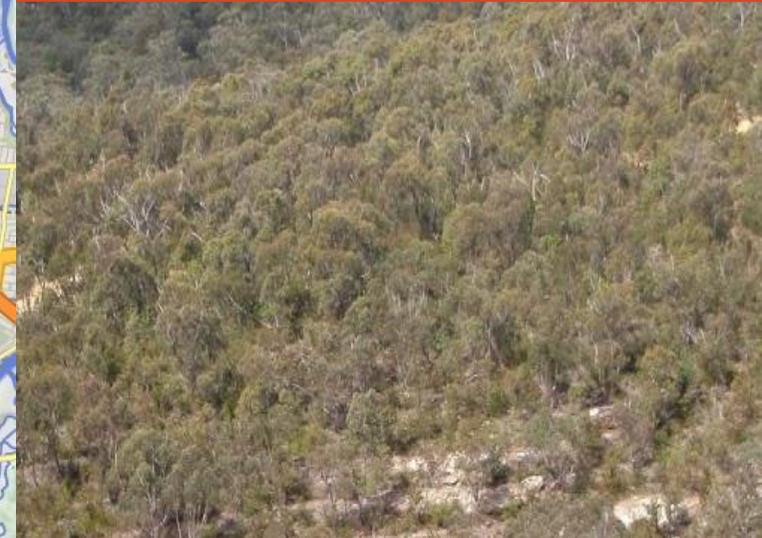
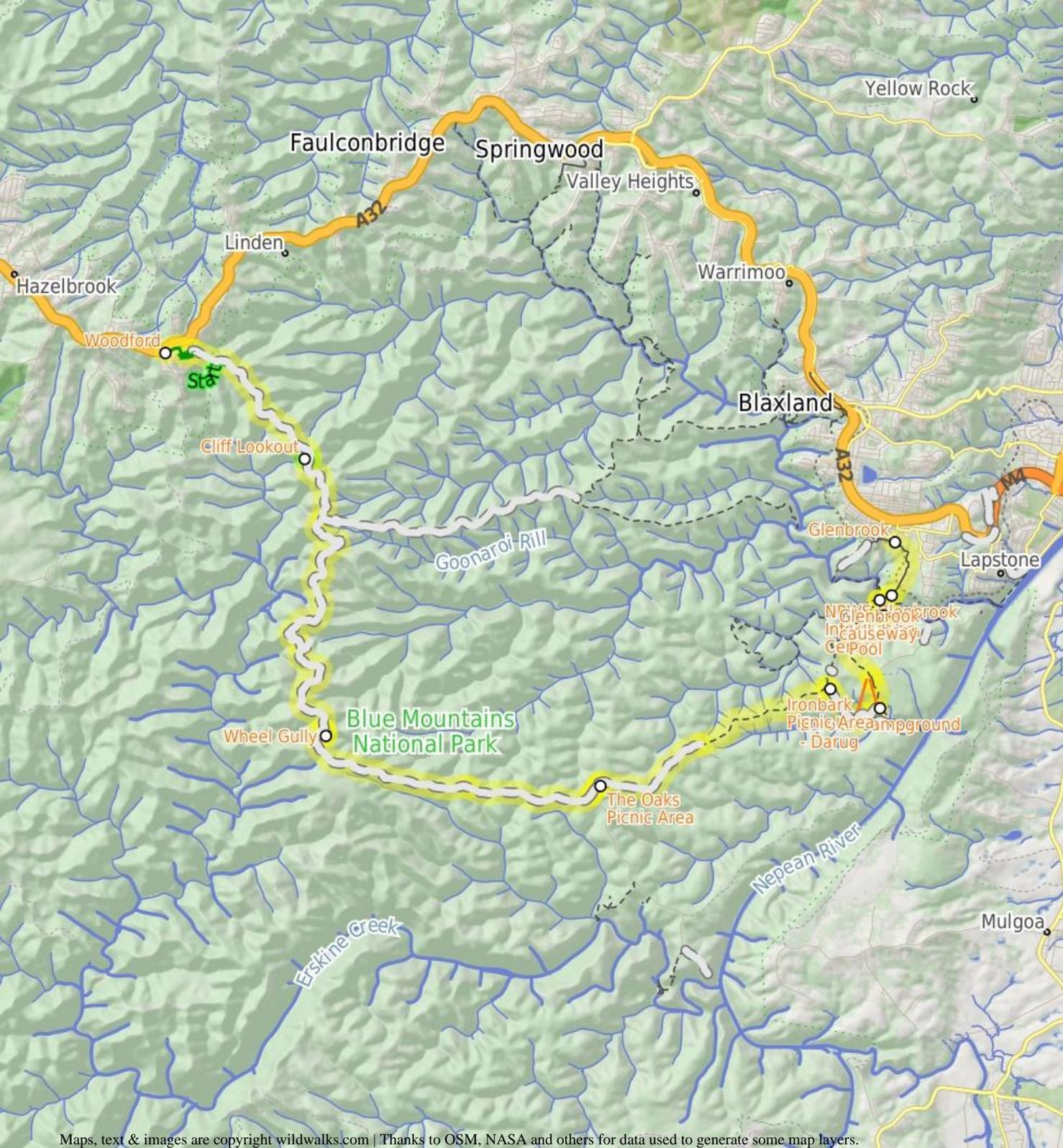


Woodford to Glenbrook



3 Days

Hard track

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29.6 km One way  **731m**

This is a leisurely three day walk which heads along the ridges from Woodford down to Glenbrook. Features of this walk include the many great views, lush bushland, and Glenbrook Creek with Jellybean Pools. A great walk with much to offer those looking for a relaxing few days of walking.

60m

Blue Mountains National Park

Woodford

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Cliff Lookout

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Wheel Gully

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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

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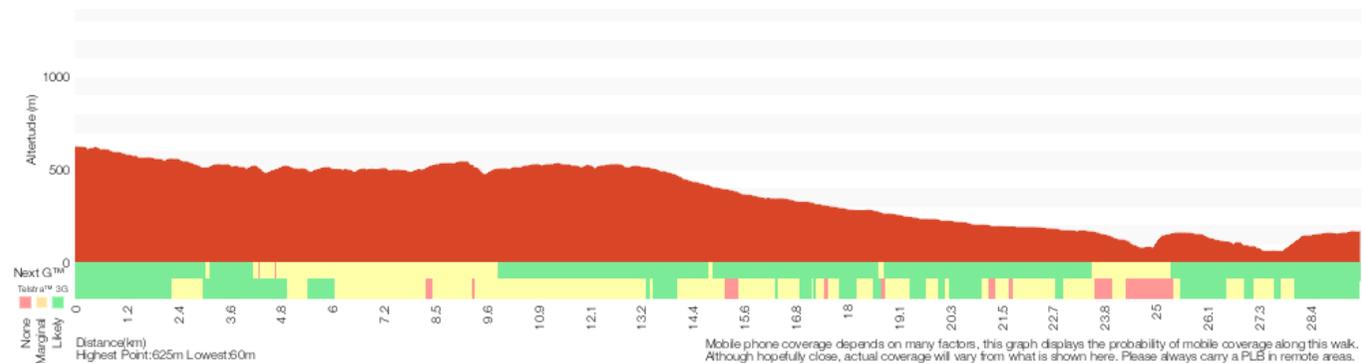
Grade

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 4/6
Hard track

Length	29.6 km One way
Time	3 Days
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
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 walk 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 Woodford Station (gps: -33.7358, 150.4823) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Glenbrook Station (gps: -33.7689, 150.6213) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/wtg>

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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.

4.21 | Cliff Lookout

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4.21 | Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk

(7.9 km 2 hrs 45 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).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads south up the hill, passing a blue marker sign soon after leaving the intersection. The track then continues up onto the ridge top, then follows the high ground for some time. The track along the ridgeline is surrounded by rocky surfaces and lower vegetation which lends views of the surrounding valleys. The track begins to descend after winding over and around the ridgeline for some time. As the track descends, it passes a rock shelf to the right of the track, which has good views over the valley. The track continues down the hill into a saddle with an intersection with a gate, to the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection in the saddle the track heads up the hill for a short time. The track climbs up onto a plateau where the track is bordered by rocky surfaces and low scrub across the ridge line. This plateau is then left as the track descends slightly as the track winds along the hillside for some time to wind right, coming quickly to the intersection.

12.09 | Int. Wheel Gully Trail and Oaks Firetrail

(100 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill, almost immediately coming to a split in the track, with both tracks heading down the hill.

12.19 | Wheel Gully

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12.19 | End of day 1

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12.19 | Int. in Wheel Gully loop

(100 m 2 mins) Turn around: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill to the intersection with the Oaks Fire Trail.

12.29 | Int. Wheel Gully Trail and Oaks Firetrail

(6 km 1 hr 59 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads in a southerly direction away from the turn in the trail. The walk soon passes a large clearing on the right and begins the slow descent that winds down the hill. The trail begins to tend left as it swings south-east, passing a few smaller clearings with demolished trees in them. This continues along the Oaks Fire Trail to a blue sign, which is marked 'Woodford 15km' on the other side.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down a slight slope. The trail drops down some steeper sections as the trail generally descends at a gentle gradient, winding slightly as it leads down to a gate and interpretative sign before an intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads east, directly away from the gate and sign to the bend in the management trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads away from both the '40' sign and the gate, heading east down the management trail. The walk soon comes to the intersection, signposted 'Red Hands Cave'.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads in an easterly direction along the management trail, tending left around to the Oaks Picnic Area on the left and the car park on the right.

18.32 | The Oaks Picnic Area

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18.32 | The Oaks Picnic Area

(70 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the picnic area, the walk heads past the water tank, then towards the green-roofed toilet in the bush. The track passes the toilet (on the right) before coming to the fire trail.

18.39 | Int. Oaks Picnic Area Trk and Oaks single Trk

(2.3 km 38 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Glenbrook' sign down the trail. The trail narrows quickly and winds east for some time, through the thick green heath and burnt trees. The track splits at one point and connects again a few metres on, before continuing to the signposted intersection where the track opens up in a clearing.

20.65 | 5km to Glenbrook Sign

(2.7 km 46 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the clear track to the east, passing the blue 'Shared use' sign. The track meanders through the bush for some time before passing a few short tracks on the right. This walk stays on the main cycleway until passing between two white gum trees and coming to an intersection with the Ironbark access track on the right, marked with another blue 'shared use' sign.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the narrower track east towards the road. The track opens up at the car park, and the walk crosses the road to the Ironbark picnic area.

23.38 | Ironbark Picnic Area

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23.38 | The Ironbark Picnic Area

(1.6 km 30 mins) Continue straight: From the Ironbark Picnic Area, this walk follows the management trail south east by first stepping over the locked gate (pole). The wide trail then gently leads downhill. As the hill steepens a bit, the track becomes narrower. As the track approaches Euroka, there are a few sharp bends and the walk leads to the top of Nioka. The campsite comes into view, and the walk continues down the clear track, now with the camp ground on the right. The track then passes a toilet and continues down around the locked gate to the dirt road intersection just below Nioka campsite.

Veer left: From the dirt road just below the signposted 'Nioka' campsite, this walk follows the main road, initially keeping the campsite to the left. The walk heads across a small, bridged creek crossing and up to the intersection. At the intersection, there are some information signs about the area (on the right).

Continue straight: From the signposts, the walk follows the 'Daruk' arrow along the flat dirt road, keeping the hill up to the left. After passing the garbage bins, the trail crosses a small creek and comes to an intersection with a bush track on the left, just before the signposted 'Darug' campsite.

24.93 | Euroka Campground - Darug

The Darug (sometimes labeled Daruk) campsite is found the Euroka Clearing, in the Glenbrook region of the Blue Mountains National Park. There are about 20 camping spaces to choose from in this area. Tap water is available at the park entrance. The campsite has a wheelchair-accessible toilet (access over grassy terrain) and a few metal fireplaces. The campsite is surrounded by large gum trees and is right at the base of a steep hill to the north.

24.93 | End of day 2

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.

24.93 | Top of Darug campsite car park

(2.3 km 51 mins) Turn left: From between the small creek crossing and the 'Darug' campsite, the walk follows the bush track up the hill, initially keeping Darug to the right. There are two tracks at time of writing, nearly parallel and heading to the same place. The track becomes steep and works its way up the steep rocky hill. At the top of this climb, the walk follows the track to the right and then the clear track meanders through the scrub. The track soon comes to an intersection with the signposted 'Portal waterhole' track (which heads off to the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north, following neither of the arrows on the sign. The track soon comes to Mount Portal Trail, just next to the intersection with Euroka Road.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'The Causeway' sign, along the bush track. The track tends right into the low grassy bush. As the track continues down the hill, the grass gives way to wattle bush covering the gully. The track leads down many stairs then crosses a creek or two before winding along the hillside. The track then continues down into the gully to pass a fading track, on the left, then winds through to a hairpin corner on the road, marked by a 'Euroka Track' sign (pointing back the way you came).

27.24 | Int. Euroka Trk and The Oaks Fire Trail

(230 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads down the steep road to the causeway.

Veer right: From the southern side of the causeway, the walk heads across the causeway to the road, next to the fenced, paved area. The causeway may be impassable after rain.

27.48 | Glenbrook causeway

Glenbrook causeway is the only way for vehicles to cross Glenbrook Creek. It is a concrete road, with a raised gutter for pedestrians to cross the creek. The causeway is subject to flooding. Glenbrook causeway is a crossing point for many of the popular walks throughout the Glenbrook Valley area.

27.48 | Eastern side of Causeway

(320 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the causeway, the walk heads through the blocked-off paved area, keeping the water on the right. The walk heads alongside the creek (the track is not very clear at this point) but winds around and over the large rocks beside the main creek (This creek does become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain). The soon the creek widens and turns into a large pool, where the track leads around the rocky outcrop to a metal staircase, above Jellybean Pool.

27.79 | Jellybean Pool

Jellybean Pool is a large pool in Glenbrook Creek, just south of the weir. The pool has a few sandy beaches, rock platforms and is surrounded by cliffs. Jumping and diving is not a good idea, and is not permitted. This is a popular spot for locals to swim. Swimming can be dangerous - the creek is especially dangerous after rain. Check with rangers before heading in.

27.79 | Jelly Bean Pool

(500 m 13 mins) Turn left: From the bottom of the metal stairs, the walk heads up the stairs away from Jellybean Pool. The track heads under the rocks then turns left up to a set of bins, at the bottom of the car park.

Continue straight: From the bins, the walk heads up to the top of the car park to the sealed road. The walk soon turns right, up the stairs and into the bush. The walk heads up many stairs, crossing the road twice along the way. The track winds around a rocky outcrop and enters a small grassed area with bench seats. The walk continues past these seats to the bottom of the car park, at the front of the Glenbrook Information Centre.

28.29 | NPWS Glenbrook Information Centre

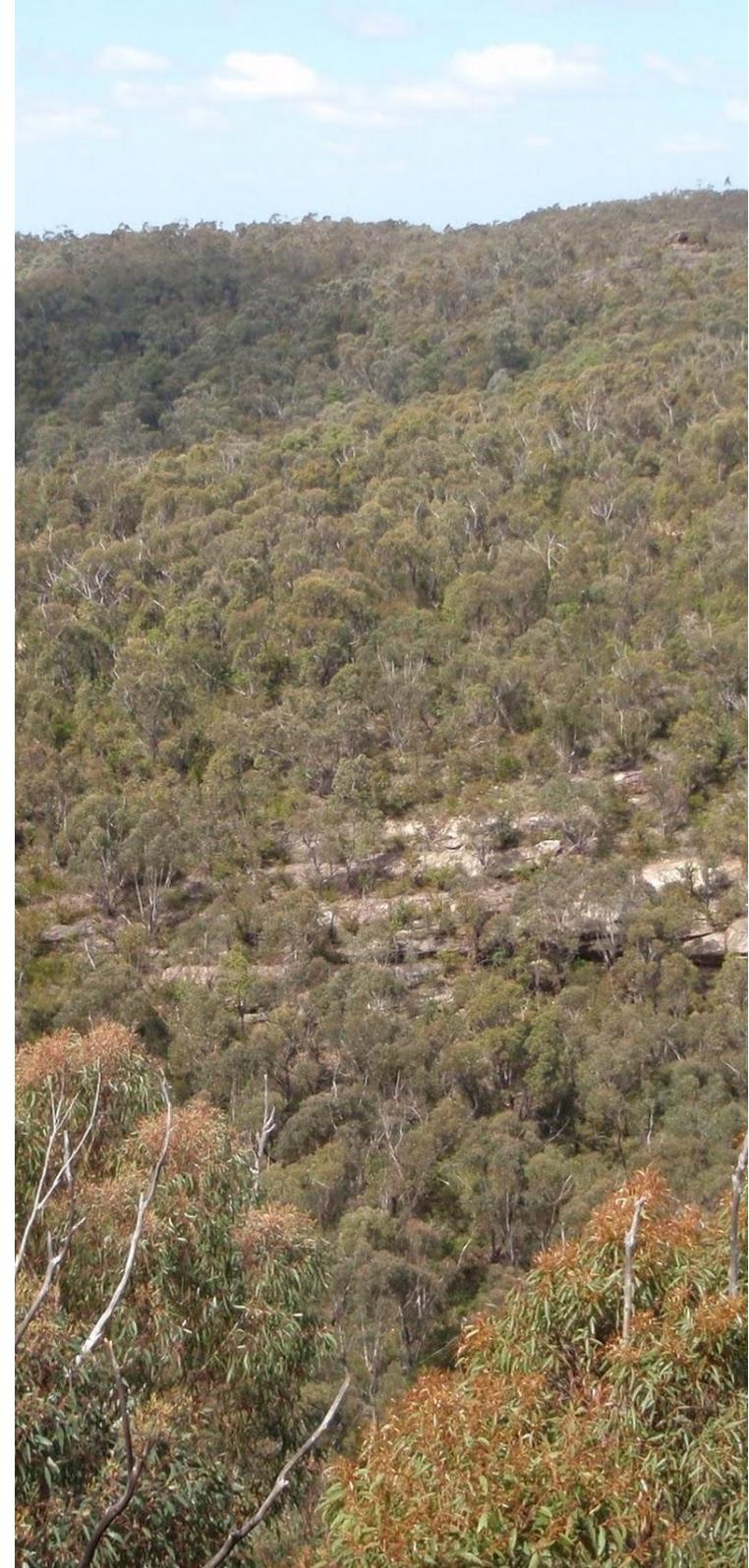
The NPWS information centre and car park are found just before the 'toll both' on Bruce Road. You will find tap water, toilets, garbage bins and information signs about the region. A great spot to chat to staff and get updates on the conditions in the park.

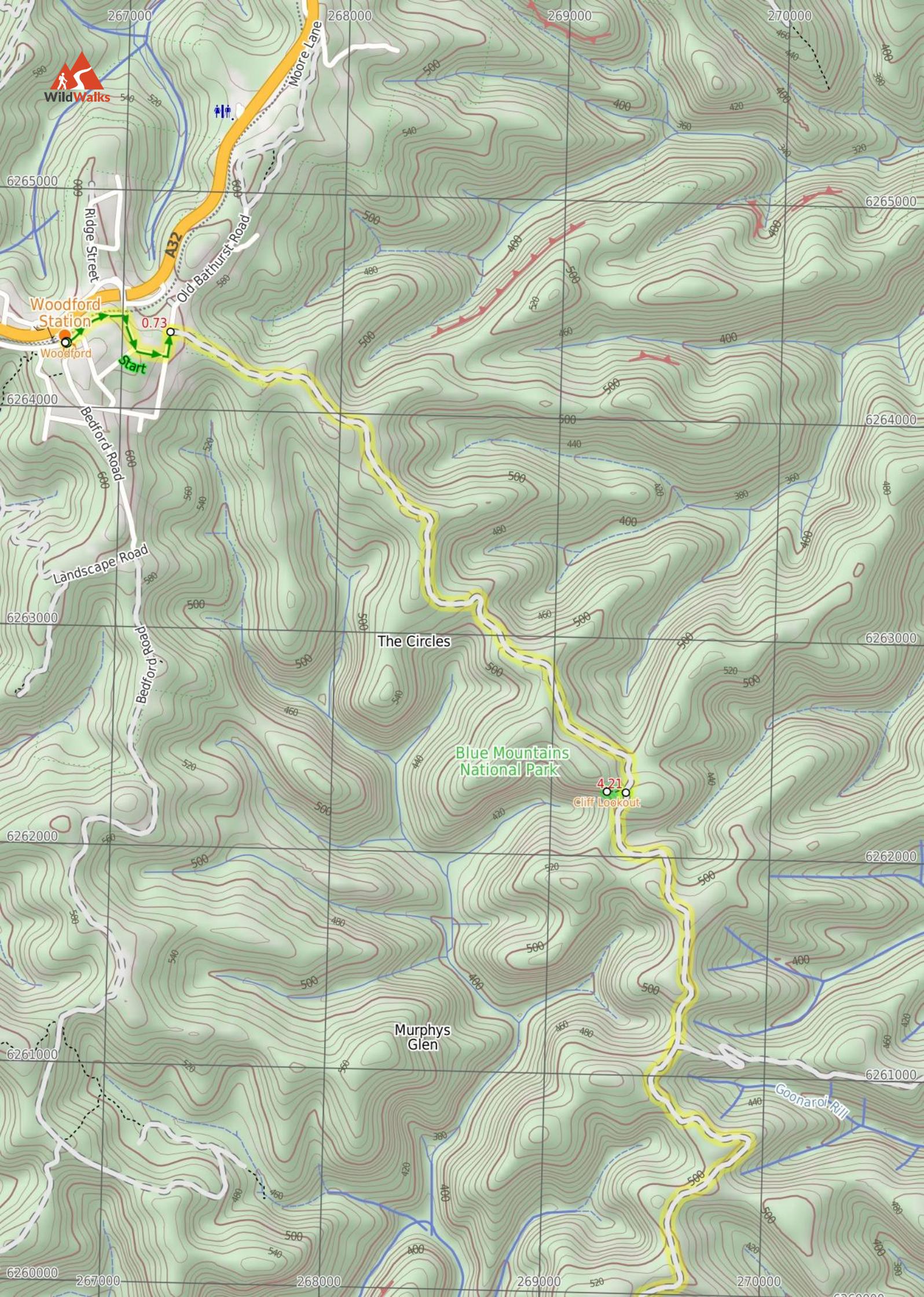
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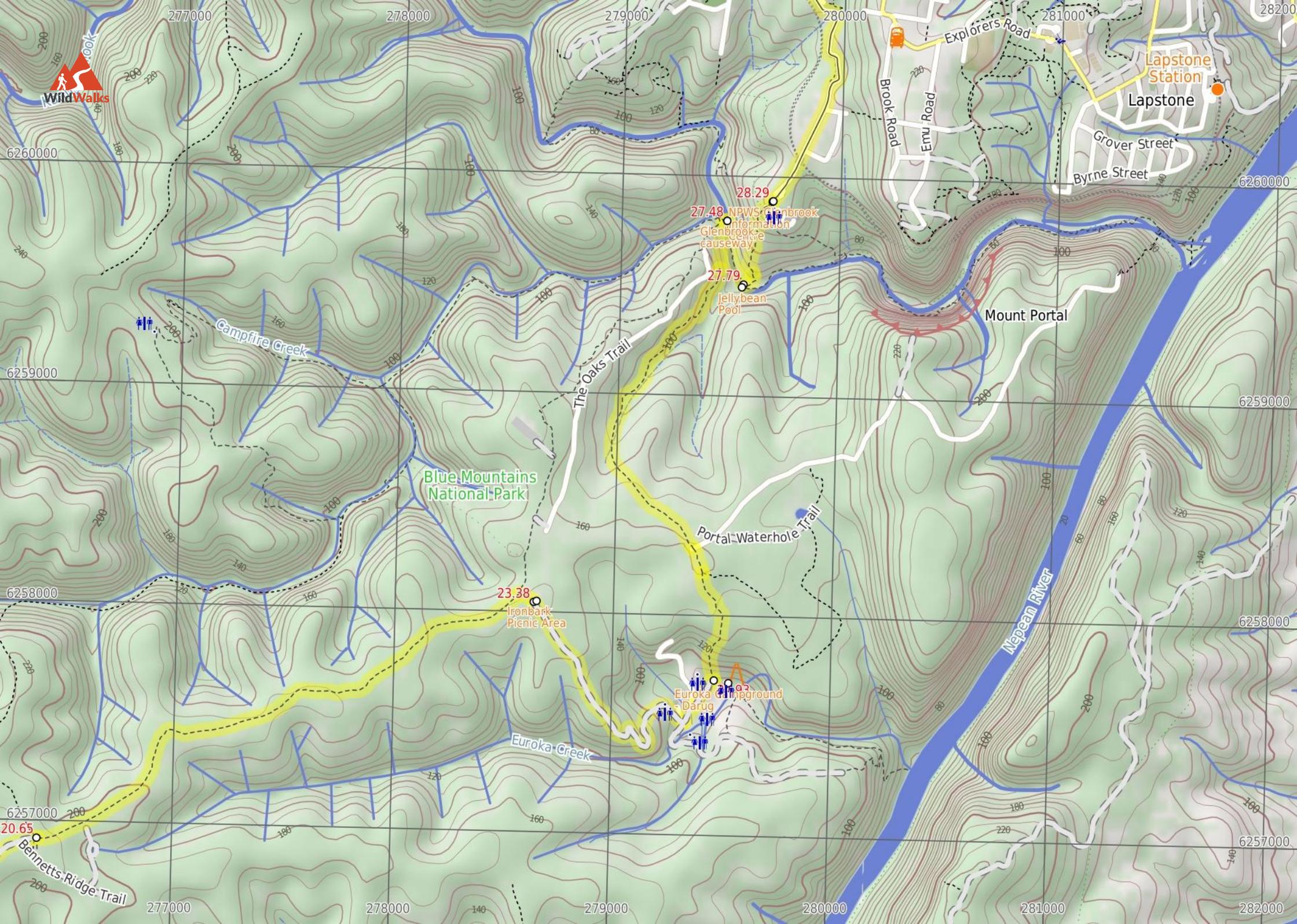
(1.3 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, the walk joins the road and heads up the hill. The walk continues along the road, Bruce Rd, over a bridge and winds for some time. The walk follows the footpath on the left of the road, continuing as Bruce Rd becomes Burfitt Pde. The walk passes Euroka Rd on the right and soon comes to Glenbrook Station on the left.

29.58 | Glenbrook

Glenbrook is situated on the Great Western Highway and is a tourist hub for the lower Blue Mountains, with the Blue Mountains Visitor Information Centre located here. Glenbrook has quite a bustling little town centre with a number of cafes, bakeries and shops to explore. Prior to 1879, Glenbrook had changed its name numerous times, known at various times as Watertank, Wascoe Siding and Brookdale before being given its current name by Sir John Jamieson. Glenbrook is a gateway into the Blue Mountains National Park and is also the end point of the Woodford-Glenbrook mountain bike trail, along the Oaks Fire Trail. [More info.](#)







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The Oaks Trail

Portal Waterhole Trail

Euroka Creek

Mepean River

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Brook Road

Emu Road

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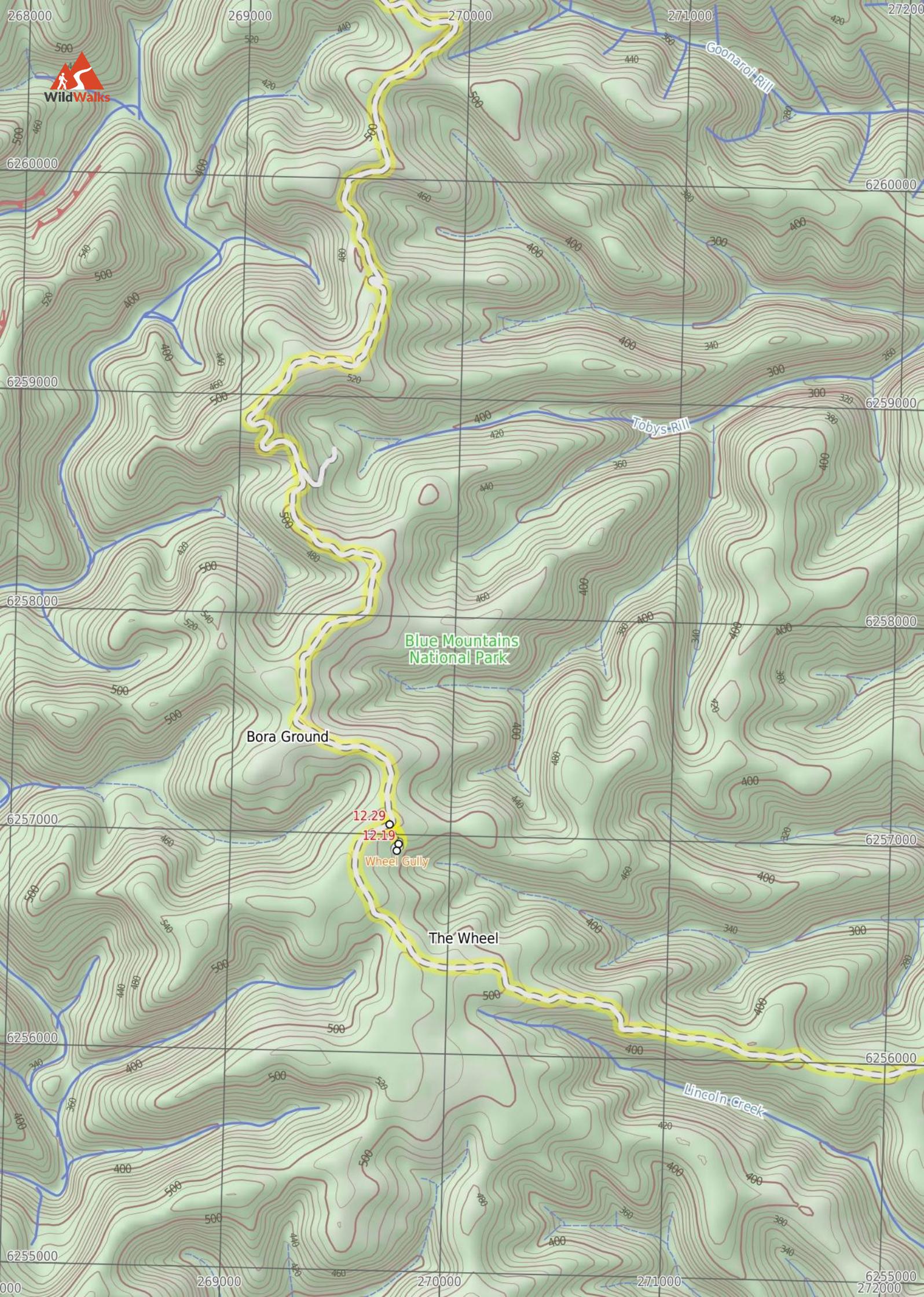
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Blue Mountains National Park

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Lincoln Creek

Summary navigation sheet for the Woodford to Glenbrook



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)	318 -316	7.9 km 2 hrs 45 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill in a southerly direction and tends right.
12.09	Int. Wheel Gully Trail and Oaks Firetrail -33.8017,150.5125 (GR Penrith, 697570)	0 -16	100 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill, almost immediately coming to a split in the track, with both tracks heading down the hill.
12.19	End of day 1 -33.8025,150.5129 (GR Penrith, 698570)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
12.19	Int. in Wheel Gully loop -33.8025,150.5129 (GR Penrith, 698570)	16 0	100 m 2 mins	Turn around: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill to the intersection with the Oaks Fire Trail.
12.29	Int. Wheel Gully Trail and Oaks Firetrail -33.8017,150.5125 (GR Penrith, 697570)	26 -270	6 km 1 hr 59 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads in a southerly direction away from the turn in the trail.
18.32	The Oaks Picnic Area -33.8116,150.5652 (GR Penrith, 746561)	2 0	70 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the picnic area, the walk heads past the water tank, then towards the green-roofed toilet in the bush.
18.39	Int. Oaks Picnic Area Trk and Oaks single Trk -33.8111,150.5649 (GR Penrith, 746561)	5 -72	2.3 km 38 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Glenbrook' sign down the trail.
20.65	5km to Glenbrook Sign -33.8043,150.5843 (GR Penrith, 764569)	8 -52	2.7 km 46 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the clear track to the east, passing the blue 'Shared use' sign.
23.38	The Ironbark Picnic Area -33.7946,150.6089 (GR Penrith, 786580)	8 -98	1.6 km 30 mins	Continue straight: From the Ironbark Picnic Area, this walk follows the management trail south east by first stepping over the locked gate (pole).
24.93	End of day 2 -33.7979,150.6178 (GR Penrith, 795577)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.
24.93	Top of Darug campsite car park -33.7979,150.6178 (GR Penrith, 795577)	111 -103	2.3 km 51 mins	Turn left: From between the small creek crossing and the 'Darug' campsite, the walk follows the bush track up the hill, initially keeping Darug to the right.
27.24	Int. Euroka Trk and The Oaks Fire Trail -33.781,150.6181 (GR Penrith, 795596)	0 -28	230 m 5 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads down the steep road to the causeway.
27.48	Eastern side of Causeway -33.779,150.6185 (GR Penrith, 795598)	5 -6	320 m 6 mins	Turn right: From the causeway, the walk heads through the blocked-off paved area, keeping the water on the right.
27.79	Jelly Bean Pool -33.7816,150.6193 (GR Penrith, 796595)	88 -3	500 m 13 mins	Turn left: From the bottom of the metal stairs, the walk heads up the stairs away from Jellybean Pool.
28.29	Glenbrook Information Centre car park -33.7782,150.6207 (GR Penrith, 797599)	35 -13	1.3 km 23 mins	Continue straight: From the car park, the walk joins the road and heads up the hill.