

Rocket Point Lookout Track (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)





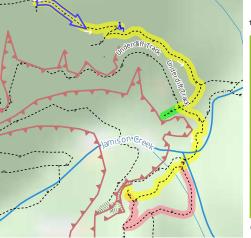






From Wentworth Falls Lookout, this walk goes down to the top of the falls and then onto Rocket Point Lookout. The walk provides many different perspectives of the spectacular falls from the many viewing points along the way. The alternate route adds a nice loop, before returning along the same track. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.





Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)

Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Falls Road then drive for 1.7 km
- · Keep right and drive for another 620 m



Before you start any journey ensure you;

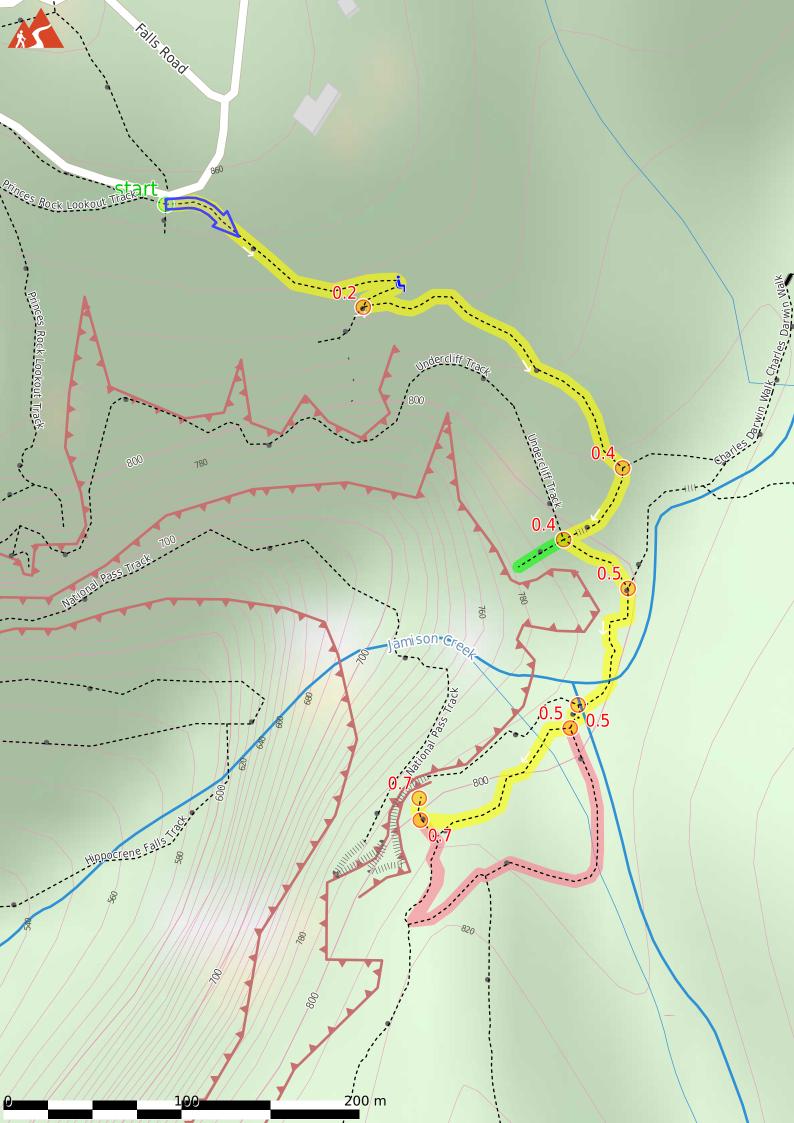
- · Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely

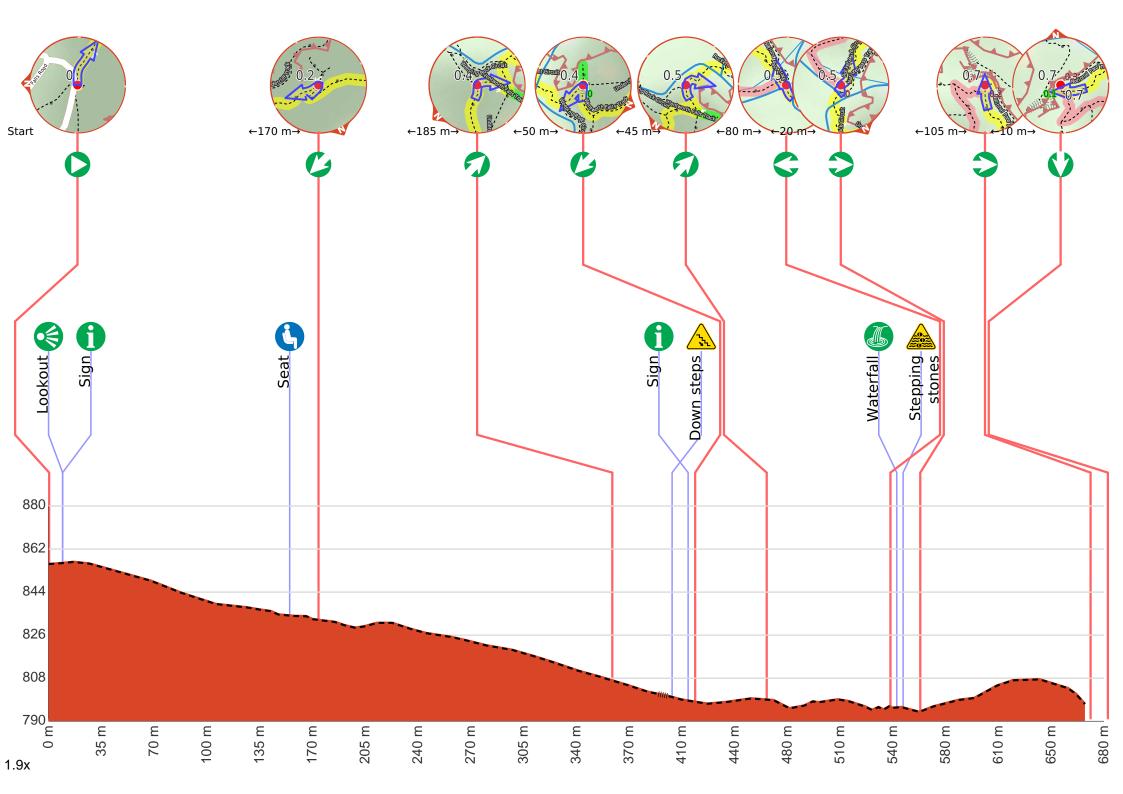
Weather

- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- · Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.







Getting started: From Wentworth Falls Lookout, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls Track' - 'To The Falls' sign down the hill (with the view to the right). The walk heads down the log steps, passing several information signs. The track soon heads through a sharp right-hand bend, then comes to an intersection (with a track closed at the time of writing) at the sharp left bend. There is a sign here, pointing back up to 'Wentworth Falls picnic area'. From the intersection, this walk heads downhill following the 'Wentworth Falls -National Pass' sign. The walk gradually descends the well-maintained log stairs, passing some views of the valley on the right. Soon the track comes to an intersection with another sign, pointing back up to 'Wentworth Falls Picnic Area'. From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' sign down the track. The track soon steepens, heading down the steps and then coming to a four-way intersection, opposite a short track to 'Fletchers Lookout'.





Find the Wentworth Falls Lookout at the start.



Wentworth Falls Lookout, in the Blue Mountains National Park, is beside Sir H Burrell Drive. The lookout is fenced and has a large information sign about the area. There are some bench seats and great vistas. There is a view to Wentworth Falls (in the valley to the left), but the most captivating view is across the Jamison Valley to Mount Solitary. There are also great views of the Kings Tableland (left), Sublime Point (right) and Narrow Neck (far right) escarpments. This is a great place to enjoy the scope of this World Heritage listed area. Find the sign at the start.





After 145 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 20 m turn sharp left.



After another 185 m veer right.



After another 50 m pass the "Charles Darwin passed this way 1836" (25 m on your left).



Then head down the steps (about 7 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Fletchers I ookout.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.



After another 30 m come to "Fletchers Lookout".



Fletchers Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout off the side of the Undercliff Walk, just north of the Wentworth Falls. The lookout provides a fairly close view of the top of Wentworth Falls and a great view into the Jamison Valley. There is a good distant view of Mount Solitary and Narrow Neck, and also great views of the surrounding escarpments.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 410 m waypoint.



After another 8 m turn sharp left.



After another 45 m veer right.



After another 80 m find the "Queen's Cascades" (5 m on your left).



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.



Then cross the stepping stones.



Turn left.

Start of an alternate route: An alternative route linking Rocket Point Circuit Intersection to The archway intersection.

To take the alternate route veer left here. **Start**.

After 15 m find the "Grand Stairway" (9 m on your left).



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 Ã,£430 . Today, the Grand Stairway is well-maintained and provides walkers access to the valley below Wentworth Falls.



After another 125 m veer right.



After another 50 m turn sharp right.



After another 60 m come to the end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 660 m waypoint.



After another 20 m turn right.



The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 660 m waypoint.



After another 105 m turn right.



(Rocket Point Lookout) Continue another 10 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 670 m to get back to the start.



"Rocket Point Lookout".



Rocket Point Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout, high on the cliff south-west of Wentworth Falls, in the Blue Mountains National Park. The lookout provides a good view down Wentworth Falls and into the valley. There is also a great view of the Sublime Point escarpment. The lookout itself has an interesting sandstone wall and is just down from a natural rock arch.



"Rocket Point Lookout".



About 100 m past the end is "Lower Wentworth Falls".