

Blue Mountains Bushwalking Guide

GLENBROOK - BLAXLAND - WARIMOO

1. Glenbrook Crossing / Red Hands Cave — 8km circuit. 240 minutes, easy walk.

Rainforest / ferns, birdlife, follows a creek, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Aboriginal art site. After Information Centre on G.W. Highway turn first left into Ross Road, left into Burfitt Parade and follow road around into Bruce Road. Walk starts at NPWS Visitors Centre at end of Bruce Road.

2. Jellybean Pool — 2km return, 60 minutes, easy walk.

Ideal Summer swimming hole, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Walk starts at NPWS Visitors Centre in Bruce Road (see directions above).

3. Euroka Creek — 2.5km return, 60 minutes, easy walk.

Views, birdlife, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Euroka Clearing in National Park, access from NPWS Visitors Centre in Bruce Road (see directions above).

4. Jack Evans Track (Erskine Creek) — 2.5km return, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Blue Gums, sandy beaches, rockpools. Start at carpark on Nepean Lookout Road in National Park, access from NPWS Visitor Centre in Bruce Road (see directions above).

5. Florabella Pass — 3km one-way. 150 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns suitable in mist. Start at Ross Crescent, Blaxland.

SPRINGWOOD

6. Wiggins Track, Sassafras, Glenbrook, Magdala Creek — 10km circuit, 300 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Start Sassafras Reserve. To reach this (heading west) go to Springwood's main street called Macquarie Road. Turn left into Raymond Road, right into Springwood Avenue. The Reserve is signposted on your left.

SPRINGWOOD - FAULCONBRIDGE

7. Springwood Sassafras Gully, Victory Track — 8km circuit, 240 minutes, easy walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, Eucalypts, abundant wildflowers, suitable in mist. Start at Sassafras Reserve (see directions above).

LAWSON

8. Dantes Glen, Empire Pass — 3km circuit 150 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, fern-lined pools, waterfalls (including Saint Michael's Falls & Fairy Falls), lush vegetation, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at camping area at the end of Park Road. To find it from G.W. Hwy (heading west), turn right over railway bridge just before town, then first left into Loftus Street, second right into Saint Bernards Drive to North Lawson Park.

9. South Lawson Waterfalls — 4km circuit, 150 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Start at South Lawson Park. To find the Park from G.W. Highway (heading west), turn left just as you enter the town, into Honour Avenue and drive to the end. Signs to Park and Adelina, Junction, Cataract, Federal & Leslie Falls.

WENTWORTH FALLS

10. Rocket Point — 2km return, 120 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. Start Wentworth Falls Picnic Area. To find from G.W. Highway (heading west), turn left into Falls Road at second set of lights after Grand View Hotel.

11. Princes Rock, Undercliff Walk — 2km circuit, 120 minutes, medium walk.

Outstanding views of Wentworth Falls and the Jamison Valley, birdlife, rainforest, fern-lined rock overhangs, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. Start end of Falls Road (see directions above).

12. Den Fenella — 2km return, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start end of Falls Road (see directions above).

13. Overcliff, Undercliff, National Pass, Valley of the Waters — 6km circuit, 300 minutes, hard walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, scenic lookouts, variety of plant and animal communities, picnic and toilet facilities. Start end of Falls Road (see directions above).

14. Valley of the Waters Nature Track — 4km circuit, 180 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. From G.W. Highway (heading west), turn left at second lights after Grand View Hotel, into Falls Road. Then third right into Fletcher Street. Drive to end of street where all walks into the 'Valley of the Waters' begin.

15. Valley of the Waters, Wentworth Pass, National Pass — 6km circuit, 300 minutes, hard walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start end of Fletcher Street (see directions above).

LEURA

16. Lyrebird Dell, Pool of Siloam — 2km circuit, 120 minutes, medium walk.

Views, birdlife, varied plant life, rainforest / ferns, small waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. From G.W. Highway (heading west), take the Leura exit and turn left into Leura Mall. Drive through village to roundabout and continue straight across, then follow Leura Mall to the very end. Turn left into Olympian Parade and continue to end of road where walk begins at Gordon Falls Reserve.

17. Gordon Falls To Leura Falls — 2km one-way, 60 minutes, easy walk.

Superb views over Gordon Falls and Jamison Valley, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic & toilet facilities. Start at Gordon Falls Reserve (see directions above).

18. Leura Cascades, Leura Forest — 3km return, 150 minutes, hard walk.

Views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, magnificent tall Eucalypts, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Leura Falls Picnic Area. From G.W. Highway (heading west), take the Leura exit and turn left into Leura Mall. Drive through village to roundabout and continue straight across, almost to the end of Leura Mall. Turn right into Cliff Drive. Follow winding road for 2km then left into Picnic Area and Leura Cascades.

KATOOMBA

19. Three Sisters Walk — 1km return, 30 minutes, easy walk.

Suitable for wheelchairs. Spectacular views, birdlife, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point. Turn left off G.W. Highway (heading west), at Katoomba and follow signs to Echo Point & Three Sisters.

20. Prince Henry Cliff Walk, Katoomba Falls — 2km one way, 60 minutes, easy walk.

Panoramic views of the Jamison Valley and the Three Sisters, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point (see directions above).

21. Giant Stairway, Federal Pass, Scenic Railway — 5km circuit, 150 minutes, medium walk.

Fabulous views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point (see directions above).

22. Echo Point, Prince Henry Cliff Walk, Gordon Falls — 5km one way, 150 minutes, mostly level.

Panoramic views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point (see directions above).

23. Giant Stairway, Dardenelles Pass, Prince Henry Cliff Walk — 5km circuit, 240 minutes, hard walk.

Superb views, birdlife, waterfalls rainforest / ferns, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point (see directions above).

24. Rainforest Walk, Furber Steps, Scenic Railway — 2km circuit, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Beautiful views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point (see directions above).

25. Scenic Railway, Ruined Castle — 12km return, 420 minutes, medium walk.

Fabulous views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Follows route used by shale and coal miners more than 100 years ago. Start at Scenic Railway. Turn left off G.W. Highway (heading west), into Katoomba and take the first exit from the roundabout into Main Street. At the next roundabout, take the second exit into Katoomba Street. Follow right through the town for 1.5km, then right into Cliff Drive. Follow signs to Scenic Railway.

26. Furber Steps, Ruined Castle, Golden Stairs — 14km return, 480 minutes, hard walk.

Magnificent views birdlife rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Scenic Railway (see directions above).

27. Round Walk — 1km circuit, 60 minutes, medium walk.

Superb views, birdlife, stroll through lush rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Cliff Drive near Katoomba Falls Kiosk opposite Caravan Park (same directions as Scenic Railway).

28. Boars Head Rock, Cahills Lookout — 0.5km return, 30 minutes, easy walk.

Fabulous views, picnic facilities. Follow directions (as above) to Scenic Railway and continue along Cliff Drive to signs.

29. Six Foot Track, Katoomba To Jenolan Caves — 42km one way, up to 3 days, some hard sections.

The historic Six Foot Track offers delightful easy bushwalking in sections across the floor of the magnificent Megalong Valley. The walk begins at the top of Nellie's Glen close to the famous 'Explorers Marked Tree' 2.5km west of Katoomba on the G.W. Highway. The easiest sections can be started in the Megalong Valley, not far from the Cox's River.

30. Golden Stairs, Ruined Castle — 8km return, 300 minutes, hard walk.

Great views of distant mountains, bird life, rainforest / ferns, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Start at Narrow Neck off Cliff Drive. Follow directions above to Scenic Railway and then follow Cliff Drive to Narrow Neck turn-off.

BLACKHEATH

31. Fairfax Heritage Track — 2km one way, 60 minutes, easy walk.

Superb views, birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. This track has wonderful interpretive markers, and was constructed specially for people in wheelchairs. To reach, turn right off G.W. Highway (heading west), into Govetts Leap Road at Blackheath traffic lights. Follow this road for 2.5km to roundabout and park at NPWS Heritage Centre where walk begins and ends.

32. Govetts Leap, Evans Lookout — 3km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Wonderful views of the basalt tops (remnants of old volcanoes) of Mount Banks, Mount Tomah and Mount Hay across the valley. Walk close to hanging swamps. Birdlife, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities. This cliff-top track starts at Govetts Leap. Follow directions above to Govetts Leap Road and continue to very end.

33. Govetts Leap, Pulpit Rock — 2.5km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Lovely view of Horseshoe Falls, great bird watching in late afternoons, lush rainforest / ferns, picnic and toilet facilities. This cliff top track starts at Govetts Leap (see directions above).

34. Neates Glen, Grand Canyon — 5km circuit, 240 minutes, medium walk.

Wonderful views, birdlife including Lyrebirds, a cool refreshing walk, rainforest / ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start behind shelter shed at Evans Lookout. Turn right off G W Highway (heading west), into Evans Lookout Road. This turn-off is 2km before Blackheath and immediately after Water Board bushland on your right. Follow road to lookout at end.

35. Evans Lookout To Beauchamp Falls — 1.5km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk.

Cool and delightful walk, fabulous views, birdlife, waterfalls, rainforest / ferns, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Evans Lookout shelter shed (see directions above).

MOUNT VICTORIA

36. Victoria Falls Lookout, Burra Korain Flat — 6km return, 360 minutes, hard walk.

Open forest, cascades and superb view of falls tumbling over rock shelf, birdlife, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Starts at Victoria Falls lookout. From G.W. Highway (heading west) look for small dirt track.

37. Berghofers Pass — 3.2 km return, 60 minutes, easy walk.

One of the most pleasant and easiest bushwalks in the Blue Mountains with lovely views. This walk follows an early road down the Mountains to the western plains. Look for the drover's dog trough hewn from sandstone and marvel at the convict-built rampart supporting the G.W. Highway above you. About 1.5km after Mt Victoria Village (on G.W.H. heading west), turn right into Mount York Road and follow for several kilometres. Signs indicate this walk on your left and the start of other walks directly opposite.

38. Lawson's Long Alley & Lockyer's Loop — 11km, 240 minutes, medium walk.

This delightful walk takes you along two historic Mountain roads used originally to descend to the western plains. Lawson's Track Head is opposite the start of Berghofers Pass (see directions above) and descends into the beautiful Hartley Vale where it links up with Lockyers Track Head. Views, bird life, picnic and toilet facilities.

39. Cox's Road, Mount York Road & Lockyers Road 1 — 12km, 300 minutes, medium to hard.

Beautiful views, birdlife. The most historic walk of all. Follow the last portion of the original road across the mountains. The road plummets down the western escarpment. See convict steps and markings - specially 100 metres from top at Mount York where part of a huge rock was chiselled away to allow Governor Macquarie's Coach to pass. Walk begins opposite start of Berghofers Pass (see directions above).

BELLS LINE of ROAD

40. Walls Lookout Track — 25km return, 120 minutes, easy walk, Bells Line of Road.

Bird life, picnic facilities. Stroll through low vegetation and wildflowers for magnificent views of the Grose Valley. Start at picnic area at Pierces Pass. Turn right at Mount Victoria and travel along the Darling Causeway to Bell. Turn right into Bells Line of Road. The Pierces Pass picnic area is on the right, about 10km east of Bell.

41. Pierces Pass To Blue Gum Forest — 6km one way, 240 minutes, hard walk Bells Line of Road.

Whilst hard, this is still the easiest way into the magnificent Grose Valley. Start from Pierces Pass (see directions above).