

Favourite Bushwalks of the Blue Mountains

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The Blue Mountains has long been renowned as one of the finest bushwalking areas of the world with the beauty of the Mountains' tracks almost defying description.

Cascading waterfalls, breath-taking panoramas, fern-filled gullies, rainforests, an abundance of birdlife and magnificent flowers await discovery at every turn of the track.

Each year nature enthusiasts from throughout the world take a walk on our wild side and absorb the invigorating mountain air and the majestic views. Please discover all this for yourself.

The Blue Mountains National Park includes more than 240,000 hectares of dissected sandstone plateau, forested river valleys and deep gorges.

The Park adjoins Wollemi National Park to the north and Kanangra Boyd National Park to the south west, making it one of the largest natural areas in NSW.

It is administered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service which has its Blue Mountains' head office at the NPWS Heritage Centre, Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath (02) 4787 8877.

- 1 **GLENBROOK CROSSING/ RED HANDS CAVE** (Map E46)
8km circuit, 240 minutes, easy walk, Glenbrook.
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 Rd, Left into Burfitt Pde and follow road around into Bruce Rd. Walk starts at NPWS Visitors Centre at end of Bruce Rd.
- 2 **JELLYBEAN POOL** (Map E46)
2km return, 60 minutes, easy walk, Glenbrook.
ideal Summer swimming hole, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities.
Walk starts at NPWS Visitors Centre in Bruce Rd (see directions above)
- 3 **EUROKA CREEK** (Map E46)
2.5km return, 60 minutes, easy walk, Glenbrook.
Views, birdlife, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities.
Start at Euroka Clearing in National Park, access from NPWS Visitors Centre in Bruce Rd (See directions above).
- 4 **JACK EVANS TRACK (ERSKINE CREEK)** (Map E46)
2.5km return, 90 minutes, medium walk, Glenbrook.
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 Rd (see directions above).
- 5 **FLORABELLA PASS** (Map F45)
3km one-way, 150 minutes, medium walk, Blaxland to Warrimoo .
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns suitable in mist.
Start at Ross Crescent, Blaxland.

- 6 **WIGGINS TRACK, SASSAFRAS, GLENBROOK, MAGDALA CREEK** (Map F41)
10km circuit, 300 minutes, medium walk, Springwood .
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic facilities. Start Sassafra Reserve .
To reach this (heading west) go to Springwood's main street called Macquarie Rd. Turn left into Raymond Rd, right into Springwood Ave. The Reserve is signposted on your left.
- 7 **SPRINGWOOD SASSAFRAS GULLY, VICTORY TRACK** (Map F41)
8km circuit, 240 minutes, easy walk, Springwood/Faulconbridge
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, Eucalypts, abundant wildflowers, suitable in mist
Start at Sassafra Reserve (see directions above).
- 8 **DANTES GLEN, EMPIRE PASS** (Map G34)
3km circuit, 150 minutes, medium walk, Lawson.
Views, birdlife, fern-lined pools, waterfalls (inc St Michael's Falls & Fairy Falls), lush vegetation, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet

facilities. Start camping area at the end of Park Rd.
To find from G.W. Hwy (heading west) turn right over railway bridge just before town, then first left into Loftus St. Second right into St Bernards Dve to North Lawson Park.

- 9 **SOUTH LAWSON WATERFALLS** (Map H37)
4km circuit, 150 minutes, medium walk, Lawson.
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 Ave and drive to the end. Signs to Park and Adelina, Junction, Cataract, Federal & Leslie Falls.
- 10 **ROCKET POINT** (Map K33)
2km return, 120 minutes, medium walk, Wentworth Falls
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 Rd at second set of lights after

Grand View Hotel.

- 11 **PRINCES ROCK, UNDERCLIFF WALK** (Map K33)
2km circuit, 120 minutes, medium walk, Wentworth Falls
Outstanding views of Wentworth Falls and the Jamison Valley, birdlife, rainforest, fern-lined rock overhangs, waterfalls, picnic and toilet facilities.
Start end of Falls Rd (see directions above).
- 12 **DEN FENELLA** (Map K33)
2km return, 90 minutes, medium walk, Wentworth Falls
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities.
Start end of Falls Rd (see directions above).
- 13 **OVERCLIFF, UNDERCLIFF, NATIONAL PASS, VALLEY OF THE WATERS** (Map K33)
6km circuit, 300 minutes, hard walk, Wentworth Falls
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, scenic lookouts, variety of plant and animal communities, picnic and toilet facilities.
Start end of Falls Rd (see directions above).
- 14 **VALLEY OF THE WATERS NATURE TRACK** (Map L28)
4km circuit, 180 minutes, medium walk, Wentworth Falls
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 Rd. Then third right into Fletcher St. Drive to end of St where all walks into the 'Valley of the Waters' begin.
- 15 **VALLEY OF THE WATERS, WENTWORTH PASS, NATIONAL PASS** (Map L28)
6km circuit, 300 minutes, hard walk, Wentworth Falls
Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities.
Start end of Fletcher St (see directions above).



16 LYREBIRD DELL, POOL OF SILOAM
(Map L23)
2km circuit, 120 minutes, medium walk, Leura.
Views, birdlife, varied plant life, rainforest/ferns, small waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. From G.W. Highway (heading west) turn left at traffic lights on brow of hill at Leura Village turn-off. Drive through village to roundabout and continue straight across, then follow Leura Mall to the very end. Turn left into Olympian Pde and continue to end of road where walk begins at Gordon Falls Reserve.

Safety in the Bush

Take some time to plan your trip and ensure all members of your party are capable of completing the activity. The Mountains are spectacular and rugged and the weather can change suddenly with little warning — so be prepared — and remember heavy rain can make creeks impassable, sometimes for days. When you choose your walk, seek out accurate information on the difficulty, length and condition of the track. Consult with one of the Visitor Centres if you have any doubt about anything: work out how long you should allow and what you should take. If you think a walk might be a little difficult or tricky, play it safe and leave it until you can enjoy it more comfortably — there are plenty of other walks to choose. Please use the Bushwalk Checklist below:

Plan your trip Allow plenty of time Take extra food, water and clothing Check local weather
 Check fire bans Take drinking water Stay together Leave details of trip with a relative, friend, any Police Station or NPWS office Remember — A Total Fire Ban means NO fires, matches or cigarettes. Stay at Lookouts and clifftops only Stay on Clifftop Walks.

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

36 VICTORIA FALLS LOOKOUT, BURRA KORAIN FLAT (Map D7)
6km return, 360 minutes, hard walk, Mt Victoria.
Open forest, cascades and superb views 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

17 GORDON FALLS TO LEURA FALLS
(Map L23)

2km one-way, 60 minutes, easy walk, Leura. 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 (Map M20)

3km return, 150 minutes, hard walk, Leura. Views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, magnificent tall Eucalypts, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start Leura Falls Picnic Area. Left off G.W Highway (heading west) at Leura Village traffic lights; through village; across roundabout almost to the end of Leura Mall. Right into Cliff Drive. Follow windy road for 2km then left at Picnic Area and Cascades.

19 THREE SISTERS WALK (Map P19)

1km return, 30 minutes, easy walk, Katoomba. Suitable for wheelchairs. Spectacular views, birdlife, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Echo Point Left off G.W. Highway (heading west) at Katoomba and follow signs to Echo Point & Three Sisters.

20 PRINCE HENRY CLIFF WALK, KATOOMBA FALLS (Map P19)

2km one way, 60 minutes, easy walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map P19)

5km circuit, 150 minutes, medium walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map P19)

5km one way, 150 minutes, mostly level, Katoomba-Leura. 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 (Map P19)

5km circuit, 240 minutes, hard walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map P19)

2km circuit, 90 minutes, medium walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map P11)

12km return, 420 minutes, medium walk, Katoomba. 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 Left off G.W. Highway (heading west) at Katoomba lights; left at roundabout along Main St; right into Katoomba St; 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 (Map P11)

14km return, 480 minutes, hard walk, Katoomba. Magnificent views, birdlife, rainforest/ferns, waterfalls, suitable in mist, picnic and toilet facilities. Start at Scenic Railway (see directions above).

27 ROUND WALK (Map P11)

1km circuit, 60 minutes, medium walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map O9)

0.5km return, 30 minutes, easy walk, Katoomba. 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 (Map J9)

42km one way, up to 3 days, hard but with easy sections, Katoomba to Jenolan Caves. 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 best easiest sections can be started in the Megalong Valley, not far from the Cox's River

30 GOLDEN STAIRS, RUINED CASTLE (Map S5)

8km return, 300 minutes, hard walk, Katoomba. Great views of distant mountains, birdlife, 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.

31 FAIRFAX HERITAGE TRACK (Map E10)

2km one way, 60 minutes, easy walk, Blackheath. 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 Rd at Blackheath traffic lights. Follow this road for several km to roundabout and park at NPWS Heritage Centre where walk begins and ends

32 GOVETTS LEAP, EVANS LOOKOUT (Map E11)

3km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk, Blackheath. Wonderful views of the basalt tops (remnants of old volcanoes) of Mt Banks, Mt Tomah and Mt 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 Rd and continue to very end.

33 GOVETTS LEAP, PULPIT ROCK (Map E11)

2.5km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk, Blackheath. Lovely view of Horseshoe Falls, great bird watching 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 (Map F16)

5km circuit, 240 minutes, medium walk, Blackheath. 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. Right off G.W. Highway (heading west) into Evans Lookout Rd. This turn-off is 2km before Blackheath and immediately after Water Board bushland on your right. Follow road to end.

35 EVANS LOOKOUT TO BEAUCHAMP FALLS (Map F16)

1.5km one way, 90 minutes, medium walk, Blackheath .

road in the bush on your right (.5km past large sportsfield) This is about .5km before Mt Victoria village. Follow this unsealed road.

37 BERGHOFERS PASS (Map B6)

3.2 km return, 60 minutes, easy walk, Mt Victoria. One of the most pleasant and easiest bushwalks in the 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 Mt York Rd and follow for several km. Signs indicate this walk on your left and the start of other walks directly opposite.

38 LAWSON'S LONG ALLEY & LOCKYER'S LOOP (Map B6)

11km, 240 minutes, medium walk, Mt Victoria-Hartley Vale. 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, birdlife, picnic and toilet facilities.

39 COX'S ROAD, MT YORK ROAD & LOCKYERS ROAD (Map B6)

12km, 300 minutes, medium to hard, Mt Victoria-Hartley Vale. 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 Mt 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).

40 WALLS LOOKOUT TRACK (Map C13)

2.5km return, 120 minutes, easy walk, Bells Line of Road . Birdlife, picnic facilities. Stroll through low vegetation and wildflowers for magnificent views of the Grose Valley. Start at picnic area at Pierces Pass, to the right of Bells Line of Road 10km east of Bell.

41 PIERCES PASS TO BLUE GUM FOREST (Map C13)

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).