



Blackheath Station to Junction Rock Loop (via Grand Canyon and Popes Glen) (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 8 h 3 min to 8 h 30 min

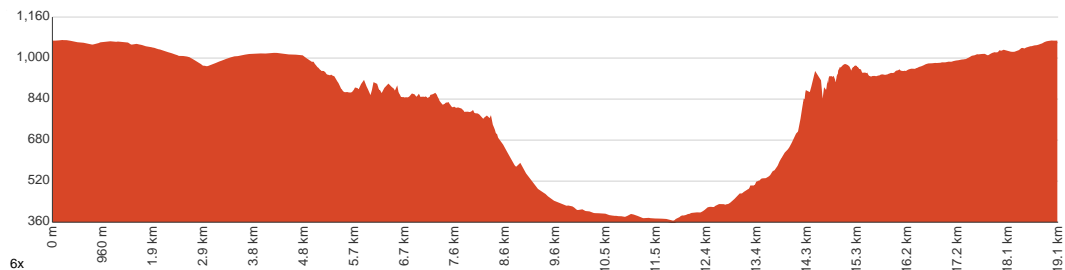

19.1 km
Circuit


↑ 1492 m
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Hard track



This circuit starts in Blackheath and heads down into the Grand Canyon and Rodriguez Pass. The track goes through a wide variety of ecosystems and changing views along the way. An interesting part of this walk is the change in mood of the cliffs that surround the Grose Valley as the light conditions change throughout the day. 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 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Camp Street then drive for 70 m
- Turn slight right onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn slight left onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn left onto Albion Street and drive for another 270 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 10.1 km

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
- 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.

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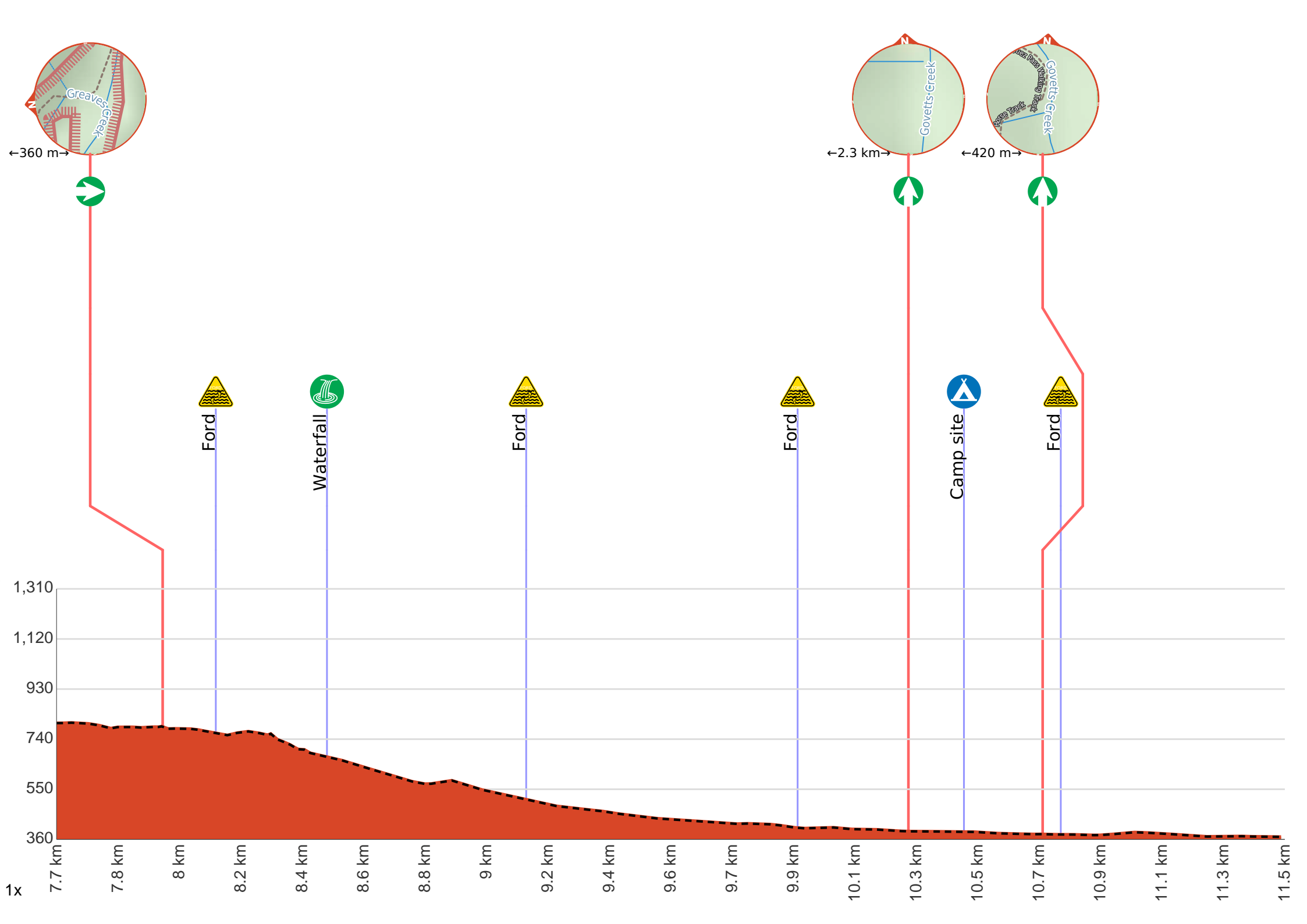


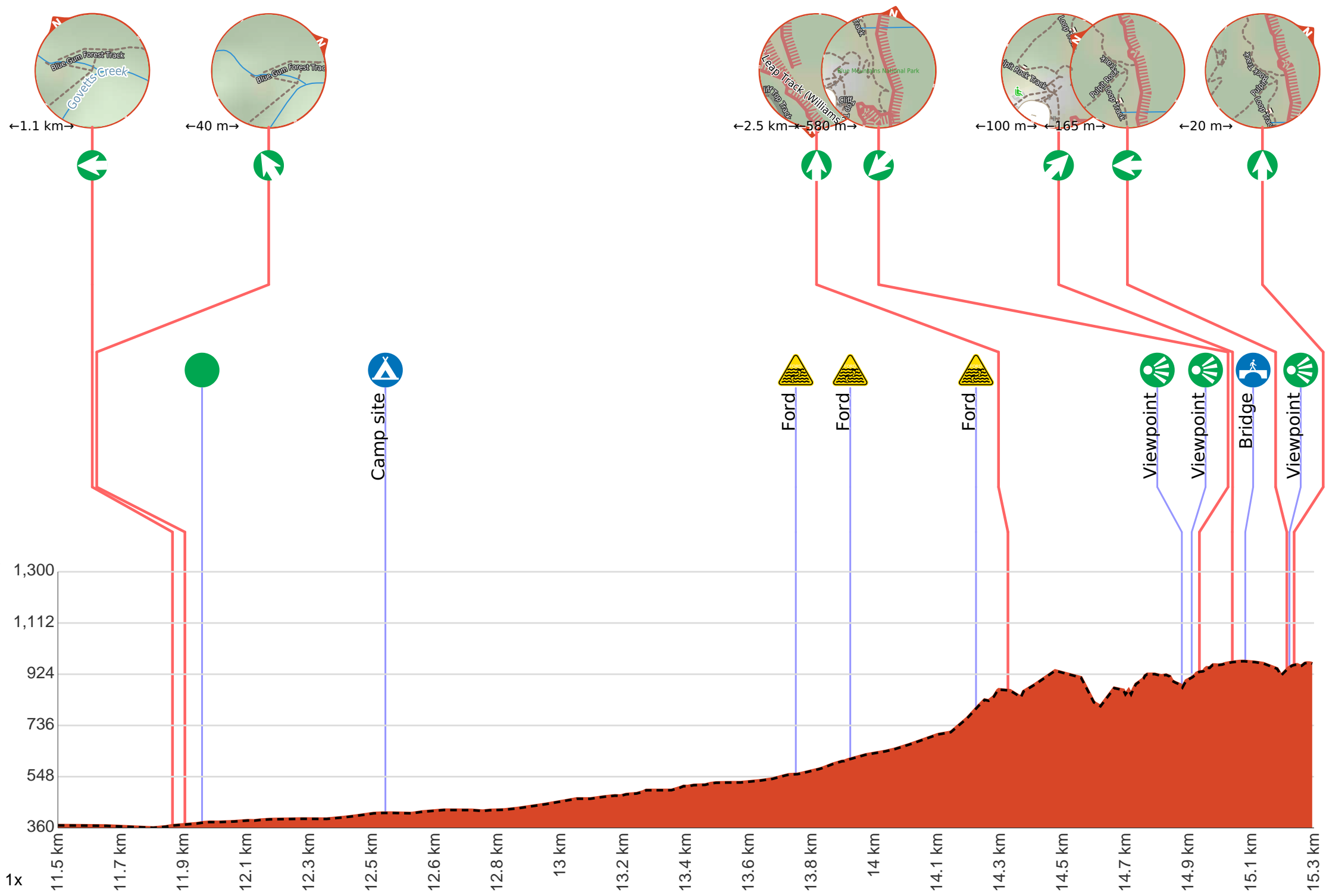


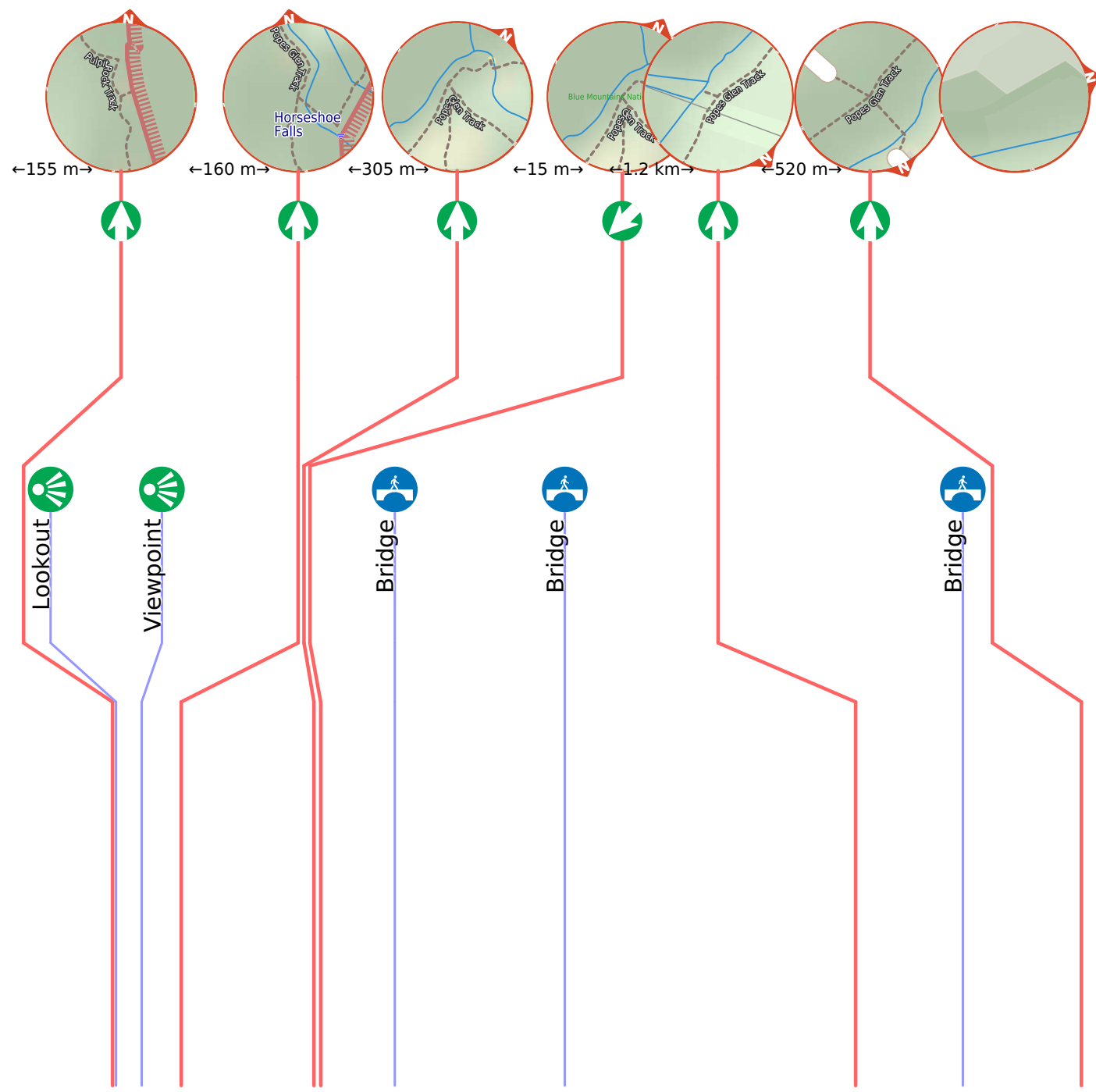












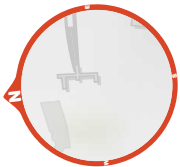
Getting started: From the top of the station steps, this walk heads towards the Great Western Highway and Gardners Inn. The walk turns right down a flight of stairs, then turns left across the Great Western Highway at the pedestrian crossing.

From the pedestrian crossing, this walk heads towards Gardners Inn, keeping the road to the right. The walk continues along the footpath, turning left opposite the Ivanhoe Hotel, onto Govetts Leap Rd. The walk continues down Govetts Leap Rd to the intersection with Prince Edward St.

From the intersection, this walk heads west along Govetts Leap Rd for a block, to the intersection with Boreas St. This walk turns right, down Boreas St to the intersection with Braeside St.

From the intersection, this walk follows the green signpost to 'Braeside Walk' along the houses on the right-hand of Braeside Street. This walk turns right at the 'Braeside Walk' sign. The walk continues for approximately 70m to the intersection with another service trail.

From the intersection, this walk heads down the management track, to the signposted intersection after a parking area on the left.







After another 345 m find the "Beauchamp Falls" (15 m on your left).



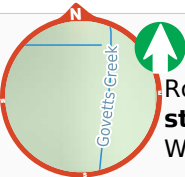
Beauchamp Falls, Blue Mountains NP, is a beautiful set of falls, split by the rock in the centre of the creek. The falls are created by Greaves Creek, which comes out of the Grand Canyon, above. The falls are approximately 10m tall, with rocks at the base.



After another 620 m cross the ford.



After another 840 m cross the ford.



After another 345 m (from the Rodriguez Pass Walking Track) **continue straight**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 170 m come to the camp site (15 m on your right).



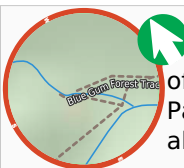
After another 300 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Rodriguez Pass Walking Track & Horse Track **continue straight**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



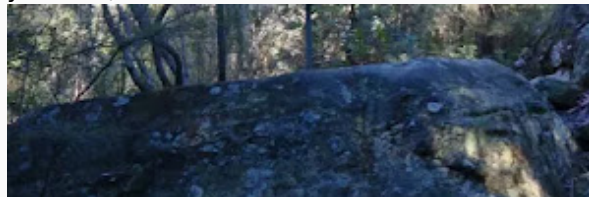
After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Rodriguez Pass Walking Track & Blue Gum Forest Track) **turn left**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Rodriguez Pass Walking Track) **veer left**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 50 m find the "Junction Rock" (on your left).



Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.



After another 560 m come to the camp site (5 m on your left).



After another 1.2 km cross the ford.



After another 165 m cross the ford.



After another 380 m cross the ford.



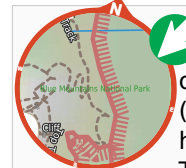
After another 95 m (at the intersection of Jungle Circuit & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **continue straight**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



After another 530 m come to the "Williams Lookout".



After another 30 m come to the "Breakfast Rock Lookout".

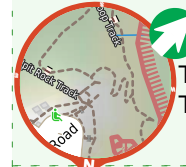


After another 25 m (at the intersection of Loop Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn sharp left**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional Side trip to Govetts Leap Lookout (picnic area with road access, toilets shelter)



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Loop Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track) **Start** heading along *Loop Track* (a walking track).



After another 8 m (from the Loop Track) **veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



Find the viewpoint at the start.



From the Loop Track **veer left** (a footpath).



After another 6 m pass the sign (on your right).



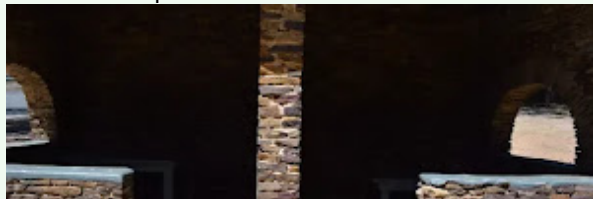
After another 9 m come to the end.



A water tap.



About 65 m past the end is "Picnic Shelter".



Picnic shelters at the end of Govetts Leap Road. Seats are ~45cm high and benches 75cm high. Most shelters have an entrance ~1.2m wide with, and similar gap between table and wall. The largest shelter has an entrance wider than 4m, bench seating but no tables.

About 15 m past the end is a sign.



About 20 m past the end is "Govetts Leap Lookout".



Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 15 km waypoint.



After another 100 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **veer right**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 40 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 120 m (Laws Lookout) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 8 m come to the "Laws Lookout".



After another 15 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 155 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 8 m find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your right).



Horseshoe Falls Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small fenced lookout. There are views down to Horseshoe Falls and across the Grose Valley.



After another 60 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".



After another 90 m (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 305 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

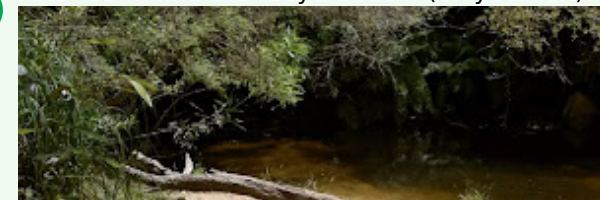
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Boyd Beach.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. from the Popes Glen Track **Start** (a walking track).



After 55 m find the "Boyd Beach" (on your left).



Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.



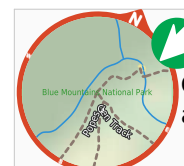
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 55 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 15.8 km waypoint.



After another 15 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



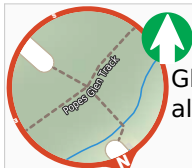
After another 660 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 75 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 265 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

