



Martins Lookout Loop Walk

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

5 h 30 min to 6 h 30 min

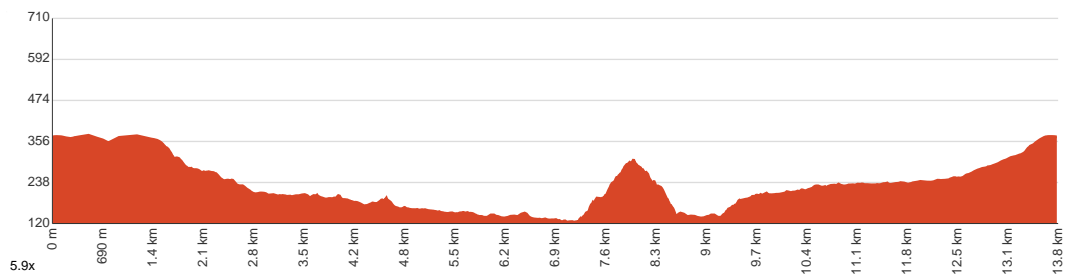
13.8 km
Circuit

↑ 674 m
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Hard track



This walk offers a magnificent way to explore the Sassafras Gully, enjoying the lush valleys and deep bushland, as well as the panoramic Martins Lookout. This walk has much to offer, with many views to impress before returning to Springwood Train Station. 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	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Great Western Highway, A32 then drive for 440 m
- Keep left onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 105 m
- Turn slight left onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 750 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 330 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 335 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

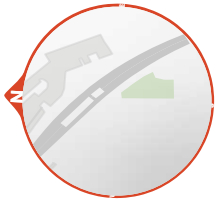
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

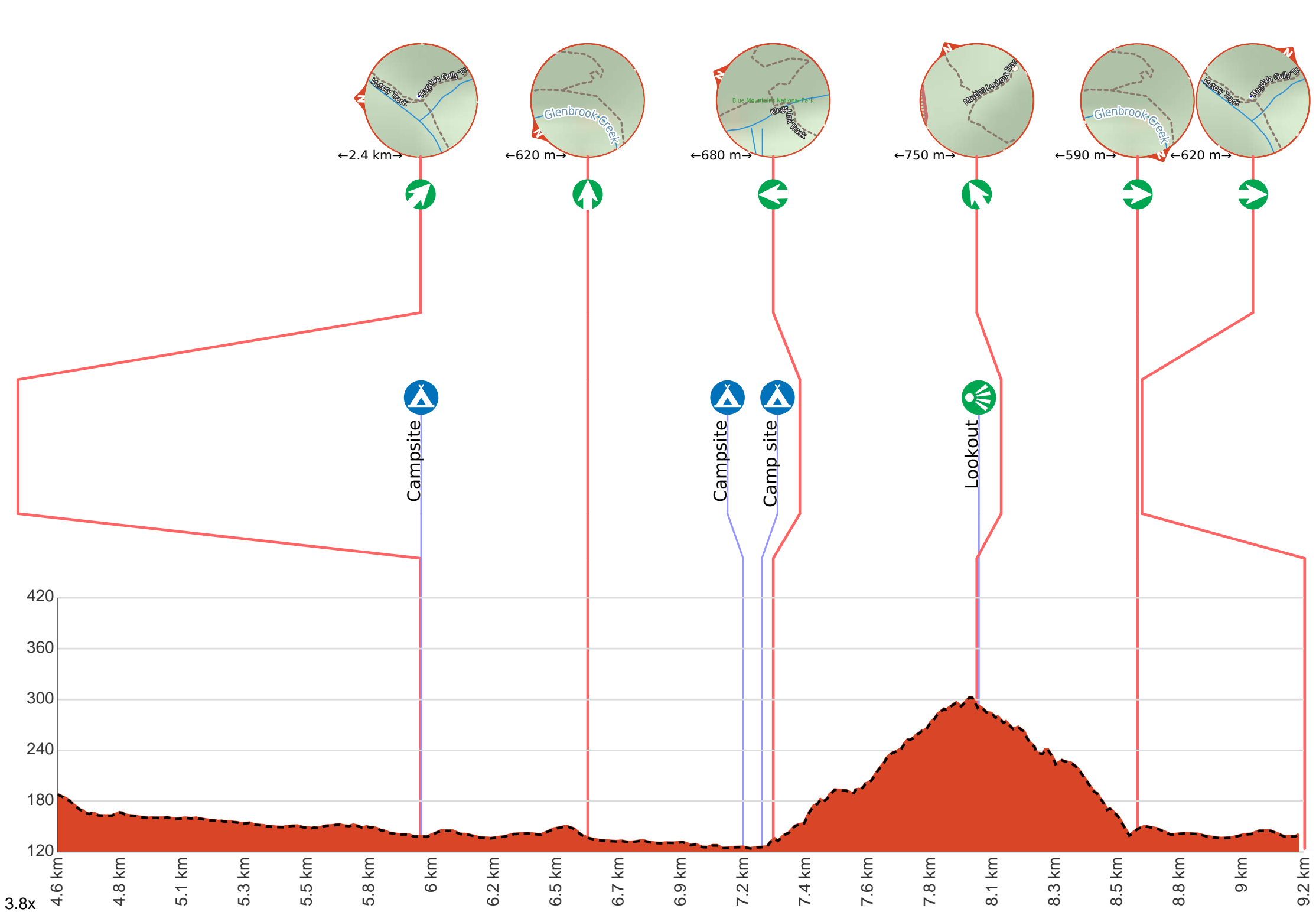
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

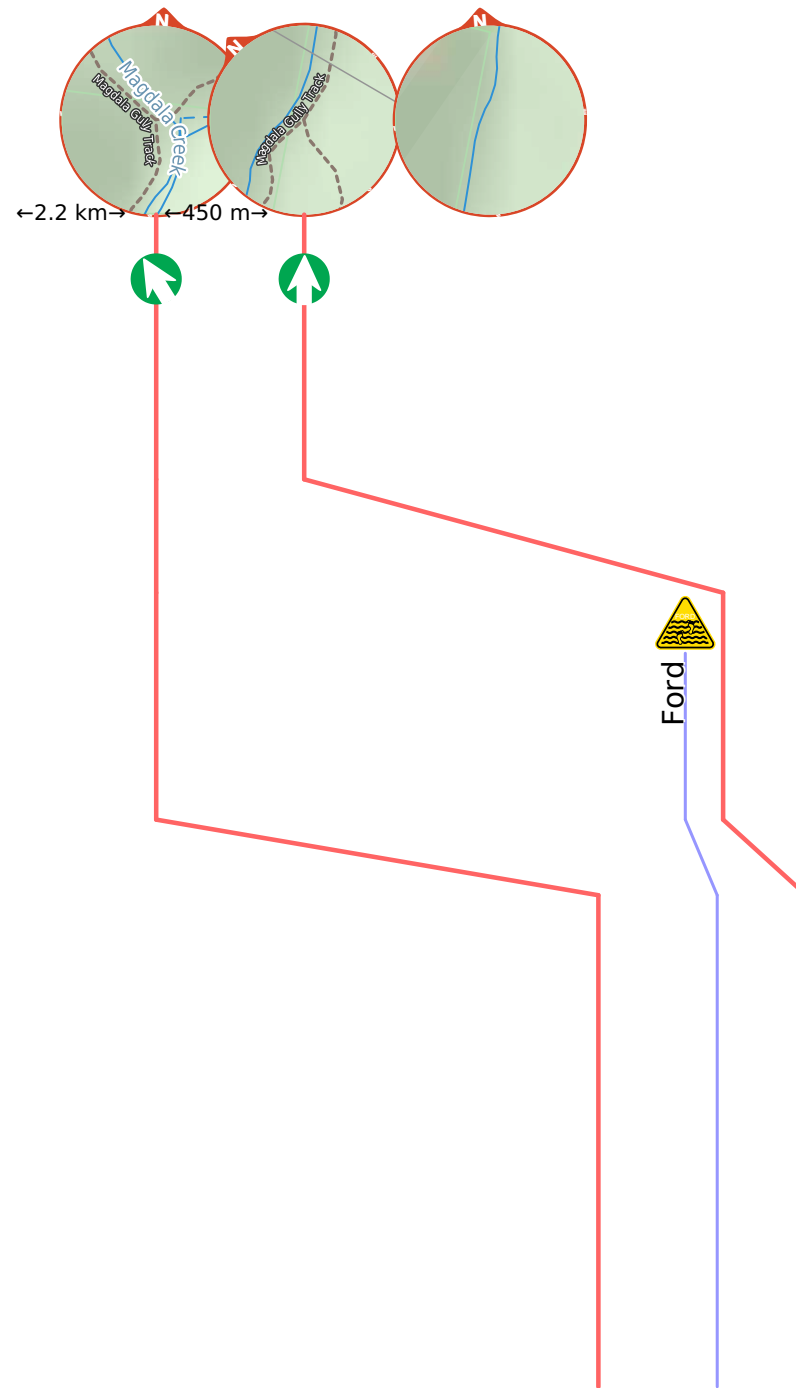
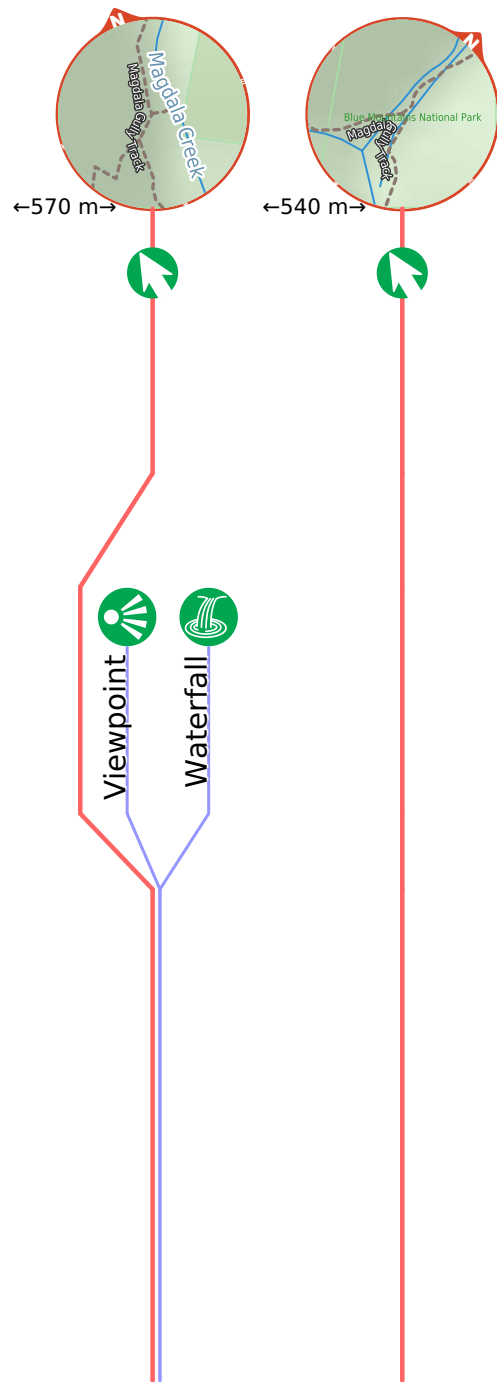
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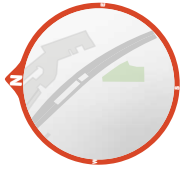








Getting started: From Springwood Station, the walk crosses the pedestrian crossing and turns right, passing the shop fronts. The walk continues along Macquarie Rd and turns left onto Homedale St. At the bottom of Homedale St, the walk turns right onto Valley Rd, and then left onto Sassafras Gully Rd. The walk continues to the bottom of Sassafras Gully Rd, in front of house number 18.





Then come to the "Perch Ponds Campsite".



Perch Ponds is a lovely waterhole, with a clearing suitable to pitch a tent, located at the junction of Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creeks. The meeting of the two creek provides a relaxing sound of rushing water and a cool spot to rest on warmer days. The campsite is a flat area above the pool marked with a fire scar. A great shady and quiet area for a camp. There are no facilities and water from the creek needs to be treated.



After another 610 m (from the Martins Lookout Track) **continue straight**.



After another 570 m find the "Martins campsite" (5 m on your right).



Martins campsite is an unofficial camping area beside Glenbrook Creek. The camping area is a sandy clearing, opposite cliffs on the other bank. The camping area is situated below Martins Lookout, with Bunyan Lookout up the ridge on the opposite hillside. A quiet and shaded location which can give a great night's sleep.



After another 70 m come to the camp site (on your right).

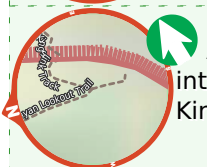
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Bunyan Lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Martins Lookout Track & Kings Link Track **Start** heading along *Kings Link Track* (a walking track).



After another 165 m (from the Kings Link Track) **continue straight**, to head along Kings Link Track.



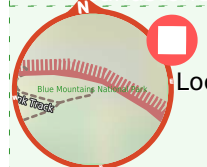
After another 910 m (at the intersection of Bunyan Lookout Trail & Kings Link Track) **veer left**.



After another 35 m come to "Bunyan Lookout".



Bunyan Lookout is an large, unfenced sandstone platform overlooking the Glenbrook Creek valley. Behind the lookout, there is a small sandy clearing, big enough for a few tents. The lookout spans across Glenbrook Creek and sandstone cliffs of the valley.



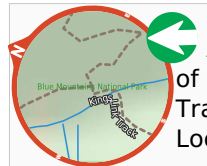
Continue another 0 m to find Bunyan Lookout at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.1 km to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 7.2 km waypoint.



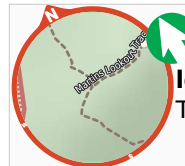
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Kings Link Track & Martins Lookout Track) **turn left**, to head along Martins Lookout Track.



After another 760 m find the "Martins Lookout" (on your right).



Martin's Lookout is an unfenced view on the rim of the plateau, south of Valley Heights. There are views across and up the Glenbrook Creek, and to the Lost Worlds lookout (on the opposite cliffs) which features a small white crucifix. This cross is in memory of Rev. Raymer who was an avid bushwalker in the area. The plaque in the rock at Martin's Lookout is directly opposite this cross.



From the Martins Lookout Track **veer left**, to head along Martins Lookout Track.



After another 590 m (from the Martins Lookout Track) **turn right**.



After another 620 m (at the intersection of Magdala Gully Track & Victory Track) **turn right**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



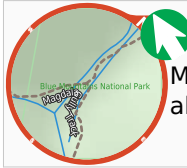
After another 20 m come to the "Perch Ponds" (6 m on your left).



After another 345 m find the "Martins Falls" (6 m on your right).



Martins Falls are at a rock overhang on Magdala Creek, near Springwood, almost 400m upstream from the Glenbrook Creek junction. The water falls off a rock platform, over the overhang into a large pond. There is a faint track leading behind the falls, giving a different perspective of the pond and falls - extra care is required. This is a lovely area to enjoy the cool temperatures on warmer days, and is more spectacular after recent rain.



After another 530 m (from the Magdala Gully Track) **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.

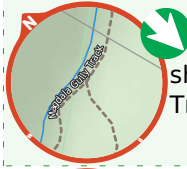


After another 2.2 km (from the Magdala Gully Track) **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.

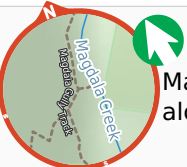
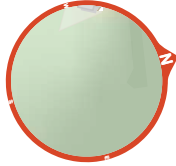


After another 260 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Lawsons Lookout .



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



After another 205 m (from the Magdala Gully Track) **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



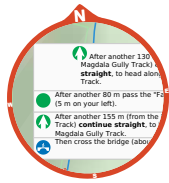
After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your right).



Then find the "Magdala Falls" (20 m on your right).



Magdala Falls is a disappointing set of falls. The view from the steep hillside doesn't show any of the falls, but instead lets you hear the water cascade into the pool below. A red-stained rock above the pool can be seen through the dense foliage of the trees.



After another 130 m
Magdala Gully Track,
straight, to head along
Track.

After another 80 m pass the 'F'
(5 m on your left).

After another 155 m (from the
Track) **continue straight**, to
Magdala Gully Track.
Then cross the bridge below.