



## Leura Cascades to Gordon Falls Reserve



**1 hr 15 mins**

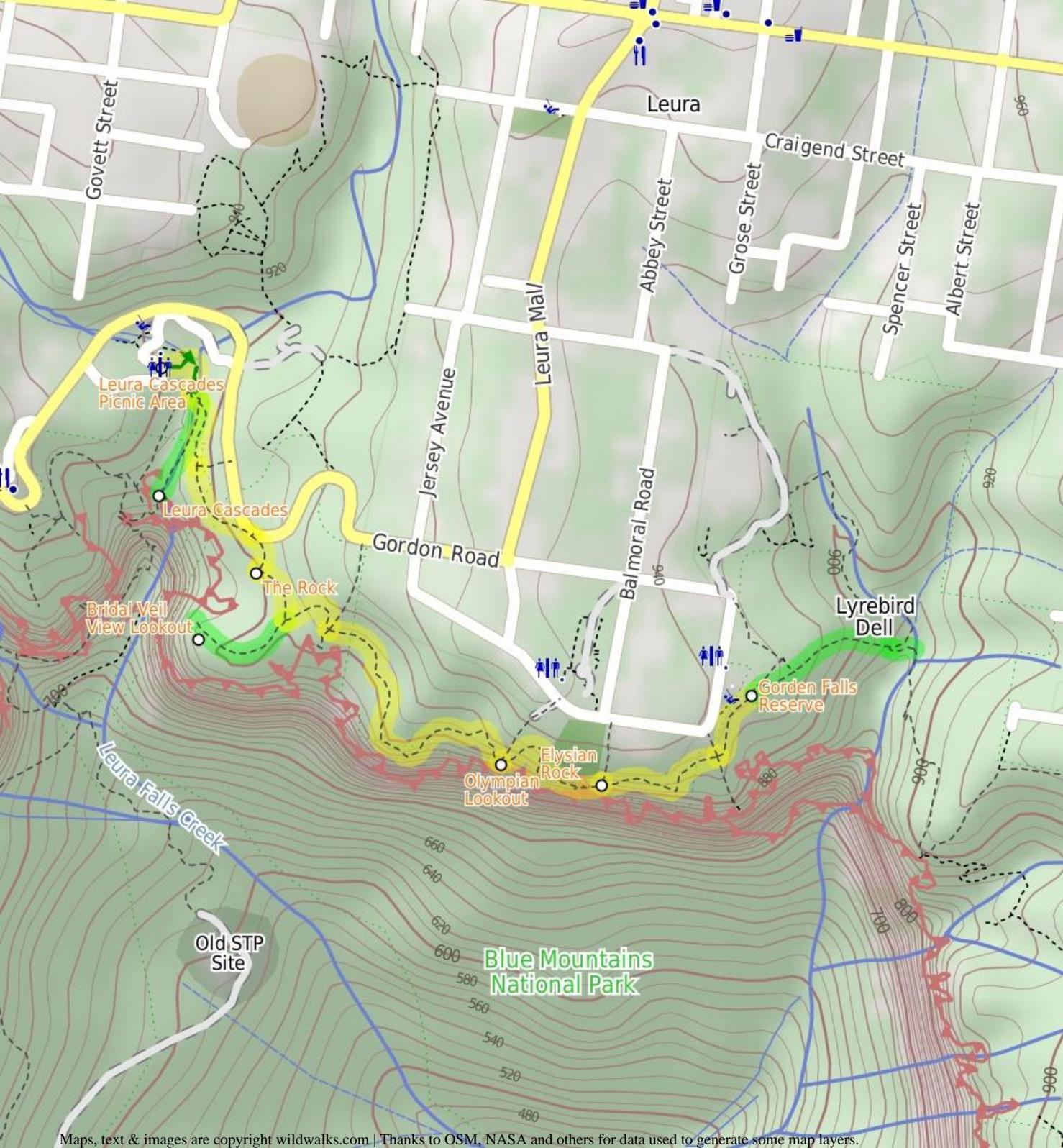
**Moderate track**

**3**

**1.8 km One way**

**↑ 200m**

From Leura Park to Gordon Falls Park, this diverse walk offers fantastic views of the Jamison Valley, as well as two great side trips down to some smaller waterfalls. Don't be fooled by their size - they are quite beautiful. Be sure to allow extra time for the side trips (especially Gordon Falls), in order to sit and reflect as the water cascades around you.



885m

934m

Blue Mountains National Park

## Leura Cascades Picnic Area

Leura Cascades Picnic area is a open picnic area beside Cliff Drive, with Leura Cascades Creek running through the middle. There are a number of small cascades in the park, along with toilets and picnic tables. There are a few information signs and maps of the area. The park is well remembered for the artificial caves and arches that have been built to provide shelter and a sense of place. A small road runs through the park, providing access and parking, and garbage facilities are provided. There is also plenty of shade from some large pine trees.

## Leura Cascades

Leura Cascades is a lovely set of waterfalls with some bridges just below, allowing walkers to get up close to the creek. The area has a nice feel about it and is quite cool in summer. Much of the track near the cascades has handrails and the bridges are fenced. Allow some time to enjoy life among the cascades and fern trees in this valley. One bridge leads to a sandstone cave next to the pool and falls, a great place to enjoy the small section of canyon.

## The Rock

The Rock is a small, partially-fenced lookout, about 10 metres from the Prince Henry Cliff Walk near Bridal Veil Falls. The old timber fence only partially covers the cliff line and the walk to the lookout can be slippery. The view from the lookout includes close-up views of the crowns of several trees. There is no view of Bridal Veil Falls, but the view does extend across to the cliffs at Bridal View Lookout.

## Bridal Veil View Lookout

The Bridal Veil View is a small, fenced lookout at the base of a flight of stairs in the south-west corner of Leura. The lookout has a natural sandstone floor and provides superb, unobstructed view of the Bridal Veil Falls. The falls are about 150m away, and looking down from the top, the Bridal Veil likeness is apparent. The falls run most of the time, but are most spectacular after rain.

## Olympian Lookout

Olympian Lookout is a fenced lookout, just off the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, near Olympian Pde in Leura. The lookout is on a sloped, natural sandstone surface and has some steps cut to help improve access. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and provides a great view across the Jamison Valley, out to Mount Solitary. The 'back' of the Three Sisters, and also Narrow Neck, are both visible on the right, and Sublime Point on the left.

## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Blue Mountains National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

- 1:50 000 Map Series:**Six Foot Track  
**1:25 000 Map Series:**89301S KATOOMBA  
**1:100 000 Map Series:**8930 KATOOMBA

## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 3/6**  
Moderate track

<b>Length</b>	1.8 km One way
<b>Time</b>	1 hr 15 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** You can get to Leura Cascades Picnic Area (gps: -33.7196, 150.3224) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Gordon Falls Reserve (gps: -33.7247, 150.3327) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/ictgf>

#### 0 | Leura Cascades Picnic Area

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#### 0 | Leura Cascades Picnic Area

*(140 m 3 mins)* From cave-like shelters in Leura Cascades Picnic Area, this walk heads along the footpath, passing under the arch. Passing the toilet block, the path comes to the information board, from where the walk follows the 'Leura Cascades Track' sign down the steps. The path soon leads to a small stone wall with a view of some cascades and Chelmsford Bridge. From the view of Chelmsford Bridge, this walk follows track downhill, keeping the handrail and creek to the left, soon coming to an intersection with 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' just before a footbridge.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign across the footbridge to a 'Y' intersection.

#### 0.14 | Optional sidetrip to Leura Cascades

*(170 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign down the steps, keeping the handrail and creek to the right. After a short while, the walk heads along a timber platform and down some stairs to a rock platform, with great views of some cascades. From these cascades, the walk heads down more stairs, coming to an intersection just before two bridges, with great views of Leura Cascades. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.

#### 0.14 | Leura Cascades

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#### 0.14 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Leura Cascades

*(360 m 7 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk To Gordon Falls' sign up the timber steps. The walk continues along the bush track that steadily climbs to the top of the gentle

hill, where it comes to an intersection with the Cliff Drive bush track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track heading around the side of the hill, winding through the bush until it comes to the intersection of the short bush track to Cliff Drive.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track winding around the valley down to the right for a short while, before coming to 'The Rock' lookout just off the track on the right.

#### 0.5 | The Rock

The Rock is a small, partially-fenced lookout, about 10 metres from the Prince Henry Cliff Walk near Bridal Veil Falls. The old timber fence only partially covers the cliff line and the walk to the lookout can be slippery. The view from the lookout includes close-up views of the crowns of several trees. There is no view of Bridal Veil Falls, but the view does extend across to the cliffs at Bridal View Lookout.

#### 0.5 | The Rock

*(110 m 3 mins)* Turn left: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track winding around the valley, down to the right, heading under a large rock overhang and continuing steadily up the long rocky hill to the signposted intersection of the Bridal View Lookout.

#### 0.6 | Optional sidetrip to Bridal Veil View lookout

*(200 m 4 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bridal View Lookout' sign along the track, heading out towards the cliffs for a short while before winding down a set of metal stairs to the signposted 'Bridal Veil View' lookout. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

#### 0.6 | Bridal Veil View Lookout

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#### 0.6 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Bridal Veil Loo

*(630 m 19 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Gordon Falls' sign along the bush track, winding through the dense bush for a short while before gradually climbing up a gentle hill to the signposted intersection of the Tarpeian Rock track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Gordon Falls' sign down the wooden steps and along the track. Notice the environment change to rainforest as the track winds around the valley down to the right. The walk follows the base of some tall rock overhangs, then climbs up a long set of wooden steps that continue on to rock steps, coming to 'Olympian Rock' lookout.

#### 1.23 | Olympian Lookout

Olympian Lookout is a fenced lookout, just off the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, near Olympian Pde in Leura. The lookout is on a sloped, natural sandstone surface and has some steps cut to help improve access. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and provides a great view across the Jamison Valley, out to Mount Solitary. The 'back' of the Three Sisters, and also Narrow Neck, are both visible on the right, and Sublime Point on the left.

#### 1.23 | Olympian Lookout

*(230 m 13 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track past the "Welcome to the Blue Mountains National Park" sign, keeping the valley down the hill to the right as it winds through the bush. The

walk comes to a lookout just before the Buttenshaw Bridge, which it then crosses, continuing up the steps to the Elysian Rock Lookout on the other side.

#### 1.46 | Elysian Rock

Elysian Rock is a fenced, small, narrow lookout on a rock buttress. The floor is mostly uneven, natural sandstone and there is a bench seat with no shade. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and gives a great view straight across the Jamison Valley and out to Mount Solitary. Narrow Neck and the 'back' of the Three Sisters are visible on the right-hand side, and Sublime Point on the left. The lookout is along the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, just west of a concrete bridge spanning a chasm and near the end of Elysian Place, Leura.

#### 1.46 | Elysian Lookout

*(360 m 10 mins)* Veer right: From Elysian Lookout, keeping the valley down to the right, this walk follows the bush track winding through the dense scrub-like forest as it heads up a few wooden steps onto a small platform and continues up the hill to the top, at the intersection of the Gordon Falls Lookout track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat track winding through the thick bush for a short while to the back of the Gordon Falls Reserve picnic area.

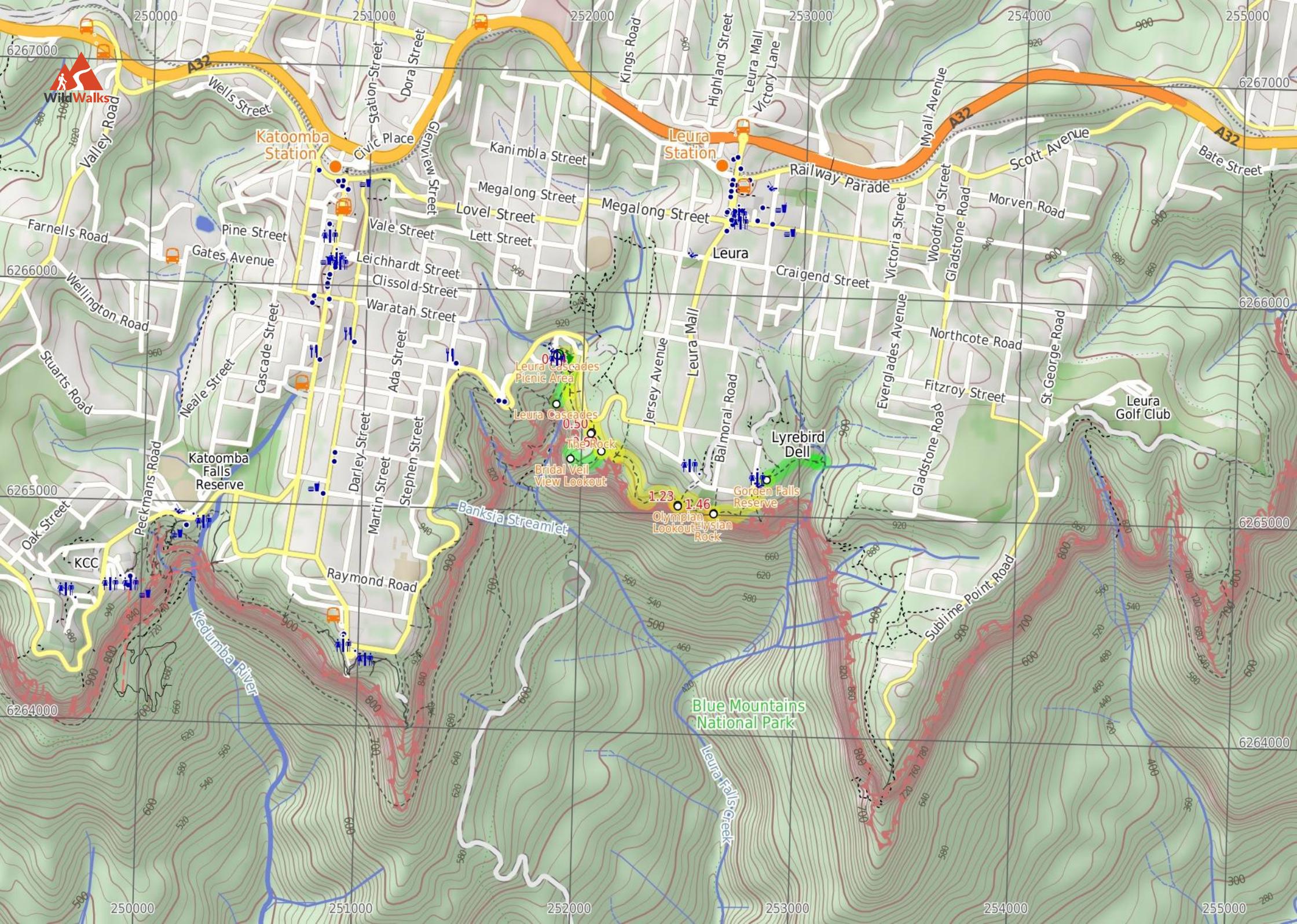
#### 1.83 | Gordon Falls Reserve

Gordon Falls Reserve is just off Lone Pine Ave near the intersection with Olympian Pde, Leura. The park has car parking, electric BBQ's, toilets, garbage disposal, children's play equipment, picnic tables and bench seats. The park has plenty of open area and some shaded spots. There are a number of artificial cave shelters, with picnic tables inside.

#### 1.83 | Optional sidetrip to Pool of Siloam

*(300 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From the lower side of Gordon Falls Reserve, this walk follows the 'Pool of Siloam' track sign into the bush, down the gentle hill (passing a track on the left). The walk passes some interesting information signs on local flora and fauna as the track becomes steeper. Continuing down the stairs, the track leads to a rock wall and a handrail. The walk heads along the base of this cliff, under a small waterfall and comes to a three-way intersection (with signposts down to the right and on the other side).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follow the 'Pool of Siloam' sign down the steps. The track passes under a small overhang then crosses Gordon Creek on a footbridge in front of the lovely falls and the Pool of Siloam. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.



Katoomba Station

Leura Station

Leura Cascades Picnic Area

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The Rock

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## Summary navigation sheet for the Leura Cascades to Gordon Falls Reserve



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Leura Cascades Picnic Area -33.7196,150.3224 (GR Katoomba, 519657)	1 -9	140 m 3 mins	From cave-like shelters in Leura Cascades Picnic Area, this walk heads along the footpath, passing under the arch.
0.14	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Leura Cascades Round Walk (NE) -33.7202,150.323 (GR Katoomba, 519657)	1 -13	170 m 4 mins	Optional sidetrip to Leura Cascades. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign down the steps, keeping the handrail and creek to the right.
0.14	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Leura Cascades Round Walk (NE) -33.7202,150.323 (GR Katoomba, 519657)	17 -9	360 m 7 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk To Gordon Falls' sign up the timber steps.
0.50	The Rock -33.7228,150.324 (GR Katoomba, 520654)	7 -5	110 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track winding around the valley, down to the right, heading under a large rock overhang and continuing steadily up the long rocky hill to the signposted inters...
0.60	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Bridal Veil Lookout Track -33.7236,150.3245 (GR Katoomba, 521653)	3 -14	200 m 4 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bridal Veil View lookout. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Bridal View Lookout' sign along the track, heading out towards the cliffs for a short while before winding down a set of metal stairs to the signposted 'Brida...
0.60	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Bridal Veil Lookout Track -33.7236,150.3245 (GR Katoomba, 521653)	60 -70	630 m 19 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Gordon Falls' sign along the bush track, winding through the dense bush for a short while before gradually climbing up a gentle hill to the signposted interse...
1.23	Olympian Lookout -33.7258,150.3283 (GR Katoomba, 524650)	75 -50	230 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track past the "Welcome to the Blue Mountains National Park" sign, keeping the valley down the hill to the right as it winds through the bush.
1.46	Elysian Lookout -33.7261,150.3301 (GR Katoomba, 526650)	40 -23	360 m 10 mins	Veer right: From Elysian Lookout, keeping the valley down to the right, this walk follows the bush track winding through the dense scrub-like forest as it heads up a few wooden steps onto a small platform and contin...
1.83	Gordon Falls Reserve -33.7247,150.3327 (GR Katoomba, 529652)	3 -65	300 m 11 mins	Optional sidetrip to Pool of Siloam. Continue straight: From the lower side of Gordon Falls Reserve, this walk follows the 'Pool of Siloam' track sign into the bush, down the gentle hill (passing a track on the left).