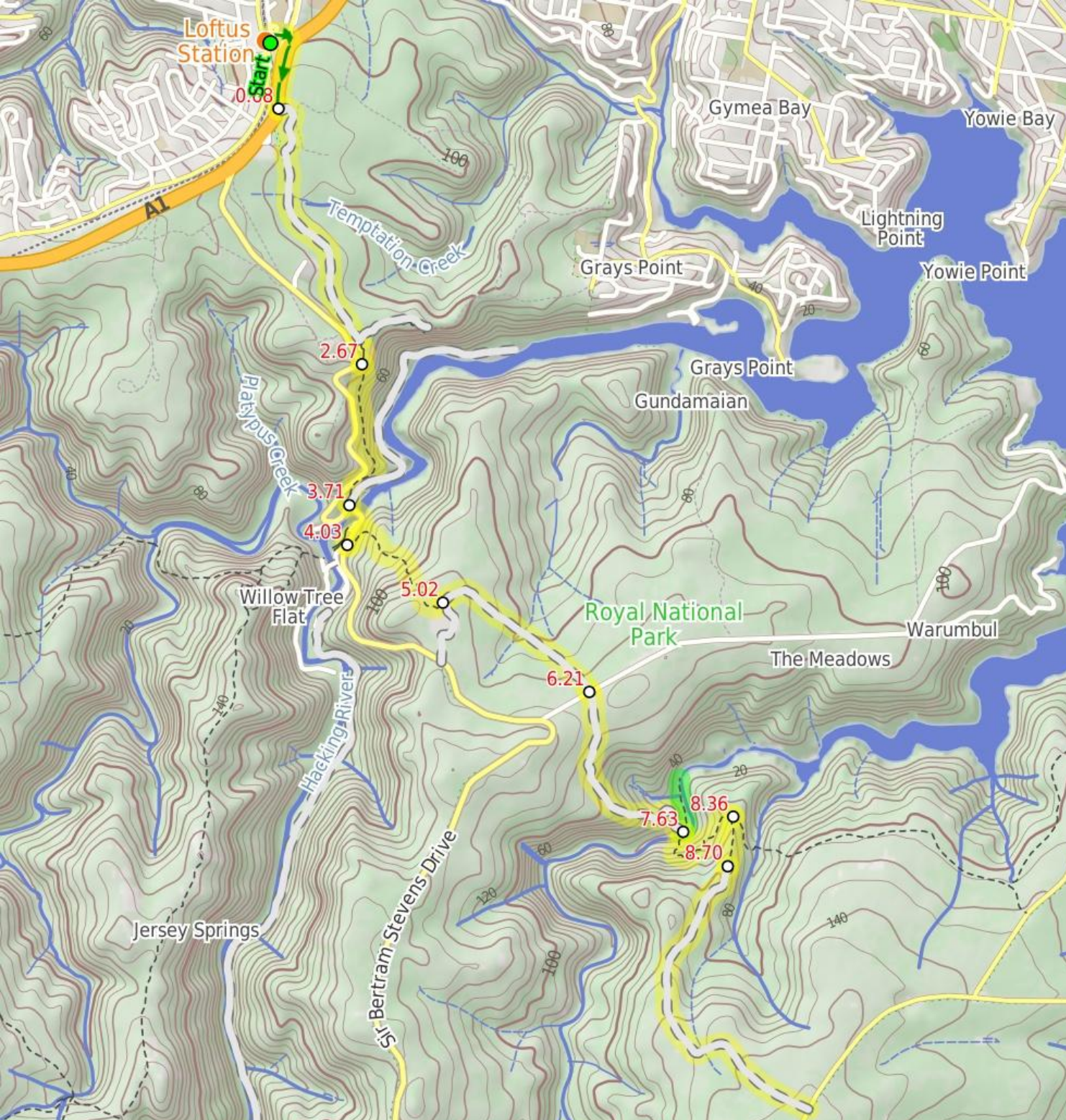


Loftus to Winifred Falls



4 hrs

Hard track

11 km One way

400m



Following well-maintained bush tracks and service trails, this walk descends into the Royal National Park, to a spectacular set of pools and cascading falls on South Western Creek. The Royal National Park Information Centre, on Sir Bertram Stevens Drive, is approximately in the middle of this walk and is a great spot to grab a bite to eat before continuing to the falls. Unfortunately, it is necessary to have a car to get from Winifred Falls out of the park.

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Royal National Park

172m

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 walks 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 Loftus Station (gps: -34.0453, 151.0515) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Int. Bundeena Drive and Mt Bass Trail (gps: -34.1091, 151.087). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Loftus Station

(680 m 12 mins) From Loftus Station, this walk turns left at the top of the stairs and leads down to Pitt Street. The track turns right on Pitt St, crossing the tram line and the northbound lane of Rawson Ave when safe. The walk turns right then crosses the southbound lanes at the traffic lights. This now heads across the Princes Hwy, this is a very busy road at times and this crossing can be difficult, wait for a good gap and be safe. The walk then turns right and heads alongside the highway for approximately 400m (road to the right) where the walk comes to a clearing and heads towards the dilapidated brown cottage. (If you cross tram line again, you have gone to far along the Princes Highway.)

0.68 | Int of Princes Hwy and Royal National Park Service

(2 km 33 mins) Turn left: From the intersection of the management trail and the Princes Hwy, this walk proceeds around the wire fencing (around by the brown cottage is the easiest). On the other side of the cottage, the walk joins up with the management trail and continues south-east. Approximately 50m along this section the track passes another trail going off to the east (left). Continuing past this, the walk joins up with the Royal National Park Tramway lines and heads south along the management trail beside them. After quite some time, the walk passes the tram station, which is quite interesting historically, and 50m later, comes to the National Parks Education Centre car park.

Continue straight: From the top of the car park, this walk heads downhill through the car park towards the buildings (the area office). The walk heads down the grassy strip, keeping the area office to the left. At the bottom of the grassy clearing, the walk comes to the top of the 'Honeymoon trail' and information sign.

2.67 | Top of Honeymoon track

(1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the grassy clearing, this walk follows 'Honeymoon Track' sign down the steps into the

bush. The track meanders through the bush for a while, until it flattens out slightly before coming into a park. The track turns left and continues to a toilet block.

3.71 | Int of Honeymoon Track and Reid Park

(320 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads through the park towards the road and bridge. The walk then follows the road over the bridge to continue up the hill. The road quickly turns right and continues up to the Royal National Park Discovery Centre.

4.03 | Int. Winifred Falls Trk and Sir Bertram Stevens Dr

(990 m 27 mins) Turn left: From the visitors' centre, this walk crosses Sir Bertram Stevens Drive to the signposted 'Winifred Falls Track'. The walk heads up the stairs to a flat area above the road. The track then continues past a pipeline valve, then heads north-east up a sandstone block-formed track. The track continues north-east, swinging to the right, up the hillside. The walk passes a rocky outcrop, then continues to wind up the hill for some time. The track then turns sharply left near the top, and soon comes to a three-way intersection.

5.02 | Sir Bertram Stevens Drive Access Int.

(1.2 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the dump, keeping it behind on the right, for approximately 100m. The trail then swings right for approximately 500m down to a creek bed, then rises out again. After approximately 500m, the walk comes to a four-way intersection with an unsealed road, after a gate.

6.21 | Warumbul Rd

(1.4 km 33 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the gate, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Winifred Falls Fire Trail' sign. The trail then steeply descends, as the vegetation starts to include more trees. The walk continues to wind down the hill for some time to the flat clearing at the intersection.

7.63 | Optional sidetrip to South West Arm Pools

(370 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection the track heads north, down stream, leaving the clearing of the intersection down a steep rocky section of track. The track reaches the pool below Winifred Falls within 15m. The track then leads from the pool along the creek line or above the creek line for approximately 300m down stream to a large pool with three large boulders on the left. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

7.63 | South West Arm Pools Trk

(740 m 18 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads out of the clearing and away from the service trail, heading towards the water, and after approximately 10m, comes to a grass plant. From the grass plant, the track continues for approximately 10m upstream, to then cross the river above the small waterfalls. Continue straight: From the creek and waterfall, this walk heads

onto a rockshelf where the track turns right, heading steeply up the hill. The walk continues up the hill for approximately 50m to a creek. The track then traverses a spur to a second creek. The walk then continues for a short time to a sign marked intersection.

8.36 | Int. Mt Bass Trail and Anice and Winifred Falls Tr

(340 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, keeping relatively straight as the bush track climbs gently for approximately 100m to the end of the management trail.

8.7 | End Mount Bass Trail

(2.3 km 39 mins) Veer left: From the end of the management trail, this walk heads up the slight hill, along the defined management trail. The trail leads up through an area of tall trees, then veers left to the ridgeline. Approximately 40m of flat is passed, coming to an area with views of Sydney CBD on the left. The trail then continues along the flat ridge, veering left twice as it continues for a little while to the intersection with Bundeena Dr.