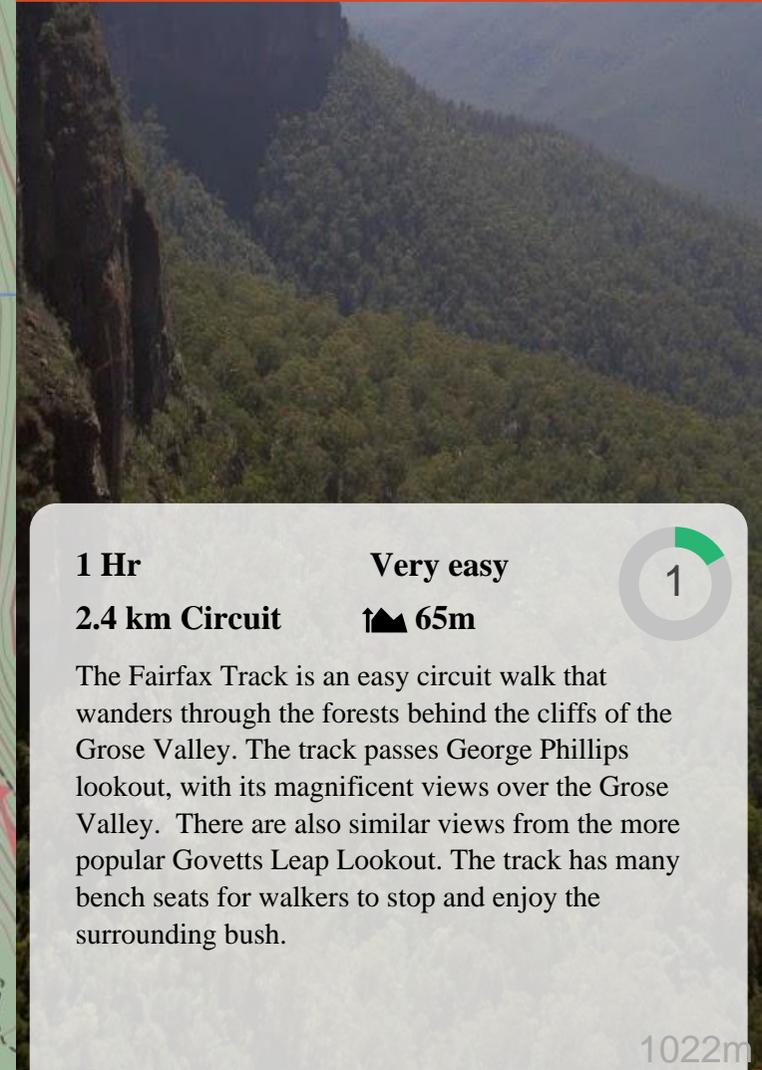
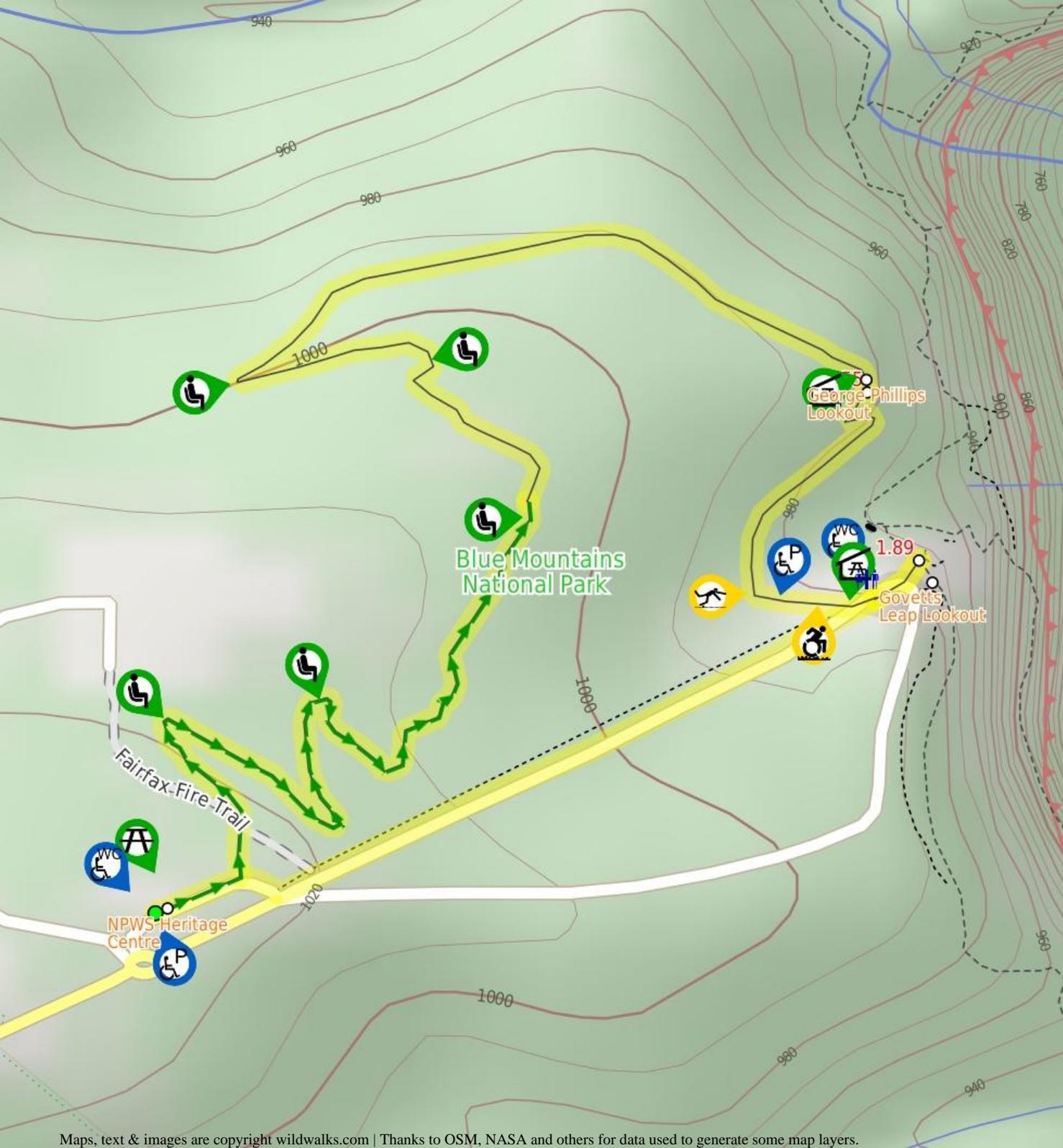


# Fairfax Heritage Circuit Track



1 Hr

2.4 km Circuit

Very easy

▲ 65m

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The Fairfax Track is an easy circuit walk that wanders through the forests behind the cliffs of the Grose Valley. The track passes George Phillips lookout, with its magnificent views over the Grose Valley. There are also similar views from the more popular Govetts Leap Lookout. The track has many bench seats for walkers to stop and enjoy the surrounding bush.

974m

1022m

Blue Mountains National Park

### 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 NPWS Heritage Centre car park (gps: -33.6308, 150.3068) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

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

### 0 | NPWS Heritage Centre

National Parks and Wildlife Service Heritage Centre, Blackheath, is a hub for the Blue Mountains National Park. It is signposted on Govetts Leap Road (past McLean Cr). Drop into the Heritage Centre to get advice and learn about the history of the park. You will also find information displays about the traditional owners, thing to do and the local flora and fauna. The heritage centre also 2 signposted accessible car parks, a shop with souvenirs, toilets and snack food. There is a picnic area out the back and plenty of general parking.

### 0 | NPWS Heritage Centre car park

*(1.6 km 27 mins)* From the front of the NPWS Heritage Centre, Blackheath, this walk heads along the concrete footpath gently downhill keeping the carpark (and Govetts Leap Rd) to your right. The path leads to a "Fairfax Heritage Track" sign at the lower end of the carpark. The track leads left (following the sign) then immediately turns right at the 'The Fairfax Heritage Track' map sign to follow the asphalt path. After 40m the path leads past a faint intersection with a dirt track and continues straight ahead winding through the wooded forest for another 100m to find a bench seat. The path bends sharply right and leads gently downhill for 140m where the track bends sharply left. The walk continues to gently meander for about 125m to another bench seat (on your left). The now track bends sharply right and gently undulates up and down for another 330m to find another bench seat (on the left), just before a three-way intersection with a small dirt track (on the left) and a 'Woodland Retreat' sign. (The 'Woodland Retreat' side track leads about 15m to a small seat, this is a rough dirt track).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leads down along the footpath, leaving the seat, sign and sidetrack behind (on the left). The path soon bends left and after 70m passes through (ignoring) a four-way intersection with a dirt trail. The path leads on for another 75m, bending a few times, to find another bench seat (on the left). From here the path continues to leads (gently undulating) through the forest for another 140m to find yet another bench seat (on your left). Here the track bends sharply to the right and leads gently downhill for 230m to passes through (ignoring) another four-way intersection with a dirt trail marked with a 'Rehabilitation Area - Please Keep Off' sign. The walk then continues downhill along the path for another 220m to

find a few picnic tables, a stone picnic shelter at an intersection with a short ramp leading down to the signposted 'George Phillips Lookout' (on your left).

### 1.55 | George Phillips Lookout

George Phillips Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, provides stunning views east into the Grose Valley. The lookout offers views to Pulpit Rock, the horseshoe-shaped gorge and over the deep, green gorges of the Grose Valley to Mount Banks. The lookout is fenced and has a wheelchair accessible ramp. There are a series of picnic tables including a stone shelter just behind the lookout.

### 1.55 | George Phillips Lookout

*(340 m 7 mins)* Veer right: From George Phillips Lookout, this walk leads gently downhill along the path keeping the filtered views of the valley to the left. After about 25m the path bends sharply left, then right. The path continues gently downhill for 180m coming to the edge of the Govetts Leap Picnic Area, a series of stone shelters, dirt carpark and the signposted end of 'The Fairfax Heritage Trail' asphalt path. Here the walk heads through the timber bollards, then bends left and leads for 60m across the dirt/gravel carpark to the large stone shelter at the edge of the turning circle (and carpark) at the end of Govetts Leap Rd.

Continue straight: From the large stone shelter at the edge of the turning circle (and carpark) at the end of Govetts Leap Rd, this walk heads 35m towards the valley views to head through the stone arch then down the ramp to the large flat gravel and fenced 'Govetts Leap' lookout platform.

### 1.89 | 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.

### 1.89 | Govetts Leap Lookout

*(490 m 10 mins)* Turn around: From Govetts Leap Lookout, this walk heads away from the valley, leading up through the car park. The path passes a toilet block on the right of the car park, and heads to the right end of the white concrete bollards which are near numerous track signs.

Continue straight: From Govetts Leap Picnic Area, this walk heads up the hill of the road, away from the lookouts and valley. The walk continues for a short time along the road, passing a few speed bumps, and turns to the right into the NPWS Heritage Centre car park.

