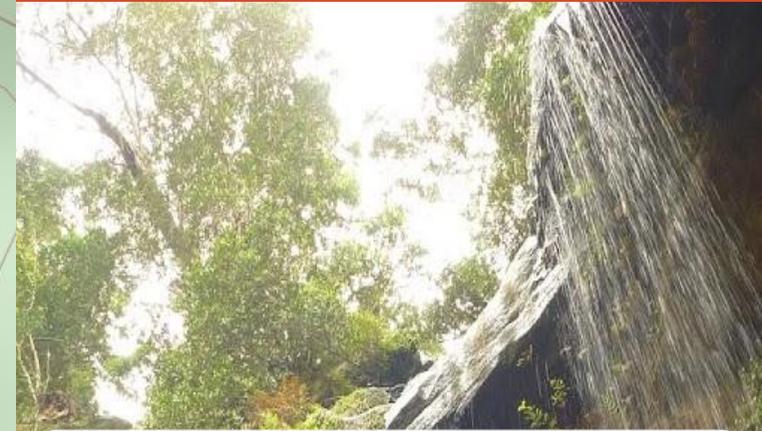


# Gap Creek Falls Walk



**1 Hr**

**Moderate track**

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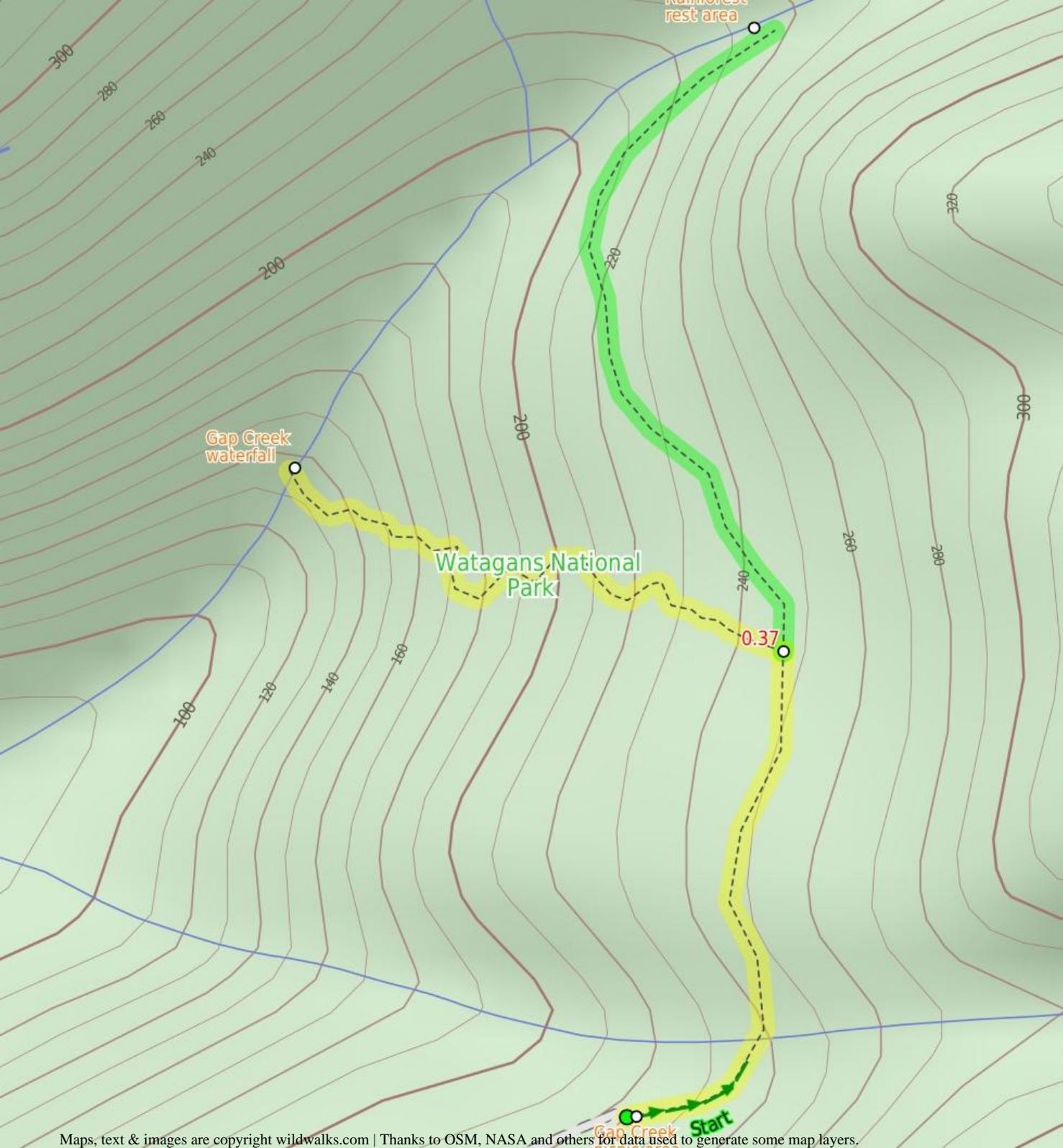
**1.5 km Return**

**▲ 162m**

This walk leads to one of the best waterfalls in the Hunter area and is highly recommended. The walk travels through dense rainforest, before descending to an inspiring amphitheatre of rock with the dramatic Gap Creek Falls. Spend some time looking around the base of the falls, particularly behind the falls on the narrow unfenced ledge. This walk is particularly good on a hot day, where the cooling spray off the waterfall is appreciated.

132m

Watagans 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Gap Creek picnic area (gps: -33.0133, 151.4306). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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/gcfw>

#### 0 | Gap Creek picnic area

The Gap Creek picnic area is located at the end of Bangalow Road within the Watagans National Park. The picnic area has a barbeque and sheltered picnic tables.

#### 0 | Gap Creek picnic area

(370 m 9 mins) From Gap Creek picnic area, this walk follows the track gently uphill (up steps initially), passing the 'Gap Creek Forest Walk' sign (on your left). The track is followed through moist rainforest for about 400m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a large dead tree and a 'Gap Creek Fall/Gap Creek Forest Walk' sign.

#### 0.37 | Optional sidetrip to End of Forest Walk

(490 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the level track, while passing the 'Gap Creek Fall/Gap Creek Forest Walk' sign on your left. The track leads through moist rainforest about 100m, then passes through a large cut tree trunk. The track continues gently downhill for about 500m, until coming to a creek with large boulders in it (with a timber seat to the left). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

#### 0.37 | Gap Creek Rainforest rest area

The Gap Creek rainforest rest area is within the Watagans National Park and is a secret hideaway surrounded by dense rainforest. This rest area beside Gap Creek has large boulders, pools and cascades to explore, along with protected yabbies to find in the creek. There is also one back-supported timber chair to sit in and listen to the birds. This section of rainforest is a great spot to keep cool in on a hot summer day.

#### 0.37 | Int of Gap Creek Falls & Forest Walk Track

(380 m 12 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill and passing the 'Gap Creek Fall/Gap Creek Forest Walk' sign on your right. The track continues through attractive rainforest for about 40m, where it becomes moderately steep downhill. The track continues (often with stone and timber steps) for about 400m, until coming to the dramatic Gap Creek Falls.

#### 0.75 | Gap Creek waterfall

The Gap Creek waterfall, within the Watagans National Park, is arguably the best waterfall in the Hunter region. The Gap Creek waterfall used to be known as Brownie Falls, named after a pioneer saw-milling family in the Martinsville valley. The falls consists of a large amphitheatre of rock surrounded by rainforest. It is possible to walk across the drainage from the falls and then along an unfenced ledge to get behind the falling water of the waterfall. The waterfall is most spectacular after heavy rains, however it is wise to let the roads dry out before using them. A great spot to sit and relax at any time of the year.

