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**Blue Mountains National Park** 

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## 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 Mt Hay car park (gps: -33.6299, 150.402). 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 inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/mh">http://wild.tl/mh</a>

### 0 | Mt Hay car park

(330 m 7 mins) From the car park, this walk heads past the gap in the train track-style fencing, passing a sign for 'Butterbox Canyon'. The track traverses the saddle to rise up onto a flat area, continuing for approximately 20m to an intersection with a track to the left.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads approximately 20m up the hill, keeping the rocky knoll to the left of the track, soon coming to the intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the overgrown management trail up the hill, keeping the rocky outcrops on the hill to the left and the large hill, Mt Hay, directly ahead of the track. The track heads down to an unsigned intersection.

### 0.33 | Int. Swamp View Trk and Mt Hay Trk

(790 *m* 18 *mins*) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the management trail towards Mt Hay, with the Grose valley some distance off to the left. The trail tends right for approximately 50m to a rocky surface, where the track rounds a rock outcrop on the right-hand side. The trail slowly winds down the hill and across a saddle protected by trees. The walk then turns into a single track up the hill leading to Mt Hay. The track heads up to a small knoll and continues to an informal lookout marked by a prominent rock feature on the left.

## 1.12 | Rock Feature Lookout

(430 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the ribbed rock feature lookout, this walk heads around a rocky outcrop to

lead up the hill, keeping the Grose valley some distance off to the left. The walk leads up the hill through the trees to climb two small rock surfaces - These are marked by small cairns. The track continues up the hill, passing a rock landing on the left covered by moss. The walk heads up through a grassy area where the track becomes undefined. The walk continues for approximately 100m up the hill to an area of soccer ball-sized rocks and grass. The track leads up past a knoll made by these rocks (the knoll is to the right of the track), coming to the large cairn on the summit.

# 1.55 | Mt Hay

Mt Hay, Blue Mountains National Park, is a large basaltcapped mountain, which creates a more fertile environment for different plant species. The mountain is accessed by Mt Hay Rd, with a defined bush track which leads to the top. At the top of Mt Hay, there is a large cairn, made from basalt bricks from the surrounding prominent knoll, which is the highest point. Excellent views are gained into the Grose Valley, from the track up Mt Hay, however the summit itself does not have views, blocked by the tree canopy.

