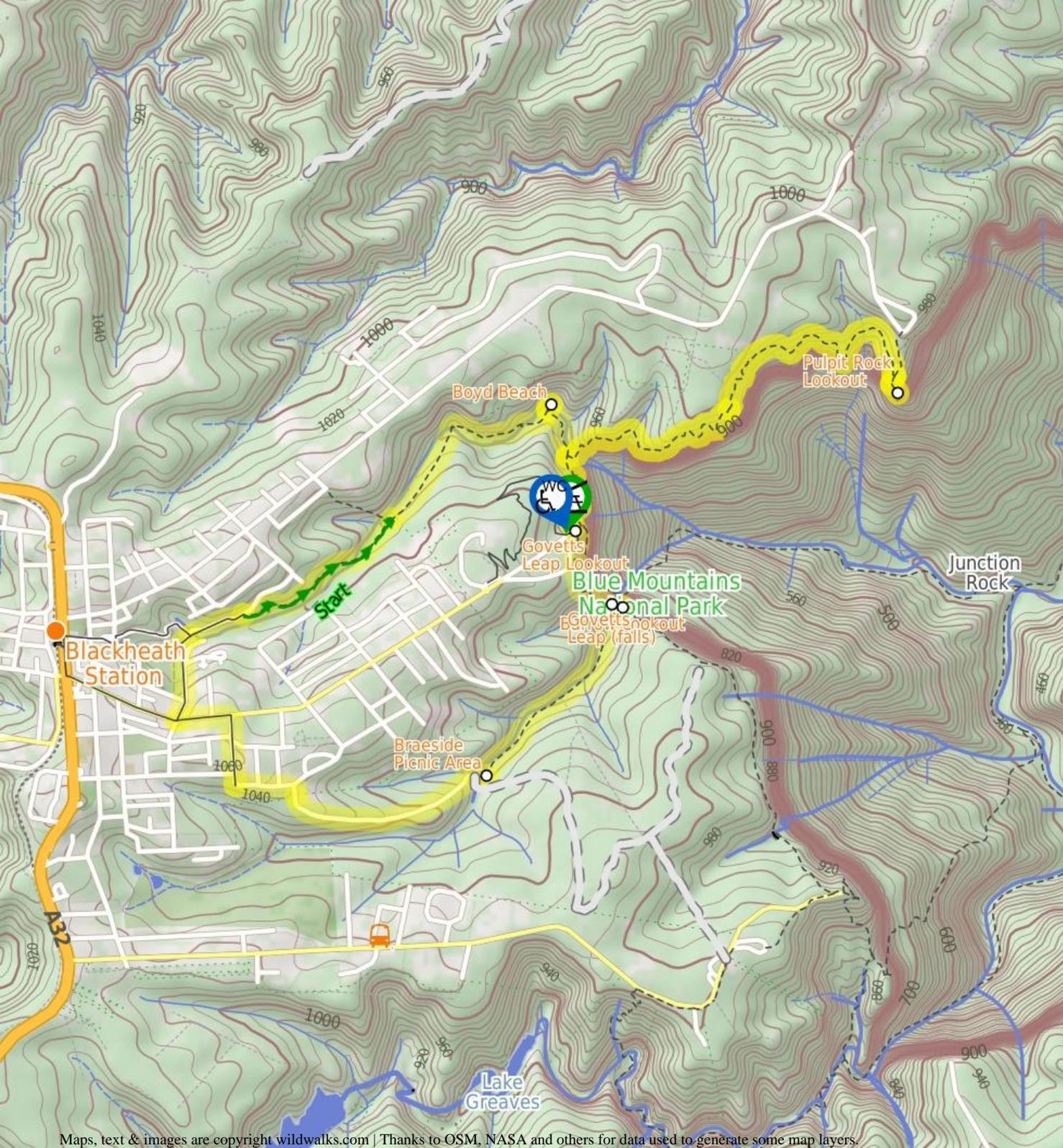


Popes Glen, Pulpit Rock, Govetts Leap and Braeside Walk



8 hrs

13.6 km Circuit

Hard track

1068m



This large circuit walk, from Popes Glen to Pulpit Rock, Govetts leap and along the Braeside Track, passes some of the most magnificent scenery in this part of the Blue Mountains National Park. From little, hidden places, like Boyds Beach, to the stunning Bridle Veil Falls and Govetts Leap Lookout, this track covers many of the areas highlights.

880m

1061m

Blue Mountains National Park

Boyd Beach

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Pulpit Rock Lookout

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Barrow Lookout

Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.

Braeside Picnic Area

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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;

1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA, 89301N MOUNT WILSON

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 4/6
Hard track

Length	13.6 km Circuit
Time	8 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



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 Int. Popes Glen Trk and Dell St (gps: -33.6324, 150.2941) by car, train 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/ppgrglabw>

0 | Int. Popes Glen Trk and Dell St

(2.2 km 50 mins) From the intersection near 49 Dell St, this walk heads down the hill following the old 'Popes Glen' sign. After approximately 350m, this walk passes an intersection (with access tracks to Clarence Rd). A further 200m down the hill, the walk passes a waterfall on the right, then continues down parallel to the creek (on the right). The walk crosses two bridges, then continues to follow the creek (now on the left) to an intersection below power lines.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down a slight hill, keeping the creek on the left of the track. After some time, the walk crosses a bridge, then continues beside the creek until crossing a second bridge. The track continues for some time downhill, to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Boyd's Beach' sign (under the bush). The walk winds down the rocky steps for approximately 40m to Boyd Beach.

2.15 | Boyd Beach

Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.

2.15 | Boyd Beach

(340 m 8 mins) Turn around: From Boyd Beach, this walk heads up the hill away from the creek, winding up the rocky steps for approximately 40m to the signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign, climbing for approximately 50m past a rock feature (below on the left - there is a track to the top of this feature). The walk continues along the creek line, keeping the creek on the left, and passes a track (accessing the creek). This walk continues for approximately 100m, heading through a ferny area to an intersection near the creek, marked by 'Popes Glen' and 'Govetts Leap' signs.

2.5 | Int. Popes Glen Trk and Pulpit Rock Trk

(2.9 km 1 hr 36 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads across the creek, following the signs to 'Pulpit Rock'. The track winds up the hill, reaching a railing which is followed around and under a cliff to Cripps Lookout, with views of Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls. This walk then continues along the hillside, with the valley below on the right. The track rounds into a gully and over a creek to rise out again up the hillside. It then follows the hillside for some time, leading in and out of gullies to a large railed lookout, Boyd Lookout.

Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk leads along the hillside with the valley below on the right. The track passes by views of the Grose Valley on its right, and rocky outcrops on the left. It then swings to the right, around a hill, to head into a gully. The track continues around the gully to drop into a creek to continue to a sign marked intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs, following the sign to 'Pulpit Rock'. The track heads down the hill to a flat area with awesome views over the Grose Valley.

Veer left: From the upper lookout, this walk heads down the long set of stairs towards Pulpit Rock (a bench seat is visible from here). The walk passes a side path (which leads to a cave) and continues down to the bench seat in the middle of the platform.

5.4 | Pulpit Rock Lookout

Pulpit Rock Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley and back towards Blackheath, with Bridal Veil Falls and the Govetts Leap cliff edge in view. The lookout has many levels with the uppermost lookout having the easiest access.

5.4 | Pulpit Rock middle Lookout

(3 km 1 hr 40 mins) Turn around: From the seat, this walk heads up the hill and away from the valley, passing a side track (which leads to a cave). The walk heads up more stairs before coming to a large viewing area on the left.

Veer right: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, away from the valley, for approximately 30m to a signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk does not follow the signs to the 'Carpark' or 'Pulpit Rock', but instead leads away from the stairs and into a gully. The track rounds the gully, dropping into a creek before it heading uphill to the cliff tops again. The track continues to undulate along the clifftops, with the views of the valley to the left. The track winds in and out of gullies for approximately 1km to the fenced viewing area of Boyd Lookout.

Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads along the hillside with the valley below to the left. The track leads along the hillside for some time, in and out of gullies, to then head down into a gully facing Horseshoe Falls. The track rounds the gully, passing across a creek to a railed lookout on the left. The track then heads under a cliffline to a railed section of track, which winds down the hill steeply to the street-signposted intersection after Popes Glen Creek.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign through the ferns, with the creek to the left of the track, and comes to a set of stairs. The walk climbs the steep stairs to follow the railing around a rocky outcrop. The track then winds along the hillside for some time heading to pass a lookout on the left, as the track continues to the intersection near the Horseshoe Falls Lookout.

8.44 | Horseshoe Falls Lookout

(340 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk winds along the cliff top with the valley below to the left. The walk then leads steeply up the stairs to the intersection at the viewing area.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley to the left. The walk heads up and around the hillside to cross over a bridge, then up more stairs to the intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads across the grassed area towards a platform structure. The walk climbs some stairs onto Govetts Leap Lookout, with its great views and sandstone monuments.

8.77 | Govetts Leap Lookout

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8.77 | Govetts Leap Lookout

(620 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left. The track rises for approximately 400m and then heads down the hillside. The walk zigzags down the hill, with stairs, and then crosses a creek with cement steppingstones, coming to a signposted intersection on the other side.

9.39 | Govetts Leap (falls)

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9.39 | Braeside Walk North

(80 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the winding stairs towards the cliffs. The soon comes to the railed Barrow Lookout, where there is a bench seat.

9.47 | Barrow Lookout

Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.

9.47 | Barrow Lookout

(1.3 km 23 mins) Turn around: From Barrow Lookout, this walk heads down the stairs towards Bridal Veil Falls and the creek in the valley. The walk soon comes to a signposted intersection, above cement stepping stones in the creek.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Braeside Walk' sign, up the stream, along the rocky track. The walk leads approximately 100m, to then go down to the creek. The stepping stones are followed up stream to a set of stairs. This walk climbs the stairs and continues south-west for approximately 100m to find some overhead power lines. The walk continues upstream, passing an overgrown track on the left (which heads underneath power lines on the left to join up with a management trail above on the hill). This track is passed, as the brook is followed for approximately 100m, passing some large boulders on the right as the track continues approximately 500m to the Braeside Picnic Area.

Continue straight: From the weir and the barbeque, this walk heads up the hill, keeping the weir on the right of the track, soon reaching the stepping stones. The track tends right across the creek via the stepping stones. From the creek, this walk heads up the steps to the signposted intersection on the management trail.

10.74 | Braeside Picnic Area

Braeside Picnic Area, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small picnic area on the southern end of the Braeside walking track. The picnic area has a bench table and stone barbeque. The picnic area is situated next to a small weir and waterfall amongst the ferns.

10.74 | Int. Braeside Service Trail and Braeside Picnic Ar

(2.8 km 53 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill past a car park area on the right, and up to the intersection of the management trails.

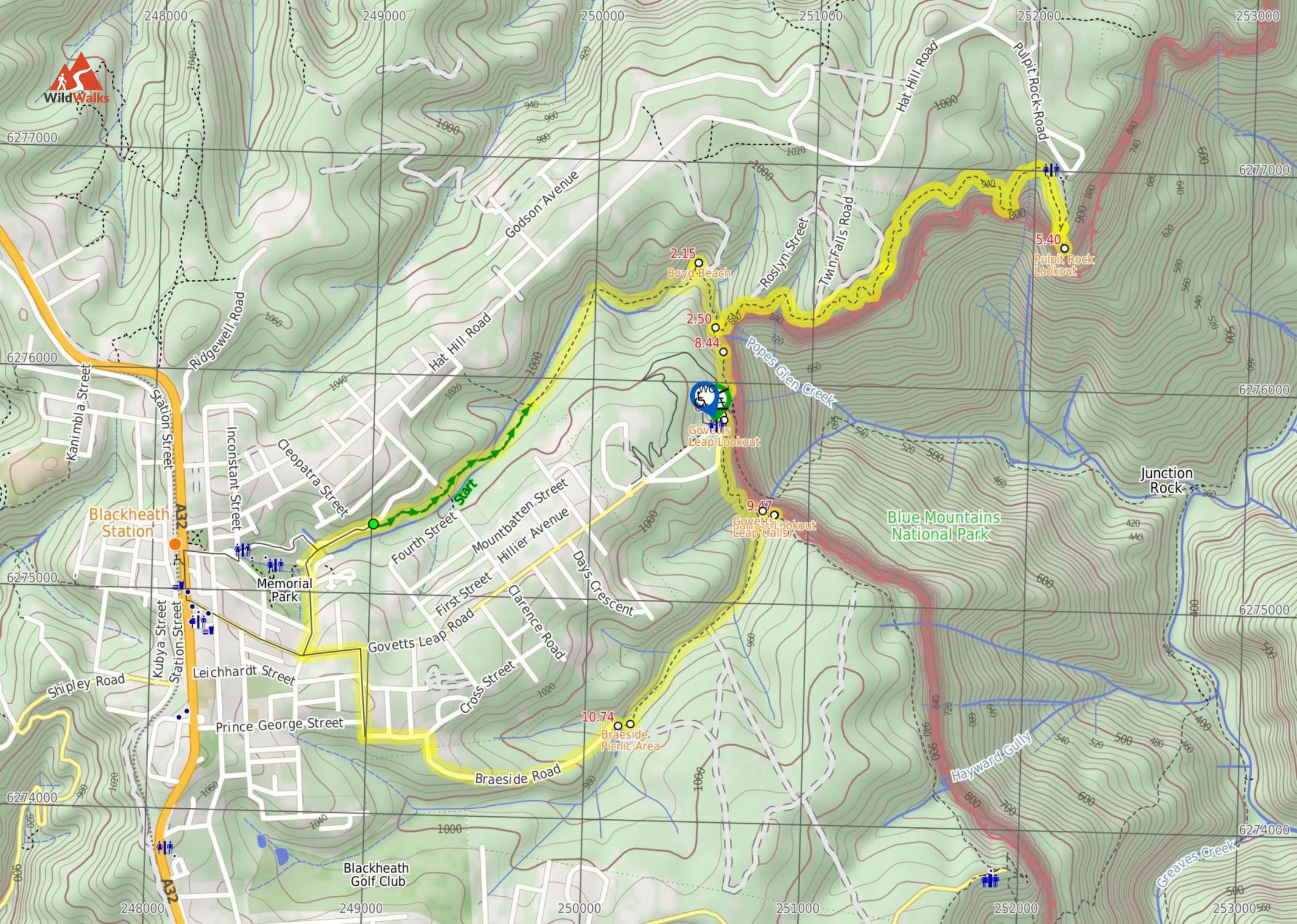
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill passing a driveway on the left. The walk heads up the hill towards the white house at the top of the hill, to turn left (west) onto Braeside St, keeping the white house behind to the right. This walk continues up the street to the intersection with Boreas St.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north up Boreas St to turn left onto Govetts Leap Road. This walk continues along Govetts Leap Rd to

the intersection with Prince Edward St.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Edward St' and caravan (symbol) signs, past the pink cottage on the left. The walk continues along the road, passing Memorial Park and Swimming Pool on the left before tending right to the intersection with Gipps Lane (which is on the left). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the road, leaving Gipps St behind on the left and passing a wooden house (also on the left). The walk passes Cleopatra St on the left before coming to the signposted intersection with the Pope's Glen track on the right, near 49 Dell St.





Summary navigation sheet for the Popes Glen, Pulpit Rock, Govetts Leap and Braeside Walk



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Int. Popes Glen Trk and Dell St -33.6324,150.2941 (GR Katoomba, 490753)	48 -148	2.2 km 50 mins	From the intersection near 49 Dell St, this walk heads down the hill following the old 'Popes Glen' sign.
2.15	Boyd Beach -33.6217,150.3102 (GR Mount Wilson, 505765)	18 -21	340 m 8 mins	Turn around: From Boyd Beach, this walk heads up the hill away from the creek, winding up the rocky steps for approximately 40m to the signposted intersection.
2.50	Int. Popes Glen Trk and Pulpit Rock Trk -33.6244,150.311 (GR Mount Wilson, 506763)	338 -368	2.9 km 1 hr 36 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads across the creek, following the signs to 'Pulpit Rock'.
5.40	Pulpit Rock middle Lookout -33.6211,150.3282 (GR Mount Wilson, 521767)	394 -348	3 km 1 hr 40 mins	Turn around: From the seat, this walk heads up the hill and away from the valley, passing a side track (which leads to a cave).
8.44	Horseshoe Falls Lookout -33.6254,150.3114 (GR Katoomba, 506761)	62 -23	340 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk winds along the cliff top with the valley below to the left.
8.77	Govetts Leap Lookout -33.628,150.3113 (GR Katoomba, 506759)	17 -82	620 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left.
9.39	Braeside Walk North -33.6324,150.3132 (GR Katoomba, 508754)	5 -2	80 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the winding stairs towards the cliffs.
9.47	Barrow Lookout -33.632,150.3139 (GR Katoomba, 508754)	62 -10	1.3 km 23 mins	Turn around: From Barrow Lookout, this walk heads down the stairs towards Bridal Veil Falls and the creek in the valley.
10.74	Int. Braeside Service Trail and Braeside Picnic Area -33.6407,150.3062 (GR Katoomba, 502744)	124 -62	2.8 km 53 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill past a car park area on the right, and up to the intersection of the management trails.