



## Victoria Falls Lookout to Blue Gum Forest



8 hrs

Experienced only

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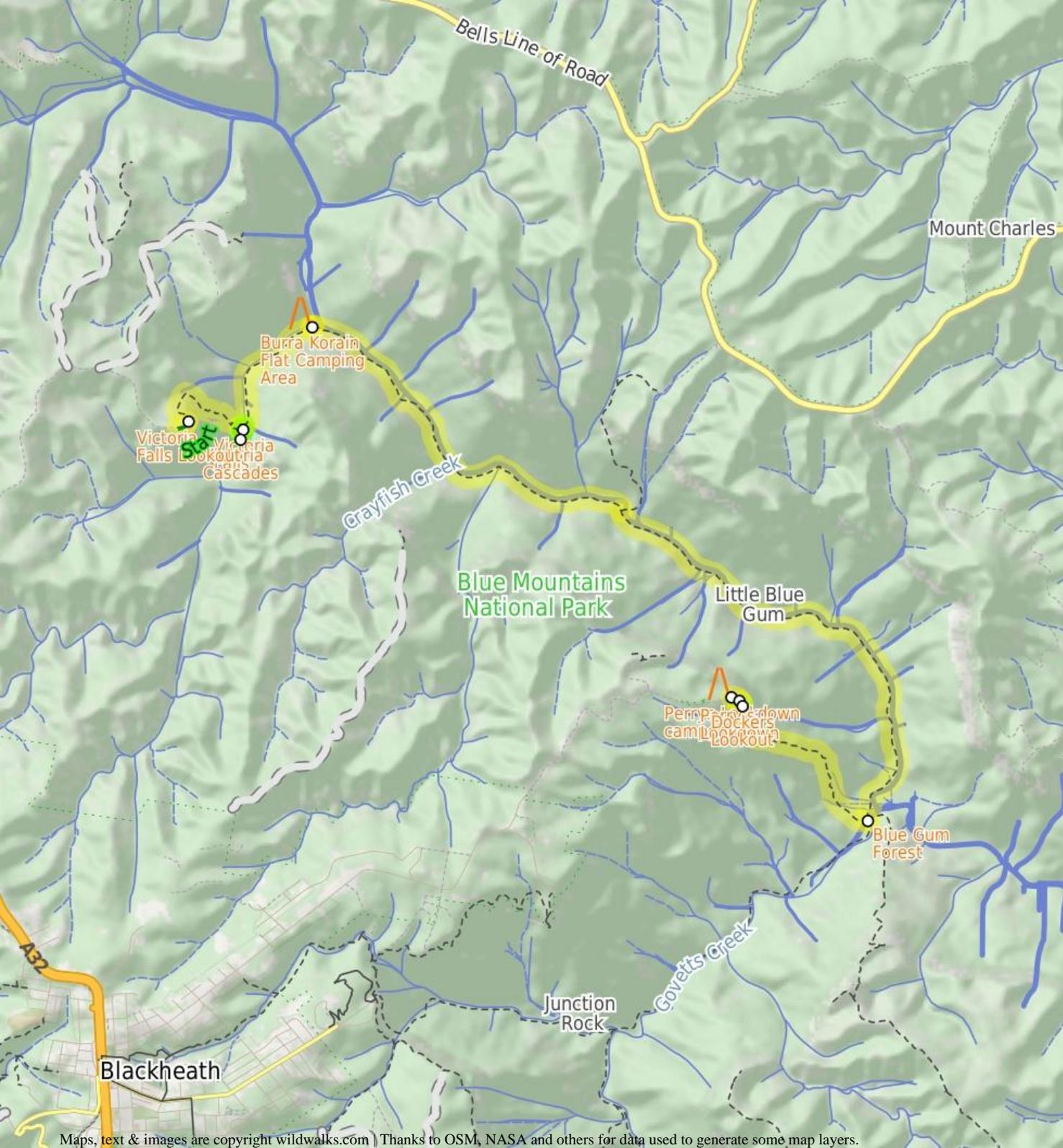
13.8 km One way  1102m

This long day-walk follows a remote track down from Victoria Falls lookout, passing the waterfall, and into the Grose Valley, to the famous Blue Gum Forest, a scenic and historic highlight of this area. From the Blue Gum Forest, the walk climbs steeply to finish at Perry's Lookdown. You will need to organise a car shuttle, or a taxi for this walk.

961m

310m

Blue Mountains National Park



## Victoria Falls Lookout

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## Victoria Cascades

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## Burra Korain Flat Camping Area

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## Blue Gum Forest

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## Dockers Lookout

Dockers Lookout, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley and Blue Gum Forest below. Mt Banks can be seen standing proudly to the north above the valley.

## 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 ([Central Ranges, 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:**89301N MOUNT WILSON

**1:100 000 Map Series:**8930 KATOOMBA

## Grade

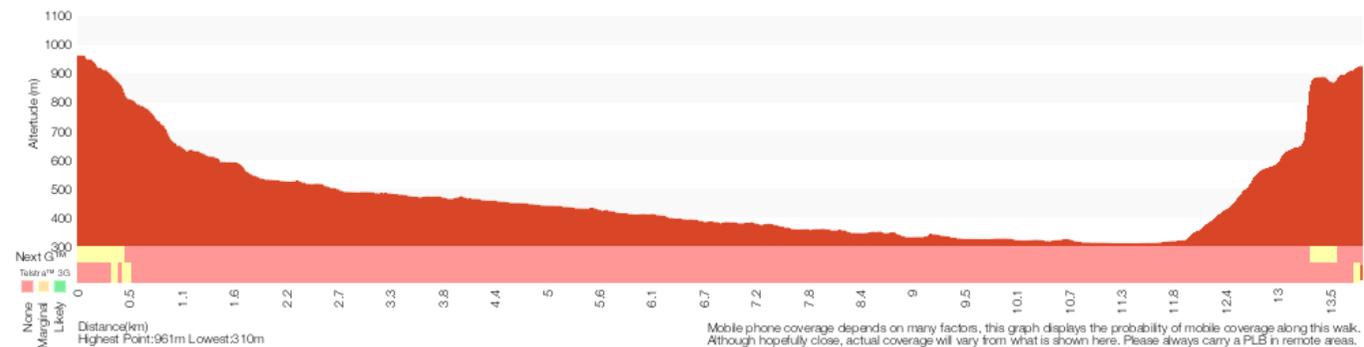
This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 5/6  
Experienced only

<b>Length</b>	13.8 km One way
<b>Time</b>	8 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough unclear track (5/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

**\* This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

### 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 walk's 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. **Experienced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Victoria Falls Rd car park (gps: -33.5737, 150.2921). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Perry's Lookdown car park and camping area (gps: -33.5994, 150.346). Car: There is free parking available.

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

### 0 | Victoria Falls Rd car park

*(100 m 2 mins)* From the car park, this walk follows the sign to 'Grose Valley Lookout' down the hill. The walk then winds down some steps for approximately 50m to a lookout.

### 0.1 | Victoria Falls Lookout

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*(1.3 km 39 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads past the 'Victoria Falls' sign, down the hill. It leads across the hill for a short while before turning right and following the steps downhill for approximately 100m. The track then tends left, steeply down through a rocky outcrop, then continues winding across the hill under rocky outcrops (on the right). The track winds left, down through the rock again, to steeply zigzag down the hill for some time, moving away from the rocky outcrop, into ferns and more grassy undergrowth. The track heads steeply down towards the sound of the cascades at the signposted intersection.

### 1.38 | Optional sidetrip to Victoria Creek Cascades

*(90 m 3 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Cascades', heading towards the noise of the falling water. It follows the hillside through the rainforest vegetation to the creek bank. The track then continues over the slippery rocks to the bottom of the falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

### 1.38 | Victoria Cascades

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### 1.38 | Int. Victoria Creek Cascades and Victoria Falls Tr

*(20 m )* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burra

Korain Flat', heading down the stairs for a short distance to another signposted intersection.

### 1.39 | Optional sidetrip to Top of Falls

*(20 m 1 mins)* Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Top of Falls' sign, down the hill to Victoria Creek. The track then turns left, descending steeply on some rocks. This walk continues downstream along a rockshelf to the top of Victoria Falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 1.39 | Int. Top of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks

*(100 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burra Korain Flats' heading up the hill and then down to a railing, overlooking the Victoria Falls. The track then winds down the slippery hillside, descending to an intersection in front of a large, mossy rock.

### 1.49 | Optional sidetrip to Victoria Falls

*(50 m 2 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the track follows the hillside towards the sound of a waterfall, keeping the creek some distance below to your left. The track soon opens out onto the cliff of the waterfall. The track then swings around the right-hand side to go up the scree slope to venture behind the waterfall. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

### 1.49 | Victoria Falls

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### 1.49 | Int. Bottom of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks

*(1.3 km 29 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track downhill towards the creek, keeping the creek to your right, so soon come to a clearing beside the creek. Here the walk crosses the creek to find a sign pointing to 'Burra Korain Flat' (visible before crossing the creek). (This creek may be impassable after rain). The walk turns left to follow the 'Burra Korain Flat' sign downhill, keeping the creek to your left for over 1km. The track winds and undulating through ferns and rocky outcrops, to open out into the Burra Korain Flat Camping Area, which is signposted.

### 2.84 | Burra Korain Flat Camping Area

Burra Korain Flat Camping Area, Blue Mountains NP, is a small clearing between the Victoria Creek and Grose River. The campsite is well signposted and has nice sitting logs and plenty of space for a few tents. Water can be accessed from either river or creek but should be treated before use.

### 2.84 | Burra Korain Flat Camping Area

*(8.8 km 3 hrs 24 mins)* Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads down the hill to the creek and then across it. The track continues up through a grassy area to a clearing with a fireplace and BBQ and a sign to 'Acacia Flat'. Continue straight: From the camping area, this walk follows the 'Acacia Flats' sign down to the creek. The track crosses the creek and continues along the right-hand bank, heading downstream. The track then undulates and winds on the right side of the creek for approximately 3km in a south-easterly direction. The track crosses a number of creeks, and continues undulating along the south side of the Grose River to an intersection, with a sign pointing back to Burra Korain.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Acacia Flats', keeping the creek below on the left. The track continues for

approximately 500m, undulating across the steep hillside. The terrain then begins to flatten out as the track leads onto a creek flat area. After a short while, a clearing with a fireplace is passed, on your right. The track continues to undulate along the hillside, with the creek to the left, for approximately 2km, to an area where the creek flats broaden. The track passes some more clearings with fire places, coming to a sign marked 'Blue Gum Forest'. The track passes this sign and continues for approximately 500m to a well-signed intersection.

### 11.63 | Blue Gum Forest

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### 11.63 | Blue Gum Forest intersection

*(2 km 1 hr 31 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Perry's Lookdown Track' sign up the hill. The track heads uphill out of Blue Gum Forest, before tending right to more steeply climb the hill. As the track tends right, it heads up to the spur. When the track joins the spur, it turns left and heads up and continues winding for some time. The track continues up the spur to the cliffline, where it meets a set of steps and handrails. The walk climbs up large, steep steps, winding up through the pass to a memorial lookout at the top of the cliff.

Continue straight: From Memorial Lookout, the walk climbs the stairs, keeping the valley on the right, and then contours left around the hill. The track descends slightly before crossing a bridge, and then turns right before leading up the steps to the signposted intersection.

### 13.64 | Optional sidetrip to Dockers Lookout

*(20 m 1 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk leads for a short distance down the railed path to the visible lookout area, Docker's Lookout. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 13.64 | Dockers Lookout

Dockers Lookout, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley and Blue Gum Forest below. Mt Banks can be seen standing proudly to the north above the valley.

### 13.64 | Int. Perry's and Dockers Lookout Tracks

*(40 m 2 mins)* Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk follows the railed stairs up the hill for a short time until coming to Perry's Lookdown - the lookout on the right.

### 13.68 | Perry's Lookdown

Perry's Lookdown, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley, with Blue Gum Forest nearly directly below and Lockleys Pylon to the south. The lookout is presumably named after Captain William Perry, the Deputy Surveyor General who worked under the leadership of Sir Thomas Mitchell.

### 13.68 | Perry's Lookdown

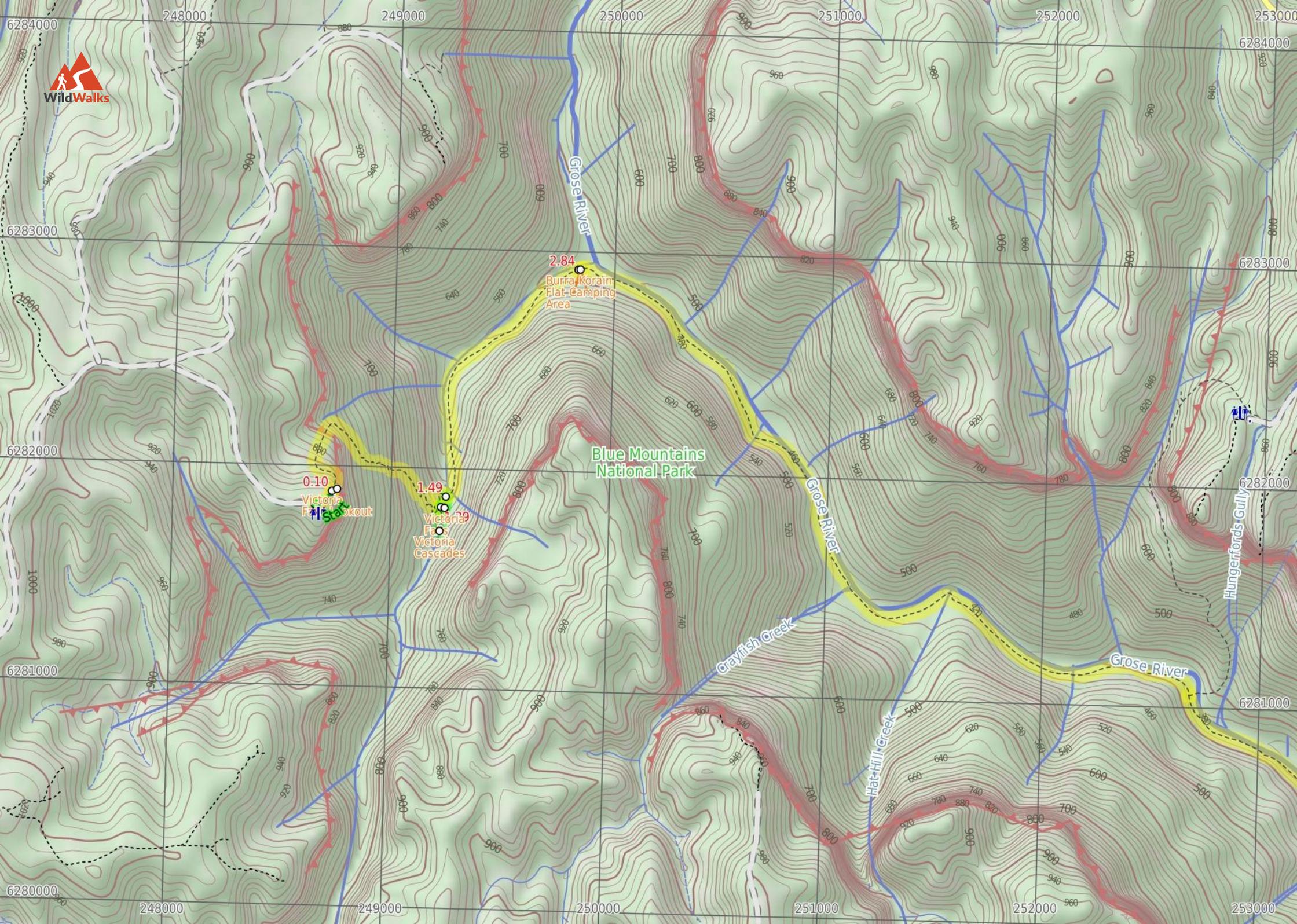
*(80 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, the walk leads up the stairs (leaving the valley behind) to the dirt road and car park.

### 13.76 | Perrys Lookdown campground

Perrys Lookdown offers a simple campsite, close to some spectacular

lookouts and well located as starting point for longer walks exploring the Grose Valley. There are 5 tent sites and a non-flush toilet, but no water available. This area allows fuel stoves only (no camp fires). The camping area is a short walk from the car park. Limit to one night stay (sites cannot be reserved).





Blue Mountains  
National Park

0.10  
Victoria Falls  
Hike

1.49  
Victoria Falls  
Cascades

2.84  
Burra Korain  
Flat Camping  
Area

Grose River

Grose River

Grayfish Creek

Hat Hill Creek

Grose River

Hungerford's Gully



## Summary navigation sheet for the Victoria Falls Lookout to Blue Gum Forest



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Victoria Falls Rd car park -33.5737,150.2921 (GR Mount Wilson, 487818)	0 -15	100 m 2 mins	From the car park, this walk follows the sign to 'Grose Valley Lookout' down the hill.
0.10	Victoria Falls Lookout -33.5732,150.2929 (GR Mount Wilson, 487819)	24 -358	1.3 km 39 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads past the 'Victoria Falls' sign, down the hill.
1.38	Int. Victoria Creek Cascades and Victoria Falls Tracks -33.574,150.2983 (GR Mount Wilson, 492818)	14 0	90 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Victoria Creek Cascades. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Cascades', heading towards the noise of the falling water.
1.38	Int. Victoria Creek Cascades and Victoria Falls Tracks -33.574,150.2983 (GR Mount Wilson, 492818)	0 -2	20 m	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burra Korain Flat', heading down the stairs for a short distance to another signposted intersection.
1.39	Int. Top of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks -33.5738,150.2983 (GR Mount Wilson, 492818)	1 -1	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Top of Falls. Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Top of Falls' sign, down the hill to Victoria Creek.
1.39	Int. Top of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks -33.5738,150.2983 (GR Mount Wilson, 492818)	0 -19	100 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Burra Korain Flats' heading up the hill and then down to a railing, overlooking the Victoria Falls.
1.49	Int. Bottom of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks -33.5734,150.2986 (GR Mount Wilson, 493819)	13 0	50 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Victoria Falls. Veer right: From the intersection, the track follows the hillside towards the sound of a waterfall, keeping the creek some distance below to your left.
1.49	Int. Bottom of Falls and Victoria Creek Tracks -33.5734,150.2986 (GR Mount Wilson, 493819)	22 -126	1.3 km 29 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track downhill towards the creek, keeping the creek to you right, so soon come to a clearing beside the creek.
2.84	Burra Korain Flat Camping Area -33.5641,150.3051 (GR Mount Wilson, 498829)	422 -599	8.8 km 3 hrs 24 mins	Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads down the hill to the creek and then across it.
11.63	Blue Gum Forest intersection -33.6111,150.3592 (GR Mount Wilson, 550778)	603 -22	2 km 1 hr 31 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Perrys Lookdown Track' sign up the hill.
13.64	Int. Perry's and Dockers Lookout Tracks -33.6,150.3469 (GR Mount Wilson, 538790)	0 -13	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Dockers Lookout. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk leads for a short distance down the railed path to the visible lookout area, Docker's Lookout.
13.64	Int. Perry's and Dockers Lookout Tracks -33.6,150.3469 (GR Mount Wilson, 538790)	15 0	40 m 2 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk follows the railed stairs up the hill for a short time until coming to Perry's Lookdown - the lookout on the right.
13.68	Perry's Lookdown -33.5997,150.3467 (GR Mount Wilson, 538791)	16 0	80 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, the walk leads up the stairs (leaving the valley behind) to the dirt road and car park.