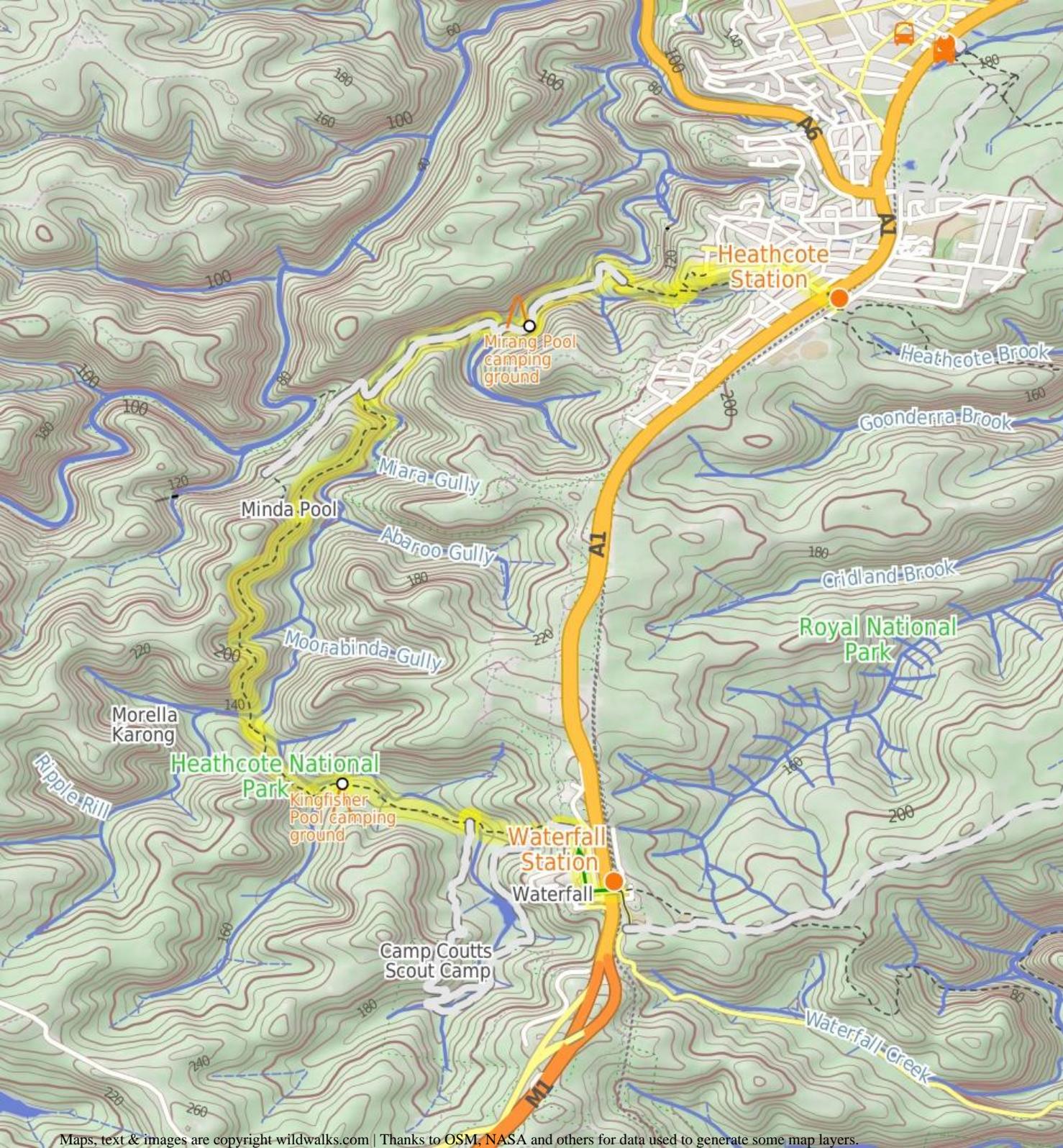


Waterfall to Heathcote



5 hrs

Hard track

10.8 km One way

↑ 467m



This walk explores the heart of Heathcote National Park, and is easily accessed with a train station at either end. Although relatively close to the start of the walk, Kingfisher Pool, next to Heathcote Creek, is a great spot to break and enjoy the park. Mirang Pool, at the northern end, also offers an opportunity to cool down before the last walk up the hill.

62m

232m

Heathcote National Park

Kingfisher Pool camping ground

This campsite is located at a small clearing, just east of the junction of Heathcote and Kingfisher Creeks in Heathcote National Park. The campsite is above the creek on a flat clearing. The creek usually provides plenty of water (treat before use, and check with rangers before setting out) and an opportunity for a swim. At the campground, there is also a small pit toilet and picnic table. Open fires are not permitted, so bring your own fuel stove. Fees are payable in advance for the permit required to stay at this campsite.

Mirang Pool camping ground

This campsite is nestled in Heathcote National Park, with walk-in access from Heathcote Station. The campsite is near Mirang Pool on Heathcote Creek - there is a signpost at the top of the stairs, leading down to the pools from the management trail above. There are no facilities provided at the campsite, and you will need to carry in your own water and fuel stove.

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 Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Heathcote 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:91294N PORT HACKING, 90291S APPIN, 90291N CAMPBELLTOWN

1:50 000 Map Series:90291 CAMPBELLTOWN

1:100 000 Map Series:9129 PORT HACKING, 9029 WOLLONGONG

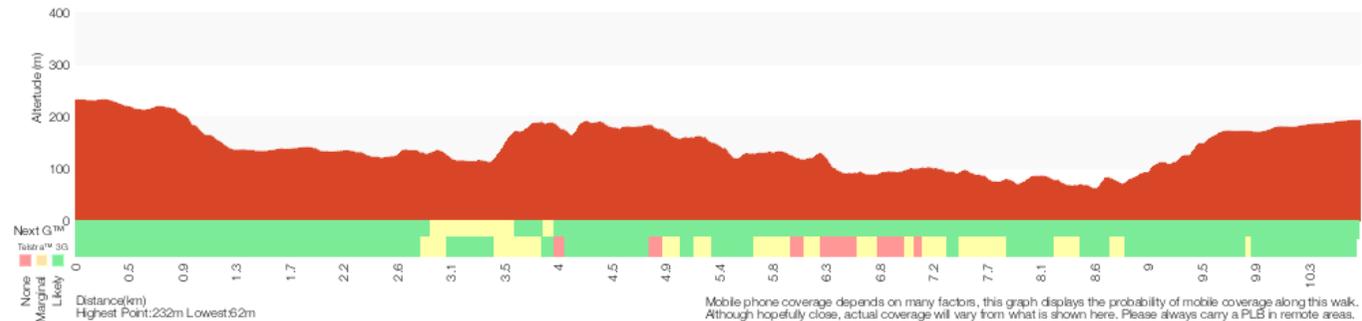
Grade

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	10.8 km One way
Time	5 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
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 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.

Getting there You can get to Waterfall Station (gps: -34.1352, 150.9946) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081) by car or bus. 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/wth>

0 | Waterfall Station

(730 m 14 mins) From Waterfall Railway Station, this walk takes the ramp out of the station onto Kooraban St. The walk follows Kooraban St over the Princess Highway, then turns right into Warabin St. This is followed to the end, where it comes to the intersection with the service trail signposted as the 'Bullawarring Track'.

0.73 | End of Warabin Rd

(90 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the end of Warabin St, this walk passes the large National Park gate and the sign saying 'Bullawarring Track - Heathcote National Park', heading along the service trail for a short while before coming to the signposted intersection of the Bullawarring Track at the top of the long set of wooden stairs.

0.82 | Int of Bullawarring Track and Warabin Servicetrail

(280 m 9 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Trac Kingfisher Pool and Lake Eckersley' sign down to the bottom of a long set of wooden steps. From here, the walk continues down the hill along the rocky bush track to the top of some short cliffs, where the walk follows the rock shelf for a short distance before continuing steeply down the rocky slope and down the hill to the intersection of the Lake Toolooma service trail.

1.1 | Int of Bullawarring Track and Lake Toolooma Servic

(340 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads west down off the service trail and onto the bush track. Soon the track bends right and continues along the narrow, cleared track for several hundred metres until coming to an intersection with a service trail, signposted as part of the Bullawarring Track.

1.44 | Int of Waterfall Gully and Lake Toolooma Servicetr

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads south for a very short period before crossing the creek and going up slightly, and then comes to an intersection with a bush track going off to the right.

1.48 | Int of Heathcote Creek Bushtrail and Lake Toolooma

(830 m 15 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost and the painted 'Heathcote Kingfisher' marker along the bush track, passing under the high-tension power lines and winding through the thick scrub, with the occasional view of the creek off to the right. This continues for a while before the track comes to an intersection with a 5m bush track on the right, leading to the Kingfisher Pool camping ground.

2.31 | Kingfisher Pool camping ground

This campsite is located at a small clearing, just east of the junction of Heathcote and Kingfisher Creeks in Heathcote National Park. The campsite is above the creek on a flat clearing. The creek usually provides plenty of water (treat before use, and check with rangers before setting out) and an opportunity for a swim. At the campground, there is also a small pit toilet and picnic table. Open fires are not permitted, so bring your own fuel stove. Fees are payable in advance for the permit required to stay at this campsite.

2.31 | Kingfisher Pool camping ground

(3.1 km 1 hr 13 mins) Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk follows the bush track behind the fireplace for a short distance before turning right at the bush track and continuing along to the rock platform above Heathcote Creek. From here, the walk turns left and follows the bush track, keeping the creek down to the right as the track drops down a short, steep rock surface. The walk turns right, following the bush track that the winds through the bush for a short while to a large open clearing. From the clearing, the track follows the track marker on the other side through the bush and down to the creek, which it crosses at the rocks and comes up to the signposted intersection of the 'Bullawarring Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading north along the left-hand side of the creek. The track gradually rises up above the rock shelves lining the creek, and continues along through the bush for a while before the track comes back down to the signposted intersection of the 'Battery Causeway' track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Battery Causeway' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, heading along the bush track which steadily climbs up the side of the valley for a while before crossing the dried-up creek at Python Gully. From here, the track continues along the side of the valley, climbing up the side of the hill for a while before flattening out again high above Heathcote Creek - this can be seen from the occasional rock shelf on the side of the track. The walk winds along to the signposted intersection of the Goanna Track.

5.43 | Int of Bullawarring and Goanna Tracks

(1.3 km 30 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pipeline Rd 1.0km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, heading along the bush track which follows the side of the hill. The rocky bush track winds up and down through the thick bushland, with occasional views of Heathcote Creek down to the right. This continues for a while until the track drops steeply down a short rocky section and continues down the hill to the signposted intersection of the service trail at the Battery Causeway.

6.75 | Battery Causeway

(1 km 21 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk crosses the creek using concrete Battery Causeway and follows the management trail up the gentle hill, past a picnic table to soon cross the pipeline on a timber bridge. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the right for 750m until the trail bends left away from the pipeline and onto an asphalt surface. The trail winds down a hill to the intersection of the Mirang Road service trail.

7.77 | Mirang Pool camping ground

This campsite is nestled in Heathcote National Park, with walk-in access from Heathcote Station. The campsite is near Mirang Pool on Heathcote Creek - there is a signpost at the top of the stairs, leading down to the pools from the management trail above. There are no facilities provided at the campsite, and you will need to carry in your own water and fuel stove.

7.77 | Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail

(1.3 km 29 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail down the hill and through a gate, doing a large

'S' bend and crossing the pipeline twice. The surface of the trail changes to dirt and the walk continues, with Heathcote Creek on the left, to the signposted intersection with the Mirang Pool track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail in the unsignposted direction, keeping the pipeline on the right and Heathcote Creek down the hill on the left. The walk heads along until it crosses a bridge onto an asphalt surface and heads up the long hill that winds to the intersection with another trail, opposite the metal platform crossing the pipeline.

9.05 | Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks

(420 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up and over the large concrete pipeline at the metal platform and stairs. The track then continues up the long hill for a while before coming to an intersection with a rough track (heading up on the left, about 40 metres before the high tension power lines).

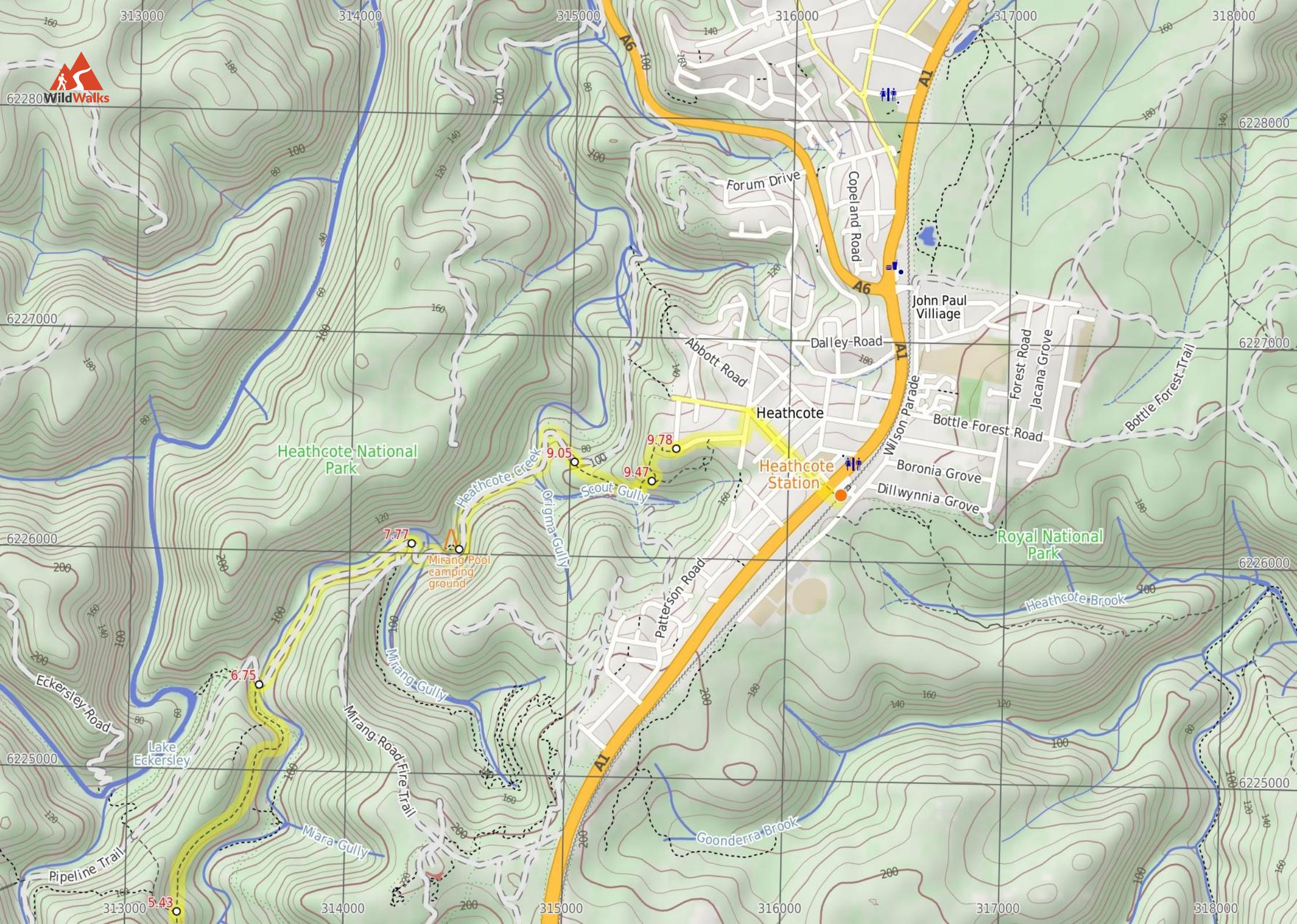
Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the rough bush track heading up the side of the hill, climbing steeply up along the sometimes-faint path. The track soon flattens out and bends around to the right, passing a burnt-out car shell before coming an the intersection with a management trail.

9.47 | Freeman Rd and Friendly Track Int

(310 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the long hill. The walk passes a trail on the right and flattens out a little, continuing up and around to the right. This walk passes another management trail (heading behind some houses) as it flattens out more and crosses under the power lines to the road.

9.78 | End of Freeman Rd

(1 km 17 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows Freemans Road all the way past the large scout camp facility, to the intersection of Boundary Road, where it turns left and continues along for a short distance to the intersection of Oliver Street. From here, this walk turns right onto Oliver Street, which it follows to the end, meeting the Princes Highway. From here, the track crosses the highway at the traffic lights and continues along the footpath, with the car park to the left, coming to the train station.



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Summary navigation sheet for the Waterfall to Heathcote



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Waterfall Station -34.1352,150.9946 (GR Appin, 151210)	10 -22	730 m 14 mins	From Waterfall Railway Station, this walk takes the ramp out of the station onto Kooraban St.
0.73	End of Warabin Rd -34.1304,150.9921 (GR Appin, 148216)	0 -4	90 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the end of Warabin St, this walk passes the large National Park gate and the sign saying 'Bullawarring Track - Heathcote National Park', heading along the service trail for a short while before comin...
0.82	Int of Bullawarring Track and Warabin Servicetrail -34.1302,150.9912 (GR Appin, 148216)	0 -52	280 m 9 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Trac Kingfisher Pool and Lake Eckersley' sign down to the bottom of a long set of wooden steps.
1.10	Int of Bullawarring Track and Lake Toolooma Servicetrail -34.1308,150.9887 (GR Appin, 145215)	3 -31	340 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads west down off the service trail and onto the bush track.
1.44	Int of Waterfall Gully and Lake Toolooma Servicetrail (west) -34.1295,150.9857 (GR Appin, 142217)	0 -1	30 m 1 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads south for a very short period before crossing the creek and going up slightly, and then comes to an intersection with a bush track going off to the right.
1.48	Int of Heathcote Creek Bushtrail and Lake Toolooma Servicetrail -34.1298,150.9857 (GR Appin, 142216)	15 -15	830 m 15 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost and the painted 'Heathcote Kingfisher' marker along the bush track, passing under the high-tension power lines and winding throu...
2.31	Kingfisher Pool camping ground -34.1267,150.9779 (GR Appin, 135220)	176 -166	3.1 km 1 hr 13 mins	Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk follows the bush track behind the fireplace for a short distance before turning right at the bush track and continuing along to the rock platform above Heathcote Creek.
5.43	Int of Bullawarring and Goanna Tracks -34.105,150.9753 (GR Campbelltown, 132244)	49 -100	1.3 km 30 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pipeline Rd 1.0km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, heading along the bush track which follows the side of the hill.
6.75	Battery Causeway -34.0957,150.9794 (GR Campbelltown, 136254)	32 -46	1 km 21 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk crosses the creek using concrete Battery Causeway and follows the management trail up the gentle hill, past a picnic table to soon cross the pipeline on a timber bridge.
7.77	Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail -34.0899,150.987 (GR Campbelltown, 143260)	74 -56	1.3 km 29 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail down the hill and through a gate, doing a large 'S' bend and crossing the pipeline twice.
9.05	Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks -34.0866,150.995 (GR Campbelltown, 150264)	60 -5	420 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up and over the large concrete pipeline at the metal platform and stairs.
9.47	Freeman Rd and Friendly Track Int -34.0874,150.9989 (GR Campbelltown, 154263)	24 -1	310 m 6 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the long hill.
9.78	End of Freeman Rd -34.086,151.0001 (GR Port Hacking, 155265)	24 -4	1 km 17 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows Freemans Road all the way past the large scout camp facility, to the intersection of Boundary Road, where it turns left and continues along for a short distance t...