Uloola Track (Heathcote to Waterfall)

4 hrs 30 mins 11.3 km One way

54m

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Hard track

This pleasant walk takes you from Heathcote to Waterfall Station. This walk ventures into central Royal National Park along a well maintained bush track. The walk goes via a beautiful set of waterholes and rock flats at Karloo Pools. The walk continues to the peaceful campsite at Uloola Falls and then along a service trail, to Waterfall Railway Station.

Royal National Park

238m

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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 You can get to Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

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

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/htwykpauf

0 | Heathcote Railway Station

(200 m 3 mins) From Heathcote Station, this walk heads south-east along Wilson Parade following the railway tracks. Shortly after passing the emergency services centre, the track comes to an intersection with a bush track signposted as the 'Karloo Track'.

0.2 | Int of Karloo Track and Wilson Pde

(2.6 km 1 hr 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection of Wilson Pde and the bush track at the large sign saying 'Karloo Track', this walk heads east away from the road. Shortly after, this turns to the north and goes behind the Rural FIrefighting Station (Emergency Services Centre), then the track turns back to the east and continues along the bush track. Gradually this turns to the south and goes slightly downhill until reaching Heathcote Brook. Just after crossing the brook, the track comes to an intersection with another bush track.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads east. The track gradually rises onto the ridgeline and there are some reasonably good views over the surrounding valley. The track continues east in this manner then begins to gradually drop down off the ridge along the slightly rougher bush track until reaching Karloo Pools. This would be a good spot to take a break and get your toes wet.

2.78 | Karloo Pools

(2.3 km 45 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses Kangaroo Creek at Karloo Pools, then follows the 'Waterfall via Uloola Falls' arrow up the hill between the rocks and along the rocky bush track. The track climbs up the long hill for a while, then it flattens out for a short while passing a sign pointing back to 'Heathcote', before continuing up another long rocky hill to the top of the ridge. From the top of the hill, the track continues through the trees which quickly open out into scrub. The walk follows the yellow painted markers across all the rock surfaces, until it gradually starts to descend down the end of the ridge, steadily winding down until coming to a large flat clearing. Here, the walk turns right and crosses the Uloola Brook, then continues along the bush track heading away from the brook for a short while, passing the sign with arrows to 'Waterfall' and 'Heathcote' before coming to the 'Uloola Falls Bush Campground'.

5.04 | Ulloola Falls Campsite

This clearing has six camping sites (maximum of 18 people), and wood

fires are not allowed. The site has a toilet, and there is usually water in the creek (treat before drinking). In drier periods, contact rangers regarding water availability. Pre-arranged camping permits are essential.

5.04 | Uloola Falls Camp

(740 m 17 mins) Veer right: From the south-west end of the campsite, this walk heads south along the rough track, climbing slightly. This continues for approximately 150m until reaching a small clearing (marked with a post with a 'no camping' symbol). On the southern end of the clearing, the walk connects with a management trail, marked as the 'Uloola Fire Trail'. The walk follows the trail for approximately 530m until coming to an easy-to-miss intersection with a bush track (on your right), where the main trail bends fairly distinctly left.

5.78 | Int of Uloola Servicetrail and Uloola Brook Bushtr

(4.9 km 1 hr 25 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill away from the bush track and clearing. The trail winds up the hill, then winds across the ridge with many large clearings on either side of the trail. The walk then heads in a southerly direction to the intersection marked by the 'Couranga Track' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow along the sandy management trail. The walk heads up the short, gentle slope then continues along the flat for a while, as the surrounding vegetation slowly changes from scrub to a predominantly eucalyptus bushland before the track heads around a locked gate and comes to a cricket oval.

10.68 | Cricket Oval Eastern Gate

(590 m 11 mins) Veer right: From the intersection at the gate, this walk follows the right-hand edge of the cricket oval, coming to the intersection of a signposted bush track. The walk follows this track through the dense scrub, passing through some ferns before coming out behind Waterfall Station car park. The walk crosses the grassy clearing, heads through the gap in the fence and continues straight through the car park. The walk heads onto the road bridge, crossing the railway line to the ramp (which goes down onto the platform).

