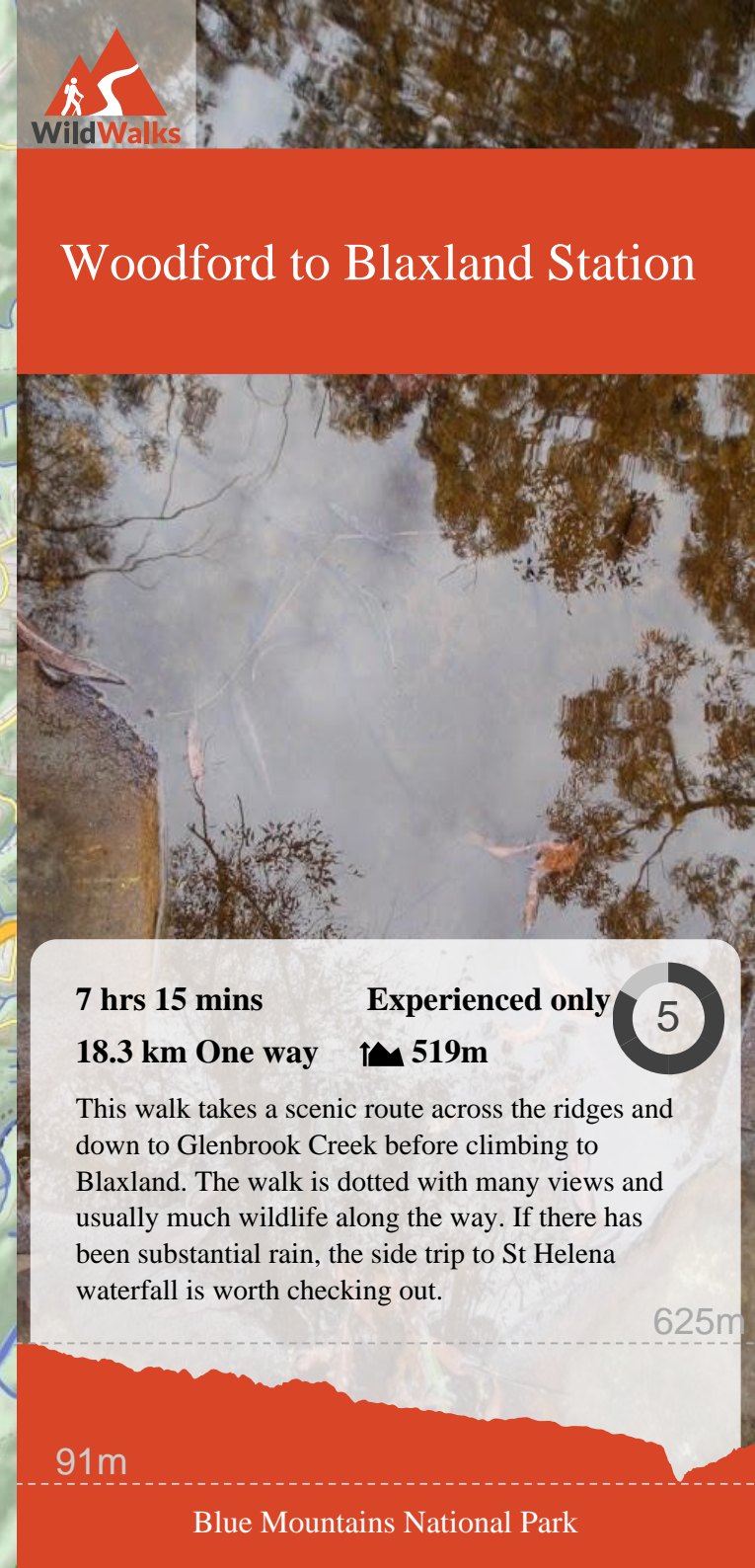
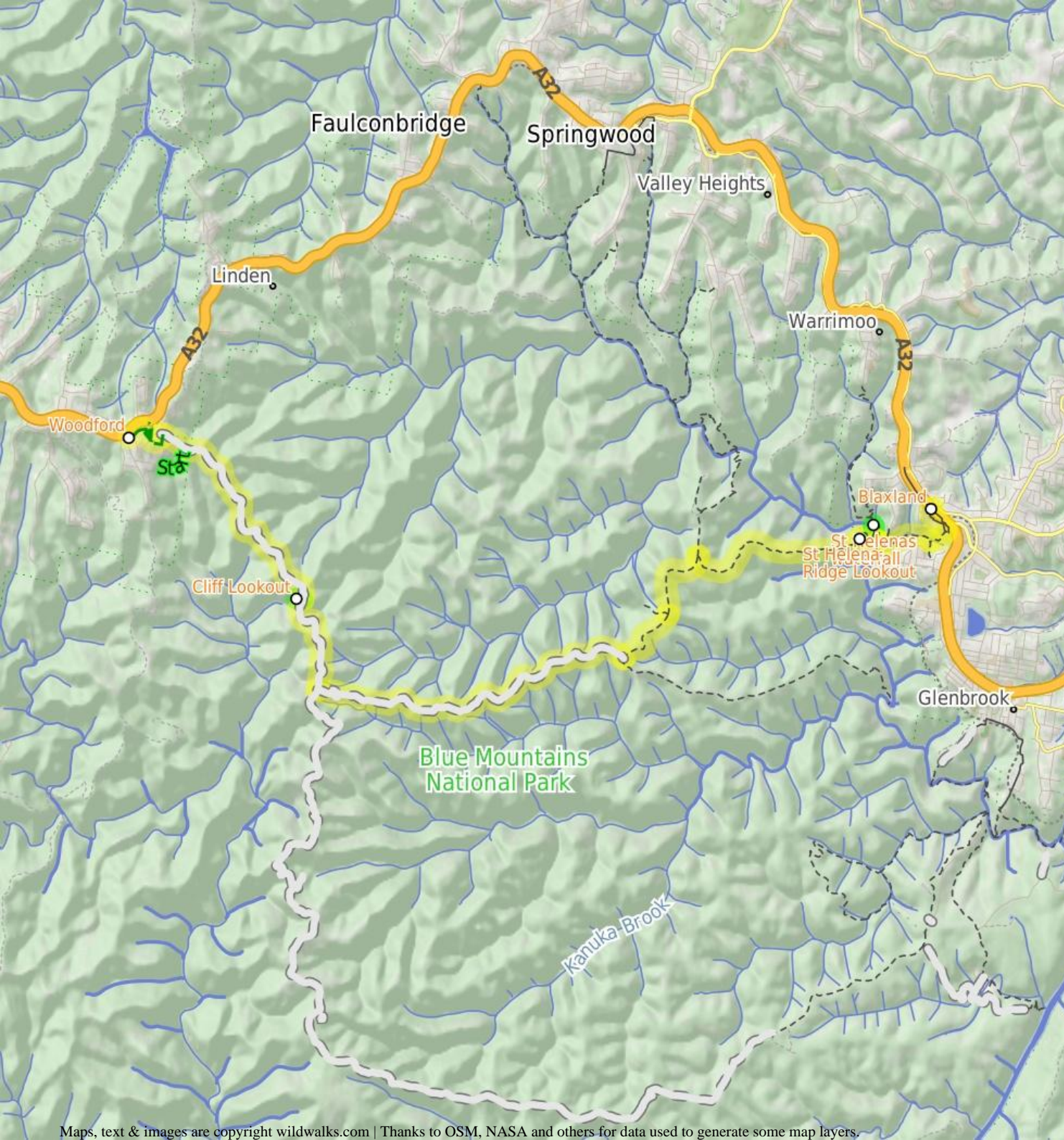



Woodford to Blaxland Station



7 hrs 15 mins

Experienced only

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18.3 km One way  519m

This walk takes a scenic route across the ridges and down to Glenbrook Creek before climbing to Blaxland. The walk is dotted with many views and usually much wildlife along the way. If there has been substantial rain, the side trip to St Helena waterfall is worth checking out.

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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:90304S SPRINGWOOD, 90303N PENRITH, 89302N JAMISON, 89301S KATOOMBA

1:100 000 Map Series:9030 PENRITH, 8930 KATOOMBA

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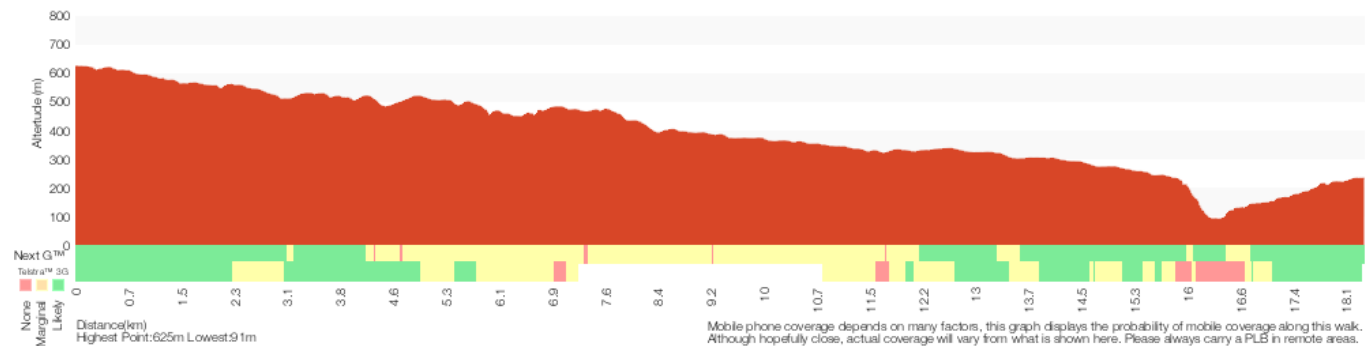
This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 5/6
Experienced only

Length	18.3 km One way
Time	7 hrs 15 mins
Quality of track	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Signs	No directional signs (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)

*** 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 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. **Experianced 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 You can get to Woodford Station (gps: -33.7358, 150.4823) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Blaxland Station (gps: -33.7438, 150.6099) 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/wtbs>

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0 | Woodford Station

(730 m 15 mins) From the station, this walk heads down the stairs, off the station and turns left under the station. It then continues up to Railway Parade, opposite a shelter with a bench seat. The walk heads up Railway Pde, keeping the railway tracks to the left. The road tends right then the walk turns right onto The Appian Way. The walk follows The Appian Way, which turns into Parker St. (If you cross over a bridge, you have gone the wrong way.) The walk leads along Parker St to Taylor St, where it turns left and continues down the hill to the intersection with The Oaks Fire Trail. This is signposted at the clearing on the right.

0.73 | Int. Oaks Firetrail and Old Bathurst Rd

(3.5 km 1 hr 10 mins) Turn right: From the road, the walk heads to the gate and crosses over it. (On the lower side of the gate is a tap which provides drinking water.) From the gate and tap, the walk heads down the hill, passing a broken interpretative sign on the left, and continues to wind and undulate for quite some time. The trail passes a mound in a junction. From the mound, the trail continues to wind and undulate, turning right and steeply downhill twice, before passing a small dam (just to the left). The walk winds, with the hillside higher on the right than left, before leading up a steep slope to a small clearing with a large step.

4.21 | Optional sidetrip to Cliff lookout

(100 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the management trail, with the small depression (or waterhole) on the left, surrounded by reeds. The track winds up the hill, following the gap in the vegetation, leading to a rock shelf with a view. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

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edge perched just above the trees. The cliff is unfenced. The view across the valley provides a pleasant panorama.

4.21 | Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk

(6.9 km 2 hrs 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill in a southerly direction and tends right. At the bottom of the hill, the trail winds left and then up a hill to the right, onto a plateau with clearer, lower vegetation. The management trail here is also lined by large rocks, which look as though they could have been placed there. The trail comes off the hill and heads across a saddle to a large management trail intersection (on the left).

Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads east, down the rocky management trail. The trail winds down the hill, passing over sandy and rocky areas. The trail then flattens out, undulating and winding for quite some time, with the track widening and narrowing greatly in many areas. After some time, the walk enters a large clearing, with a rocky outcrop to the right.

11.1 | Int. St Helena Ridge Trail and Bunyan Lookout Trk

(4.9 km 1 hr 26 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads north-east out of the small clearing. The track winds through the heath for a short time before coming to a clearing with a fireplace, on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north-east along the sandy track. The walk meanders through low, green heath for quite some time, winding through a section of pines before returning to heath as the track arrives at the cairn, on the right, which marks the intersection.

Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk heads south east along track soon leading downhill. The walk meanders through the heath for quite some time. The walk nears a cliff line on the left, which it continues near for a short time before opening out onto a rocky outcrop with a view across to houses on the opposite hill (just before the steep downhill section).

16.03 | St Helena Ridge Lookout

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16.03 | St Helena Ridge Lookout

(360 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From St Helena Ridge lookout, the walk follows a very faint track initially very steeply down off the rock platform. The track initially tends a little to the left to then follow the main ridge line down. The track soon becomes much less steep (and a little clearer) when after about 100m the faint track bends right at another rocky outcrop. Here the walk leads off the side of the ridge to then wind down through the rocky outcrops and continue down through the scrub for about 180m until just before Glenbrook Creek where this walk comes to an un-signposted intersection.

16.38 | Optional sidetrip to St Helena waterfall

(160 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads upstream, keeping the creek on the right. The track undulates along the bank, passing a few large boulders in the creek before coming to a sandy beach at a bend in the creek.

Continue straight: From the beach, the walk heads across the sand bar (covered in reeds) to come within ear-shot of the waterfall, located behind the inlet on the creek. The walk passes through the sandy, shallow section of the creek then walks up the bank and around to the waterfall. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

16.38 | St Helenas waterfall

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Creek. It is rather unimpressive unless there has been recent rainfall. The water cascades down a nice rock face, among the sassafras trees and mossy rocks.

16.38 | Int. Waterfall and ridge trk

(1.4 km 34 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads downstream, keeping the creek on the left. After approximately 10m, the walk comes to a bushy creek crossing and winds over the rocks and through the bushes. Following this, the walk keeps the creek on the right whilst winding downstream. The track soon arrives at an intersection, which is a sandy area with rocks and stairs leading up the hill.

Turn left : From the large boulder, this walk heads up the hill and climbs the stone steps steeply, with a number of pink ribbons marking the initial track. The track continues steeply (eroded in places) up the hill and winds its way up to the un-signposted T-intersection.

Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the mostly flat track along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your right. Soon the track leads to another intersection at the base of more stone steps, and a rock wall (on the left) that has 'Florabella Pass' engraved in it.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads around the boulder (which is on the left) and soon meets a set of stairs, to the left of a 'Pippas Pass' sign in a tree.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pippas Pass' sign (that is about 2m up a tree) gently downhill along the track, directly away from the rockface, keeping the main valley to your right. The track winds along the side of the hill for about 100m to then climb up a set of sandstone steps just past a shallow sandstone overhang. From here the track gently undulates along the side of the hill (with a steep valley to your right) for about 300m to lead gently down and cross the usually small creek in the shaded valley. Just after crossing this creek, the track bends left to head gently up through the valley along the base of a few natural sandstone walls for about 200m, where the track becomes rocky and starts to climb a bit more steeply. The track then leads up through a cleft in the rock then about 60m later comes to a un-signposted three-way intersection (with the track on the left crossing the creek), marked with a smooth bark Angophora.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk crosses the sandstone platform and creek. Here the track winds gently uphill for about 40m to cross a smaller often dry creek where the track continues uphill for another 30m to pass a graffitied sandstone overhang (on your left). The track continues gently uphill and bends right to cross a sandstone rock platform and small creek to almost immediately come to a faint intersection with a track in the tall heath. Here the walk turns left and heads uphill for for about 50m where the track then leads up some steps to come to the base of a sandstone cliff and smaller overhang. Here the track bends left and continues along the side of the hill for another 15m to pass a larger and more graffitied sandstone overhang. From here the track continues to wind more steeply uphill for about 80m before turning left and following a wider track (away from the houses) and into the lower car park of Blaxland library just past the 'Buscare site' information sign. Here this walk turns right to head up to the library and main car park.

17.78 | Blaxland Library Carpark

(460 m 9 mins) Turn left: From the Blaxland Library car park, this walk heads up the ramp on the side of the building then follows the back deck behind the library and community centre. On the far side of the building, this walk follows the bitumen footpath uphill to turn left at the 'Blaxland Civic Centre' sign onto the footpath beside Hope St. This walk follows the footpath uphill for about 150m before turning right to cross Hope St at the traffic calming device. Here the walk bends left and crosses a car park entrance, then soon turns right into 'Station St'. Here the walk heads up the footpath to cross another car park entrance then onto the pedestrian lane way that leads between the buildings, under the foot bridge to the main footpath,

just before the Great Western Highway, among the Blaxland shops.

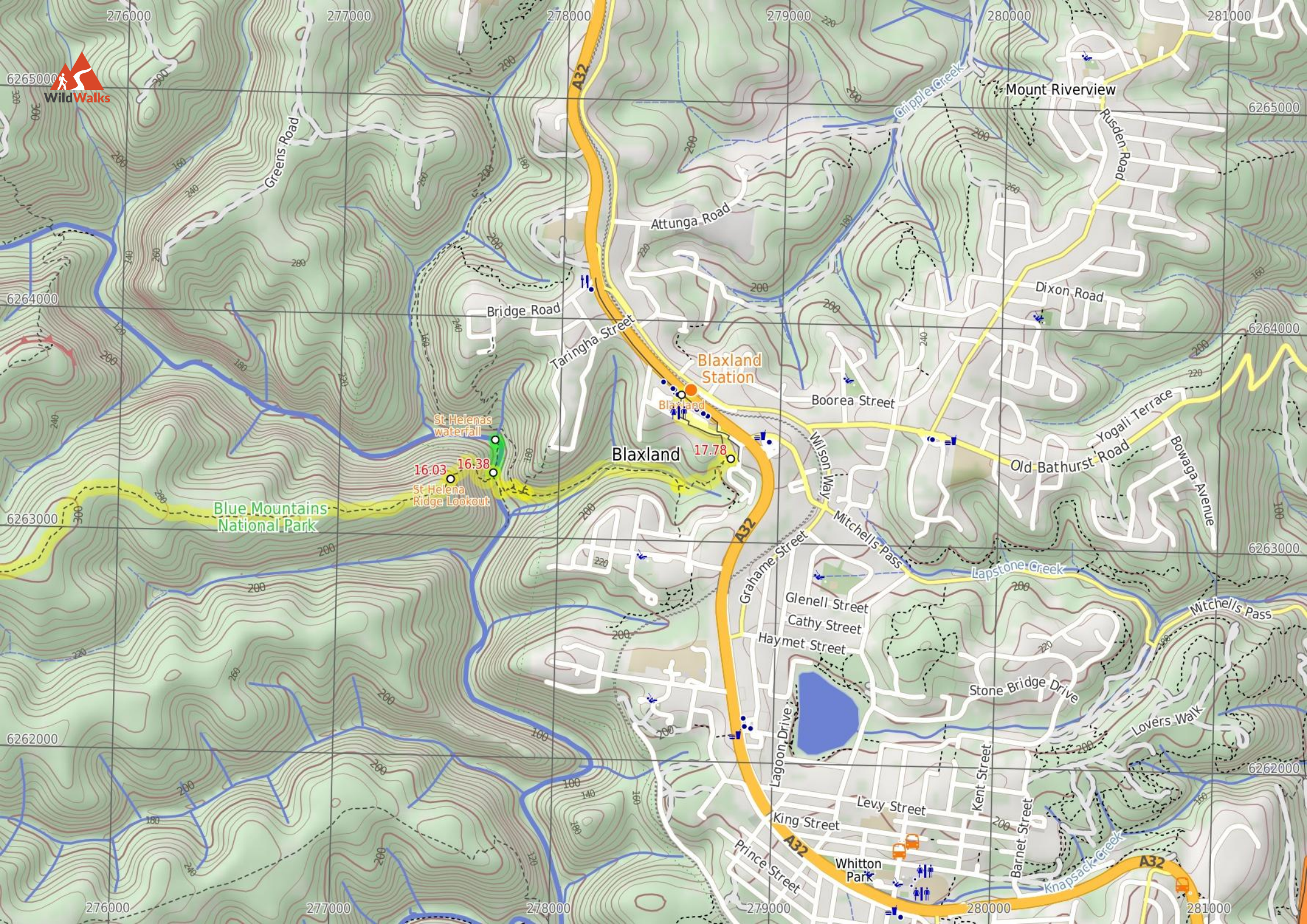
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18.24 | Blaxland Shops

(70 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the footpath, the walk uses the stairs or ramp to climb onto the pedestrian bridge. The walk then crosses the bridge over the Great Western Highway and then heads down onto Blaxland Station.





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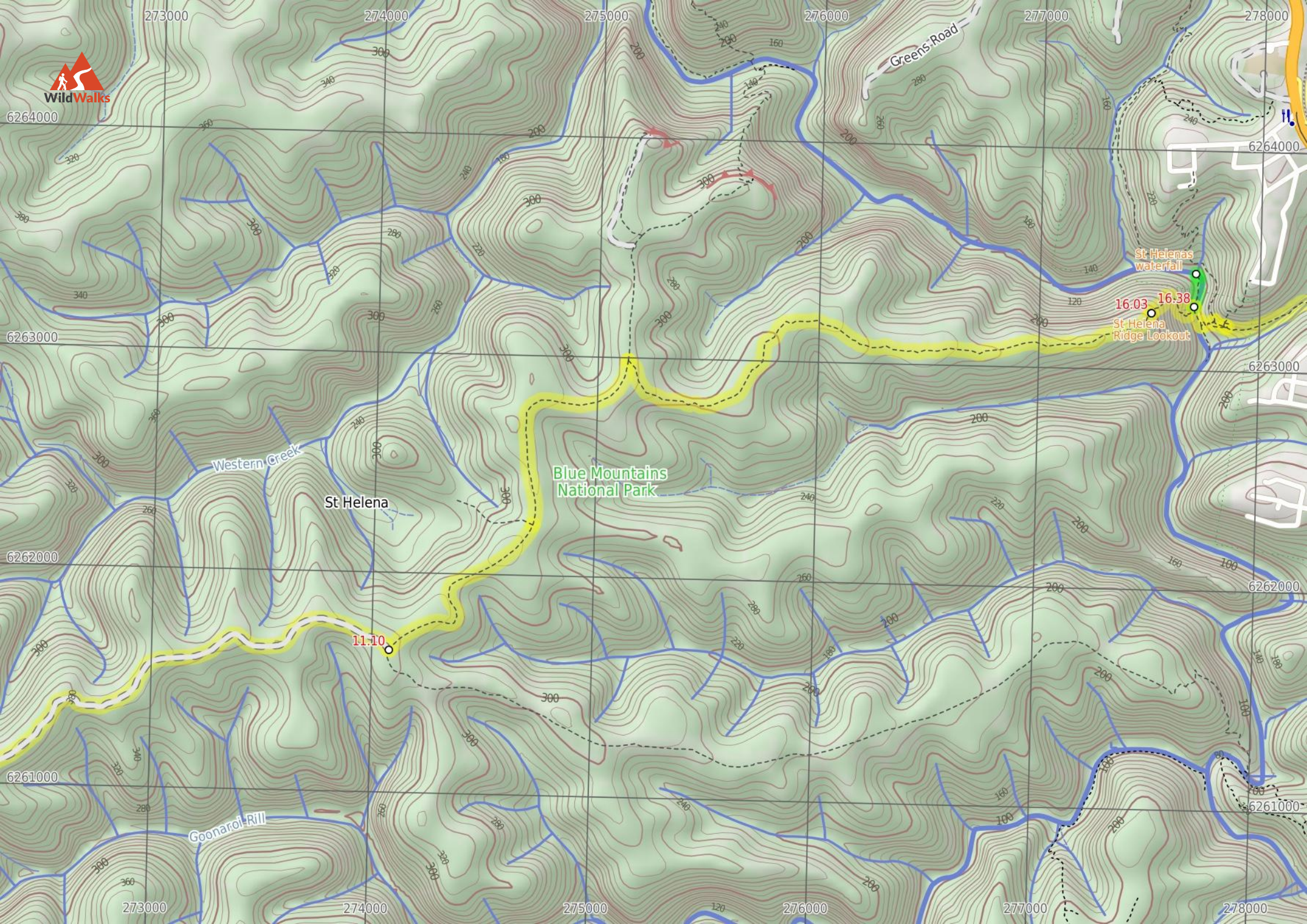
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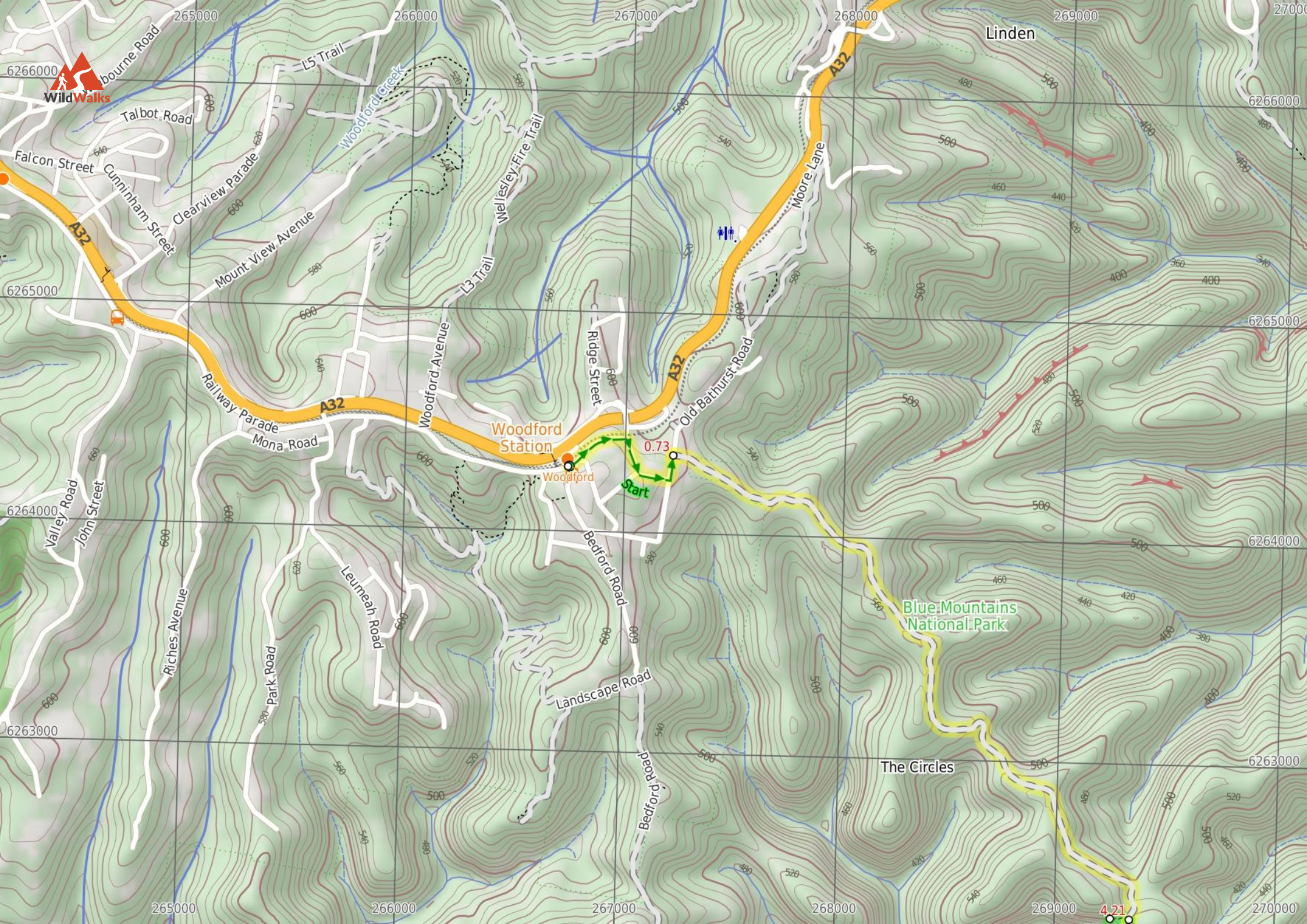
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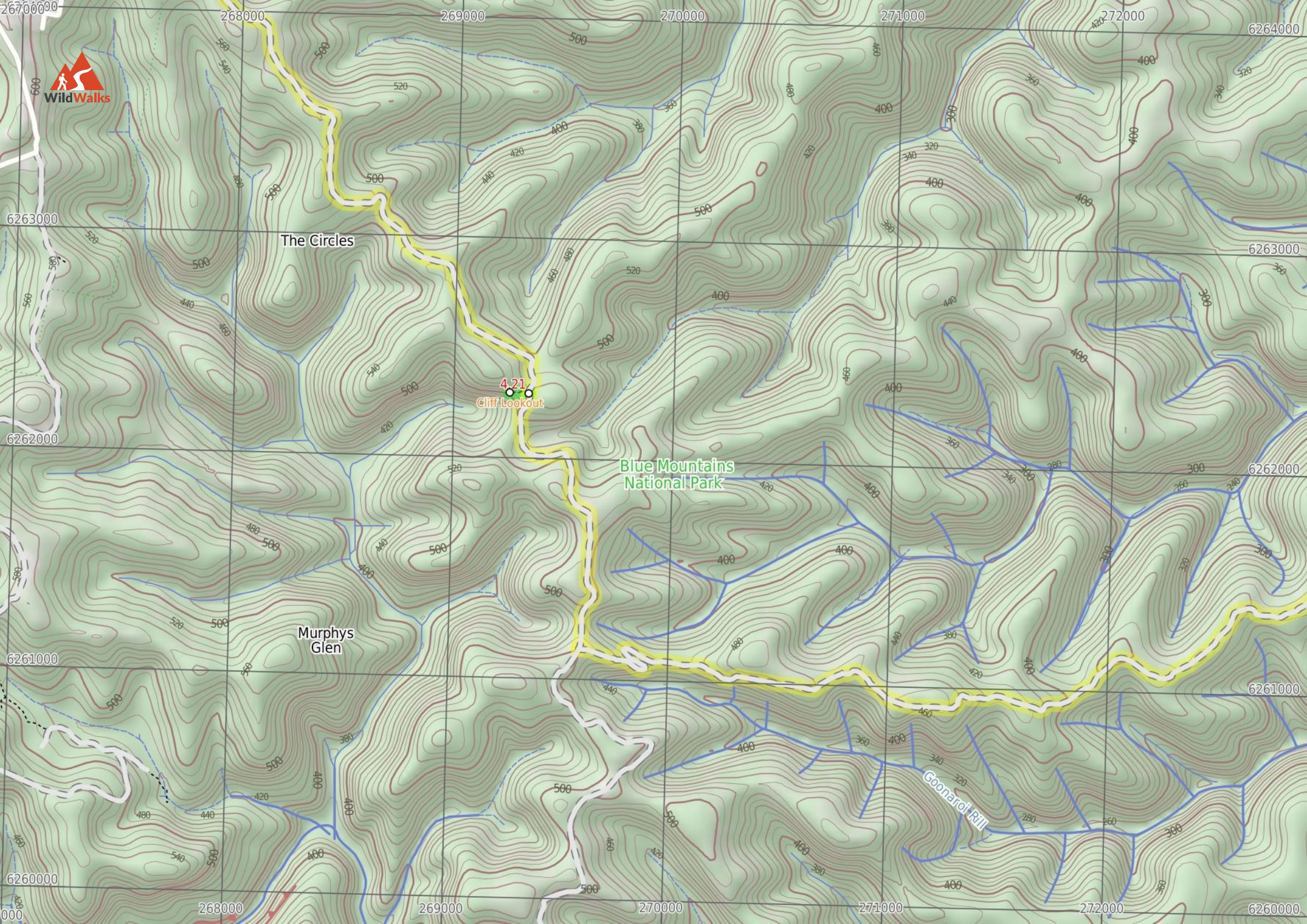
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Summary navigation sheet for the Woodford to Blaxland Station



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Woodford Station -33.7358,150.4823 (GR Katoomba, 667643)	22 -39	730 m 15 mins	From the station, this walk heads down the stairs, off the station and turns left under the station.
0.73	Int. Oaks Firetrail and Old Bathurst Rd -33.7353,150.4874 (GR Katoomba, 672644)	87 -175	3.5 km 1 hr 10 mins	Turn right: From the road, the walk heads to the gate and crosses over it.
4.21	Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk -33.7544,150.5097 (GR Penrith, 693623)	5 -18	100 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Cliff lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads away from the management trail, with the small depression (or waterhole) on the left, surrounded by reeds.
4.21	Int. Oaks Firetrail and cliff lookout Trk -33.7544,150.5097 (GR Penrith, 693623)	187 -363	6.9 km 2 hrs 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill in a southerly direction and tends right.
11.10	Int. St Helena Ridge Trail and Bunyan Lookout Trk -33.7612,150.5607 (GR Penrith, 741616)	41 -174	4.9 km 1 hr 26 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads north-east out of the small clearing.
16.03	St Helena Ridge Lookout -33.7474,150.5981 (GR Springwood, 775633)	4 -122	360 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From St Helena Ridge lookout, the walk follows a very faint track initially very steeply down off the rock platform, The track initially tends a little to the left to then follow the main ridge li...
16.38	Int. Waterfall and ridge trk -33.7472,150.6002 (GR Springwood, 777633)	4 -6	160 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to St Helena waterfall. Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads upstream, keeping the creek on the right.
16.38	Int. Waterfall and ridge trk -33.7472,150.6002 (GR Springwood, 777633)	150 -28	1.4 km 34 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads downstream, keeping the creek on the left.
17.78	Blaxland Library Carpark -33.7466,150.6118 (GR Springwood, 788634)	28 -9	460 m 9 mins	Turn left: From the Blaxland Library car park, this walk heads up the ramp on the side of the building then follows the back deck behind the library and community centre.
18.24	Blaxland Shops -33.744,150.6094 (GR Springwood, 786637)	0 0	70 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the footpath, the walk uses the stairs or ramp to climb onto the pedestrian bridge.