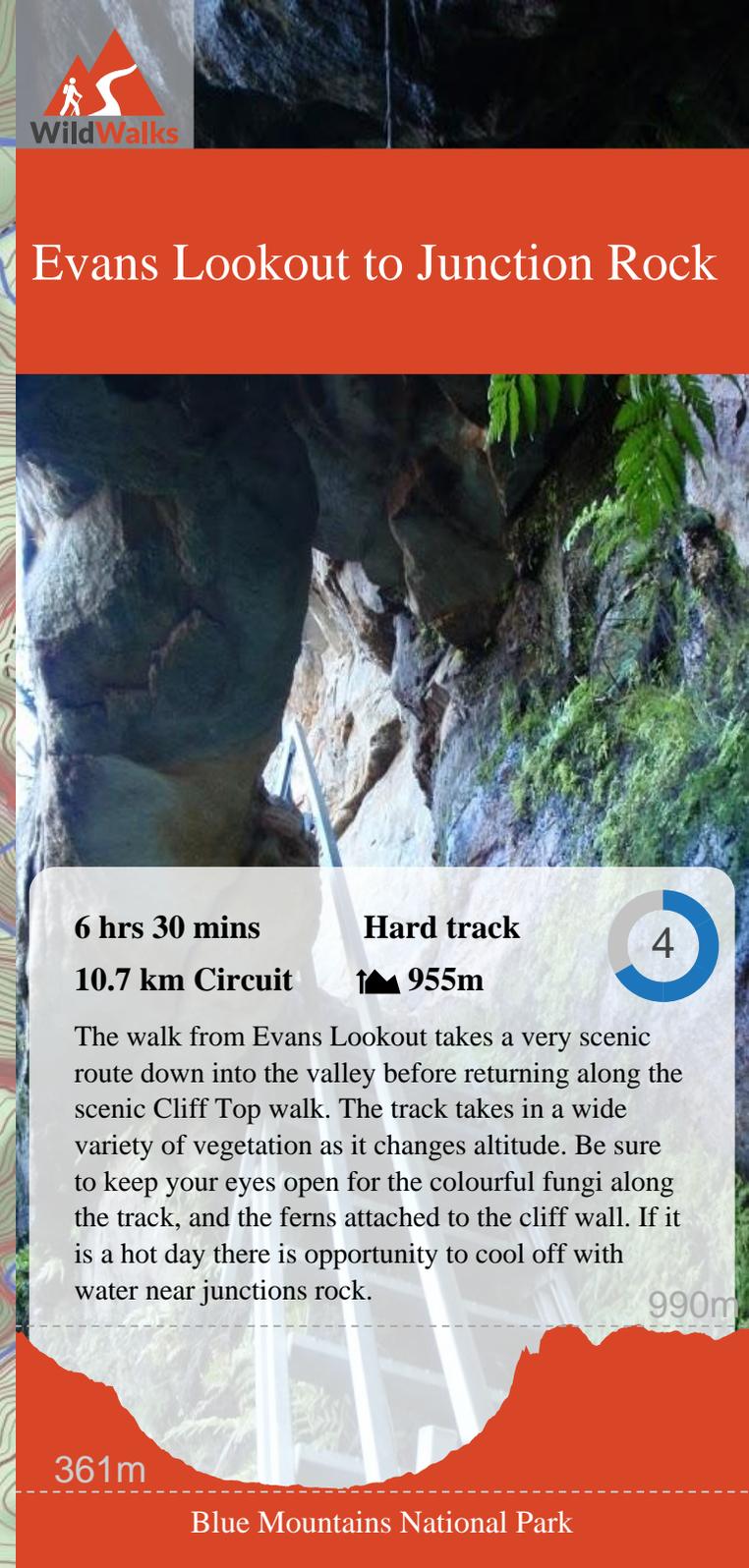


## Evans Lookout to Junction Rock



**6 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**

**10.7 km Circuit**

**↑ 955m**

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The walk from Evans Lookout takes a very scenic route down into the valley before returning along the scenic Cliff Top walk. The track takes in a wide variety of vegetation as it changes altitude. Be sure to keep your eyes open for the colourful fungi along the track, and the ferns attached to the cliff wall. If it is a hot day there is opportunity to cool off with water near junctions rock.

361m

Blue Mountains National Park

## Evans Lookout

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## Beauchamp Falls

Beauchamp Falls, Blue Mountains NP, is a beautiful set of falls, split by the rock in the centre of the creek. The falls are created by Greaves Creek, which comes out of the Grand Canyon, above. The falls are approximately 10m tall, with rocks at the base.

## Junction Rock

Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.

## Govetts Leap (falls)

Govetts Leap, is a waterfall in the Blue Mountains National Park. The fall is fed by Govetts Leap Brook which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The falls are best viewed from Govetts Leap and Barrow Lookouts. Leap is a scots dialect word for cataract or waterfall.

## Govetts Leap Lookout

Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.

## 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.

## 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

**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

<b>Length</b>	10.7 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	6 hrs 30 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<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)



### 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Evans Lookout car park (gps: -33.6466, 150.3254). 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.it/elijr>

### 0 | Evans Lookout car park

*(80 m 3 mins)* From the information sign at Evans Lookout car park, this walk follows the 'Evans Lookout' sign down the steps. The track passes a stone shelter on the right as it reaches the railed lookout.

### 0.08 | Evans Lookout

Evans Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the spectacular Grose Valley, with its deep gorges, green forest and prominent cliff lines. The fenced lookout is at the end of Evans Lookout Road. There is a rock shelter hut and toilets.

### 0.08 | Evans Lookout

*(1.5 km 54 mins)* Turn sharp right: From Evans Lookout, the walk heads down the steps, passing the 'Grand Canyon' sign. From the bottom of the cliff stairs, the walk tends left onto the spur where it continues downhill and weaves past some boulders to a signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads down the stairs into the gully following the Neates Glen and Grose Valley signs. The walk winds down the hill for approximately 100m to a railing. From here, the walk continues down the other side of the gully, winding down the hill for a short while. The walk then continues down the right-hand side of the gully to drop onto the creek with a signposted rock in the middle.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the signs to 'Rodriguez Pass' around the canyon side, with the creek on the left. After about 200m, the track crosses the creek. The walk follows the white arrows painted on the rocks winding down between, around and under large boulders for approximately 100m. The track then heads out of the pass, keeping close to the cliff line before winding down the hill to Beauchamp Falls.

### 1.56 | Beauchamp Falls

Beauchamp Falls, Blue Mountains NP, is a beautiful set of falls, split by the rock in the centre of the creek. The falls are created by Greaves Creek, which comes out of the Grand Canyon, above. The falls are approximately 10m tall, with rocks at the base.

### 1.56 | Beauchamp Falls

*(1.8 km 58 mins)* Continue straight: From Beauchamp Falls, this walk heads down the hill keeping the valley on the right. The track winds through and around boulders to then meander with the hillside. The track winds for some time before descending more steeply, passing a section of rock overhangs which litter the ground with blocks of sandstone. The track passes this area and continues more steeply to a railed section of stairs which drop to a creek, which it crosses to the other side.

Continue straight: From the creek bank, this walk crosses to the other side of the creek. The track then turns left, heading downstream, following blue

signposts and white arrows down the valley. The track soon passes a boulder with a large plank underneath it, set up as a seat, before passing a large mossy boulder. Approximately 300m on, the track passes another large mossy boulder with a white arrow at the bottom of the stairs. The track then continues down the hill, crossing the creek to a small clearing next to the creek, in which the track turns right and undulates across the hillside. The track drops into a few creek beds before climbing down a few stairs to an intersection at a campsite on the right.

### 3.34 | Govetts and Greaves Flats

*(1.5 km 30 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection to the camp area, this walk heads downstream along the creek flats, below on the right of the track. The track then leaves the creek flats to wind and undulate higher on the hillside for approximately 600m, passing a few clearings with fireplace on the left. The track passes a brown arrow with 'Horse Track' scratched into it, and soon after comes to an intersection with a sign, with an arrow pointing back to 'Grand Canyon'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downstream following the sign to 'Junction Rock'. The track soon passes a small clearing before climbing higher on the creek bank. After some time undulating, the track comes back onto the creek flats and continues to a section of cliffs on the left. The cliffs are passed by the track across the rockshelf next to a pool in the creek. The track soon turns left to Junction Rock, in the middle of the creek after the rock shelf.

### 4.87 | Junction Rock

Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.

### 4.87 | Junction Rock

*(2.4 km 1 hr 15 mins)* Turn left: From Junction Rock, the walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign, soon crossing the brook. The track then follows the brook for approximately 150m, to another creek crossing. The track continues, with the creek now on its left, for approximately 60m, before crossing back to the other bank. The track continues for approximately 1km with the creek to the right, and undulates steeply in sections between magnificent waterfalls. A section of track traverses a rock shelf for a short stretch, before continuing to wind up and down (with the creek to the right) to a few sets of steeply-cut stairs. From these, the walk continues to wind over hills to a creek crossing. The track then heads up the spur, winding between views of waterfalls, before tending left further up the hill. The walk leads up the winding steps for some time, until crossing the creek at the bottom of a waterfall cascading off the large cliffs - Govetts Leap falls.

### 7.22 | Govetts Leap (falls)

Govetts Leap, is a waterfall in the Blue Mountains National Park. The fall is fed by Govetts Leap Brook which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The falls are best viewed from Govetts Leap and Barrow Lookouts. Leap is a scots dialect word for cataract or waterfall.

### 7.22 | Bottom of Govetts Leap falls

*(610 m 42 mins)* Continue straight: From the bottom of Govetts Leap Falls, this walk heads north-west, following the blue signs up the hill. The track zigzags its way steeply up to a wall of rock covered by moss, ferns and grasses. The track passes along the base of this cliff to a metal staircase, passing through the rock. The track continues to wind steeply below the cliffline, passing two lookouts before coming to the signposted intersection. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Govetts Leap carpark' up the stairs. The walk zigzags up the hill before

tending left to the signposted intersection.

Turn left: 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.

### 7.83 | Govetts Leap Lookout

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### 7.83 | 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.

### 8.45 | 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.

### 8.53 | 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.

### 8.53 | Barrow Lookout

*(2.1 km 53 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley below on the left. The walk winds up the stairs for quite some time, then flattens out along the cliff top. This walk continues along the flat for approximately 100m before climbing up more stairs for approximately 200m, to a bench seat at the intersection. If the track begins to descend after the bench seat, then you have gone too far.

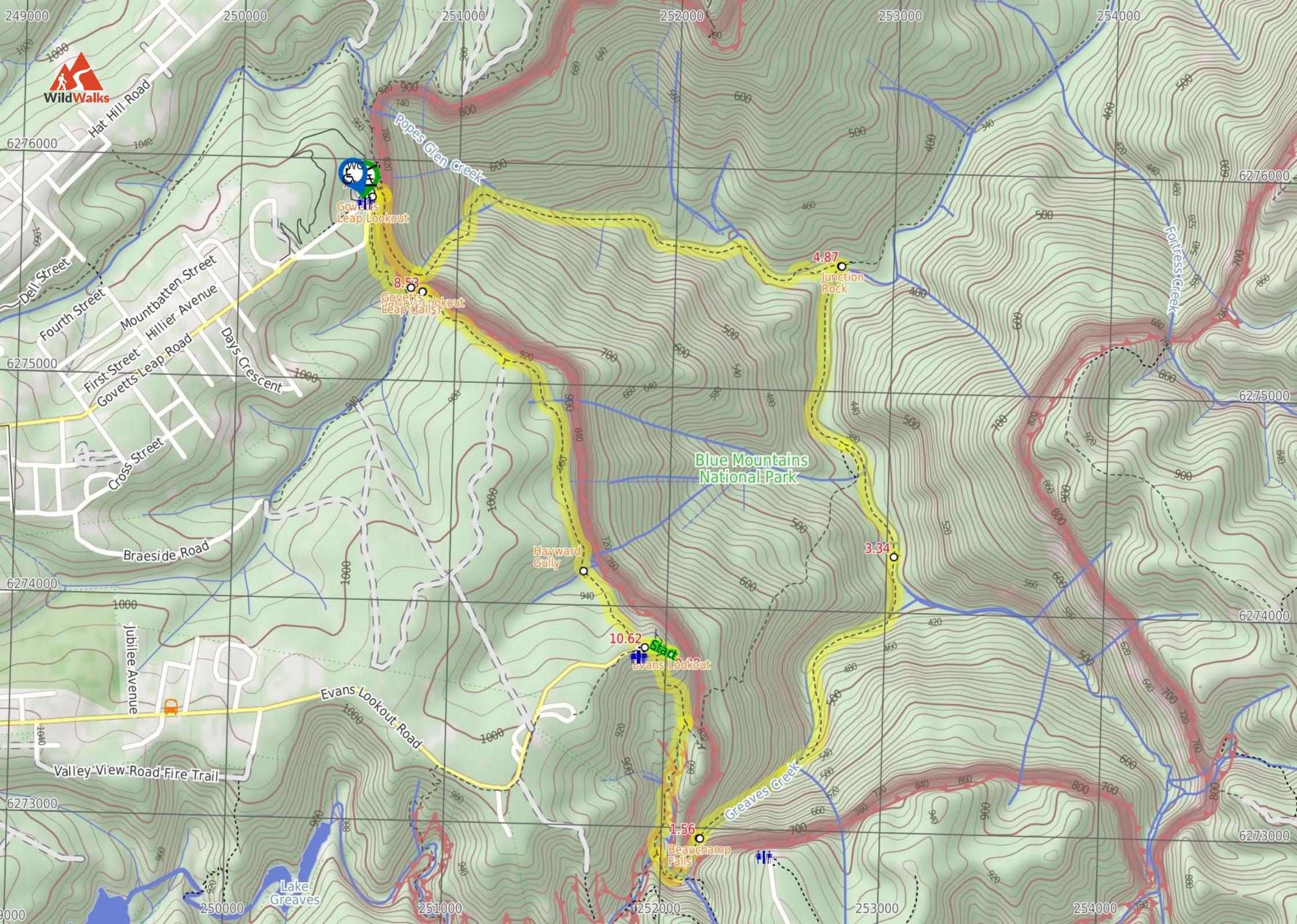
Veer left: From the intersection at the bench seat, this walk heads down the hill, with the valley on the left. The track flattens out for approximately 100m before swinging right, into a gully. The track climbs out of the gully and continues to undulate around the hillside for approximately 500m. The track then descends steeply into 'Haywards Gully' which has a boardwalk bridge. This walk follows the wooden boardwalk for approximately 30m, then continues along a flat, dirt track for approximately 60m. The track then climbs up the hill for approximately 100m to Evans Lookout car park.

### 10.62 | Evans Lookout toilets

*(60 m 1 mins)* Turn left: From the car park, the walk heads to the other end of the car park (towards the lookouts), to the intersection on the left of the information sign.

### 10.68 | Hayward Gully

Hayward Gully, Blue Mountains National Park, is named after the first white man, William Hayward, to reach the floor of Govetts Gorge, in 1847. The area is a small gully along the Cliff Top Walk between Evans Lookout and Barrows Lookout. The gully is a quiet place, with a bench seat to enjoy the flora and fauna, and views through the trees into the Grose Valley.



Govett's Leap Lookout

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Blue Mountains  
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Hat Hill Road

Dell Street  
Fourth Street  
Mountbatten Street  
First Street  
Hillier Avenue  
Govett's Leap Road  
Days Crescent

Braesi de Road

Jubilee Avenue

Valley View Road Fire Trail

Evans Lookout Road

Lake Greaves

Ropes Glen Creek

Greaves Creek

Fortress Creek

## Summary navigation sheet for the Evans Lookout to Junction Rock



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Evans Lookout car park -33.6466,150.3254 (GR Katoomba, 520738)	0 -20	80 m 3 mins	From the information sign at Evans Lookout car park, this walk follows the 'Evans Lookout' sign down the steps.
0.08	Evans Lookout -33.6469,150.3262 (GR Katoomba, 520738)	32 -298	1.5 km 54 mins	Turn sharp right: From Evans Lookout, the walk heads down the steps, passing the 'Grand Canyon' sign.
1.56	Beauchamp Falls -33.6544,150.3275 (GR Katoomba, 522730)	10 -309	1.8 km 58 mins	Continue straight: From Beauchamp Falls, this walk heads down the hill keeping the valley on the right.
3.34	Govetts and Greaves Flats -33.6429,150.3372 (GR Katoomba, 530743)	31 -60	1.5 km 30 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection to the camp area, this walk heads downstream along the creek flats, below on the right of the track.
4.87	Junction Rock -33.631,150.3346 (GR Katoomba, 528756)	390 -22	2.4 km 1 hr 15 mins	Turn left: From Junction Rock, the walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign, soon crossing the brook.
7.22	Bottom of Govetts Leap falls -33.6314,150.3137 (GR Katoomba, 508755)	305 -61	610 m 42 mins	Continue straight: From the bottom of Govetts Leap Falls, this walk heads north-west, following the blue signs up the hill.
7.83	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.
8.45	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.
8.53	Barrow Lookout -33.632,150.3139 (GR Katoomba, 508754)	165 -104	2.1 km 53 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley below on the left.
10.62	Evans Lookout toilets -33.6466,150.3249 (GR Katoomba, 519738)	0 -1	60 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the car park, the walk heads to the other end of the car park (towards the lookouts), to the intersection on the left of the information sign.