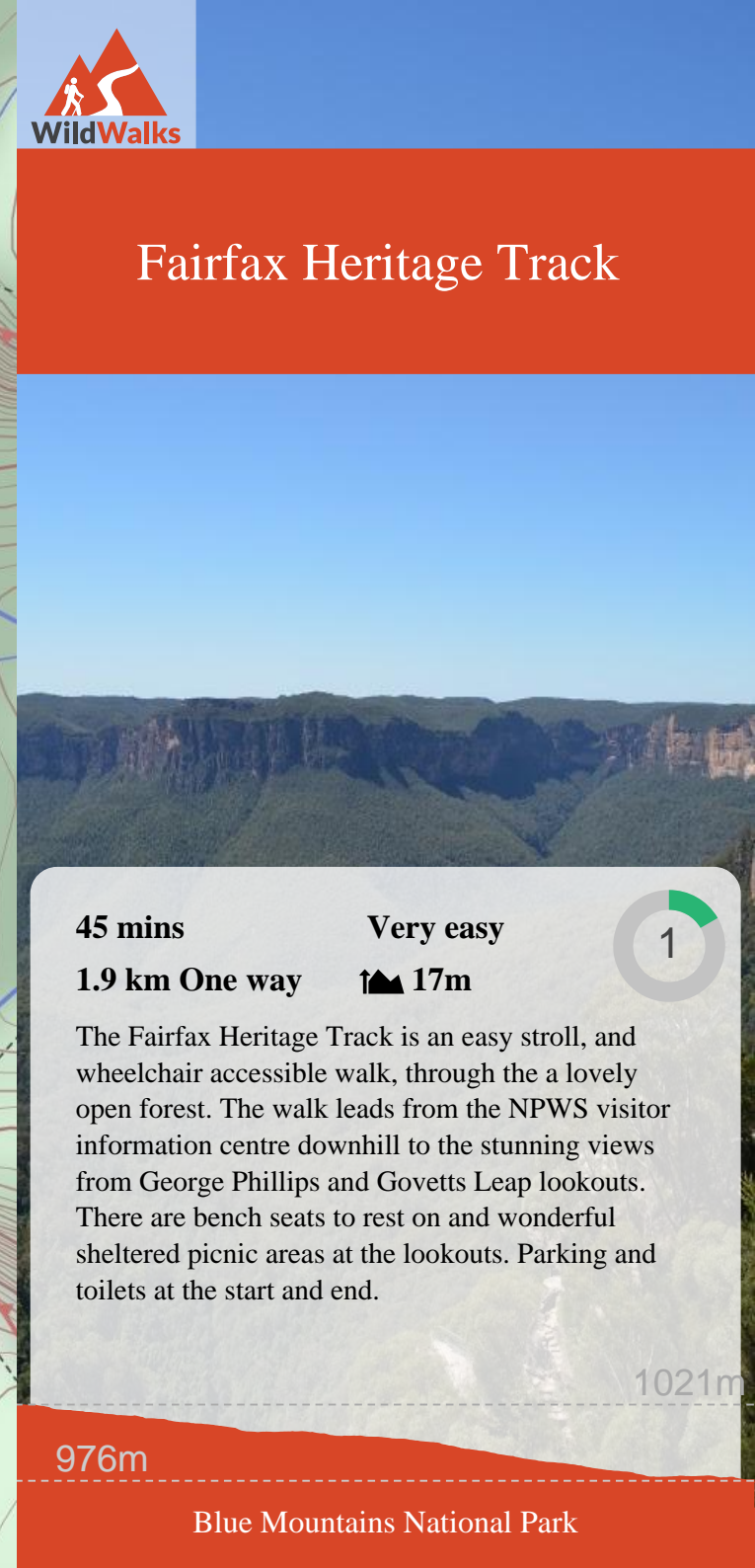
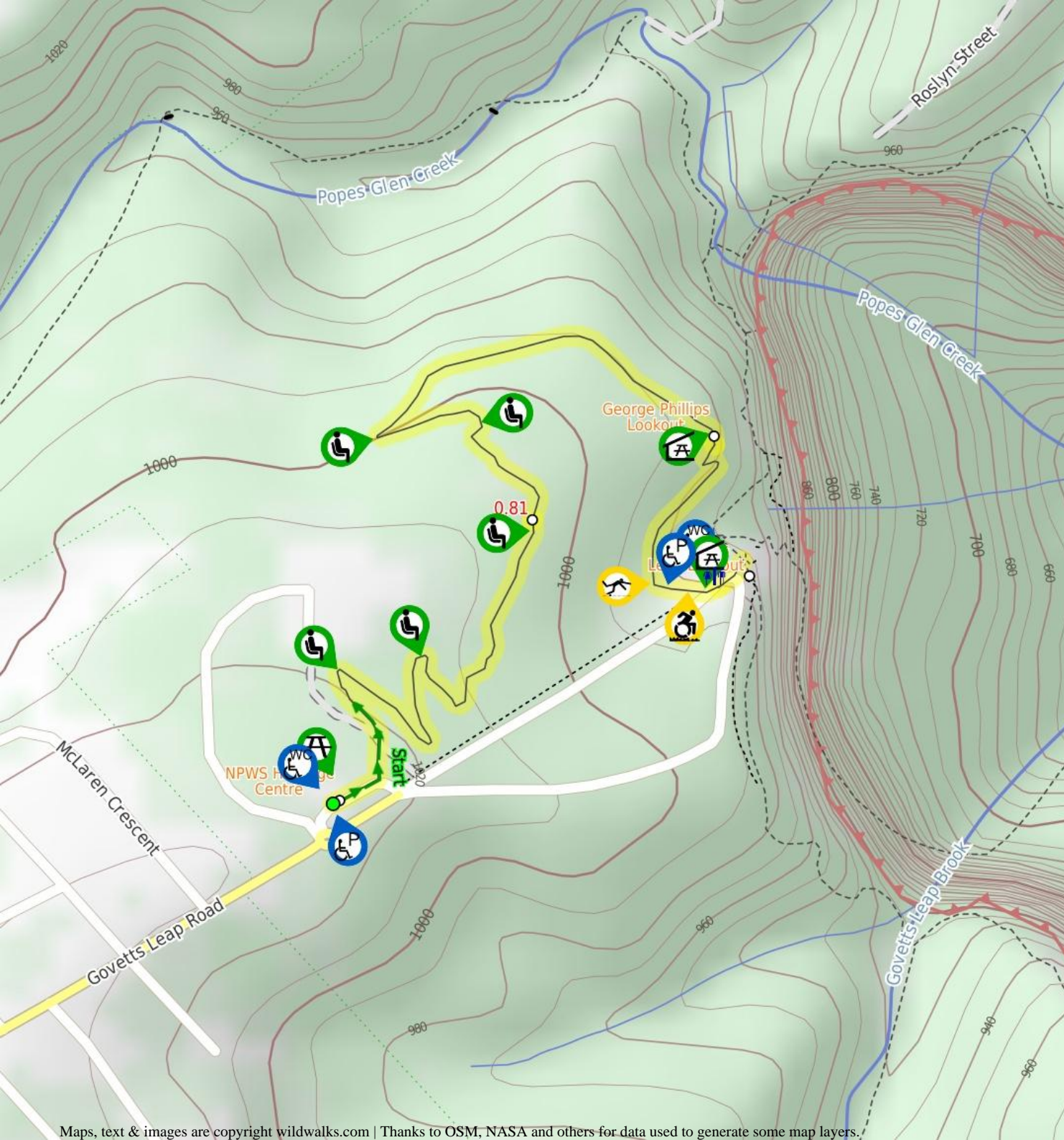


Fairfax Heritage Track



45 mins

Very easy

1.9 km One way

↑ 17m



The Fairfax Heritage Track is an easy stroll, and wheelchair accessible walk, through the a lovely open forest. The walk leads from the NPWS visitor information centre downhill to the stunning views from George Phillips and Govetts Leap lookouts. There are bench seats to rest on and wonderful sheltered picnic areas at the lookouts. Parking and toilets at the start and end.

976m

1021m

Blue Mountains National Park

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 NPWS Heritage Centre car park (gps: -33.6308, 150.3068) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Govetts Leap Lookout (gps: -33.628, 150.3113) 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/nwn>

0 | NPWS Heritage Centre

National Parks and Wildlife Service Heritage Centre, Blackheath, is a hub for the Blue Mountains National Park. It is signposted on Govetts Leap Road (past McLean Cr). Drop into the Heritage Centre to get advice and learn about the history of the park. You will also find information displays about the traditional owners, thing to do and the local flora and fauna. The heritage centre also has 2 signposted accessible car parks, a shop with souvenirs, toilets and snack food. There is a picnic area out the back and plenty of general parking.

0 | NPWS Heritage Centre car park

(810 m 14 mins) From the front of the NPWS Heritage Centre, Blackheath, this walk heads along the concrete footpath gently downhill keeping the car park (and Govetts Leap Rd) to your right. The path leads to a 'Fairfax Heritage Track'™ sign at the lower end of the car park. The track leads left (following the sign), then immediately turns right at the 'The Fairfax Heritage Track' map sign to follow the asphalt path. After 40m the path leads past a faint intersection with a dirt track and continues straight ahead winding through the wooded forest for another 100m to find a bench seat. The path bends sharply right and leads gently downhill for 140m where the track bends sharply left. The walk continues to gently meander for about 125m to another bench seat (on your left). Then the track bends sharply right and gently undulates up and down for another 330m to find another bench seat (on the left), just before a three-way intersection with a small dirt track (on the left) and a 'Woodland Retreat' sign. (The 'Woodland Retreat' side track leads about 15m to a small seat, this is a rough dirt track).

0.81 | Woodland Retreat

(740 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leads down along the footpath, leaving the seat, sign and sidetrack behind (on the left). The path soon bends left and after 70m passes through (ignoring) a four-way intersection with a dirt trail. The path

leads on for another 75m, bending a few times, to find another bench seat (on the left). From here the path continues to lead (gently undulating) through the forest for another 140m to find yet another bench seat (on your left). Here the track bends sharply to the right and leads gently downhill for 230m to passes through (ignoring) another four-way intersection with a dirt trail marked with a 'Rehabilitation Area - Please Keep Off' sign. The walk then continues downhill along the path for another 220m to find a few picnic tables, a stone picnic shelter at an intersection with a short ramp leading down to the signposted 'George Phillips Lookout' (on your left).

1.55 | George Phillips Lookout

George Phillips Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, provides stunning views east into the Grose Valley. The lookout offers views to Pulpit Rock, the horseshoe-shaped gorge and over the deep, green gorges of the Grose Valley to Mount Banks. The lookout is fenced and has a wheelchair accessible ramp. There are a series of picnic tables including a stone shelter just behind the lookout.

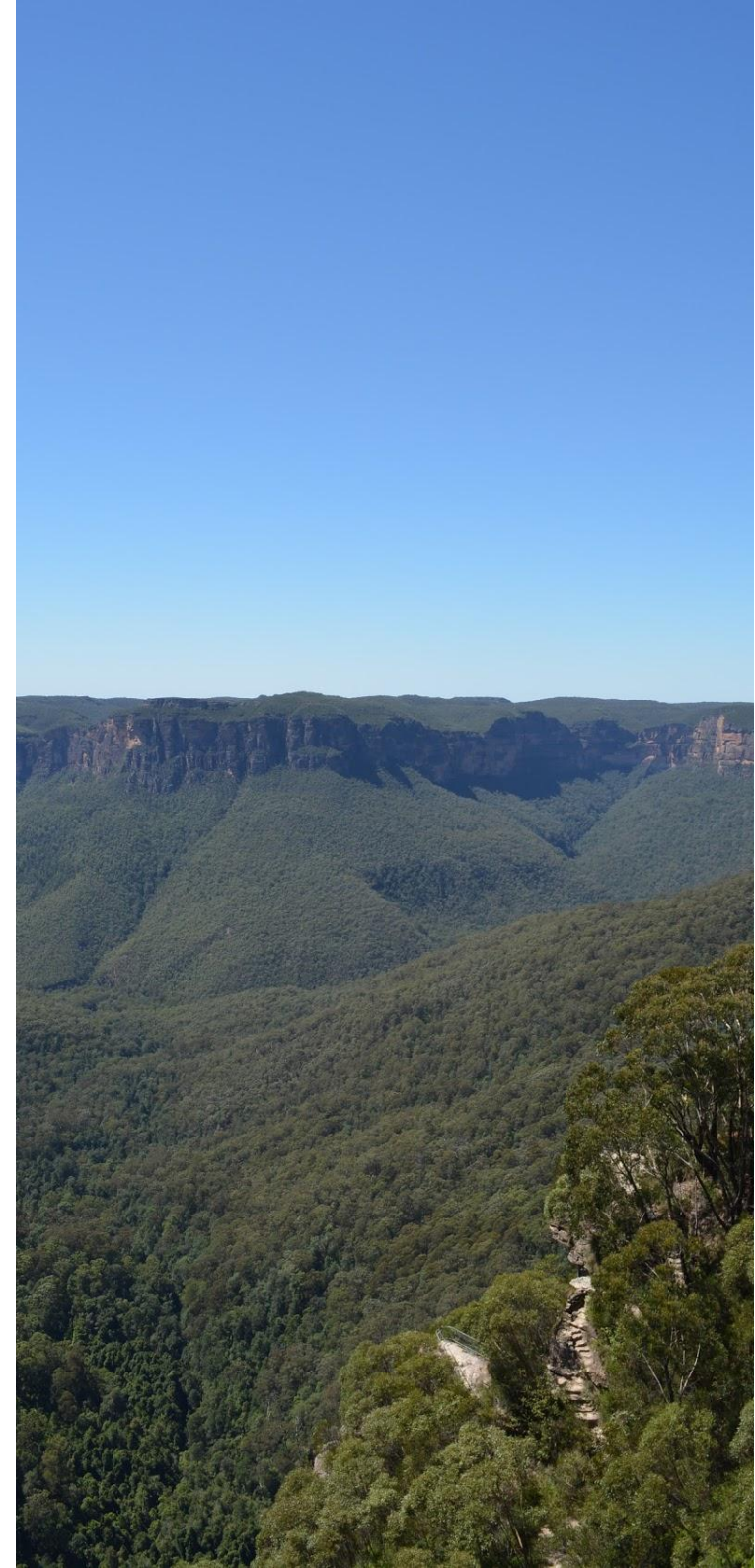
1.55 | George Phillips Lookout

(340 m 7 mins) Veer right: From George Phillips Lookout, this walk leads gently downhill along the path keeping the filtered views of the valley to the left. After about 25m the path bends sharply left, then right. The path continues gently downhill for 180m coming to the edge of the Govetts Leap Picnic Area, a series of stone shelters, dirt car park and the signposted end of 'The Fairfax Heritage Trail' asphalt path. Here the walk heads through the timber bollards, then bends left and leads for 60m across the dirt/gravel car park to the large stone shelter at the edge of the turning circle (and car park) at the end of Govetts Leap Rd.

Continue straight: From the large stone shelter at the edge of the turning circle (and car park) at the end of Govetts Leap Rd, this walk heads 35m towards the valley views to head through the stone arch then down the ramp to the large flat gravel and fenced 'Govetts Leap' lookout platform.

1.89 | 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.





This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

Parking: There are 2 designated accessible parking areas on this walk. They are 1770m apart.

Toilets: There are 2 toilets on this walk. They are 1840m apart.

Seats: There are 8 seats on this walk. They are on average 260m apart, with a maximum gap of 440m.

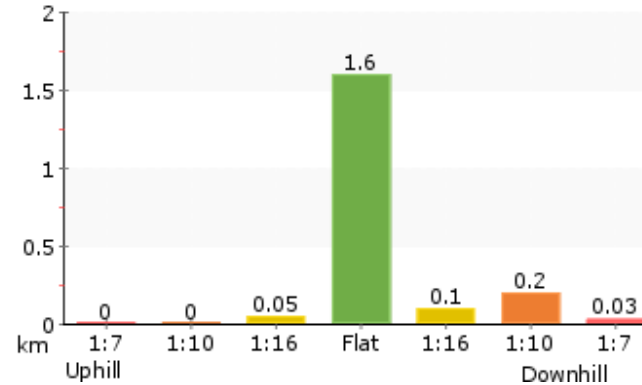
Surface

Smooth & Hard the majority of the way. There is a 60m section of compacted gravel in the lower carpark.

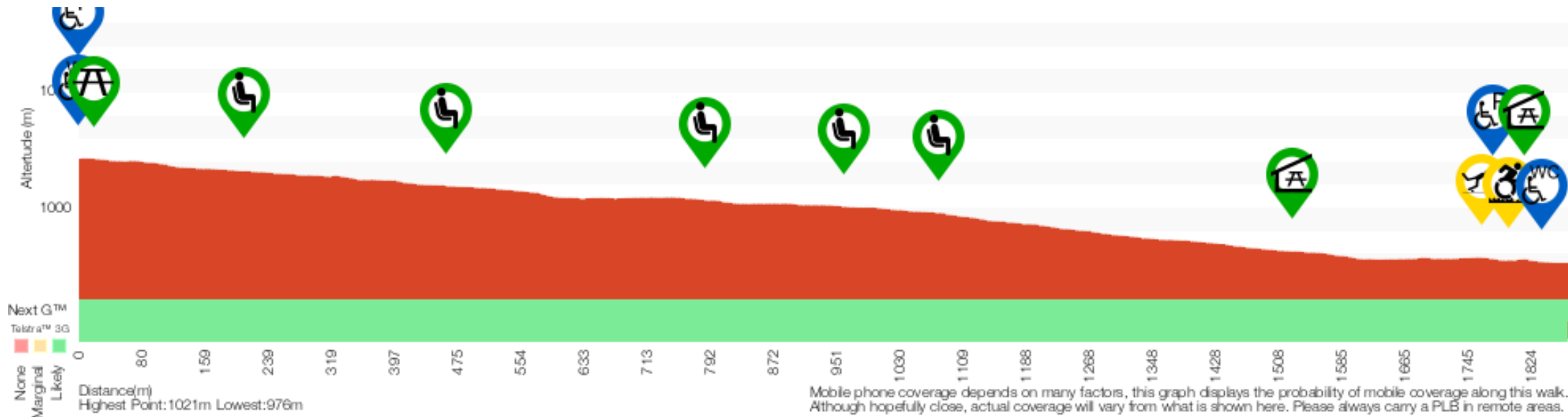
Stepness

Mostly flat or gentle slopes. No section steeper than 1:12.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



1		Grade 1/6 Very easy	
Length	1.9 km One way		
Time	45 mins		
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)		
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)		
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)		
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)		
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)		





1 Toilet Accessible (0m)

Signposted accessible and general use male and female toilets inside the National Parks Visitor Centre. Access (whilst the center is open) via concrete ramp.



2 Parking Accessible (0m)

The carpark is outside the National Parks Visitor Centre, just off Govetts Leap Rd. There are two signposted accessible carparks. These two carparks are 3m wide and 6m long.



3 Picnic Table (20m)

A series of picnic tables on flat grassy area behind the Visitor centre. No shade. Ramp access via back door of visitor centre. Seats are about 45cm high and tables are 75cm high.



4 Seat (210m)

Timber slat bench seat on outside bend of path. The seat is 41cm high (2.1m wide, 30cm deep) with a 39cm high backrest.



5 Seat (460m)

Timber slat bench seat on outside bend of path. The seat is 41cm high (2.1m wide, 30cm deep) with a 39cm high backrest.



6 Seat (790m)

Timber slat bench seat on outside bend of path. The seat is 41cm high (2.1m wide, 30cm deep) with a 39cm high backrest.



7 Seat (960m)

Timber slat bench seat on outside bend of path. The seat is 41cm high (2.1m wide, 30cm deep) with a 39cm high backrest.



8 Seat (1080m)

Timber slat bench seat on outside bend of path. The seat is 41cm high (2.1m wide, 30cm deep) with a 39cm high backrest.



9 Picnic Shelter (1520m)

Stone shelter at George Phillips Lookout. Timber slat bench seat (46cm high) around the inside wall. Two picnic tables (75cm high) with wheelchair access (no seats on one side). Access to shelter via 1.37cm gap in concrete wall.



10 Trip Hazard (1760m)

A 5 to 10cm step between carpark and track. Access is between bollards that are 110cm apart.



11 Parking Accessible(1770m)

There are two signposted parking places at the lower end of the sealed Fairfax track. Specific parking bays are not marked with lines. The carpark has a loose gravel surfaces with some eroded sections.



12 Wheelchair Rough(1790m)

This walk leads through a gravel carpark for about 60m. The surface is uneven and eroded in places. The gravel is mostly compressed but the surface may soften after prolonged rain.



13 Picnic Shelter (1810m)

Picnic shelters at the end of Govetts Leap Road. Seats are ~45cm high and benches 75cm high. Most shelters have an entrance ~1.2m wide with, and similar gap between table and wall. The largest shelter has an entrance wider than 4m, bench seating but no tables.



14 Toilet Accessible (1840m)

Signposted accessible and general use male and female toilets. Access via concrete ramp, however, the top of the ramp is accessed via loose gravel carpark with some steep eroded sections.