

Heathcote to Waterfall Overnight Walk

2 Days

Hard track

10.8 km One way

▲ 503m

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Following Heathcote Creek, this walk is a great overnight walk, often used to introduce new walkers to overnight hikes. A well-signposted and defined track leads you to a campsite with a reasonable level of facilities. There are great views of Heathcote Creek along the way, and many of Heathcote's varied environments to enjoy. Definitely worth the time to head down to Lake Eckersley, which is perfectly placed for lunch on the first day.

232m

62m

Heathcote National Park

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.

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.

End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

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

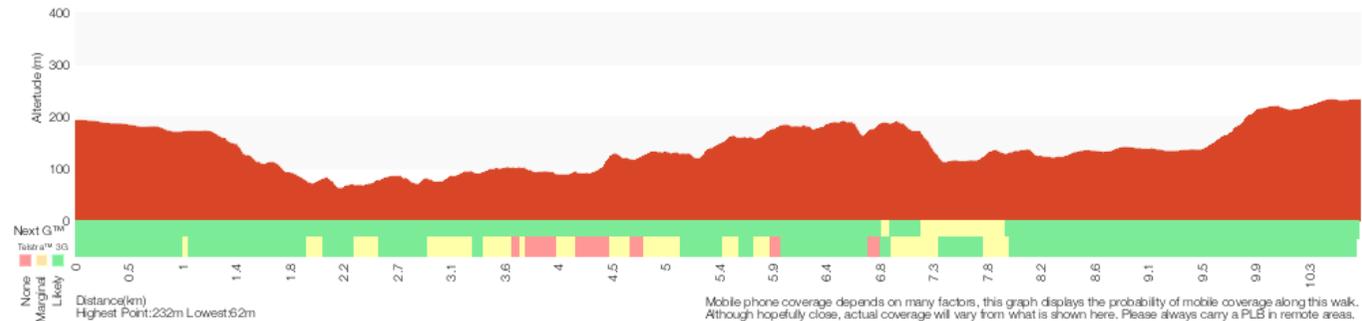
Grade

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	2 Days
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 Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Waterfall Station (gps: -34.1352, 150.9946). 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/htwow>

0 | Heathcote Railway Station

(1 km 17 mins) From the station, this walk follows the footpath towards the highway, passing the left side of the car park, until it reaches the highway, which it crosses at the traffic lights. The walk continues along Oliver Street for a while before coming to the intersection with Boundary Road. Here, this walk turns left, following the road for a short distance before taking the first right onto Freemans Road and continuing past the large scout camp, to the end of the road, where it comes to the intersection with the management trail at the corner of Bella Vista Street.

1.03 | End of Freeman Rd

(1.7 km 37 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, crossing under the high tension power lines and bending around to the right a short distance, before coming back around to the left and passing a management trail (which heads behind some houses). The walk continues down the hill, passing another trail on the left as the hill steepens and comes to an intersection with a rough bush track, opposite the power line tower at the bottom of the trail.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track on the opposite side of the management trail to the power line tower. The walk passes a burnt-out car shell before turning down the long steep hill and winding down to the 'T' intersection with a wider track.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading down along the side of the hill and through the thick bush. After a short while, the track comes to a large concrete pipeline, crossing it at the metal platform to the intersection with the management trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mirang Pool' arrow along the asphalt trail down the long hill. After a short while, the trail bends around to the left, turning back towards the pipeline, and continues downhill until it flattens out and crosses a bridge at the pipeline. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, following the pipeline (with Heathcote Creek down the hill on the right) for a while before coming to the signposted intersection with the Mirang Pool track.

2.7 | 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.

2.7 | Int. of Mirang and Mirang Pool Tracks

(340 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lake Eckersley' arrow along the management trail, keeping the pipe line to

the left, as it heads through the bush. After a while, the trail does a large 'S' bend, crossing the pipeline twice as before passing through a gate and up to the intersection with the Mirang Road service trail.

3.04 | Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail

(1 km 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail, keeping Heathcote Creek and the valley to the right as the trail rounds a bend and heads up run parallel with the pipeline as the trail becomes gravel. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the left for about 750m. The walk then crosses over the pipeline using a timber bridge and 160m further along the management trail the walk passes a picnic table and crosses Heathcote Creek at the concrete Battery Causeway. (Here you may notice the 'Bullawarring Track - Waterfall 7km' sign up to your left).

4.06 | Optional sidetrip to Lake Eckersley

(500 m 11 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, heading up the hill with the creek down to the right. The trail does a sharp 'U' turn to the left, and continues up the hill to the signposted intersection of the 'Lake Eckersley Track'.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track beside the signpost, heading down through the bush and away from the pipeline. As the track winds down the hill, it bends around to the left, winding through the dense scrub for a short while before bending back to the right and continuing down the rocky path to the edge of Woronora River. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

4.06 | Battery Causeway

(3.5 km 1 hr 22 mins) Veer left: From the intersection (on the western side of the causeway), this walk follows the somewhat over grown 'Waterfall 7km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, along the narrow track that initially heads up the hill away from the creek then bends left, keeping the valley to your left. The walk then follows this narrow track south, keeping Heathcote Creek down the hill to your left, as the track climbs up the side of the hill to flatten out high above the creek. From here, the track continues along the side of the ridge, with occasional views of the creek in the valley to the left, as the walk winds through thick bushland until coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Goanna Track'[ref img=114136.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, winding along the bush track on the side of the hill for a long time, occasionally passing a rock platform with views of Heathcote Creek. The walk winds up and down a few steep rocky sections and crosses the dried-up creek in Python Gully. At this point, the track continues around the edge of the valley before descending quite steeply to Heathcote Creek, where it comes to the signposted intersection of the Mooray Track.

7.58 | Int of Battery and Mooray Tracks

(930 m 21 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, heading along the bush track which follows Heathcote Creek. The track winds through the bush with small ups and downs, until it comes back down to the side of the creek, crossing at the rocks.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the 'Mooray Track' sign, heading down and across the creek at the rocks, following the painted track markers up the other side and along the bush track to a large open clearing. From here, the track follows the track marker though the clearing and along the bush track for a short while, coming to some large boulders. Here, the track turns right and then immediately left at the painted marker, climbing up onto the top of the rock platform. From the top of the platform, the walk follows the bush track, heading away from

the creek for a short distance before turning left at the bush track and continuing to the Kingfisher Pool camping ground.

8.5 | Kingfisher Pool camping ground

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8.5 | End of day 1

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8.5 | Kingfisher Pool camping ground

(830 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads away from the water for about 20m back to the main track, where this walk turns left to head east through the thick scrub for a while. There is an occasional view of the creek as the track heads along to a 'Y' intersection with another bush track that has been blocked off. Here, this walk turns left and continues along to the signposted intersection with a management trail.

9.33 | Int of Lake Toolooma Servicetrail and Heathcote Cr

(750 m 20 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north, crossing the creek and heading along the service trail for a very short period, before coming to an intersection with a bush track going off to the right.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Track - Waterfall' sign south-east away from the power lines, following the narrow but clear track for several hundred metres (ignoring faint tracks to the left). The track then lends slightly to the left and heads up the hill to an intersection with a service trail.

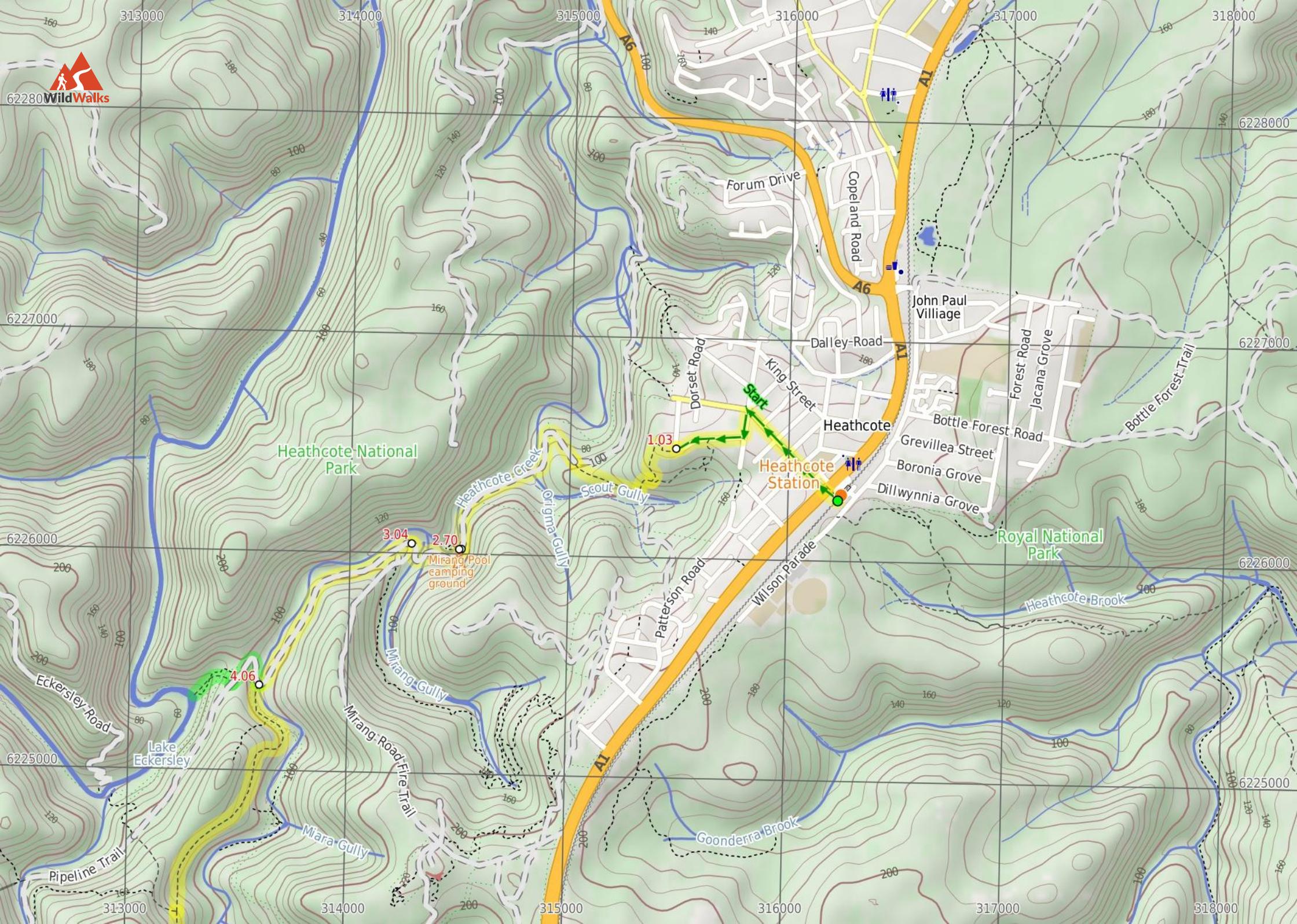
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow track and painted arrow in the middle of the rock step, heading east up the rocky steps. The walk climbs up some rough rock steps with some carved footholes in the rock outcrop, to the top of some short cliffs. From here, the walk follows the rock platform at the top of the short cliffs, and the painted arrows, to the bush track which continues up the long rocky hill. The walk continues up a long set of wooden steps to the signposted intersection with a service trail.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading up the gentle hill towards the houses for a short while before coming to the end of Warabin Street.

10.08 | End of Warabin Rd

(730 m 14 mins) Veer right: From the end of Warabin St, this walk follows the road up the hill and past the intersection of Yanagang Street, continuing up to the next intersection. Here, the walk turns left into Koorabin St, then passes over the Princes Highway and comes to the Waterfall Station entry ramp.





Heathcote National Park

Royal National Park

Heathcote Station

Lake Eckersley

Mirang Pool
camping
ground

Forum Drive

Copeland Road

John Paul Villiage

King Street

Dalley Road

Dorset Road

Forest Road
Jacana Grove

Bottle Forest Trail

Bottle Forest Road

Grevillea Street

Boronia Grove

Dillwynia Grove

Heathcote Brook

Wilson Parade

Patterson Road

Scout Gully

Heathcote Creek

Origine Gully

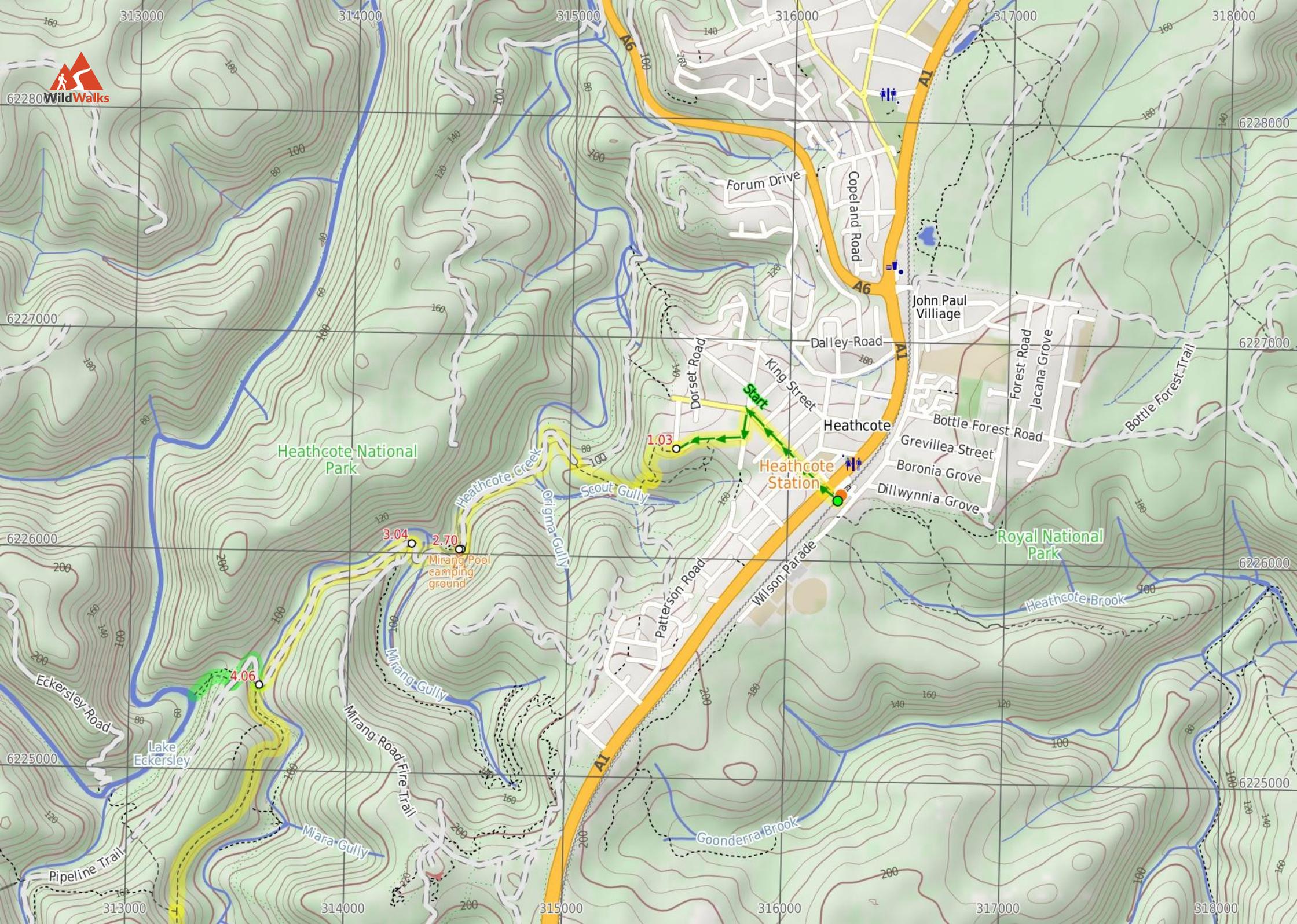
Mirang Road Fire Trail

Miara Gully

Goonderra Brook

Eckersley Road

Pipeline Trail



Summary navigation sheet for the Heathcote to Waterfall Overnight Walk



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Heathcote Railway Station -34.0882,151.0081 (GR Port Hacking, 162263)	4 -24	1 km 17 mins	From the station, this walk follows the footpath towards the highway, passing the left side of the car park, until it reaches the highway, which it crosses at the traffic lights.
1.03	End of Freeman Rd -34.086,151.0001 (GR Port Hacking, 155265)	49 -134	1.7 km 37 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, crossing under the high tension power lines and bending around to the right a short distance, before coming back around to the left and passi...
2.70	Int. of Mirang and Mirang Pool Tracks -34.0902,150.9894 (GR Campbelltown, 145260)	13 -24	340 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lake Eckersley' arrow along the management trail, keeping the pipe line to the left, as it heads through the bush.
3.04	Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail -34.0899,150.987 (GR Campbelltown, 143260)	46 -32	1 km 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail, keeping Heathcote Creek and the valley to the right as the trail rounds a bend and heads up run parallel with the pipeline as ...
4.06	Battery Causeway -34.0957,150.9794 (GR Campbelltown, 136254)	14 -42	500 m 11 mins	Optional sidetrip to Lake Eckersley. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, heading up the hill with the creek down to the right.
4.06	Battery Causeway -34.0957,150.9794 (GR Campbelltown, 136254)	218 -193	3.5 km 1 hr 22 mins	Veer left: From the intersection (on the western side of the causeway), this walk follows the somewhat overgrown 'Waterfall 7km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, along the narrow track that initially hea...
7.58	Int of Battery and Mooray Tracks -34.1224,150.9725 (GR Campbelltown, 130224)	48 -32	930 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, heading along the bush track which follows Heathcote Creek.
8.50	End of day 1 -34.1267,150.9779 (GR Appin, 135220)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
8.50	Kingfisher Pool camping ground -34.1267,150.9779 (GR Appin, 135219)	15 -15	830 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads away from the water for about 20m back to the main track, where this walk turns left to head east through the thick scrub for a while.
9.33	Int of Lake Toolooma Servicetrail and Heathcote Creek Track -34.1298,150.9857 (GR Appin, 142216)	88 -3	750 m 20 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north, crossing the creek and heading along the service trail for a very short period, before coming to an intersection with a bush track going off to the right.
10.08	End of Warabin Rd -34.1304,150.9921 (GR Appin, 148216)	22 -10	730 m 14 mins	Veer right: From the end of Warabin St, this walk follows the road up the hill and past the intersection of Yanagang Street, continuing up to the next intersection.