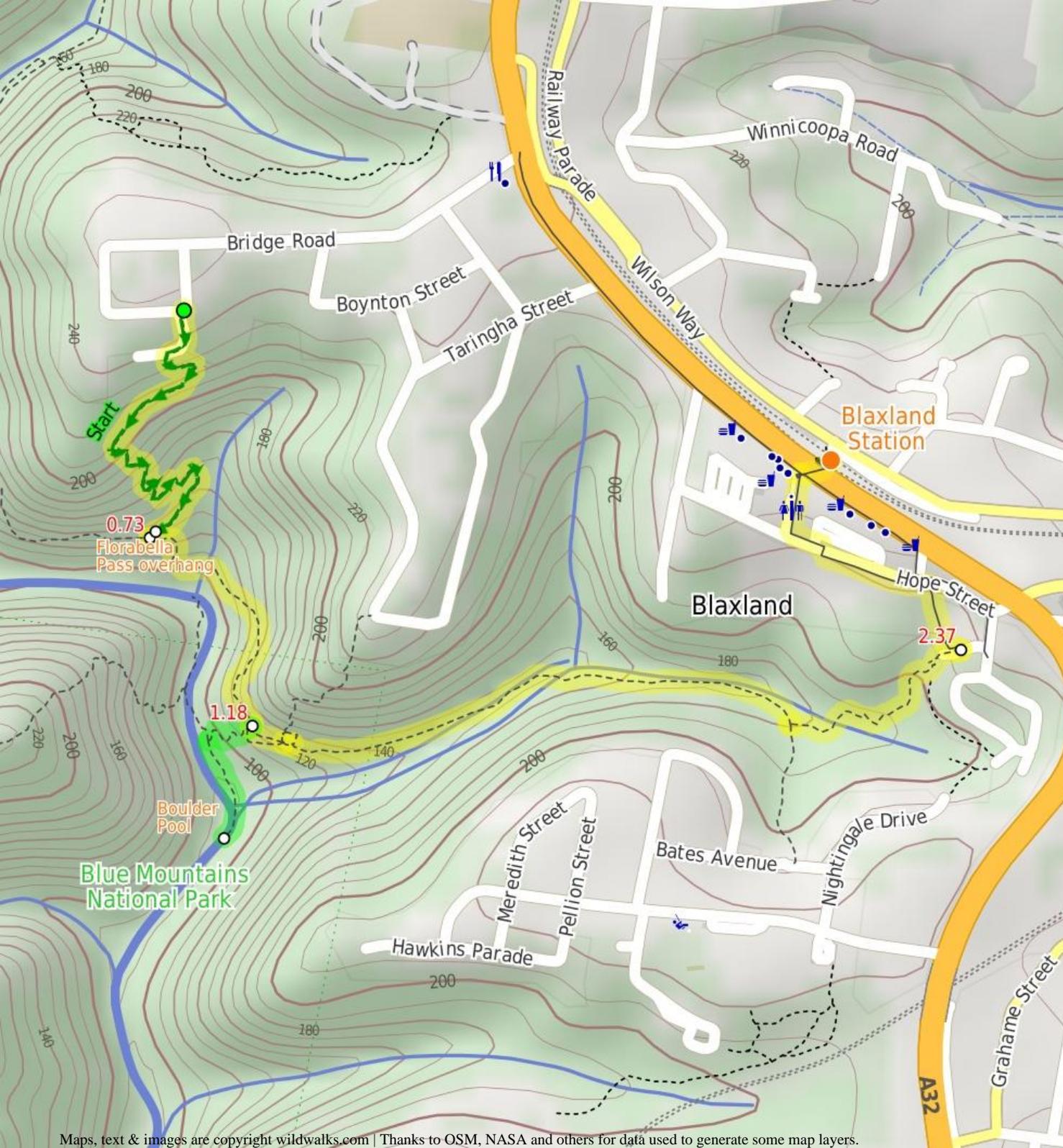


## Plateau Pde to Blaxland Station via Florabella Pass



2 hrs

Hard track

2.9 km One way

↑ 224m

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This lovely walk from Plateau Pde, Blaxland, explores a section of Florabella Pass and Pippas Pass. From the road you enter a different world as you walk high above Glenbrook creek. The walk takes in some great views and explores some rock formations, with an optional side trip to Glenbrook Creek. The walk then heads up Pippas pass to Blaxland station, but not before enjoying the local bakery.

99m

246m

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 No. 14 Plateau Pde (gps: -33.7415, 150.6002) 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/pptbsvfp>

### 0 | No. 14 Plateau Pde

*(730 m 26 mins)* From the Plateau Parade the track heads to the right of No. 14 Plateau Pde. The track heads down the tarmac road turning right around behind the houses to opposite a green metal fence. From here the track heads down the hill to turn right down a rocky outcrop to a sign '300m to Plateau Parade'. The track zig zags down the hillside with many rocky steps to come onto a rocky surface where the track sharply turns left down some stairs. The track at the bottom of the stairs turns right and continues under an orange rock overhang to the sign posted intersection.

### 0.73 | Florabella Pass overhang

This large and well coloured sandstone overhang is a feature of Florabella Pass. The overbearing nature of this overhang makes it a grand sight along the track. The steps and clearing below it also make for a good place to rest and grab a bite to eat.

### 0.73 | Int. Florabella Pass Trk and Plateau Pde Trk

*(450 m 16 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection the track follows the 'Exit via Ross Cres' sign down the hill. The track winds steeply down through rocky outcrops to drop onto a creekbed. From here the track climbs right, out of the creek to wind up the hill for a short time. The track then follows the rocky hillside to an intersection surrounded by rock outcrops and boulders.

### 1.18 | Optional sidetrip to Boulder pool

*(280 m 6 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads steeply down the stone steps and eroded track, winding steeply, in some sections over steep rocky surfaces. The track continues downhill until coming to an intersection where the track meets a large boulder which stretches towards the creek. Turn left: From the intersection, the track keeps the creek on the right, as it heads down stream. The track winds to a creek junction where the track crosses a log to the right. From here the track meanders along the creek bed to a pool with a large boulder in it. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.

### 1.18 | Boulder Pool

Boulder Pool, unofficially named, is a nice pool along the Glenbrook Creek with a boulder sitting in it. The pool is a great place to cool your feet, and sit on the sandy banks and grab a bite as you take in your surroundings.

### 1.18 | Int. Florabella Pass and Pippas Pass Trks

*(1.2 km 29 mins)* Continue straight: 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 unsignposted three-way intersection (with the track on the left crossing the creek), marked with a smooth bark Angophera.

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 'Bushcare site' information sign. Here this walk turns right to head up to the library and main car park.

### 2.37 | Blaxland Library Carpark

*(530 m 10 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.

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.