



## Round Walk- (Leura Cascades Loop)



30 mins

Moderate track

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844 m Circuit

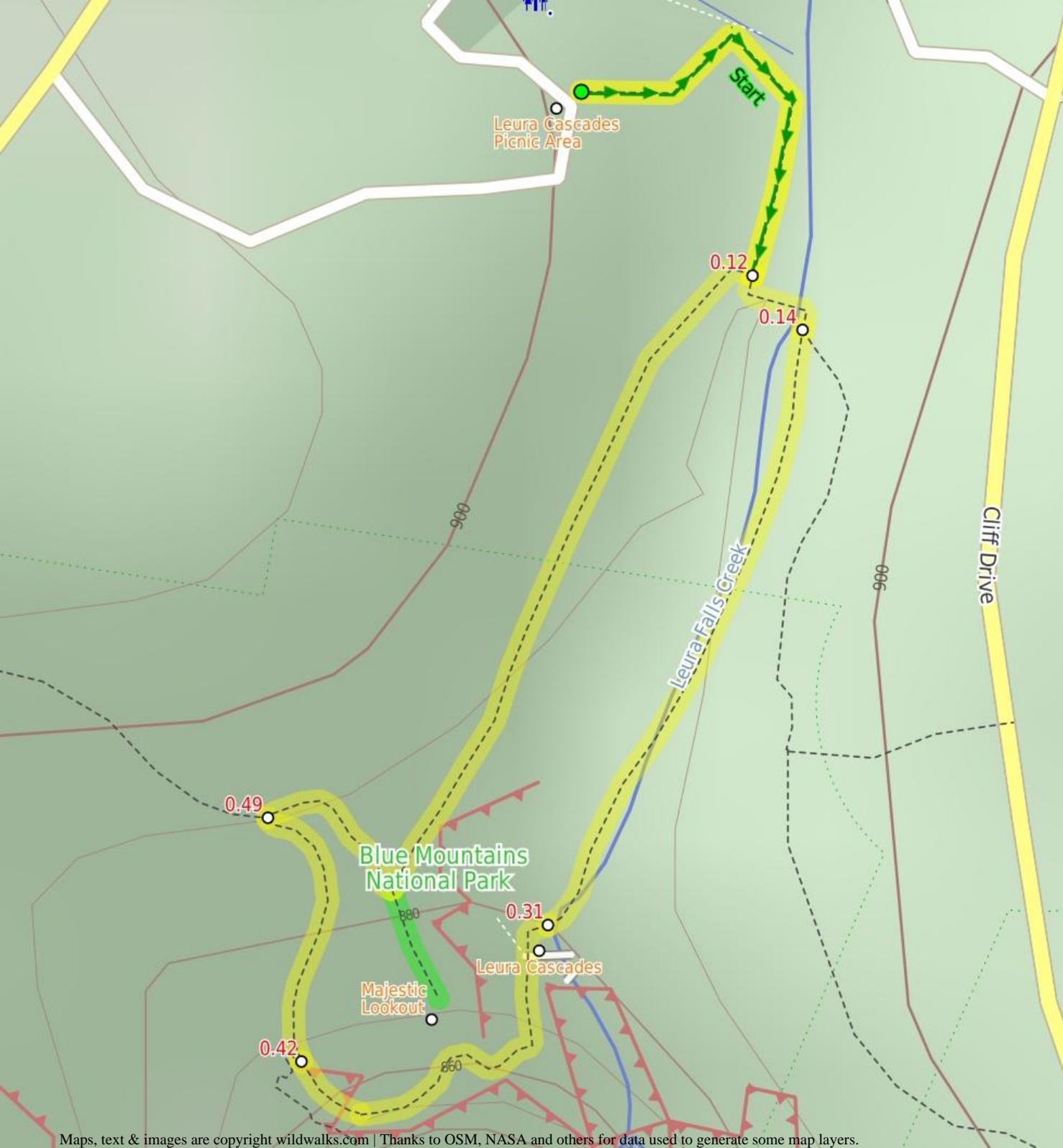
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This is a short walk out from the beautiful Leura Park. The walk heads past cliffs, the cascades, large ferns and even a historic bridge. The walk is a great one to do between meals at a picnic. Leura Cascades themselves are a great set of waterfalls, and worth taking the camera for.

851m

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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 Leura Cascades Picnic Area (gps: -33.7196, 150.3224) by car or bus. 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.tl/lcl>

### **0 | Leura Cascades Picnic Area**

Leura Cascades Picnic area is a open picnic area beside Cliff Drive, with Leura Cascades Creek running through the middle. There are a number of small cascades in the park, along with toilets and picnic tables. There are a few information signs and maps of the area. The park is well remembered for the artificial caves and arches that have been built to provide shelter and a sense of place. A small road runs through the park, providing access and parking, and garbage facilities are provided. There is also plenty of shade from some large pine trees.

### **0 | Leura Cascades Picnic Area**

*(120 m 3 mins)* From cave-like shelters in Leura Cascades Picnic Area, this walk heads along the footpath, passing under the arch. Passing the toilet block, the path comes to the information board, from where the walk follows the 'Leura Cascades Track' sign down the steps. The path soon leads to a small stone wall with a view of some cascades and Chelmsford Bridge. From the view of Chelmsford Bridge, this walk follows track downhill, keeping the handrail and creek to the left, soon coming to an intersection with 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' just before a footbridge.

### **0.12 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Leura Park Trac**

*(30 m )* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign across the footbridge to a 'Y' intersection.

### **0.14 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Leura Cascades**

*(170 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign down the steps, keeping the handrail and creek to the right. After a short while, the walk heads along a timber platform and down some stairs to a rock platform, with great views of some cascades. From these

cascades, the walk heads down more stairs, coming to an intersection just before two bridges, with great views of Leura Cascades.

### **0.31 | Leura Cascades**

Leura Cascades is a lovely set of waterfalls with some bridges just below, allowing walkers to get up close to the creek. The area has a nice feel about it and is quite cool in summer. Much of the track near the cascades has handrails and the bridges are fenced. Allow some time to enjoy life among the cascades and fern trees in this valley. One bridge leads to a sandstone cave next to the pool and falls, a great place to enjoy the small section of canyon.

### **0.31 | Leura Cascades**

*(110 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the bottom of Leura Cascades, this walk crosses the bridge (furthest from the falls), heads down the steps and comes to a fenced (unsignposted) lookout at the top of Bridal Veil Falls. From the lookout, the walk heads up the steep steps. The steps wind up the hill passing a cave with an old bench seat, then up the metal stairs to the fenced (unsignposted) round walk lookout with views down on Bridal Veil Falls.

Continue straight: From the lookout, the walk heads up the metal staircases then along the fenced cliff ledge, with more great valley views. Soon the track heads down a few steps to come to a four-way intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Leura Cascades' (and the short left-hand track leading to a fenced (unnamed) lookout.

### **0.42 | Int of Leura Cascades Round Walk and Fern Bower Tr**

*(70 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Round Walk - Echo Point' sign along the track up the hill (with rock wall initially on the right). The track winds up the hill using the steps and, after passing a large gum, the track become less steep. Soon the track leads to an intersection with the signposted 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk'.

### **0.49 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the Leura Int o**

*(50 m 1 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign along the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' towards 'Leura Cascades', taking the higher track. The track heads along the side of the hill to come to a three-way intersection, just after passing a rock wall on the left.

### **0.54 | Optional sidetrip to Majestic Lookout**

*(30 m 1 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track away from the rocks down the narrow spur. The track soon comes to a rusty fence that leads to the signposted 'Majestic Lookout' and then down some steps to the lower platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to

the main walk then Veer right.

### **0.54 | Majestic Lookout**

Majestic Lookout is a fenced lookout on a side track from the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, just above Leura Cascades. The lookout provides great (perhaps even majestic) views out through the top of the valley, with Mount Solitary nicely framed by the cliff line. The closest access to the lookout is from Leura Cascades Picnic Area, and is visited as part of the Leura Cascades Circuit.

### **0.54 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Majestic Lookou**

*(310 m 7 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk steps up over a few rocks to keep the main rock outcrop on the left (and the valley and waterfall on the right). The track soon passes a small overhang with a bench seat, and gently winds along the side of the hill. After heading down the stairs, the track come to a 'T' intersection, with a handrail and a sign pointing back up to 'Echo Point'.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Picnic Area' sign up the gentle hill, keeping the handrail and creek on the right. The track soon comes to a stone wall with a view of some cascades and Chelmsford Bridge. From the view of Chelmsford Bridge, this walk heads up the steps, following the path past an information board, toilet and under the arch to come to Leura Cascades Picnic Area.