

# Watagan Creek Road to Flat Rock

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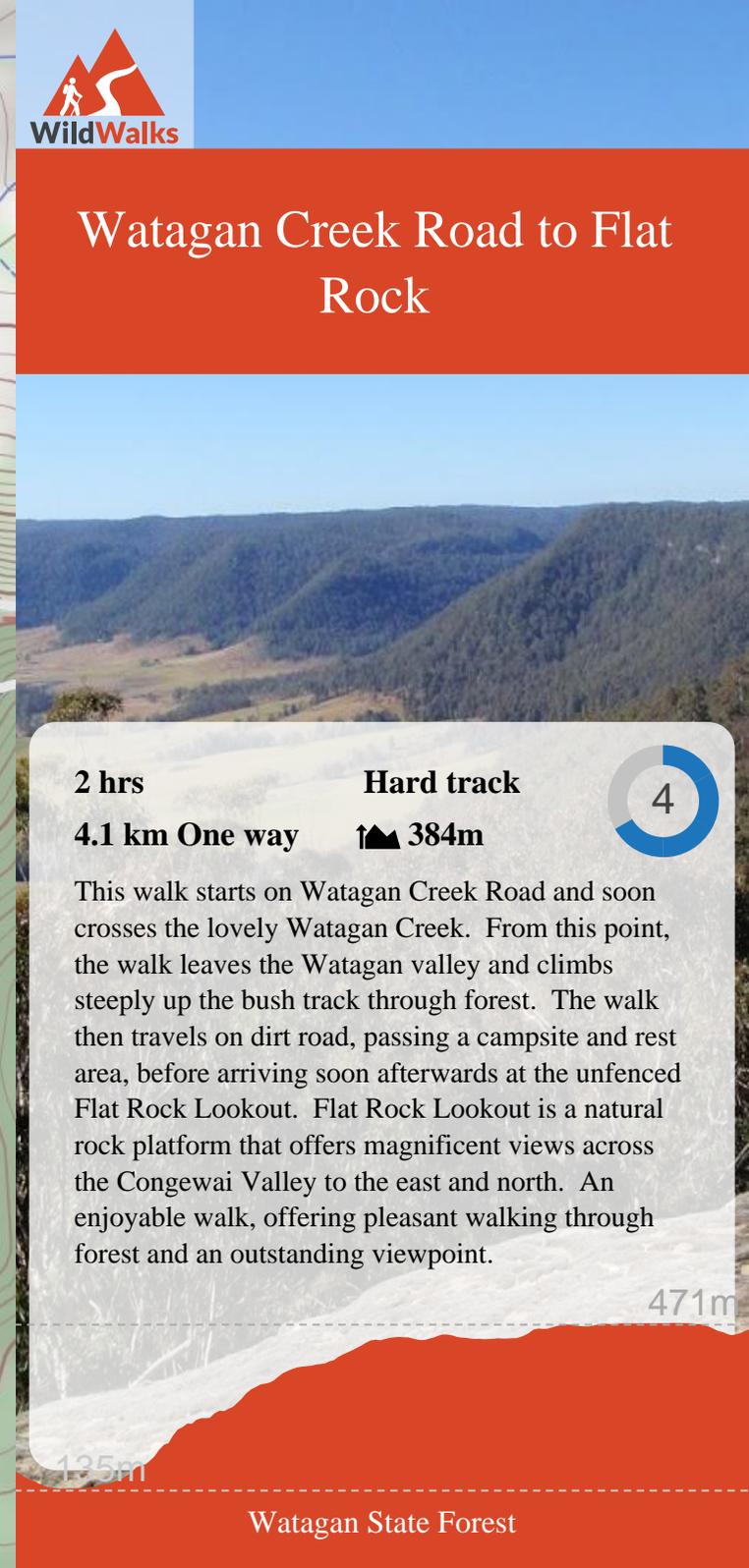
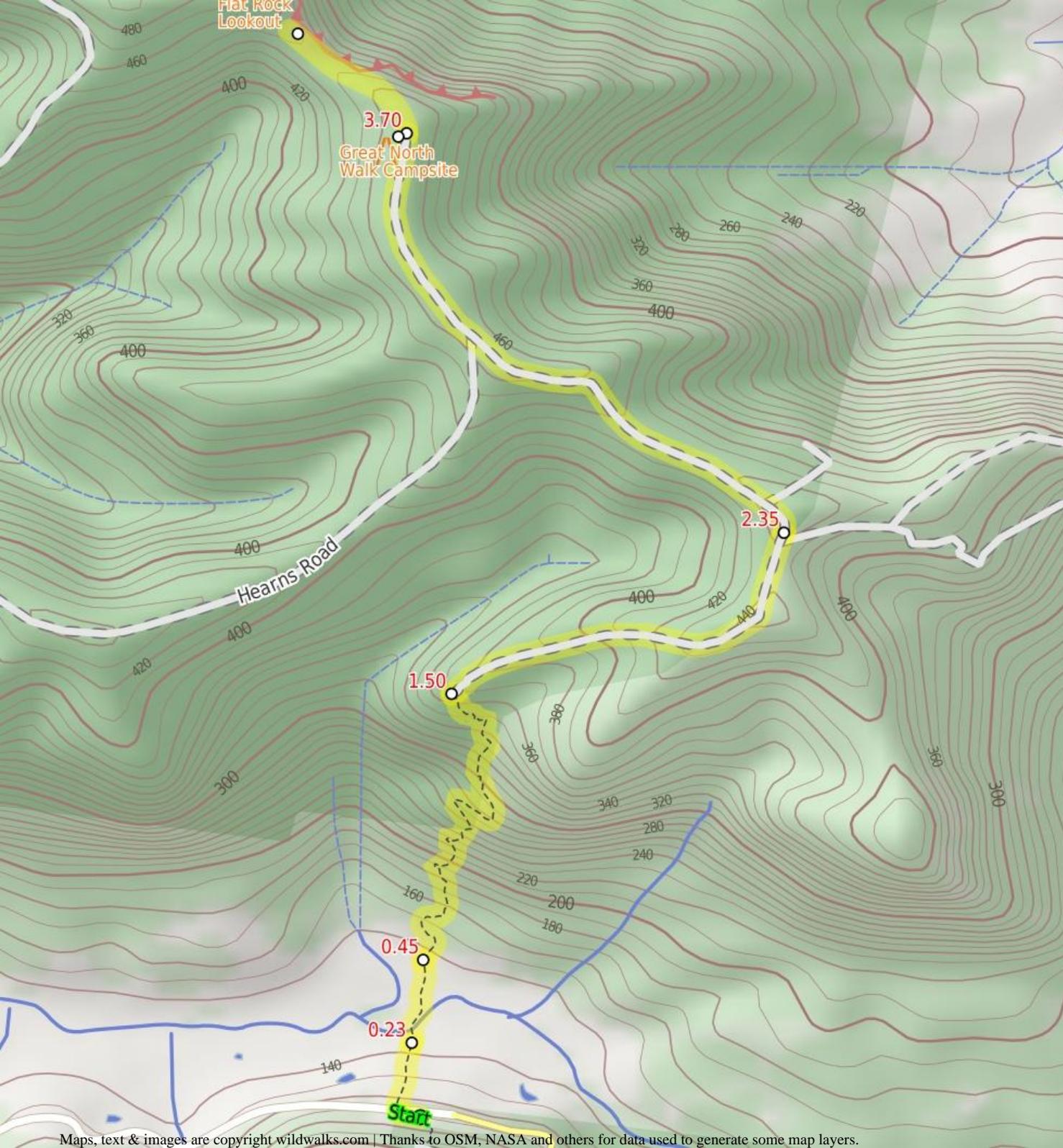
Hard track

4.1 km One way

▲ 384m

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This walk starts on Watagan Creek Road and soon crosses the lovely Watagan Creek. From this point, the walk leaves the Watagan valley and climbs steeply up the bush track through forest. The walk then travels on dirt road, passing a campsite and rest area, before arriving soon afterwards at the unfenced Flat Rock Lookout. Flat Rock Lookout is a natural rock platform that offers magnificent views across the Congewai Valley to the east and north. An enjoyable walk, offering pleasant walking through forest and an outstanding viewpoint.



Watagan State Forest

### 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Int of GNW track & Watagan Creek Road(eastside) (gps: -33.0286, 151.2739). Car: There is free parking available. Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Flat Rock Lookout (gps: -33.003, 151.2715). 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/wcvtftr>

#### 0 | Int of GNW track & Watagan Creek Road(eastside)

*(230 m 5 mins)* From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the dirt Watagans Creek Road over the small rise, while keeping the main valley to your right. The road soon come to an intersection, marked with a GNW arrowpost with a track and paddock gate (with 'Laguna' sign) on the right.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down the short but steep road embankment, and passes through the paddock gate (with a 'Laguna' sign on it). The walk continues gently downhill across farmland for about 200m, until coming to, and heading through, a paddock gate with a 'Great North Walk' sign (and a yellow electric fence box).

#### 0.23 | GNW Paddock Gate

*(230 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the paddock gate (with the yellow electric fence box), this walk follows GNW arrow down the moderately steep grassy bank towards the creek. After about 10m, the walk crosses the creek, usually just over ankle deep. This creek maybe impassible after rain. The walk continues following GNW arrow markers along the fence for about 100m, passing through two more paddock gates), until heading through another paddock gate with a 'Please Shut Gate' sign, just before the forest.

#### 0.45 | Back Paddock Gate

*(1.1 km 40 mins)* Continue straight: From the paddock gate in the Watagan Valley, this walk follows the track moderately steeply uphill. The walk heads through the wooded forest, up a series of timber and rock steps as the track winds up the hill. About 1km after leaving the open farmland, this track leads to an intersection

with the turning area at the end of the dirt Langans Road.

#### 1.5 | End of Langans Rd

*(840 m 21 mins)* Turn right: From the turning area at the end of Langans Road, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the dirt road. The walk continues generally uphill for about 800m and comes to a three-way intersection with the signposted 'Cabans Road' (on the right).

#### 2.35 | Int of Langans Rd & Cabans Road

*(1.4 km 26 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-west along the dirt road, initially keeping Cabans Road on your right. The walk continues, gently undulating up along the top of the ridge for about 1.4km, until coming to the signposted 'Walkers Rest Area'.

#### 3.7 | GNW Campsite

This neat little signposted campsite consists of a brick fireplace with a couple of basic wooden seats and some room for a few tents. There is no water available at this campsite.

#### 3.7 | Walkers Rest Area

*(350 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From the 'Walkers Rest Area', this walk follows the trail west, initially keeping the rest area on your left. The walk continues to gently undulate for about 250m, until coming to the unfenced signposted 'Flat Rock Lookout' (on your right).

#### 4.05 | Flat Rock Lookout

Flat Rock Lookout is a natural rock platform that offers magnificent views across the Congewai Valley to the east and north. There are, however, no fences or safety railings at the lookout, so walkers will need to exercise extra caution.

