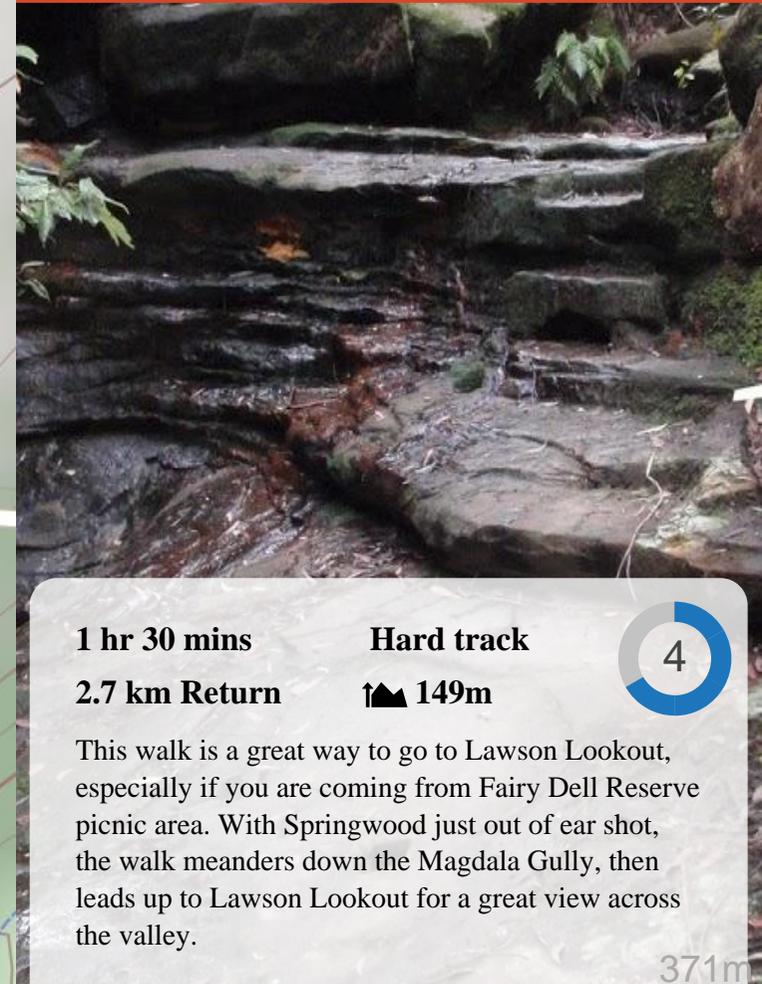




Lawson Lookout from Fairy Dell Reserve



1 hr 30 mins

Hard track

2.7 km Return

149m

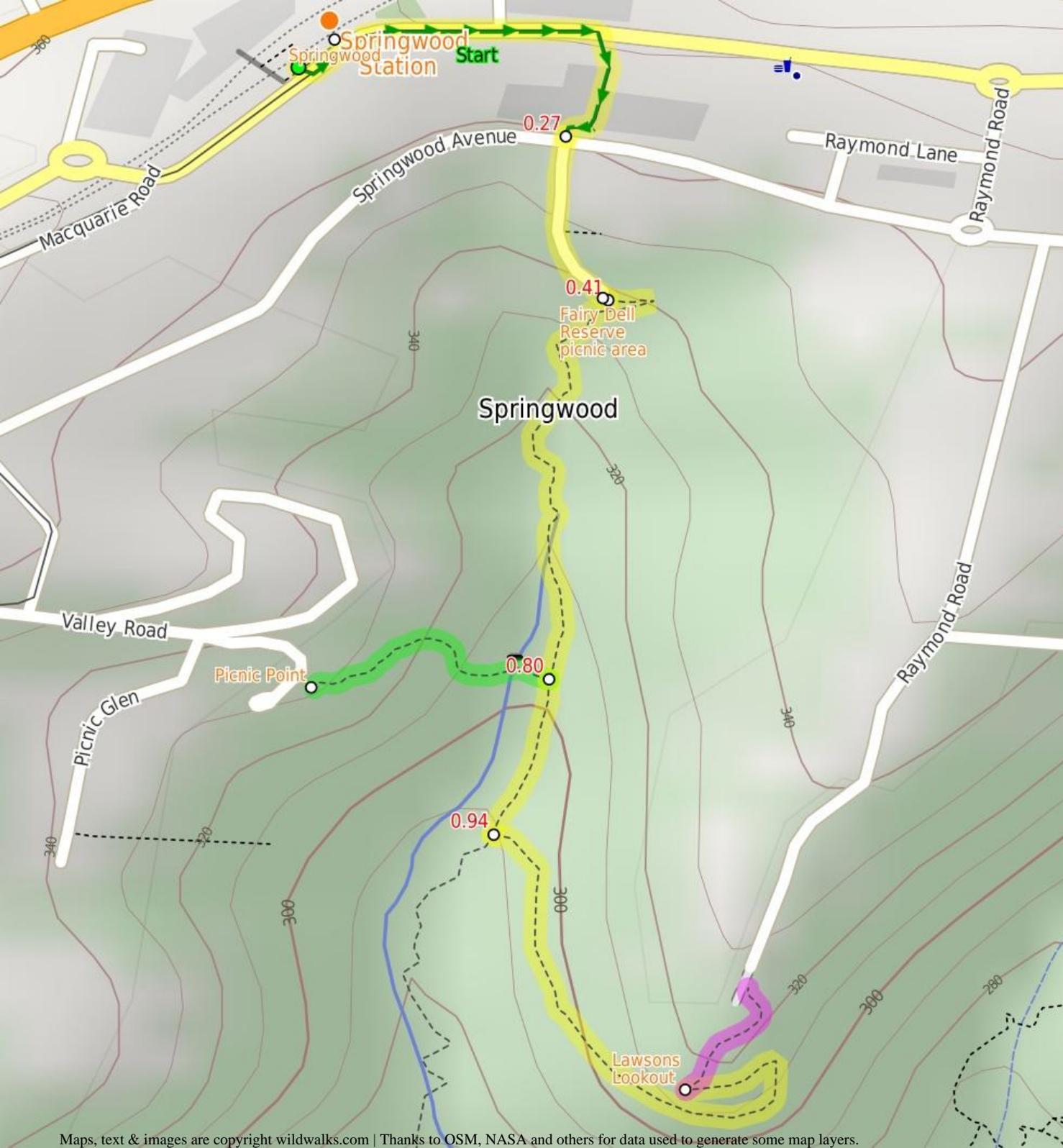


This walk is a great way to go to Lawson Lookout, especially if you are coming from Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area. With Springwood just out of ear shot, the walk meanders down the Magdala Gully, then leads up to Lawson Lookout for a great view across the valley.

288m

371m

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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 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 Springwood Station (gps: -33.6991, 150.5638) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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.t/dfdll>

0 | Springwood

Springwood, along the Great Western Highway, is the second largest town in the Blue Mountains. Springwood also takes the title for the oldest railway station in the Blue Mountains. There are a variety of shops in Springwood, with quite a few cafes, bakeries and two historic hotels. Springwood was named by Governor Macquarie, when his wife and he stopped for water from a deep glen spring, in 1815. It seems aptly named, with many springs and creeks leading away from the ridge at Springwood, including Sassafras Gully, Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creek. [More info.](#)

0 | Springwood Station

(270 m 5 mins) From Springwood Station, the walk crosses the road at the pedestrian crossing and turns left. The walk continues past the shop front for about 150 metres before turning right at a quadrangle, which leads the walk down through a car park. The walk passes through the car park and crosses Macquarie Rd, to the 'Fairy Dell' sign.

0.27 | Int. Springwood Ave and Fairy Dell Reserve

(150 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the 'Fairy Dell, 49 Springwood Ave' sign, the walk heads downhill into the reserve (along the smaller road), past the signs. The walk winds down past the units (on the left) to the bottom of the road. The walk continues on the left side of the cul-de-sac, to a grassy area with picnic tables.

0.41 | Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area

Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area is a quiet and shady terraced garden at the head of the Magdala Gully. Fairy Dell is situated just south of Springwood in the Lower Blue Mountains. The picnic area has numerous tables, parking and a grassy area for the kids to play. The Fairy Dell Reserve Picnic area is also the starting point for a number of walks down to Magdala Creek, Picnic Point and nearby Lawson Lookout.

0.41 | Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area

(390 m 9 mins) Veer left: From the picnic area, the walk follows the 'Sassafras Gully' sign down the stairs. The walk quickly passes the vandalised building (which has since been reported as demolished by another walker), then a map sign before meeting a creek. The walk keeps the creek on the right and soon comes to a bridge with direction signs.

0.8 | Optional sidetrip to Picnic Point

(160 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk crosses the bridge, following the 'Picnic Point' signs. The walk immediately climbs many stairs which wind up to a picnic shelter and grass area of Picnic Point. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.8 | Picnic Point

Picnic Point, in Springwood, Blue Mountains, is a quiet, grassy clearing tucked behind the houses above Magdala Creek. The area has a gazebo, picnic table and water tank (water needs to be treated). The clearing has a track leading down to many popular walks, with Lawson's Lookout and Fairy Dell Reserves nearby.

0.8 | Int. Fairy Dell and Picnic Point Tracks

(140 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the bridge, the walk heads in the direction of the 'Perch Ponds' arrow, keeping the creek on the right of the track. The walk soon comes to a 'Lawson's Lookout' sign[ref img=146352, above a cascade in the creek.

0.94 | Int. Lawsons Lookout Trk and Fairy Dell Trk

(410 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the direction of the 'Lawsons Lookout' signs, up the hill. The track heads up to a rocky outcrop, where the track turns back on itself and steps through some bushes to the rocky surface of the lookout.

1.35 | Lawsons Lookout

Lawsons Lookout, in Springwood, Blue Mountains, is an unfenced rockshelf overlooking the wonderful Magdala Creek valley. The lookout is most easily accessed from Raymond Rd.

1.35 | Alternate Route Lawsons Lookout to End of Raymond

(100 m 3 mins) Turn sharp right: From Lawsons Lookout, the walk heads directly away from the view, heading up the hill. The walk soon passes a rocky outcrop and heads towards the houses as it winds up to the unsealed cul-de-sac at the end of the road (opposite 86 Raymond Rd).

