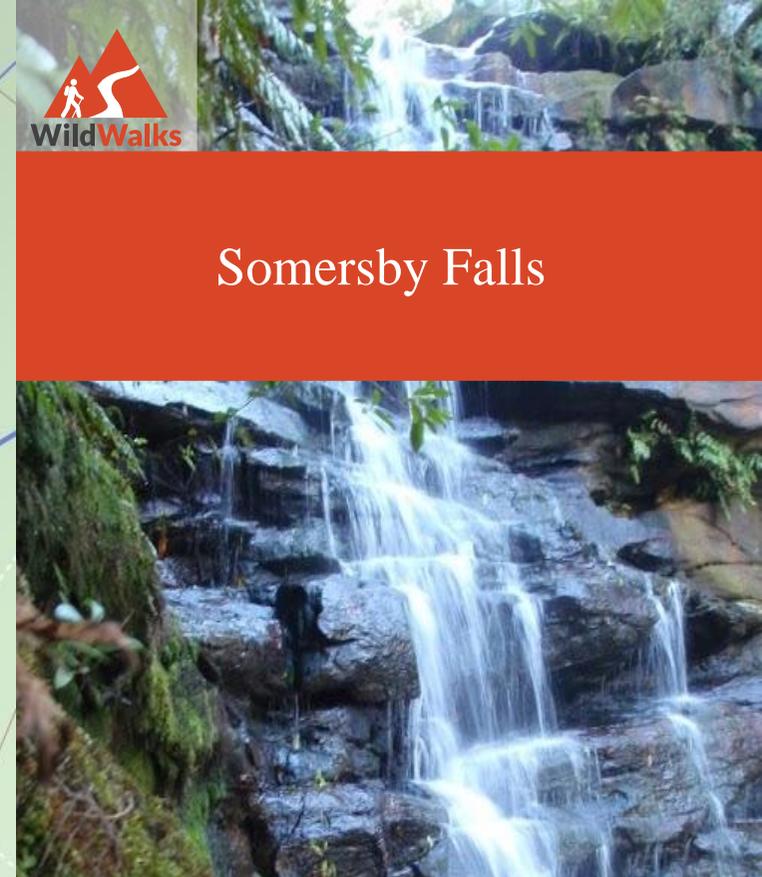
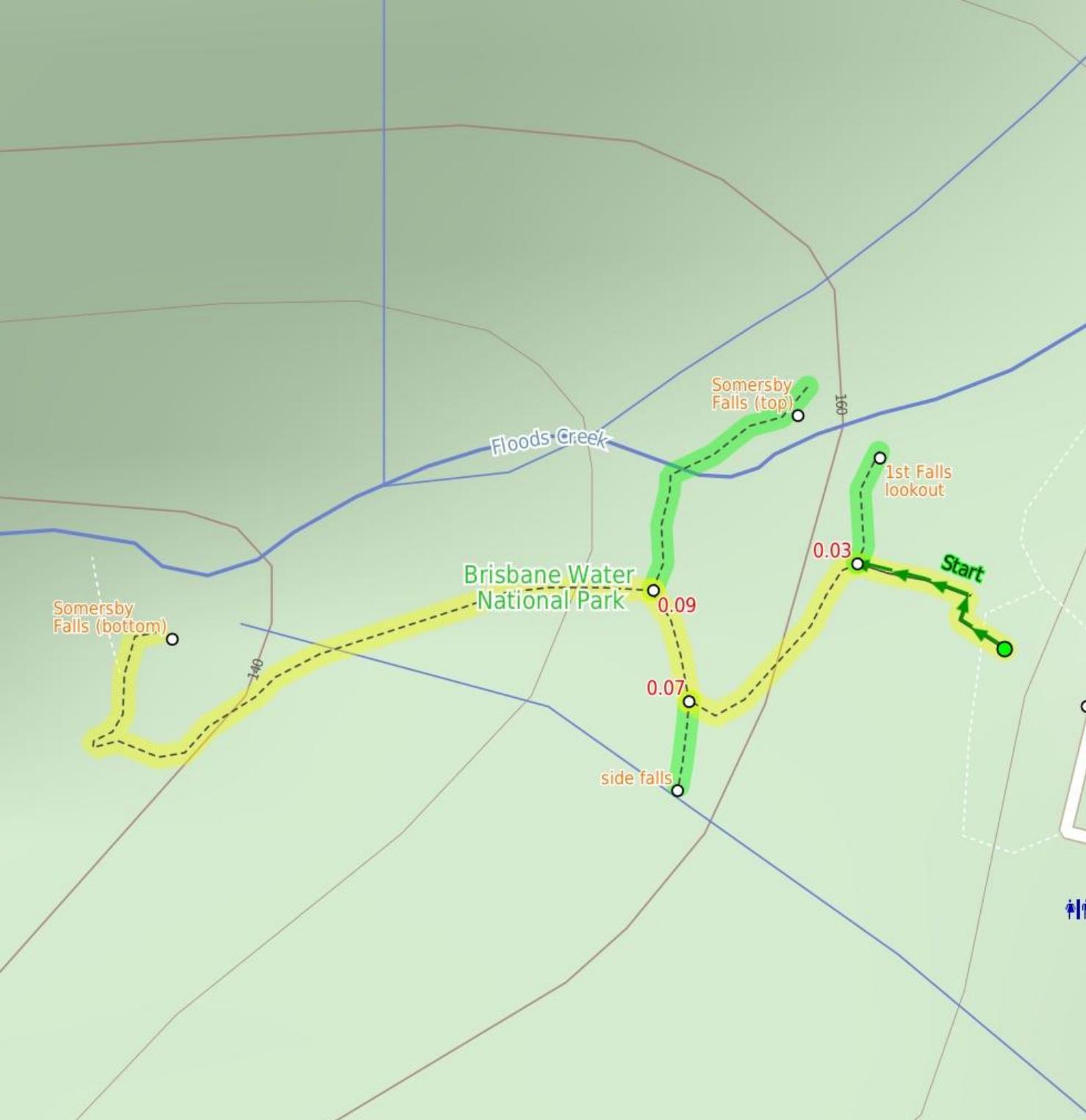


## Somersby Falls



**20 mins**

**Moderate track**

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**426 m Return**

**↑ 39m**

This short walk starts from the Somersby Falls picnic area and follows the series of waterfalls along Floods Creek. The picnic area provides barbeques, picnic tables, toilets and ample parking. This walk could make part of a great family day out in the area. The main falls drop onto a large rock platform and are best viewed after rain.

137m

Brisbane Water 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 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Picnic Area (gps: -33.4011, 151.2701). Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

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.tl/sf>

### 0 | Somersby Falls Picnic Area

Somersby Falls Picnic Area is located at the end of Somersby Falls Rd, inside Brisbane Water National Park. There is parking (and coach parking), gas BBQ's, picnic tables and bench seats, toilets (include wheelchair accessible) garbage bins, recycling bins, tap water (not for drinking) and information signs. This is a great and popular spot to enjoy a picnic lunch and the waterfalls. A national Park entry fee applies for cars driving in.

### 0 | Picnic Area

(30 m 1 mins) From the information board at Somersby Falls Picnic area (at the end of Somersby Road), this walk follows the 'To the Falls' sign down the stone, then timber stairs. At the bottom of the timber staircase the walk comes to an intersection with a short path leading to the 1st Fall Lookout.

### 0.03 | Optional sidetrip to 1st Falls lookout

(20 m ) Turn right: From the bottom of the stairs, this walk follows the flat path down a couple of steps, keeping the fence to the left. The path soon leads to the fenced and signposted '1st Falls' lookout. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

### 0.03 | 1st Falls lookout

The 1st Falls Lookout at Somersby Falls is the upper most lookout. The fenced and signposted lookout provides a view down onto the top Somersby Fall. The lookout is a short walk from the picnic area and provides good but limited view compared to the lower view points.

### 0.03 | Int with 1st Falls lookout

(40 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the bottom of the stairs, this walk follows the stone stairs down the hill (keeping the valley to the right). The track passes through some pleasant bush, past a metal arrow post to come to a faint 'T' intersection with a dirt track.

### 0.07 | Optional sidetrip to side falls

(10 m ) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow flat track keeping the gully on the right. The track soon leads to a small waterfall and sandstone overhang. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 0.07 | side falls

Side Falls is an informal name for a small horseshoe shaped falls near the main Somersby falls. The waterfall is on a small tributary of Floods Creek. The water flows over a sandstone overhang onto the slippery rock platform. The creek then heads into the gully and heads underground for a while.

### 0.07 | Int with side falls track

(20 m ) Veer right: From the bottom of the stone steps, this walk follows the

timber steps and track down the hill. The track soon leads to a 'Y' intersection with a 'Top Fall / Bottom Fall' sign.

### 0.09 | Optional sidetrip to Bottom of Top falls

(50 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Top Falls' sign to the visible rock platform. (The rock platform can be slippery and there is an unfenced cliff, care is needed). Once on the rock platform, the walk turns right to visit the falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 0.09 | Somersby Falls (top)

The main Somersby Fall is signposted at 'top falls' in the Brisbane Water National Park. The water cascades steeply down the jagged rock face onto a large rock platform. The unfenced rock platform at the base of the falls is interesting to explore. The water continues its flow across the rock and over another ledge to form the 'bottom falls', then down to Mooney Mooney Creek.

### 0.09 | Int of Top fall and Bottom Fall tracks

(120 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bottom Falls' sign down the hill (keeping the main valley on the right). The track soon heads along a sandstone platform (passing a metal arrow) and down the stone steps to come to a timber platform. The walk follows the platform and heads down the staircases. At the bottom of the timber staircases, the walk turns sharply right to follow the stone steps down to the creek (On the way the track passes over a slippery unfenced rock ledge, care is needed). Just before the creek there is a 'No Track Beyond this point' sign. The steps then lead to the rock platform at the base of the falls. (The rock platform can be slippery and there is an unfenced cliff)

### 0.21 | Somersby Falls (bottom)

The bottom Somersby Falls (signposted 'Bottom Falls') in Brisbane Water National Park, is found in Floods Creek. Here the water cascades down the cliff and through the mossy boulders to the rock platform. The falls are particularly specular after rain and tranquil most of the time. A great spot to rest and enjoy the cool of the rainforest before climbing back up the hill.

