

Springwood to Martins Falls



4 hrs

9 km Return

Hard track

413m



This walk to Martins Falls follows the Magdala Gully down from Springwood. The valley is cool and dark, and the track is never far from water. Martins Falls are a great place to hang out for lunch, or sit and enjoy the cool of the falls from the rocks. A great walk with a lush waterfall to explore.

186m

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 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.tl/stmf>

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 | Optional sidetrip to Lawsons Lookout

(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. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.94 | 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.

0.94 | Int. Lawsons Lookout Trk and Fairy Dell Trk

(3.2 km 1 hr 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the direction of the 'Perch Ponds' sign, keeping the creek on the right. The track crosses the creek many times, passing a number of caves. The track passes a burnt 'Perch Ponds' sign as it crosses a creek to immediately come to an intersection (with arrows engraved in the rocks). Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the arrows engraved in the rock, keeping the creek to the right. The walk winds down the hillside then crosses the creek, continuing to follow the creek (now on the left) to a 'Magdala Falls' sign.

4.18 | Magdala Falls

Magdala Falls is a disappointing set of falls. The view from the steep hillside doesn't show any of the falls, but instead lets you hear the water cascade into the pool below. A red-stained rock above the pool can be seen through the dense foliage of the trees.

4.18 | Int. Magdala Ck and Magdala Falls trks

(300 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk keeps the creek on the left as it heads down the gully. The walk winds down the hill, passing a few rock overhangs as it leads to a 'Martins Lookout' sign.

4.47 | Optional sidetrip to Perch Ponds camping area

(380 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the 'Martins Falls' intersection, the track heads up a small hill, then downhill with the creek on the left. The walk meanders above the creek for a short time then opens out onto

the 'Perch Ponds' campground clearing. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

4.47 | Perch Ponds Campsite

Perch Ponds is a lovely waterhole, with a clearing suitable to pitch a tent, located at the junction of Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creeks. The meeting of the two creek provides a relaxing sound of rushing water and a cool spot to rest on warmer days. The campsite is a flat area above the pool marked with a fire scar. A great shady and quiet area for a camp. There are no facilities and water from the creek needs to be treated.

4.47 | Int. Martins Falls and Magdala Ck trks

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads to the left of the 'Martins Falls' sign (towards the falls). The walk skirts around the edge of the valley, coming under the rock overhang of the falls, and then arriving behind the falls.

4.5 | Martins Falls

Martins Falls are at a rock overhang on Magdala Creek, near Springwood, almost 400m upstream from the Glenbrook Creek junction. The water falls off a rock platform, over the overhang into a large pond. There is a faint track leading behind the falls, giving a different perspective of the pond and falls - extra care is required. This is a lovely area to enjoy the cool temperatures on warmer days, and is more spectacular after recent rain.