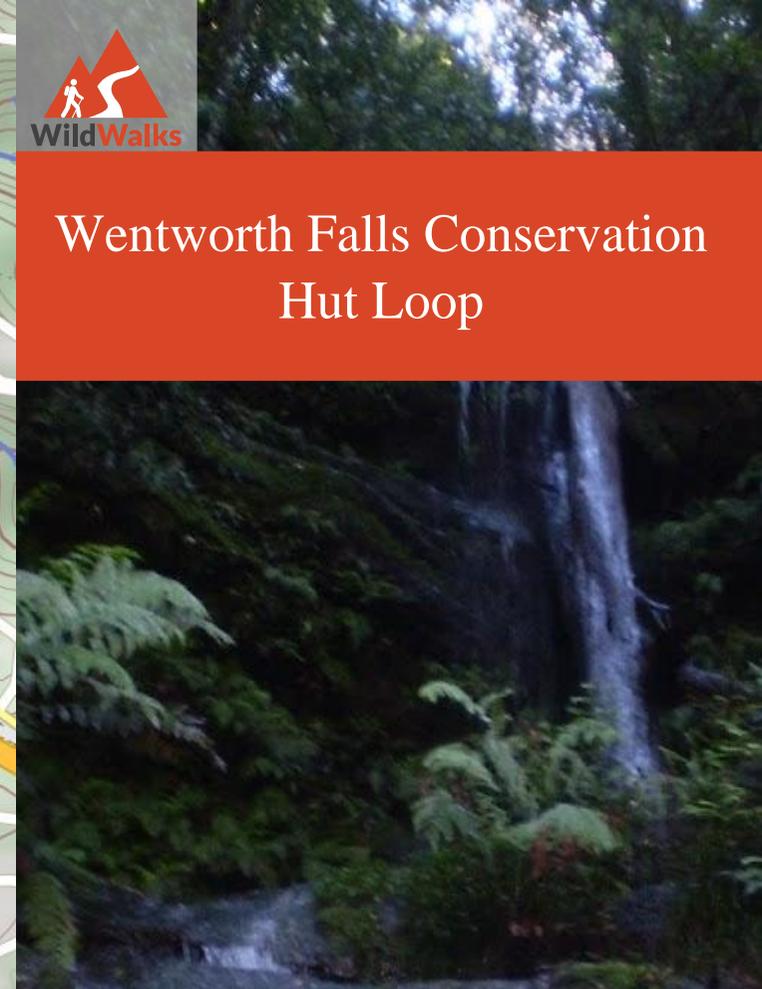
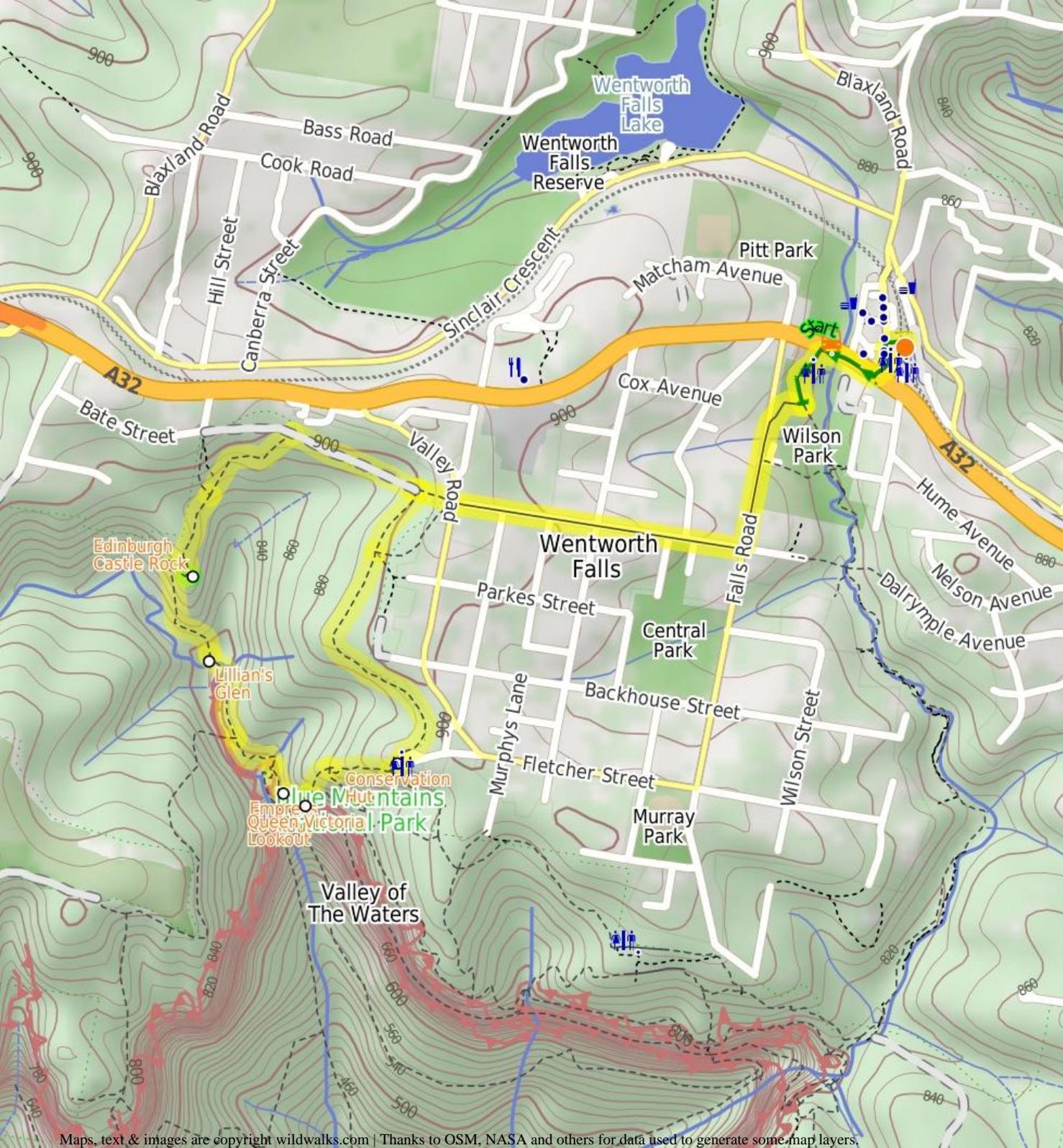




# Wentworth Falls Conservation Hut Loop



**3 hrs**

**Hard track**

**6.7 km Circuit**

**341m**



This scenic walk from Wentworth Falls Station, winds along the Nature Trail to Conservation Hut, then drops into the magnificent Valley of the Waters, before climbing to Lillians Glen and returning to the station.

789m

914m

Blue Mountains National Park

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## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Blue Mountains National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series:**89301S KATOOMBA

**1:100 000 Map Series:**8930 KATOOMBA

## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 4/6**  
**Hard track**

<b>Length</b>	6.7 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	3 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### 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** You can get to Wentworth Falls Railway Station (gps: -33.7097, 150.3764) by car, train 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/wfchl>

### 0 | Wentworth Falls Railway Station

*(490 m 9 mins)* From Wentworth Falls Railway Station, this walk exits the station on the western side, on Station St, and turns left to head down to the Great Western Highway past the shops. At the highway, the walk crosses at the lights and turns right, heading down the hill along the foot path. This walk then turns left into Wilson Park soon after the colourful bus stop. The walk follows the footpath through Wilson Park. At the toilet block in the centre of the park, the walk tends slightly more to the left until coming to a large archway entrance to the Charles Darwin Walk, near the tennis courts.

### 0.49 | Wilson Park

*(1.2 km 21 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the road with the tennis courts on the left, and then heads to the left down Falls Rd, along the footpath. This walk then turns right onto Armstrong Rd and follows this to the end.

### 1.68 | Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd

*(1 km 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the corner of Valley Rd and Armstrong St, Wentworth Falls, the wide clay track heads into the bush from near the telegraph pole. The track heads down the hill, and is rough and rocky in places. The walk soon comes to an intersection with another track on the left, signposted as the way to 'Conservation Hut'.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Conservation Hut 11min' sign, heading off the main trail. The narrower trail gently meanders until coming to a three-way intersection, marked with a 'Nature Track Circuit' sign (and a gate not far up the track to the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Nature Track Circuit - Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign south along the wide trail. The trail soon narrows to a single track and passes some informal tracks (on the left). Soon after passing a backyard, the walk heads up some steps, passing a toilet block and coming to the front of the 'Conservation Hut'.

### 2.73 | Conservation Hut

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### 2.73 | Conservation Hut

*(320 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters. The track soon leads to the signposted intersection with the 'Short Cut Track' (still in view of the Conservation Hut).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down the steps, passing an information sign. After the handrail and more signs, the track passes a couple of faint tracks (on the left, leading to an old picnic area). Further down the steps, the walk comes the end of another handrail and a three-way intersection (signposted 'Overcliff Track' and 'National Pass').

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign down the timber steps. The track passes a few faint tracks (on the left, that lead to an unfenced view point). The walk continues down the steps, soon coming to an unsignposted intersection with the Lyrebird Cliff track (on a small sandstone rock platform).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the wooden steps to almost immediately come to the signposted intersection with 'Queen Victoria Lookout' track.

### 3.05 | Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout

*(20 m 1 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail. Soon the track passes a small lookout on the left and, shortly afterwards, the fence leads to the rock platform and fenced 'Queen Victoria Lookout'. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 3.05 | Queen Victoria Lookout

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### 3.05 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tra

*(60 m 2 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' keeping the rock face to the right. The track soon passes under a sandstone overhang and then down more steps to come to the fenced and signposted 'Empress Lookout'.

### 3.11 | Empress Lookout

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### 3.11 | Empress Lookout

*(520 m 17 mins)* Turn right: From Empress Lookout, this walk heads down the wooden steps, keeping the handrail and valley to the left. Soon the walk heads down a series of steep metal staircases that zigzag down the hill. At the bottom of the staircases, the walk follows the handrail through a long sandstone overhang. The track then heads down some steps to come to an intersection with the 'Nature Track' and a sign pointing back to 'National Pass - Tea Rooms'.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Nature Track' sign down a few steps and over a small wooden bridge, coming to a clearing, picnic table and small waterfall. From the picnic table, this walk heads up the steps, passing a 'Welcome to the Nature Track' information sign (point 1). The track turns right and passes three numbered posts (2,3,4) - After number 3, the track heads down hill. Soon after the handrail starts, the walk comes to an intersection just before Lillian's Bridge and post number 5.

Continue straight: From post number 5 at Lillian's Bridge, this walk heads up the stairs away from the handrail, keeping the bridge and valley to the left.

The track makes its way around the hill, passing a few handrails before heading down to some stepping stones across the creek. (This is a nice but slippery spot to enjoy, with a small waterfall to the right). After crossing the stepping stones, the track heads over a small rise to come back down and cross the creek again, on another set of stepping stones. This is signposted 'Lillians Glen'.

### 3.63 | Lillian's Glen

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### 3.63 | Lillian's Glen

*(380 m 12 mins)* Continue straight: From Lillian's Glen, this walk heads up the stairs away from the creek, passing the 'Lillian's Glen' sign. The track winds up the hill for some time (passing a handrail) until just after post marker 7, where the track heads through an sandstone overhang to come to an unfenced view point with great valley views. From the view point, this walk heads away from the valley views through the sandstone overhang, keeping the rockface to the right. After the cave, the walk heads up the stairs to follows a tall rock wall (on the right) and comes to post marker 8. From the number 8 post, the walk heads up the stairs, as the track flattens it come to a three-way intersection with a 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' sign and post 9.

### 4.02 | Optional sidetrip to Edinburgh Castle Rock

*(10 m 1 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the sign saying 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' towards the unfenced rock and great views - this is Edinburgh Castle Rock. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 4.02 | Edinburgh Castle Rock

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### 4.02 | Int of Nature and Edinburgh Castle Rock Tracks

*(540 m 15 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, (with Edinburgh Castle Rock on the right), this walk heads up the gentle hill. The track heads through the bush before crossing a gully using a small metal bridge. Climbing out of this gully on the timber steps, the walk then heads up some metal stairs, and then more timber steps to come to a three-way intersection with 'West Street' Track and a sign pointing back down the 'Nature Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign up the steps. The track soon flattens out and heads through the bush for a little while until coming to a 'T' intersection with the wide West St trail and a 'Nature Track Circuit' sign.

### 4.55 | Int of Nature Track and West St Servicetrail

*(350 m 8 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign along the trail, passing the back of a house (on the left). The track soon narrows and then passes the back of another house with a private track (on the left). The trail starts heading uphill and, about 60m later, comes to a three-way intersection with a 'Conservation Hut 11min' sign (marking the track on the right).

#### **4.9 | Int of Armstrong St Servicetrail and Nature Track**

*(100 m 2 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads uphill along the wide clay track. This is rough and rocky. The track soon emerges onto the corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd, Wentworth Falls.

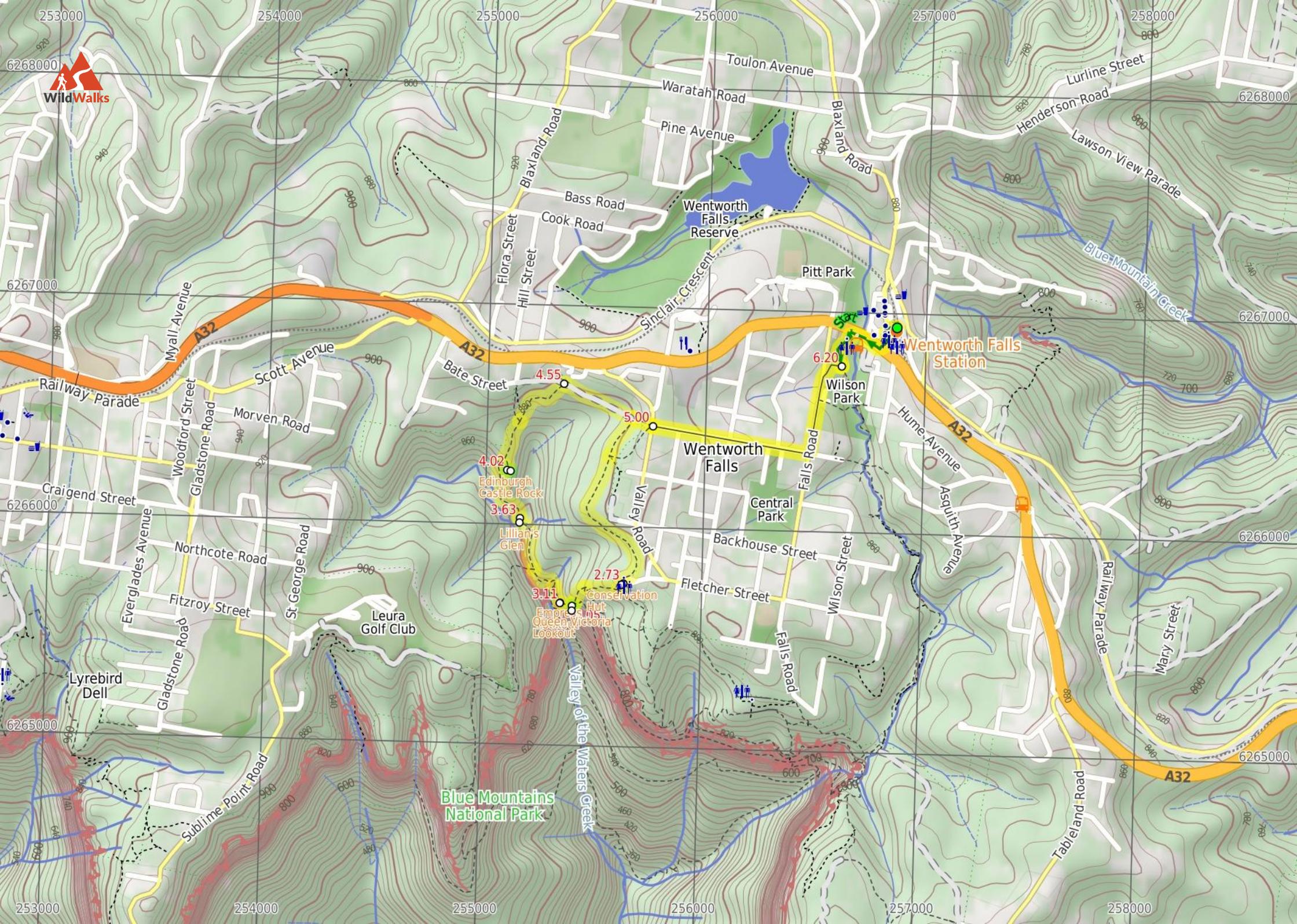
#### **5 | Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd**

*(1.2 km 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down Armstrong Rd for some time. The walk then turns left onto Falls Rd to continue up the footpath, with the road to the left. When the tennis courts appear on the right, the walk tends right, into the park. The walk continues into the park to the intersection above the stairs and Jamison Creek pondage.

#### **6.2 | Wilson Park**

*(490 m 9 mins)* Turn left : From the the archway in Wilson Park, this walk heads away from the tennis courts, keeping the creek on the right. At the far end of the park, the walk comes to the Great Western Highway and turns right. After about 150m, this walk crosses the highway at the traffic lights and heads up Station St, past the shops and up to Wentworth Falls Railway Station on the right.





## Summary navigation sheet for the Wentworth Falls Conservation Hut Loop



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Wentworth Falls Railway Station -33.7097,150.3764 (GR Katoomba, 569669)	13 -15	490 m 9 mins	From Wentworth Falls Railway Station, this walk exits the station on the western side, on Station St, and turns left to head down to the Great Western Highway past the shops.
0.49	Wilson Park -33.7113,150.3737 (GR Katoomba, 566668)	55 -3	1.2 km 21 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads towards the road with the tennis courts on the left, and then heads to the left down Falls Rd, along the footpath.
1.68	Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd -33.7138,150.3643 (GR Katoomba, 558665)	27 -47	1 km 21 mins	Continue straight: From the corner of Valley Rd and Armstrong St, Wentworth Falls, the wide clay track heads into the bush from near the telegraph pole.
2.73	Conservation Hut -33.7202,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 556657)	2 -75	320 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters.
3.05	Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	0 -17	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail.
3.05	Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	0 -18	60 m 2 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' keeping the rock face to the right.
3.11	Empress Lookout -33.721,150.3598 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	54 -63	520 m 17 mins	Turn right: From Empress Lookout, this walk heads down the wooden steps, keeping the handrail and valley to the left.
3.63	Lillian's Glen -33.7175,150.3578 (GR Katoomba, 552660)	86 -15	380 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From Lillian's Glen, this walk heads up the stairs away from the creek, passing the 'Lillian's Glen' sign.
4.02	Int of Nature and Edinburgh Castle Rock Tracks -33.7156,150.3572 (GR Katoomba, 551662)	2 -6	10 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Edinburgh Castle Rock. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the sign saying 'Edinburgh Castle Rock' towards the unfenced rock and great views - this is Edinburgh Castle Rock.
4.02	Int of Nature and Edinburgh Castle Rock Tracks -33.7156,150.3572 (GR Katoomba, 551662)	54 -18	540 m 15 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, (with Edinburgh Castle Rock on the right), this walk heads up the gentle hill.
4.55	Int of Nature Track and West St Servicetrail -33.712,150.36 (GR Katoomba, 553666)	17 -17	350 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters Picnic Area' sign along the trail, passing the back of a house (on the left).
4.90	Int of Armstrong St Servicetrail and Nature Track -33.7134,150.3633 (GR Katoomba, 557665)	15 0	100 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads uphill along the wide clay track.
5.00	Corner of Armstrong St and Valley Rd -33.7138,150.3644 (GR Katoomba, 558665)	3 -55	1.2 km 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down Armstrong Rd for some time.
6.20	Wilson Park -33.7113,150.3737 (GR Katoomba, 566668)	15 -13	490 m 9 mins	Turn left : From the the archway in Wilson Park, this walk heads away from the tennis courts, keeping the creek on the right.