

## Pulpit Rock to Evans Lookout Cliff Top Track



4 hrs 15 mins

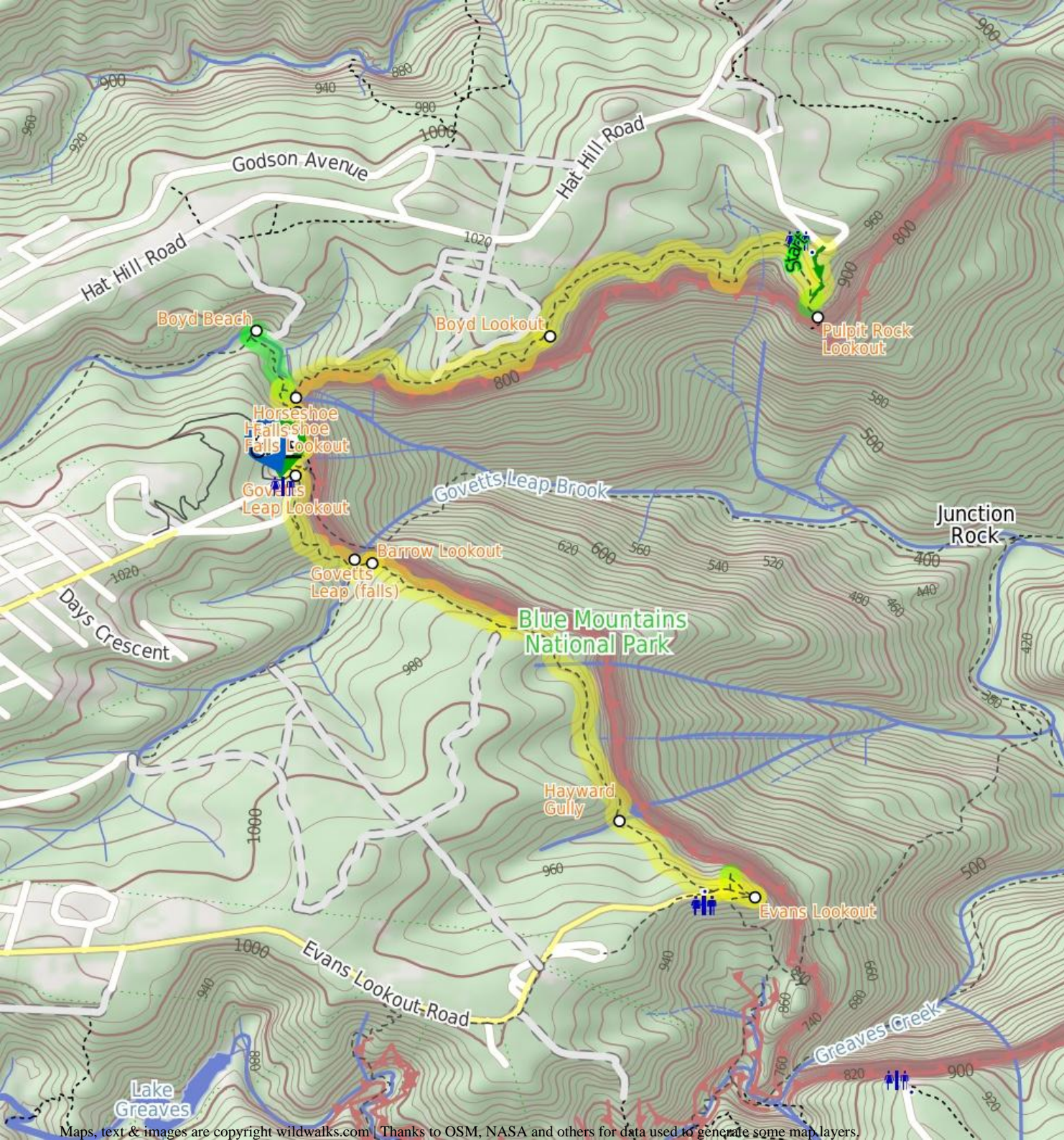
Hard track

6.6 km One way

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The Cliff Top Track is one of the longer walks near Blackheath, and has constant views. The track follows the rim of the Grose Valley, with a side trip to Boyds Beach, and passes numerous lookouts with views of the Grose Valley and its waterfalls. This walk is an excellent one way trip from Pulpit Rock to Evan's Lookout car park.



880m

993m

Blue Mountains National Park

## Pulpit Rock Lookout

Pulpit Rock Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley and back towards Blackheath, with Bridal Veil Falls and the Govetts Leap cliff edge in view. The lookout has many levels with the uppermost lookout having the easiest access.

## Boyd Lookout

Boyd Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley with a spectacular view over Pulpit Rock to the east. It is an unfenced, informal lookout.

## Boyd Beach

Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.

## Horseshoe Falls

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## Horseshoe Falls Lookout

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## Govetts Leap Lookout

Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word 'leap' is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.

## Govetts Leap (falls)

Govetts Leap, is a waterfall in the Blue Mountains National Park. The fall is fed by Govetts Leap Brook which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The falls are best viewed from Govetts Leap and Barrow Lookouts. Leap is a scots dialect word for cataract or waterfall.

## 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, 89301N MOUNT WILSON

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

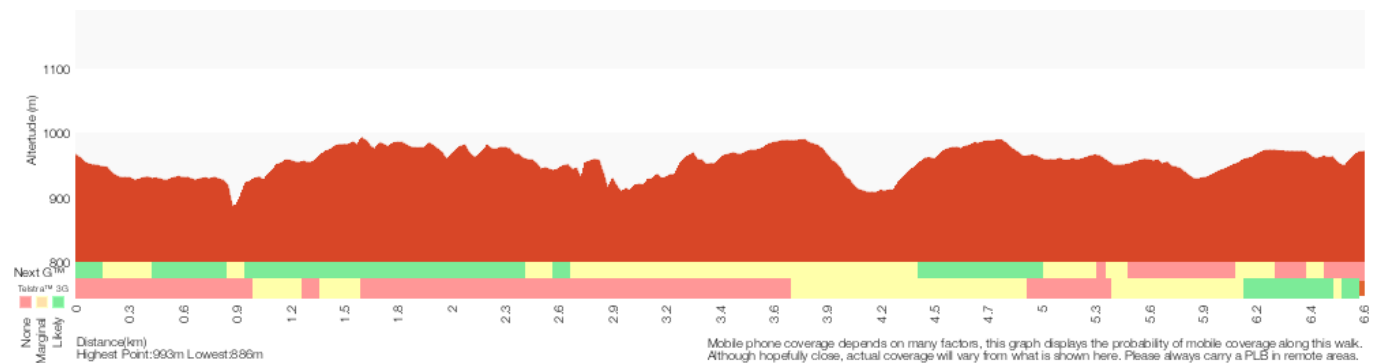
## Grade

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>	6.6 km One way
<b>Time</b>	4 hrs 15 mins
<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>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.

### 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 Pulpit Rock car park (gps: -33.618, 150.3285). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Evans Lookout car park (gps: -33.6466, 150.3254). 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/prtelcct>

### 0 | Pulpit Rock car park

(270 m 8 mins) From the car park, the walk follows the sign to 'Pulpit Rock Lookout', down the stairs from the car park. The track continues down to a shelter and toilet, and then steeply heads down another flight of stairs, before flattening out and then descending more stairs to the signposted intersection.

### 0.27 | Optional sidetrip to Pulpit Rock Upper Lookout

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs, following the sign to 'Pulpit Rock'. The track heads down the hill to a flat area with awesome views over the Grose Valley. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 0.27 | Pulpit Rock Lookout

Pulpit Rock Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley and back towards Blackheath, with Bridal Veil Falls and the Govetts Leap cliff edge in view. The lookout has many levels with the uppermost lookout having the easiest access.

### 0.27 | Int. Pulpit Rock Trk and Pulpit Rock Lookout Trk

(1.6 km 45 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk does not follow the signs to the 'Carpark' or 'Pulpit Rock', but instead leads away from the stairs and into a gully. The track rounds the gully, dropping into a creek before it heading uphill to the cliff tops again. The track continues to undulate along the clifftops, with the views of the valley to the left. The track winds in and out of gullies for approximately 1km to the fenced viewing area of Boyd Lookout.

### 1.85 | Boyd Lookout

Boyd Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley with a spectacular view over Pulpit Rock to the east. It is an unfenced, informal lookout.

### 1.85 | Boyd Lookout

(1.2 km 46 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads along the hillside with the valley below to the left. The track leads along the hillside for some time, in and out of gullies, to then head down into a gully facing Horseshoe Falls. The track rounds the gully, passing across a creek to a railed lookout on the left. The track then heads under a cliffline to a railed section of track, which winds down the hill steeply to the street-signposted intersection after Popes Glen Creek.

### 3.06 | Optional sidetrip to Boyd Beach

(340 m 8 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Popes Glen' keeping the creek below on the right. The track continues for

approximately 100m, rising to the left of a prominent rock feature. The walk passes another track on the right (with access to the creek), then continues to rise past the rock feature (on the right - The rock feature has a trail to its top.) This walk continues from the rock feature, heading down the hill to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Boyd's Beach' sign (under the bush). The walk winds down the rocky steps for approximately 40m to Boyd Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 3.06 | Boyd Beach

Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.

### 3.06 | Int. Popes Glen Trk and Pulpit Rock Trk

(140 m 4 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign through the ferns, with the creek to the left of the track, and comes to a set of stairs. The walk climbs the steep stairs to follow the railing around a rocky outcrop. The track then winds along the hillside for some time heading to pass a lookout on the left, as the track continues to the intersection near the Horseshoe Falls Lookout.

### 3.2 | Horseshoe Falls

Horseshoe Falls, Blue Mountains National Park, are sourced by Popes Glen Creek which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The Horseshoe Falls seem to be named after the shape of the valley into which they drop.

### 3.2 | Horseshoe Falls Lookout

Horseshoe Falls Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small fenced lookout. There are views down to Horseshoe Falls and across the Grose Valley.

### 3.2 | Horseshoe Falls Lookout

(340 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk winds along the cliff top with the valley below to the left. The walk then leads steeply up the stairs to the intersection at the viewing area.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley to the left. The walk heads up and around the hillside to cross over a bridge, then up more stairs to the intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads across the grassed area towards a platform structure. The walk climbs some stairs onto Govetts Leap Lookout, with its great views and sandstone monuments.

### 3.53 | Govetts Leap Lookout

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### 3.53 | Govetts Leap Lookout

(700 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left. The track rises for approximately 400m and then heads down the hillside. The walk zigzags down the hill, with stairs, and then crosses a creek with cement steppingstones, coming to a signposted intersection on the other side.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the winding stairs towards the cliffs. The soon comes to the railed Barrow Lookout, where there

is a bench seat.

### 4.23 | Govetts Leap (falls)

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### 4.23 | Barrow Lookout

Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.

### 4.23 | Barrow Lookout

(2.1 km 53 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley below on the left. The walk winds up the stairs for quite some time, then flattens out along the cliff top. This walk continues along the flat for approximately 100m before climbing up more stairs for approximately 200m, to a bench seat at the intersection. If the track begins to descend after the bench seat, then you have gone too far.

Veer left: From the intersection at the bench seat, this walk heads down the hill, with the valley on the left. The track flattens out for approximately 100m before swinging right, into a gully. The track climbs out of the gully and continues to undulate around the hillside for approximately 500m. The track then descends steeply into 'Haywards Gully' which has a boardwalk bridge. This walk follows the wooden boardwalk for approximately 30m, then continues along a flat, dirt track for approximately 60m. The track then climbs up the hill for approximately 100m to Evans Lookout car park.

### 6.33 | Hayward Gully

Hayward Gully, Blue Mountains National Park, is named after the first white man, William Hayward, to reach the floor of Govetts Gorge, in 1847. The area is a small gully along the Cliff Top Walk between Evans Lookout and Barrows Lookout. The gully is a quiet place, with a bench seat to enjoy the flora and fauna, and views through the trees into the Grose Valley.

### 6.33 | Evans Lookout toilets

(110 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the car park, the walk heads to the other end of the car park (towards the lookouts), to the intersection on the left of the information sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill for approximately 30m to the intersection (on the right).

### 6.44 | Optional sidetrip to Valley View Lookout

(20 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill to the railed lookout approximately 20m down, towards the cliff edge. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 6.44 | Int. Valley View Lookout Trk and Evans Lookout Trk

(120 m 3 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Evans Lookout' sign along the hillside, keeping the cliffs to the left of the track. The walk heads along the flat track for approximately 100m to the tarmac surface of Evans Lookout.

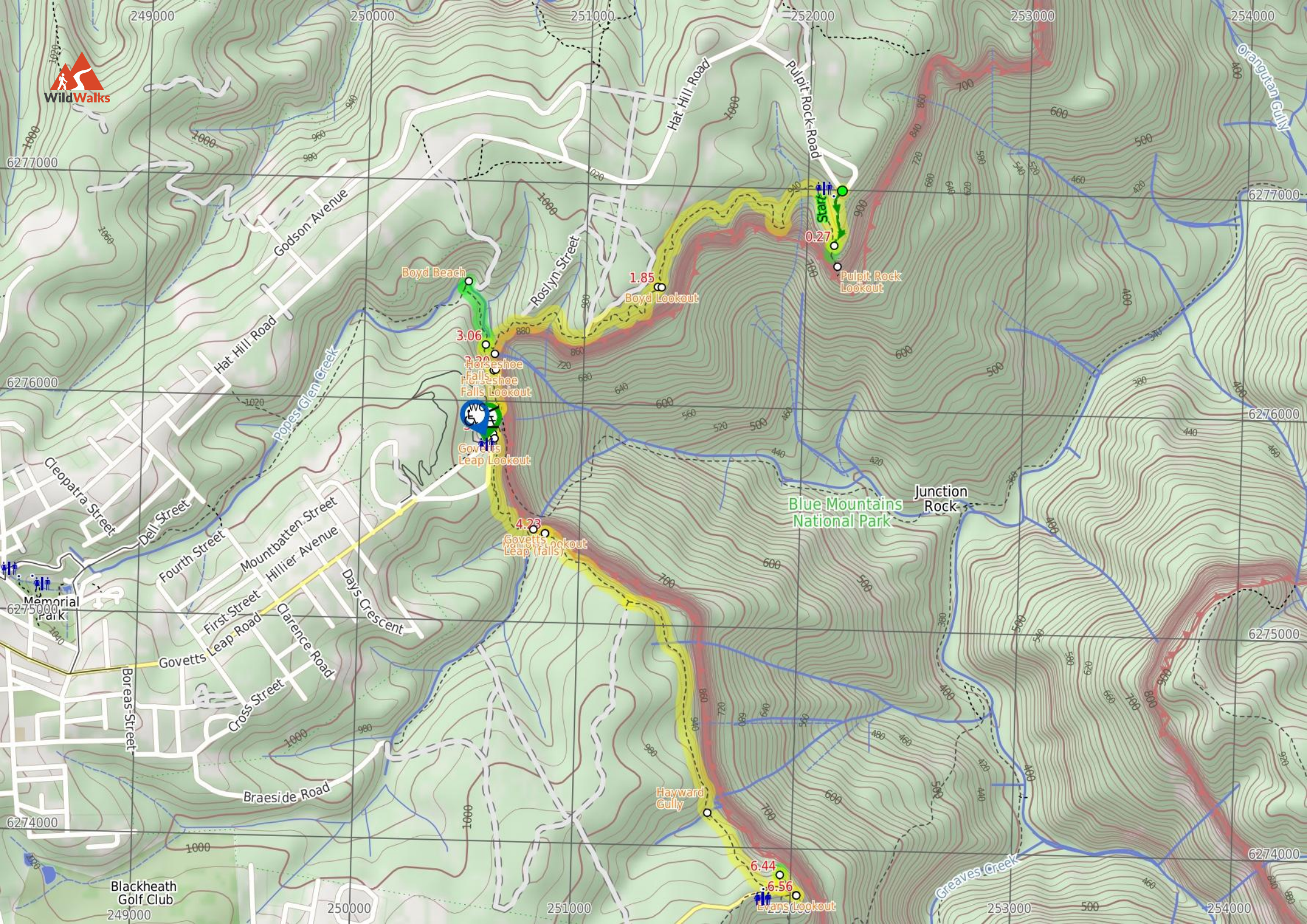
### 6.56 | Evans Lookout

Evans Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the spectacular Grose Valley, with its deep gorges, green forest and prominent cliff lines. The fenced lookout is at the end of Evans Lookout Road. There is a rock shelter hut and toilets.

### 6.56 | Evans Lookout

(80 m 3 mins) Turn sharp right: From the lookout, this walk heads up the hill towards a stone shelter. The track continues past the stone shelter and away from the cliff line, to soon arrive at the car park.





## Summary navigation sheet for the Pulpit Rock to Evans Lookout Cliff Top Track



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Pulpit Rock car park -33.618,150.3285 (GR Mount Wilson, 522770)	0 -36	270 m 8 mins	From the car park, the walk follows the sign to 'Pulpit Rock Lookout', down the stairs from the car park.
0.27	Int. Pulpit Rock Trk and Pulpit Rock Lookout Trk -33.6203,150.3281 (GR Mount Wilson, 521767)	0 -14	50 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Pulpit Rock Upper Lookout. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs, following the sign to 'Pulpit Rock'.
0.27	Int. Pulpit Rock Trk and Pulpit Rock Lookout Trk -33.6203,150.3281 (GR Mount Wilson, 521767)	170 -124	1.6 km 45 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk does not follow the signs to the 'Carpark' or 'Pulpit Rock', but instead leads away from the stairs and into a gully.
1.85	Boyd Lookout -33.6219,150.3194 (GR Mount Wilson, 513765)	148 -204	1.2 km 46 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads along the hillside with the valley below to the left.
3.06	Int. Popes Glen Trk and Pulpit Rock Trk -33.6243,150.311 (GR Mount Wilson, 506763)	21 -18	340 m 8 mins	Optional sidetrip to Boyd Beach. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the sign to 'Popes Glen' keeping the creek below on the right.
3.06	Int. Popes Glen Trk and Pulpit Rock Trk -33.6243,150.311 (GR Mount Wilson, 506763)	26 -10	140 m 4 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Govetts Leap' sign through the ferns, with the creek to the left of the track, and comes to a set of stairs.
3.20	Horseshoe Falls Lookout -33.6254,150.3114 (GR Katoomba, 506761)	62 -23	340 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk winds along the cliff top with the valley below to the left.
3.53	Govetts Leap Lookout -33.628,150.3113 (GR Katoomba, 506759)	22 -84	700 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left.
4.23	Barrow Lookout -33.632,150.3139 (GR Katoomba, 508754)	165 -104	2.1 km 53 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley below on the left.
6.33	Evans Lookout toilets -33.6466,150.3249 (GR Katoomba, 519738)	0 -12	110 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the car park, the walk heads to the other end of the car park (towards the lookouts), to the intersection on the left of the information sign.
6.44	Int. Valley View Lookout Trk and Evans Lookout Trk -33.646,150.3254 (GR Katoomba, 520739)	0 -11	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Valley View Lookout. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill to the railed lookout approximately 20m down, towards the cliff edge.
6.44	Int. Valley View Lookout Trk and Evans Lookout Trk -33.646,150.3254 (GR Katoomba, 520739)	6 -15	120 m 3 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Evans Lookout' sign along the hillside, keeping the cliffs to the left of the track.
6.56	Evans Lookout -33.6469,150.3262 (GR Katoomba, 520738)	20 0	80 m 3 mins	Turn sharp right: From the lookout, this walk heads up the hill towards a stone shelter.