




# Perry's Lookdown to Blackheath Station

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 6 h 30 min, 9 h to 2 days

  
13.6 km  
One way

  
↑ 1375 m  
↓ 1234 m

 4  
Hard track



The walk descends from Perry's Lookdown into the famous Blue Gum Forest. The overnight stay in the nearby Acacia Flats allows time for some exploring in the Grose River and the surrounding areas. After some steady climbing, the walk passes the base of the magnificent Bridal Falls and climbs steeply to Govetts Leap Lookout. This walk tests out the knees and fitness and is great way to access the valley. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to then drive for 175 m
- Turn sharp left onto Station Street and drive for another 10 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 5.9 km
- Keep right onto Camp Street and drive for another 70 m
- Turn slight right onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn slight left onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn left onto Albion Street and drive for another 270 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 10.3 km
- Turn right onto Hat Hill Road and drive for another 7.1 km
- Keep right onto Perrys Lookdown Road and drive for another 840 m

**Before you start any journey ensure you;**

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

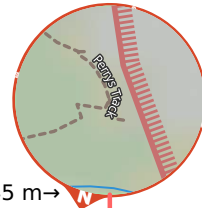
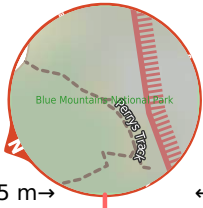
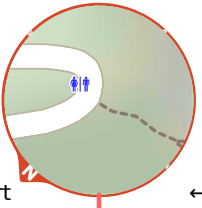
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Start

←65 m→

←45 m→

←2.5 km→



Campsite



Sign



Lookout



Lookout



Down steps



Down steps



Sign



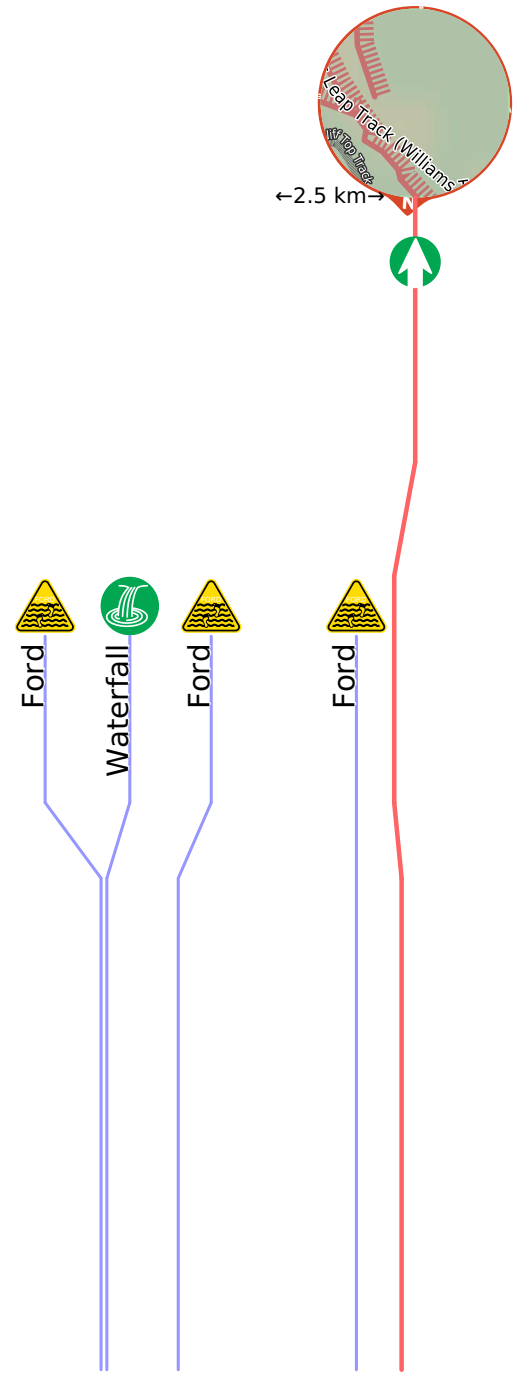
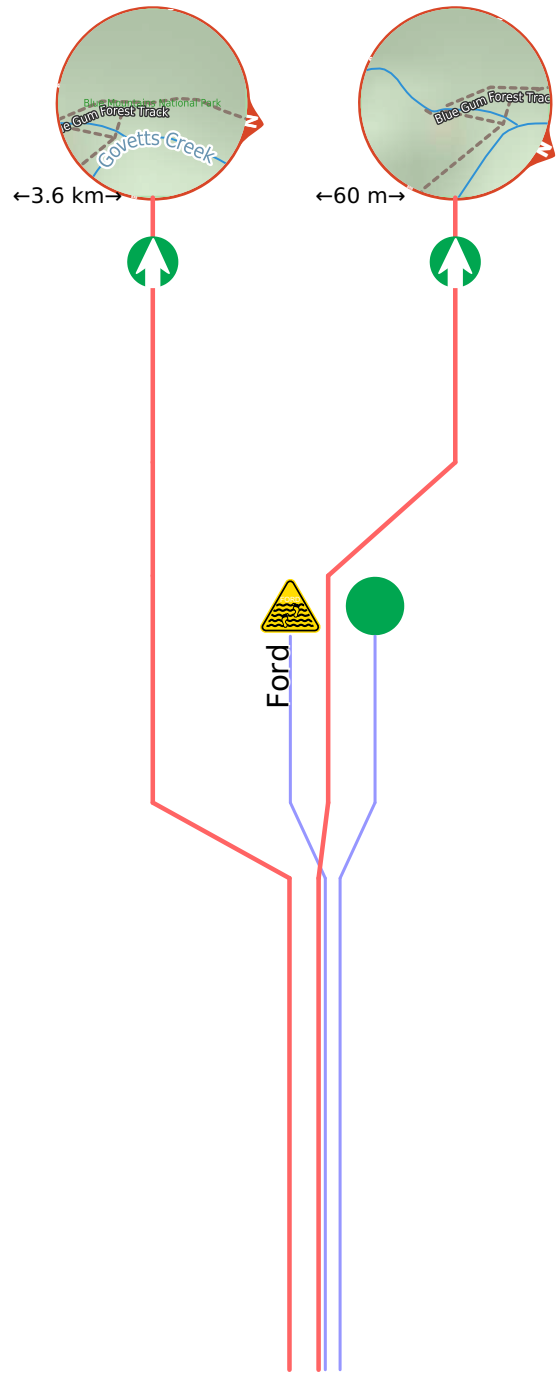
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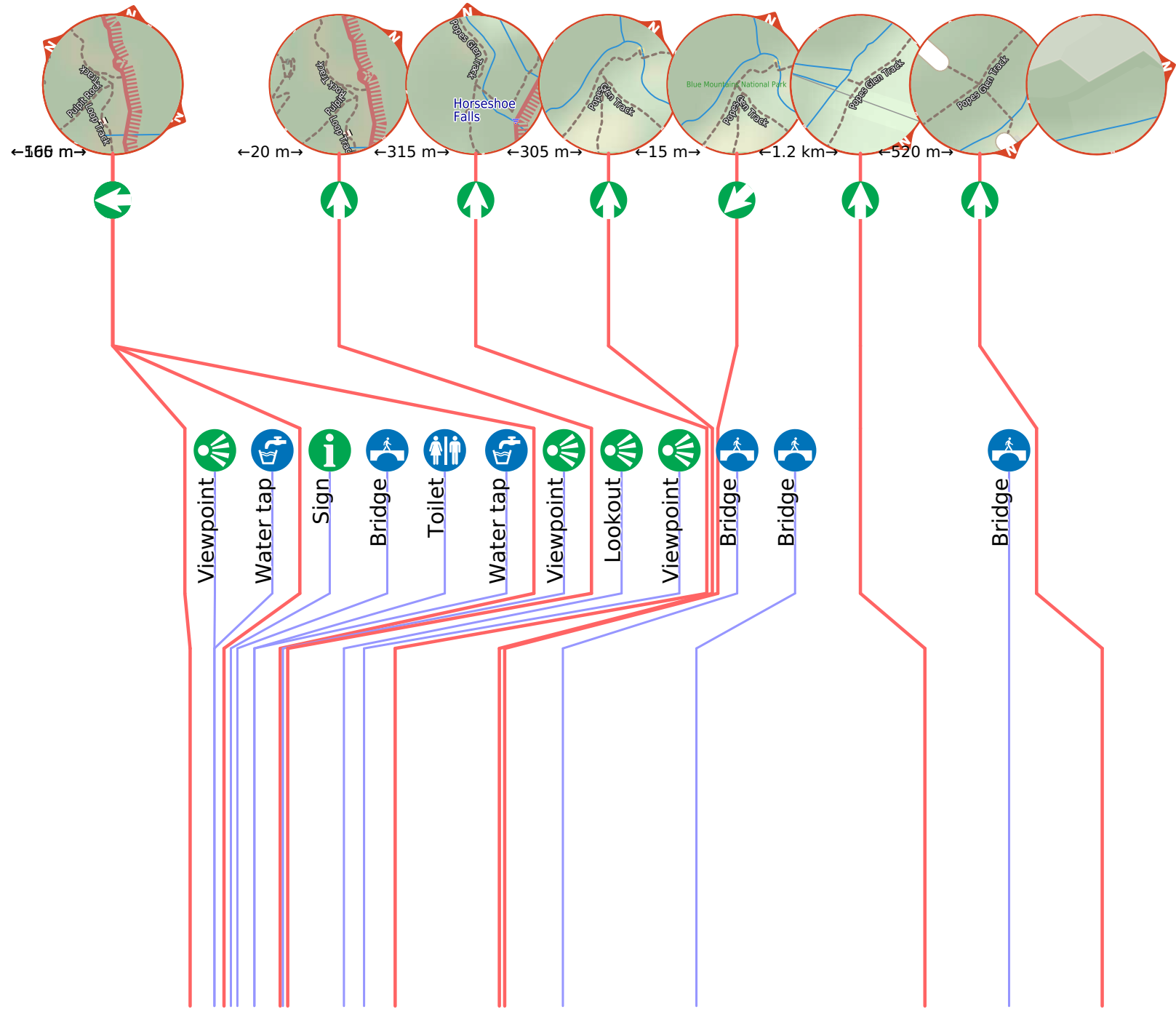


Toilet

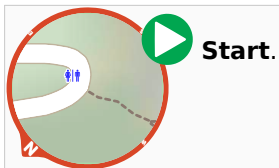


Toilet





**Getting started:** From the car park, the walk follows the sign 'Perry's Lookdown Track' down the hill to a railed lookout.



Perrys Lookdown campground (about 20 m back from the start).



Perrys Lookdown offers a simple campsite, close to some spectacular lookouts and well located as starting point for longer walks exploring the Grose Valley. There are 5 tent sites and a non-flush toilet, but no water available. This area allows fuel stoves only (no camp fires). The camping area is a short walk from the car park. Limit to one night stay (sites cannot be reserved).

After 20 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



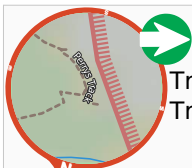
After another 50 m (from the Perrys Track) **turn right**, to head along Perrys Track.



After another 15 m come to the "Perry's Lookdown".



Perry's Lookdown, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley, with Blue Gum Forest nearly directly below and Lockleys Pylon to the south. The lookout is presumably named after Captain William Perry, the Deputy Surveyor General who worked under the leadership of Sir Thomas Mitchell.



After another 30 m (from the Perrys Track) **turn right**, to head along Perrys Track.



After another 30 m find the "Dockers Lookout" (25 m on your left).



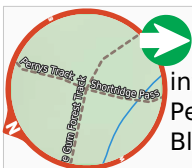
Dockers Lookout, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley and Blue Gum Forest below. Mt Banks can be seen standing proudly to the north above the valley.



After another 345 m head down the steps (about 1.3 km long)



Then head down the steps (about 790 m long)



After another 830 m (at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Perrys Track) **turn right**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.



After another 90 m pass the sign (9 m on your right).



After another 470 m find the "Acacia Flats Camping Ground" (45 m on your left).



Acacia Flats Camping Ground, Blue Mountains NP, is situated on the floor of the Grose Valley between Perrys Lookdown and Lockley Pylon. The camp ground is approximately 50m from Govetts Creek and approximately 500m upstream from Blue Gum Forest. Acacia Flats Camping Ground is appropriately named after the dense population of Acacias found in this area. Acacia Flats is a wonderful area to camp with tall shady Blue Gums and level grass clearings which make for a great place to pitch a tent. There is a pit toilet and sitting logs to make camping more comfortable, and plenty of room for large groups. Water is available from Govetts Creek (treat before drinking).



After another 125 m pass the toilet (9 m on your left).



After another 110 m pass the toilet (10 m on your right).



After another 2.8 km (from the Blue Gum Forest Track) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.



After another 75 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Rodriguez Pass Walking Track **continue straight**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.

After another 45 m find the "Junction Rock" (15 m on your left).



Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.

After another 560 m come to the camp site (5 m on your left).

After another 1.2 km cross the ford.

After another 10 m pass the "Trinity Falls" (35 m on your right).

After another 155 m cross the ford.

After another 380 m cross the ford.

After another 95 m (at the intersection of Jungle Circuit & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **continue straight**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).

After another 380 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).

After another 150 m come to the "Williams Lookout".

After another 30 m come to the "Breakfast Rock Lookout".

After another 25 m (at the intersection of Loop Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn sharp left**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).

After another 70 m come to the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (20 m on your left).

Then pass the water tap (35 m on your left).

After another 30 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **veer right**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.

After another 20 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).

After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)

After another 45 m pass the toilet (40 m on your left).

Then pass the water tap (45 m on your left).

After another 75 m (Laws Lookout) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.

After another 8 m come to the "Laws Lookout".

After another 15 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.

After another 155 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.

After another 8 m find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your right).



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

After another 60 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".

After another 90 m (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

After another 305 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Boyd Beach.

To start this optional side trip turn right here. from the Popes Glen Track **Start** (a walking track).

After another 50 m come to the end.

"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.



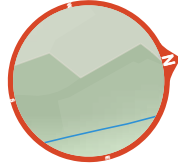
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 50 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 10.3 km waypoint.



After another 265 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 15 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 660 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 75 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)