



Box Forest Waterfall Circuit

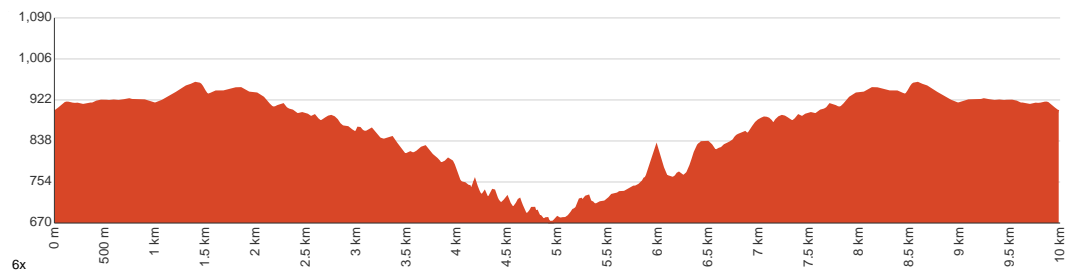
 4 h to 6 h


10 km
Circuit


↑ 721 m
↓ 721 m

 3
Moderate track

Starting from Lamington National Park Road, O'Reilly, this walk takes you on a circuit in the heart of Lamington National Park mostly via the Box Forest Circuit Track, visiting the iconic Elabana Falls, Box Log Falls, and the Picnic Rock area. As you start hiking through the beautiful forest containing 1000+ year old trees, you'll be welcomed by the harmonic birdsong. Then, you'll hear the soothing sound of water gushing down as the refreshing air around the cascades fill into your lungs. The lovely waterfalls hidden amidst the dense forest are exceptionally beautiful after rain as they are at their strongest. The Picnic Rock near Elabana Falls is a great spot to have a little picnic -hence the name- and swim(depending on the conditions). You may be able to spot some Lamington Crayfish, the spiny blue crayfish also known as 'Yabby' amongst Australians. The Box Log Falls are also worth stopping by as the setting of this little waterfall is quite picturesque, even more so than Elabana Falls according to some. The circuit itself other than the falls goes through a scenic forest that's teeming with wildlife, teasing you with easterly views along the way. Although it's best to view the falls after some decent rain, leeches become more abundant in such conditions. Wear long sleeves and pants to make this less of a problem. Keep in mind that you may run into some red-bellied black snakes as well, especially in warmer months. The track can be muddy in sections, and some rock scrambling/hopping may be required to reach the base of the falls. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

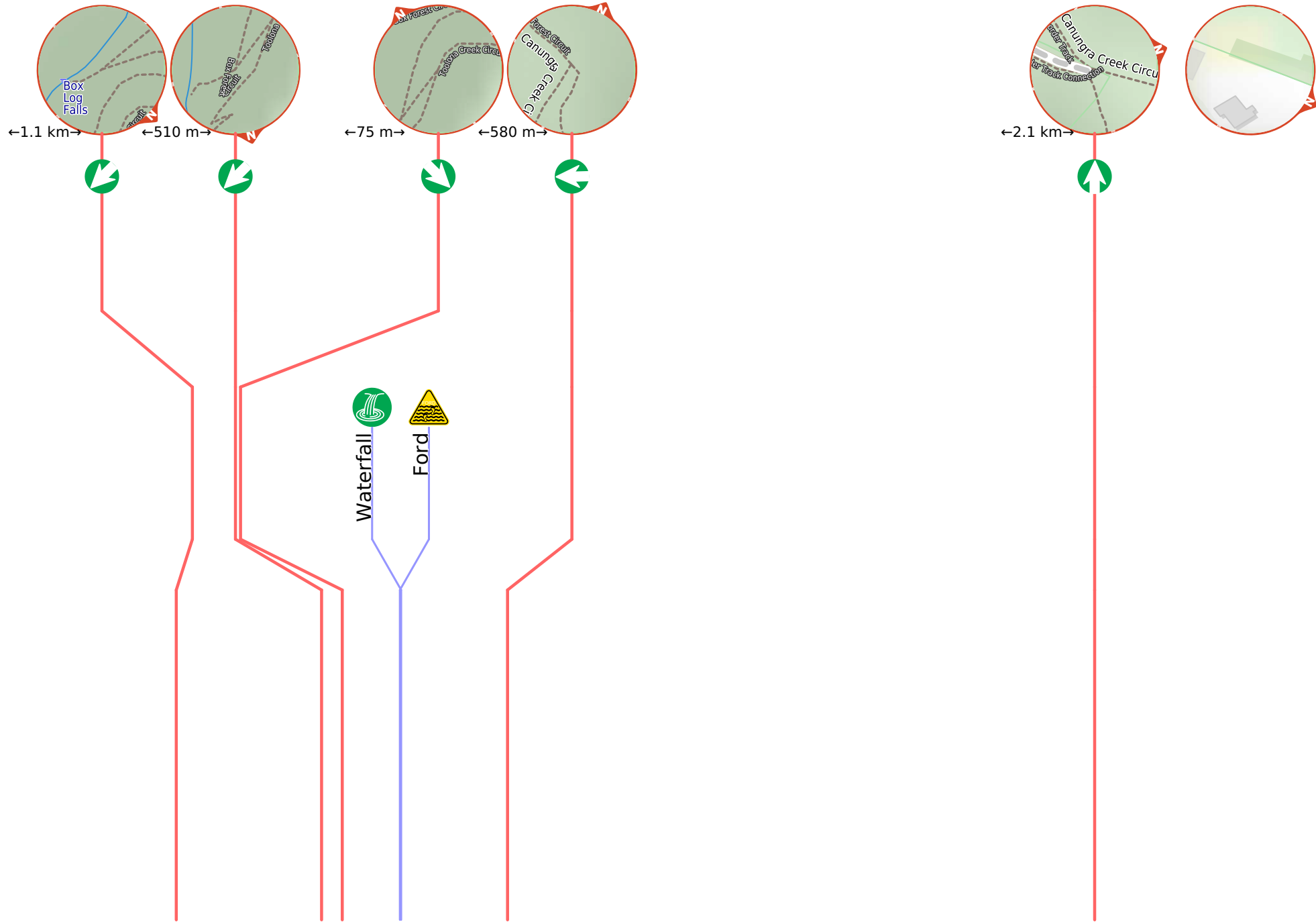
- Turn on to then drive for 490 m
- Turn left onto Gilston Road and drive for another 1.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 670 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 530 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 820 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 185 m
- Continue onto McLaren Road and drive for another 370 m
- Keep right onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 175 m
- Continue onto Nerang - Murwillumbah Road, 97 and drive for another 1.2 km
- Turn right onto Clagiraba Road and drive for another 5.7 km
- Turn left onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 10.7 km
- Turn left onto Kidston Street and drive for another 36 km

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Getting started: From Lamington National Park Road (in front of the Information Centre), head along the paved track gently downhill towards the said Information Centre, moving directly away from the road. Turn right before heading into the building and follow the paved track (Border Track) as it leads you into the woodland, keeping the road to your right. After about 375 metres, veer/keep right to stay on the Border Track. About 2.84 kilometres into the walk (from the start), turn left at the 3-way intersection to continue along Box Forest Waterfall Circuit (clockwise). This is the encouraged direction of travel.





After another 2.1 km (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & West Canungra Creek Circuit) **turn right**, to head along Box Forest Circuit (a footpath).



After another 430 m cross the ford.

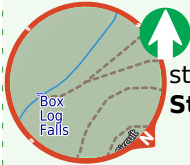


After another 470 m cross the ford.

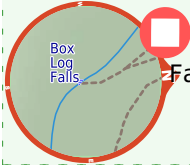


After another 110 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to the Box Log Falls. May involve rock hopping/scrambling.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. from the Box Forest Circuit **Start** (a walking track).



Continue another 40 m to find Box Log Falls at the end.



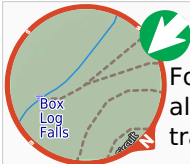
"Box Log Falls".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.

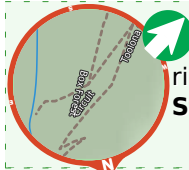


Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 6 km waypoint.



After another 80 m (from the Box Forest Circuit) **turn sharp left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit (a walking track).

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to the base of Elabana Falls. May involve rock hopping/scrambling.



To start this optional side trip veer right here. from the Box Forest Circuit **Start** (a walking track).



After another 55 m come to the end.



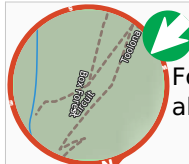
About 40 m past the end is "Elabana Falls".



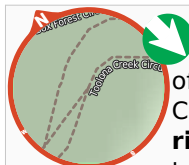
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 55 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 6.5 km waypoint.



After another 510 m (from the Box Forest Circuit) **turn sharp left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit.



After another 75 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit & Box Forest Circuit) **turn sharp right**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 205 m pass the "Elabana Falls" (30 m on your right).



Then cross the ford.



After another 380 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **turn left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 320 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **continue straight**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 710 m (at the intersection of Border Track & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to a set of observation decks built literally in a Strangler Fig, with one of them being 30 metres above the ground. You can observe the flora and birdlife from close proximity as the interpretive signs help you identify plants.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Border Track Connection & Border Track **Start** heading along *Border Track Connection* (a walking track).



After another 135 m (from the Border Track Connection) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track Connection.



After another 100 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Border Track Connection) **veer right**, to head along Booyong Walk.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Tree Top Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Booyong Walk.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Tree Top Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Tree Top Walk.



After another 50 m (from the Tree Top Walk) **veer left**, to head along Tree Top Walk.



Then cross the bridge



After another 40 m come to the end.



"Tree Top Walk Ladder".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 400 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 770 m waypoint.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 9.2 km waypoint.



After another 1 km (at the intersection of Border Track & Border Track Connection) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.



After another 390 m (at the intersection of Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track & Border Track) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.

