




Leura Cascades to Gordon Falls Reserve

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 1 h 15 min to 1 h 30 min

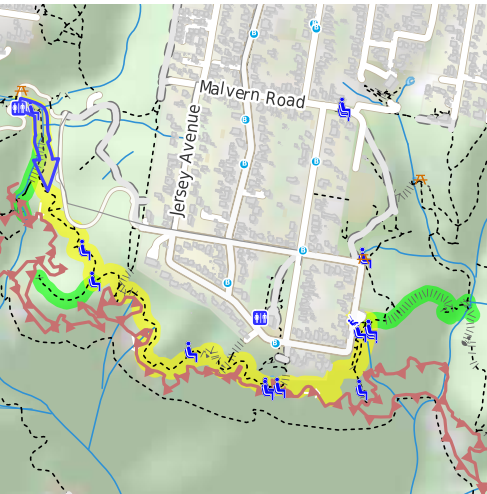
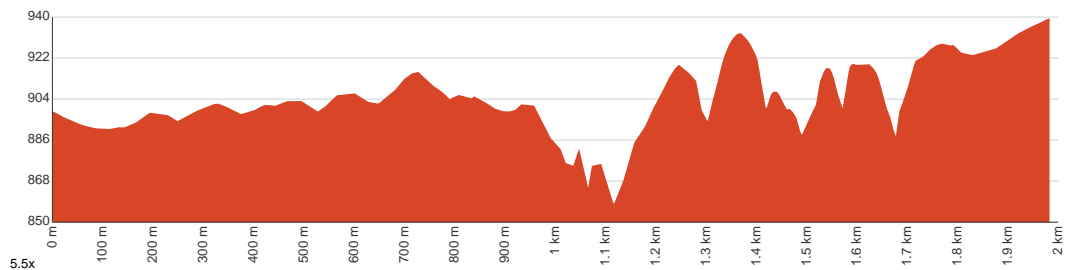

2 km
One way


↑ 284 m
↓ 243 m


Moderate track



From Leura Park to Gordon Falls Park, this diverse walk offers fantastic views of the Jamison Valley, as well as two great side trips down to some smaller waterfalls. Don't be fooled by their size - they are quite beautiful. Be sure to allow extra time for the side trips (especially Gordon Falls), in order to sit and reflect as the water cascades around you. 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 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	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

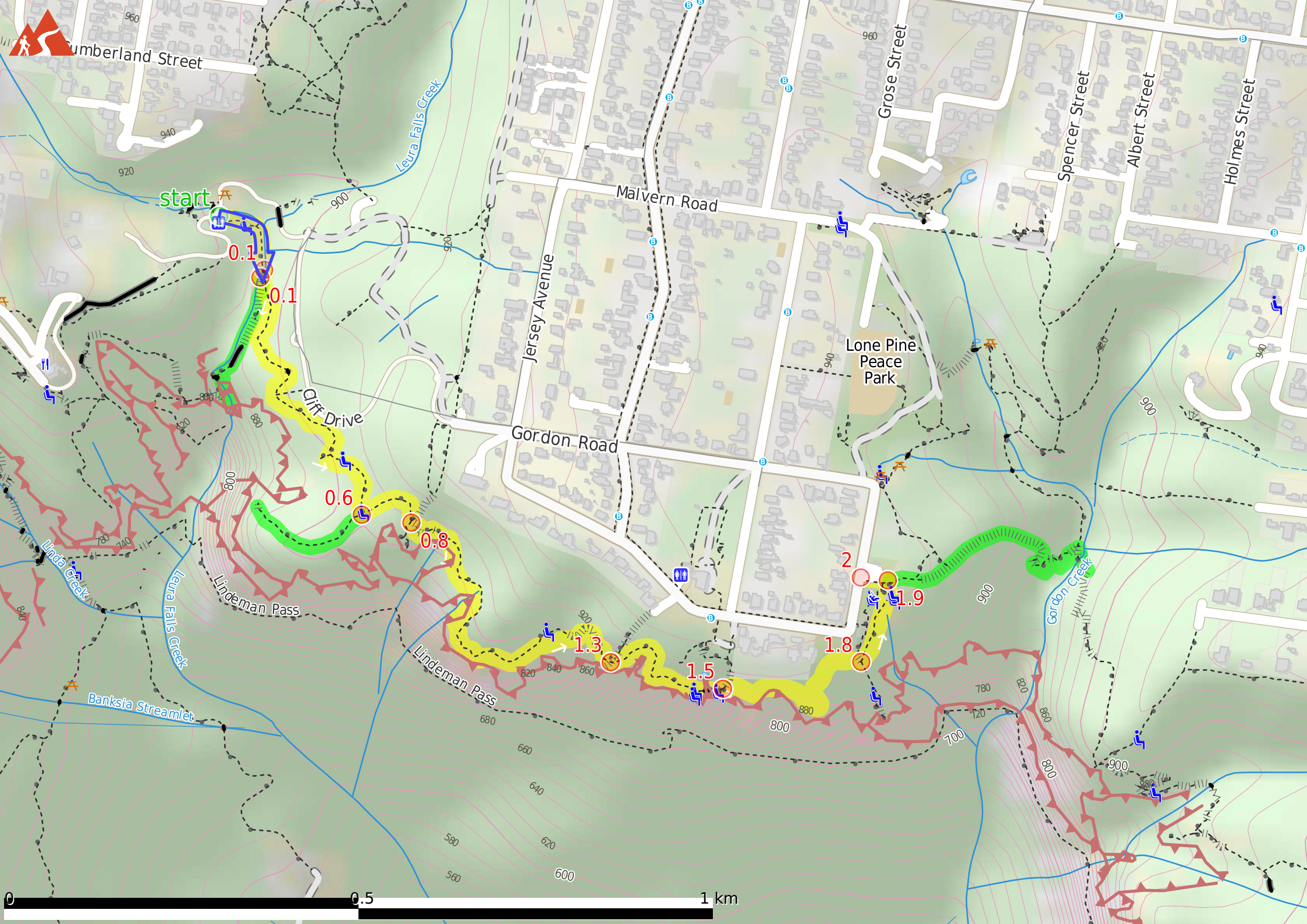
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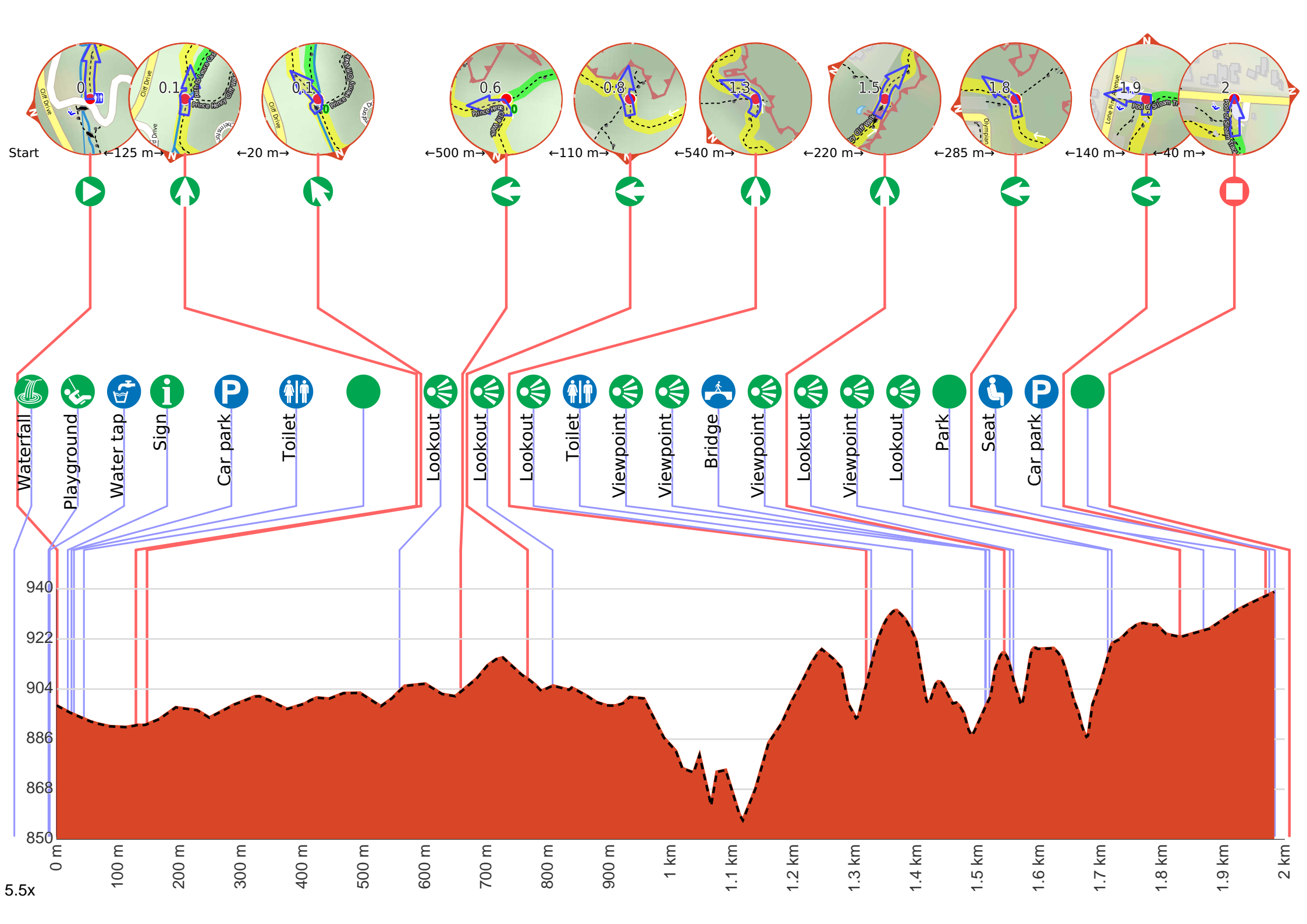
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

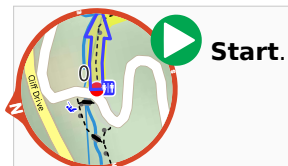
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Getting started: From cave-like shelters in Leura Cascades Picnic Area, this walk heads along the footpath, passing under the arch. Passing the toilet block, the path comes to the information board, from where the walk follows the 'Leura Cascades Track' sign down the steps. The path soon leads to a small stone wall with a view of some cascades and Chelmsford Bridge. From the view of Chelmsford Bridge, this walk follows track downhill, keeping the handrail and creek to the left, soon coming to an intersection with 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' just before a footbridge. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades' sign across the footbridge to a 'Y' intersection.

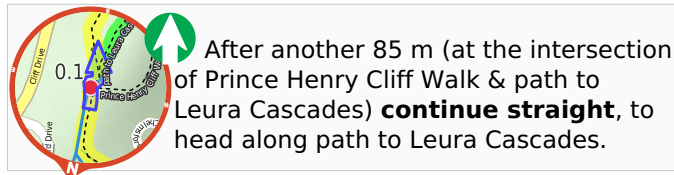


-  Upper Leura Cascades (about 90 m back from the start).
-  There is a playground (about 35 m back from the start).
-  There is water tap (about 35 m back from the start).
-  There is a sign (about 6 m back from the start).
-  After another 6 m to find the car park.
-  Then pass the toilet (15 m on your right).

 After another 15 m find the "Leura Cascades Picnic Area" (40 m on your right).

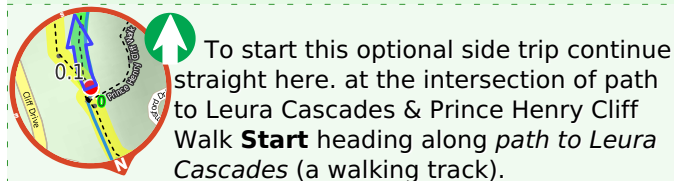


Leura Cascades Picnic area is a open picnic area beside Cliff Drive, with Leura Cascades Creek running through the middle. There are a number of small cascades in the park, along with toilets and picnic tables. There are a few information signs and maps of the area. The park is well remembered for the artificial caves and arches that have been built to provide shelter and a sense of place. A small road runs through the park, providing access and parking, and garbage facilities are provided. There is also plenty of shade from some large pine trees.

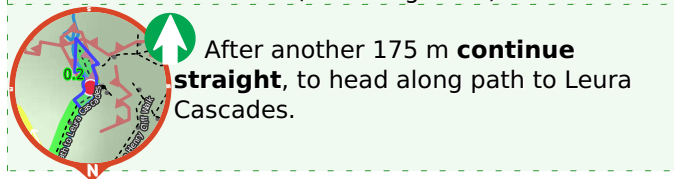


After another 85 m (at the intersection of Prince Henry Cliff Walk & path to Leura Cascades) **continue straight**, to head along path to Leura Cascades.


Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Leura Cascades.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of path to Leura Cascades & Prince Henry Cliff Walk **Start** heading along *path to Leura Cascades* (a walking track).




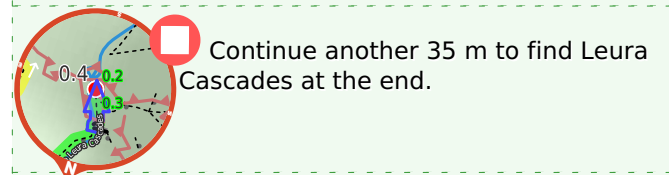
After another 175 m **continue straight**, to head along path to Leura Cascades.

 After another 20 m find the "Leura Cascades" (10 m on your right).



Leura Cascades is a lovely set of waterfalls with some bridges just below, allowing walkers to get up close to the creek. The area has a nice feel about it and is quite cool in summer. Much of the track near the cascades has handrails and the bridges are fenced. Allow some time to enjoy life among the cascades and fern trees in this valley. One bridge leads to a sandstone cave next to the pool and falls, a great place to enjoy the small section of canyon.


 Then cross the bridge (about 4 m long)




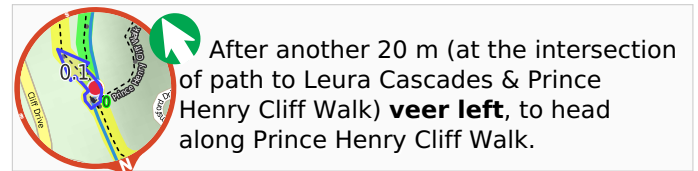
Continue another 35 m to find Leura Cascades at the end.

 "Leura Cascades".

 About 15 m past the end is "Bridal Veil Falls".

 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.

 Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 145 m waypoint.



After another 20 m (at the intersection of path to Leura Cascades & Prince Henry Cliff Walk) **veer left**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

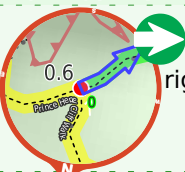


After another 410 m find the "The Rock" (on your left).



The Rock is a small, partially-fenced lookout, about 10 metres from the Prince Henry Cliff Walk near Bridal Veil Falls. The old timber fence only partially covers the cliff line and the walk to the lookout can be slippery. The view from the lookout includes close-up views of the crowns of several trees. There is no view of Bridal Veil Falls, but the view does extend across to the cliffs at Bridal View Lookout.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Bridal Veil View lookout.



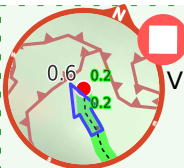
To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start.**



After another 195 m come to "Bridal Veil View Lookout".



The Bridal Veil View is a small, fenced lookout at the base of a flight of stairs in the south-west corner of Leura. The lookout has a natural sandstone floor and provides superb, unobstructed view of the Bridal Veil Falls. The falls are about 150m away, and looking down from the top, the Bridal Veil likeness is apparent. The falls run most of the time, but are most spectacular after rain.



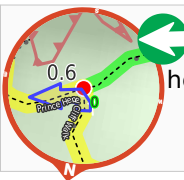
Continue another 0 m to find Bridal View Lookout at the end.



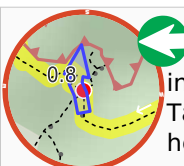
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 195 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 650 m waypoint.



After another 100 m **turn left**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



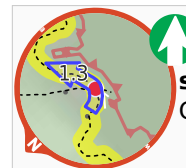
After another 110 m (at the intersection of Prince Henry Cliff Walk & Tarpeian Rock Access Walk) **turn left**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



After another 40 m find the "Tarpeian Rock" (30 m on your right).



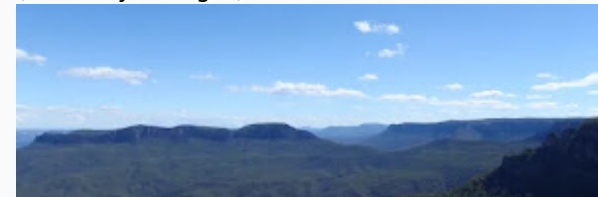
Tarpeian Rock is a great lookout, suspended high on a sandstone buttress, with circular patterns under foot. The view from the lookout extends from Kings Tableland on the left, to the 'back' of the Three Sisters and into Jamison Valley on the right. There are also great views across to Mount Solitary, Narrow Neck Plateau and the Ruined Castle. The name is derived from the Roman 'Tarpeian Rock', a steep cliff rocky point overlooking the Roman forum that was used as a place to execute people. Thankfully, this Tarpeian Rock has a much more peaceful feel about it.



After another 500 m **continue straight**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



After another 8 m find the "Olympian Lookout" (9 m on your right).



Olympian Lookout is a fenced lookout, just off the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, near Olympian Pde in Leura. The lookout is on a sloped, natural sandstone surface and has some steps cut to help improve access. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and provides a great view across the Jamison Valley, out to Mount Solitary. The 'back' of the Three Sisters, and also Narrow Neck, are both visible on the right, and Sublime Point on the left.



After another 65 m pass the toilet (150 m on your left).



After another 115 m come to the "Leuralla Public Gardens Amphitheatre" (60 m on your left).



After another 7 m come to the viewpoint (8 m on your right).



Then cross the Battenshaw Bridge (about 20 m long)



After another 20 m come to the "Elysian Rock" (10 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



After another 15 m find the "Elysian Rock" (on your right).



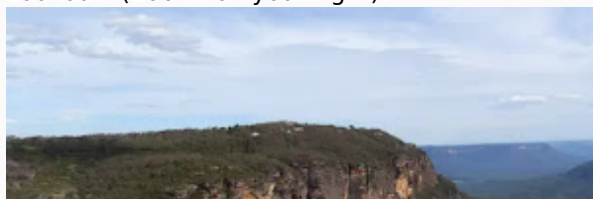
Elysian Rock is a fenced, small, narrow lookout on a rock buttress. The floor is mostly uneven, natural sandstone and there is a bench seat with no shade. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and gives a great view straight across the Jamison Valley and out to Mount Solitary. Narrow Neck and the 'back' of the Three Sisters are visible on the right-hand side, and Sublime Point on the left. The lookout is along the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, just west of a concrete bridge spanning a chasm and near the end of Elysian Place, Leura.



After another 150 m come to the "Gordon Falls Lookout" (115 m on your right).



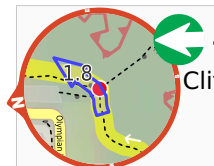
After another 6 m find the "Gordon Falls Lookout" (100 m on your right).



Gordon Falls Lookout is a fenced lookout near the end of Lone Pine Rd, Leura. As the name suggests, there is a good view of Gordon Falls to the left. There is also a wonderful view along the escarpment to Sublime Point. The lookout is right at the edge of the cliff and also has a great view across the Jamison Valley, out to Mount Solitary. Narrow Neck and the 'back' of the Three Sisters are visible on the right-hand side.



After another 200 m pass the park (165 m on your left).



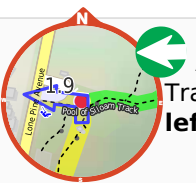
Turn left, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



After another 40 m pass a seat (70 m on your right).



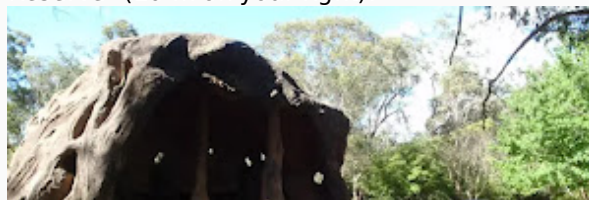
After another 115 m pass the car park (35 m on your left).



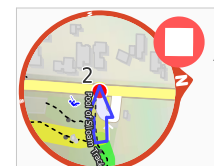
At the intersection of Pool of Siloam Track & Prince Henry Cliff Walk **turn left**, to head along Pool of Siloam Track.



After another 6 m find the "Gorden Falls Reserve" (20 m on your right).



Gordon Falls Reserve is just off Lone Pine Ave near the intersection with Olympian Pde, Leura. The park has car parking, electric BBQ's, toilets, garbage disposal, children's play equipment, picnic tables and bench seats. The park has plenty of open area and some shaded spots. There are a number of artificial cave shelters, with picnic tables inside.



After another 30 m come to the end.



A BBQ.



A playground .



About 10 m past the end is a car park.



About 30 m past the end is a toilet.