

Pulpit Rock to Evans Lookout Cliff Top Track

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)





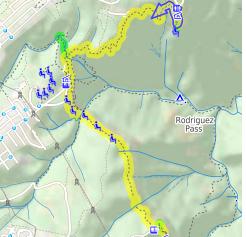






The Cliff Top Track is one of the longer walks near Blackheath, and has constant views. The track follows the rim of the Grose Valley, with a side trip to Boyds Beach, and passes numerous lookouts with views of the Grose Valley and it's waterfalls. This walk is an excellent one way trip from Pulpit Rock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

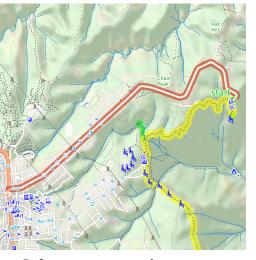




Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- $\bullet\,$ Turn on to Hat Hill Road then drive for 4.7 km
- Turn right onto Pulpit Rock Road and drive for another 940 m

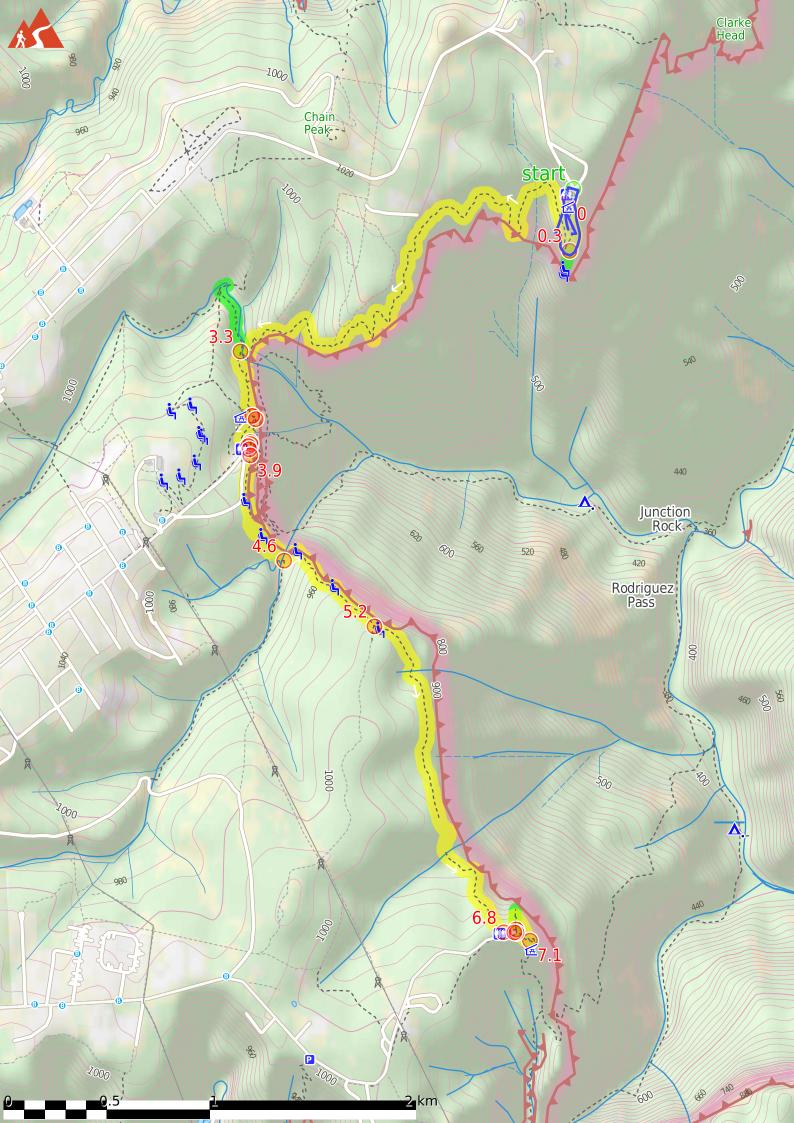


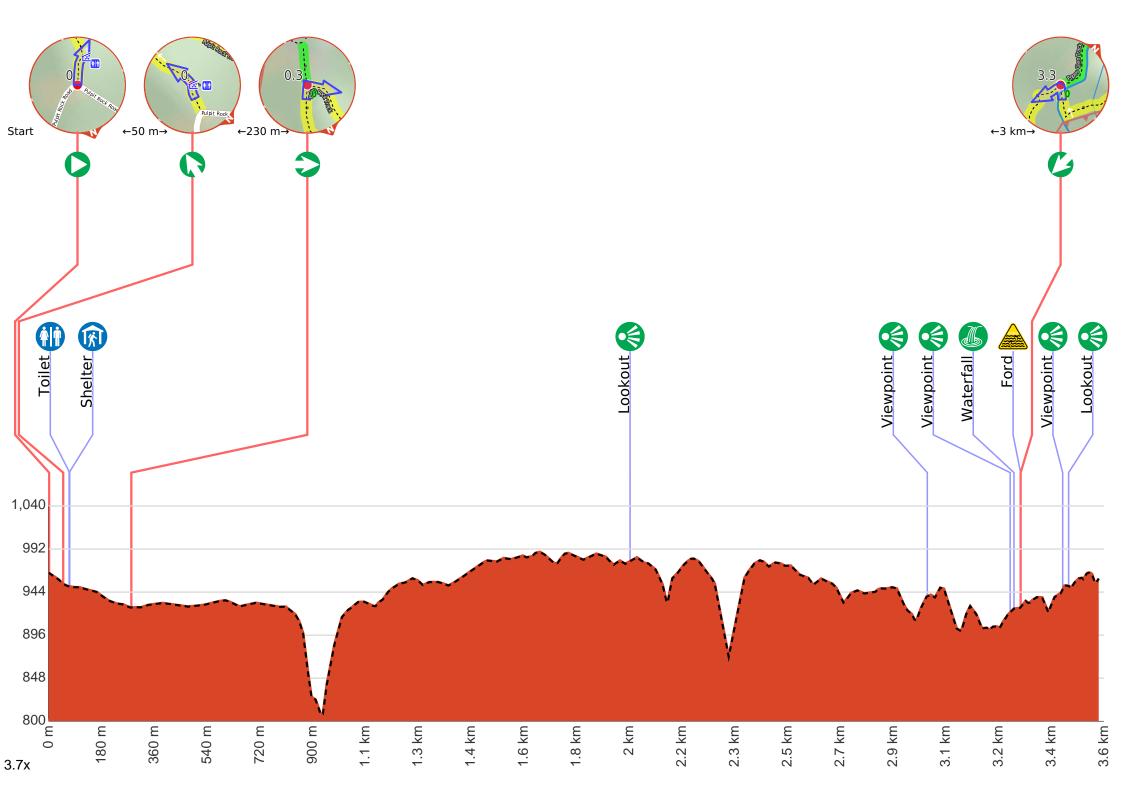
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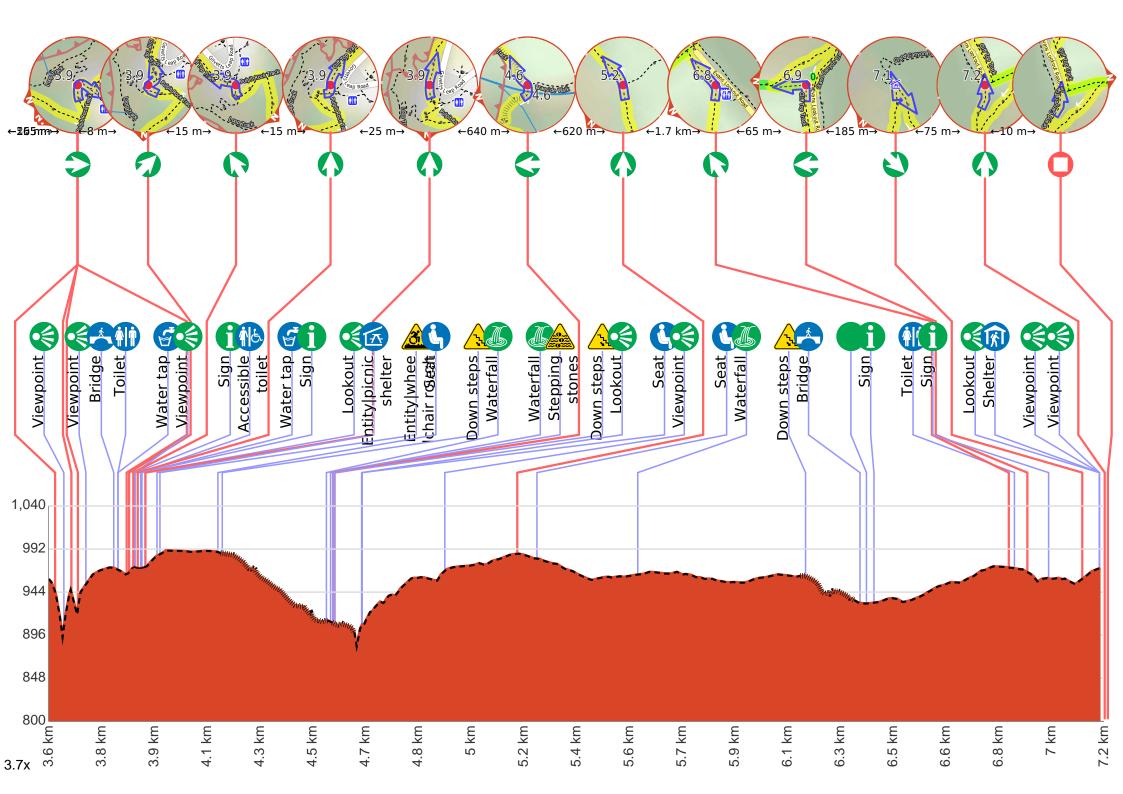
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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



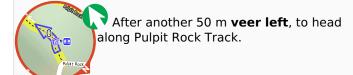






Getting started: From the car park, the walk follows the sign to 'Pulpit Rock Lookout', down the stairs from the car park. The track continues down to a shelter and toilet, and then steeply heads down another flight of stairs, before flattening out and then descending more stairs to the signposted intersection.

At the intersection of Pulpit Rock
Track & Pulpit Rock Road **Start** heading
along *Pulpit Rock Track* (a walking
track).



- After another 20 m pass the toilet (25 m on your right).
- Then pass the shelter (7 m on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Pulpit Rock Upper Lookout.

To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.

After another 65 m come to the end.



About 35 m past the end is "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.



About 45 m past the end is a seat.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 280 m waypoint.



After another 1.7 km find the "Boyd Lookout" (15 m on your left).



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.



After another 1 km come to the "Cripps Lookout" (9 m on your left).



After another 280 m come to the "Bradleys Lookout".



After another 15 m find the "Horseshoe Falls" (20 m on your left).



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.

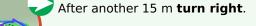
After another 20 m cross the ford.



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

To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Popes Glen Track **Start** heading along *Popes Glen Track* (a walking track).

After another 305 m continue straight, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 55 m find the "Boyd Beach" (on your left).



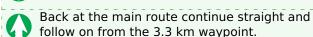
Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.



After another 2 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 380 m to the main route.



At the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track turn sharp **left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 140 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".



After another 20 m find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your left).



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 155 m continue straight.



After another 30 m come to the "Two Falls" Lookout".



After another 25 m turn sharp left, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 20 m (Laws Lookout) turn right, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 25 m come to the "Laws Lookout".



After another 95 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 10 m pass the toilet (40 m on your riaht).



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



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Loop Track & Pulpit Rock Track) turn right, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m veer right, to head along Loop Track.



After another 20 m come to the viewpoint (6 m on your left).



Veer left.



After another 6 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 20 m find the "Toilet Accessible" (45 m on your right).



Signposted accessible and general use male and female toilets. Access via concrete ramp, however, the top of the ramp is accessed via loose gravel carpark with some steep eroded sections.



Continue straight.



After another 15 m pass the water tap (7 m on your right).



Then pass the sign.

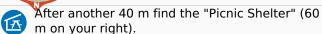


After another 10 m find the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (6 m on your right).



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.

After another 1 m **continue straight**, to head along Cliff Top Track.





Picnic shelters at the end of Govetts Leap Road. Seats are ~45cm high and benches 75cm high. Most shelters have an entrance ~1.2m wide with, and similar gap between table and wall. The largest shelter has an entrance wider than 4m, bench seating but no tables.



After another 10 m find the "Wheelchair Rough" (80 m on your right).



This walk leads through a gravel carpark for about 60m. The surface in unevean and erroded in places. The gravel is mostly compressed but the surface may soften after prolonged rain.

After another 195 m pass a seat (5 m on your



right).

After another 15 m head down the earthen



steps (about 370 m long)
Then find the "Govetts Leap (falls)" (35 m on



your left).

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. After another 15 m pass the "Bridal Veil Falls" (30 m on your left).



After another 7 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 7 m (at the intersection of Braeside Walk & Cliff Top Track) **turn left**, to head along Cliff Top Track (a steps).



Then head down the earthen steps (about 75 m long)



After another 15 m find the "Barrow Lookout" (5 m on your right).



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.



Then pass a seat (on your right)., has a backrest.



After another 280 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 245 m continue straight, to head along Cliff Top Track.



After another 65 m pass a seat (7 m on your right)., has no backrest.



After another 340 m pass the waterfall (120 m on your left).



After another 570 m head down the earthen steps (about 185 m long)



Then cross the bridge (about 40 m long)

Then find the "Hayward Gully" (15 m on your left)



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.

After another 25 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 480 m pass the toilet (15 m on your right).



Veer left, to head along Cliff Top Track.

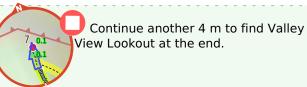
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Valley View Lookout.

To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Grand Canyon Track & Cliff Top Track **Start** (a walking track).

After another 60 m continue straight.

After another 25 m find the "Valley View Lookout" (7 m on your right).

Valley View Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the spectacular Grose Valley with its deep gorges, green forest and prominent cliff lines.





Turn around and retrace your steps back the 85 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 6.9 km waypoint.



After another 65 m (at the intersection of Grand Canyon Track & Cliff Top Track) turn left.

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After another 70 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).



After another 115 m turn sharp right, to head along Grand Canyon Track.



After another 60 m find the "Evans Lookout" (9 m on your left).



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.



Then pass the shelter (10 m on your left).



Then come to the "Evans Lookout (Upper)" (25 m on your left).



Then come to the "Evans Lookout (Lower)" (50 m on your left).





About 25 m past the end is a BBQ.



The end.