

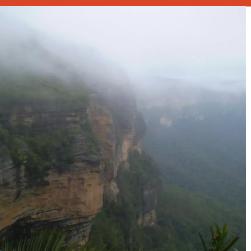
Queen Victoria Lookout (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

25 min to 30 min









This walk heads down to the top of the cliffs, overlooking Empress Falls and the lower Valley of the Waters. The track down through the heath is guite nice, although it is nearly all stairs. The view from Queen Victoria Lookout is a stunning one. The noise of the falls can also be heard from the lookout, however the falls themselves cannot been seen from the lookout. 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.







- Turn on to Valley Road then drive for 1 km
- Turn right onto Fitzgerald Street and drive for another 90 m
- Turn right onto Fletcher Street and drive for another 60 m
- Continue onto Fletcher Street and drive for another 55 m

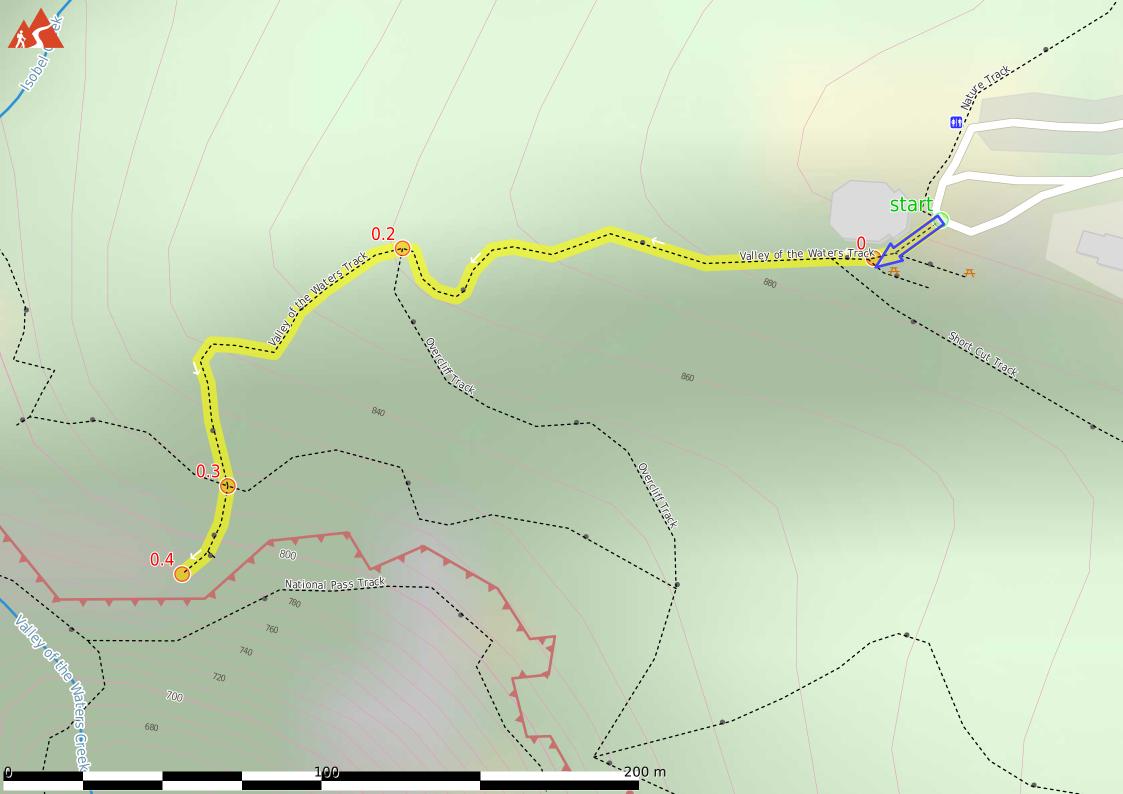


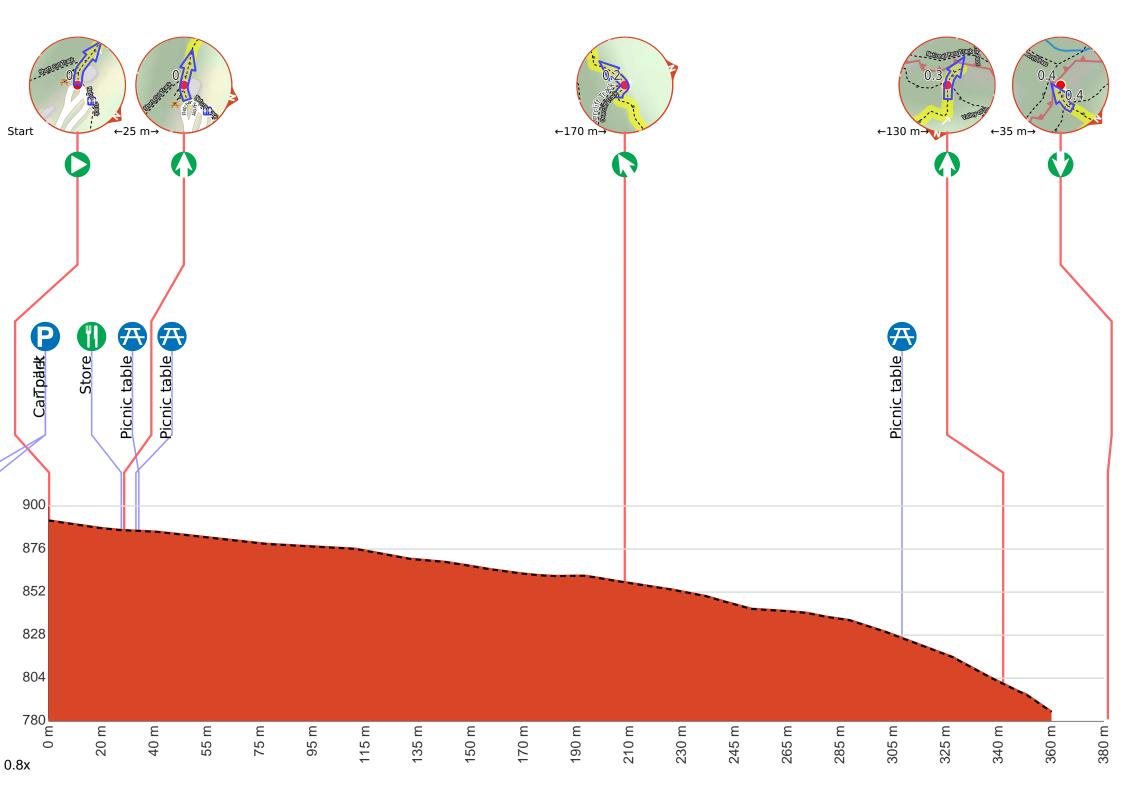
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







Getting started: From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters. The track soon leads to the signposted intersection with the 'Short Cut Track' (still in view of the Conservation Hut).



At the intersection of Valley of the Waters Track & Nature Track **Start** heading along *Valley of the Waters Track* (a walking track).



There is a toilet (about 40 m back from the start).



There is a car park (about 35 m back from the start).



After 40 m find the "Conservation Hut" (8 m on your right).



Conservation Hut is a small cafe perched above the Valley of the Waters, Blue Mountains National Park. The hut was opened in 1963 as a meeting place for the local conservation movement. Rebuilt, Conservation Hut opened as a cafe in 1993, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week. Around the Conservation Hut is a small parking area, public toilets, picnic shelters, town water and B&B's. For further information or bookings call (02) 4757 3827.



After another 6 m pass the picnic table (25 m on your left).





Then pass the picnic table (8 m on your left).

After another 165 m (at the intersection of Valley of the Waters Track & Overcliff Track) **veer left**, to head along Valley of the Waters Track.



After another 95 m pass the picnic table (130 m on your right).



After another 35 m continue straight.



After another 35 m come to "Queen Victoria Lookout".



The Queen Victoria Lookout is perched above the Valley of the Waters, south-west of Conservation Hut. The fenced lookout has views into the narrow section of the valley. The views are made more dramatic by the roar of the waterfalls below and the mists which frequent the area. Empress Falls are only just visible - the main views extend down Jamison Valley. Kings Tableland (left) and Sublime Point(right) dominate the views and the eastern edge of Mount Solitary and beyond is also visible.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 360 m to get back to the start.