

## Leura Park to Gordon Falls Lookout

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)











Starting at Leura Park, this walk passes above Leura Cascades before working its way along the route of Prince Henry's Cliff Walk. The walk winds past many lookouts with brilliant views over the Jamison Valley. The views are even more exceptional from the turn-around point at Gordon Falls 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.





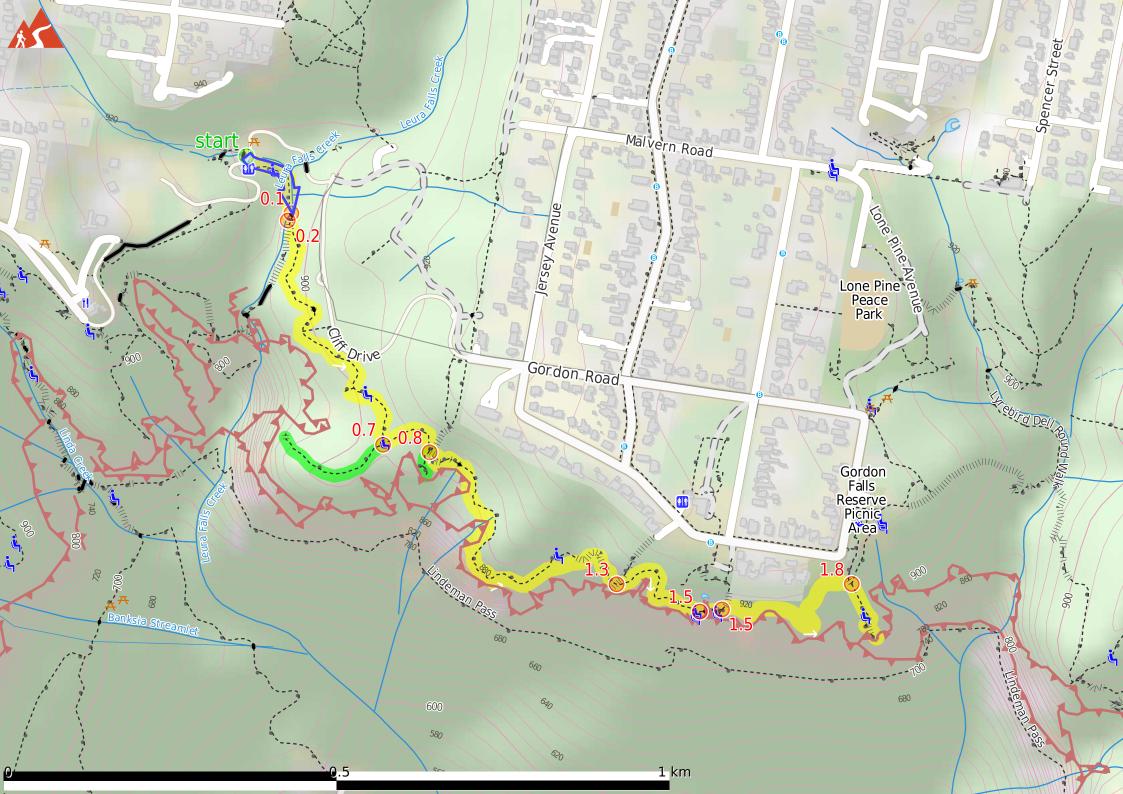
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Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, 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)

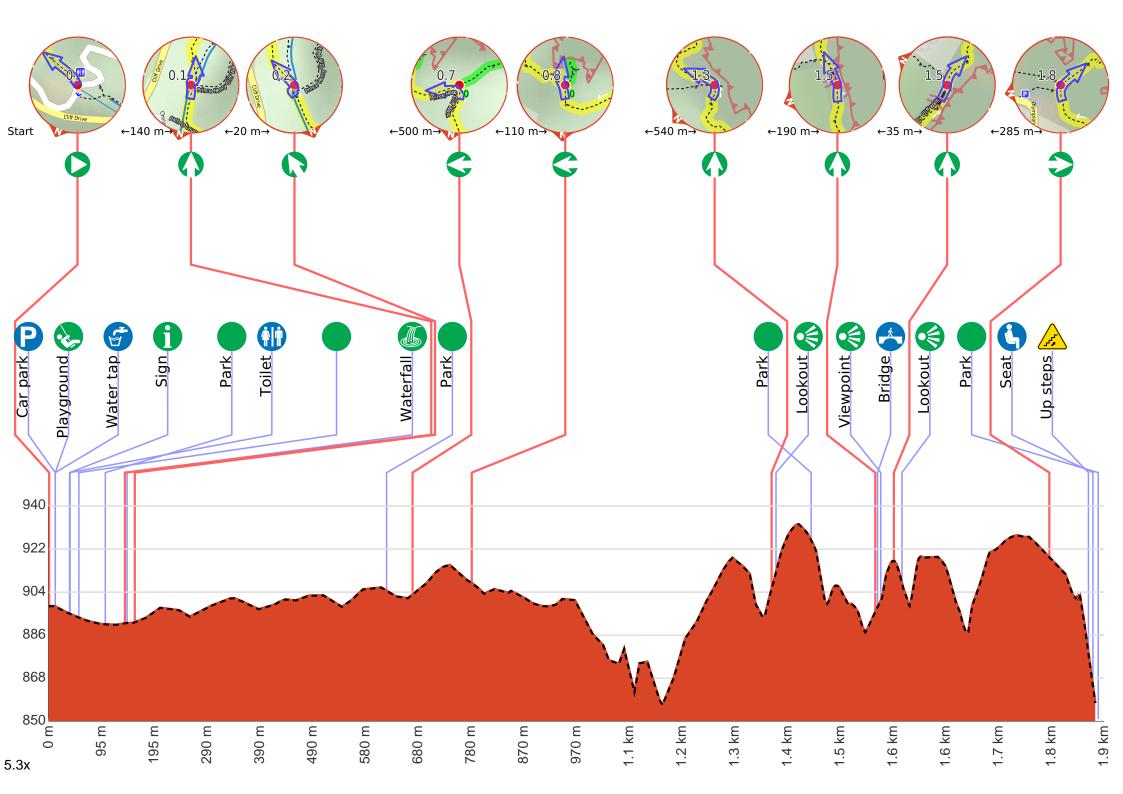
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.



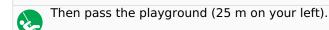




**Getting started:** From cave-like shelters in Leura Cascades Picnic Area, this walk heads along the footpath, passing under the arch. Passing the toilet block, the path comes to the information board, from where the walk follows the 'Leura Cascades Track' sign down the steps. The path soon leads to 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. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk To Gordon Falls' sign up the timber steps. The walk continues along the bush track that steadily climbs to the top of the gentle hill, where it comes to an intersection with the Cliff Drive bush track.



After 10 m to find the car park.



Then pass the water tap (20 m on your left).

After another 25 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).

After another 65 m pass the "Leura Park" (90 m on your left).



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 90 m pass the "Upper Leura"



Cascades" (30 m on your left).



Continue straight.



After another 20 m **veer left**.

After another 460 m pass the "Leura Park" (135 m on your left).

**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**.



Continue another 195 m to find Bridal View Lookout at the end.



"Bridal View Lookout".



About 175 m past the end is "Leura Falls".



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 660 m waypoint.



After another 45 m turn left.

**Start of an optional side trip**: An optional side trip to Tarpeian Rock.



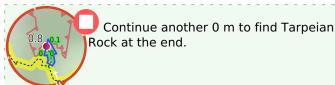
To start this optional side trip veer right here. **Start**.



After another 30 m **veer left**.



After another 15 m come to a viewpoint.



"Tarpeian Rock".

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 45 m to the main route.

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



After another 620 m pass the park (95 m on your left).



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 10 m come to the viewpoint (8 m on your right).



Then cross the Battenshaw Bridge (about 20 m long)



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 360 m pass the park (165 m on your left).





After another 80 m pass a seat (6 m on your right).



Then head up the metal steps (about 7 m long)



After another 30 m come to "Gordon Falls Lookout".



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.