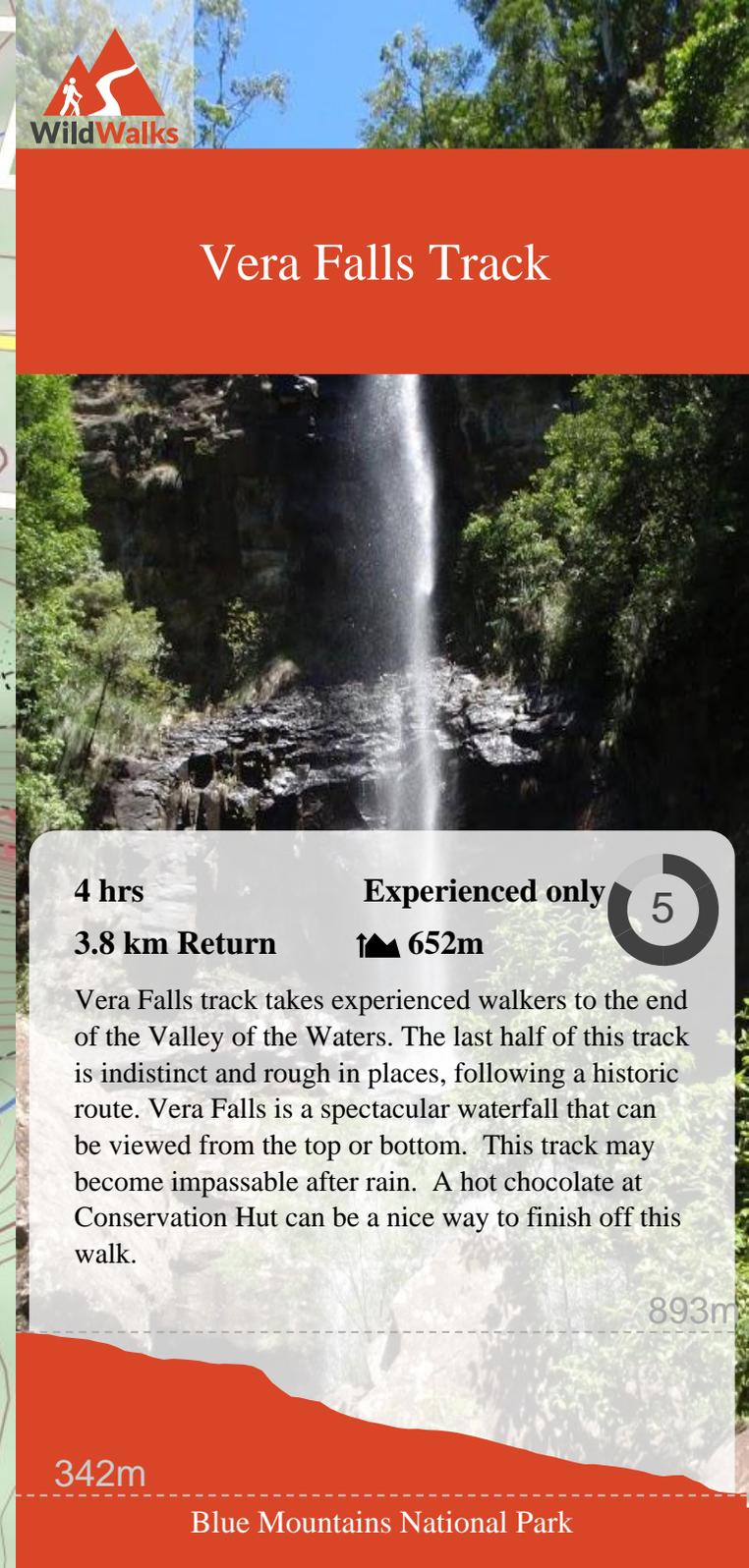
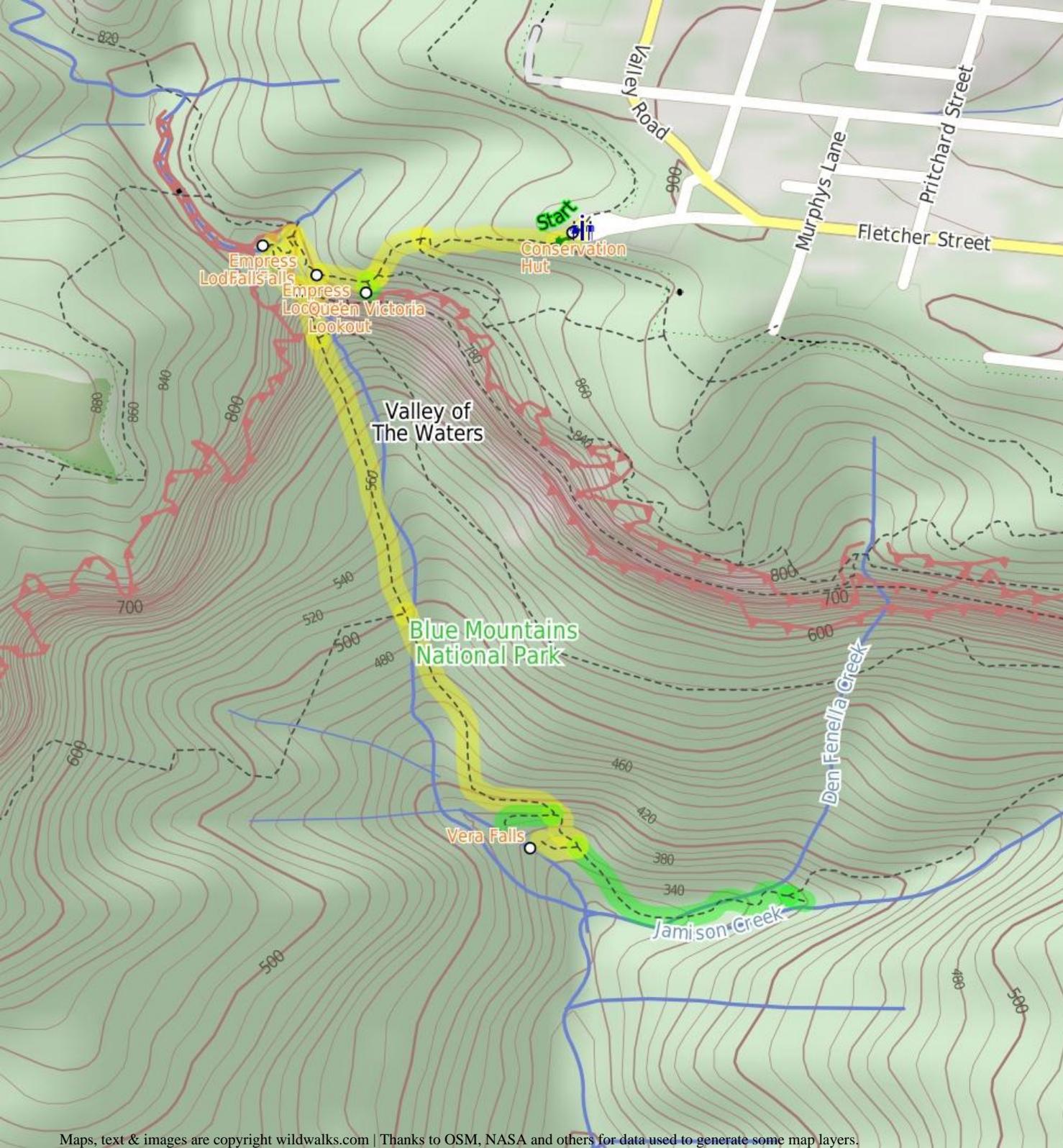


Vera Falls Track



4 hrs

3.8 km Return

Experienced only

↑ 652m

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Vera Falls track takes experienced walkers to the end of the Valley of the Waters. The last half of this track is indistinct and rough in places, following a historic route. Vera Falls is a spectacular waterfall that can be viewed from the top or bottom. This track may become impassable after rain. A hot chocolate at Conservation Hut can be a nice way to finish off this walk.

342m

Blue Mountains National Park

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Blue Mountains National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

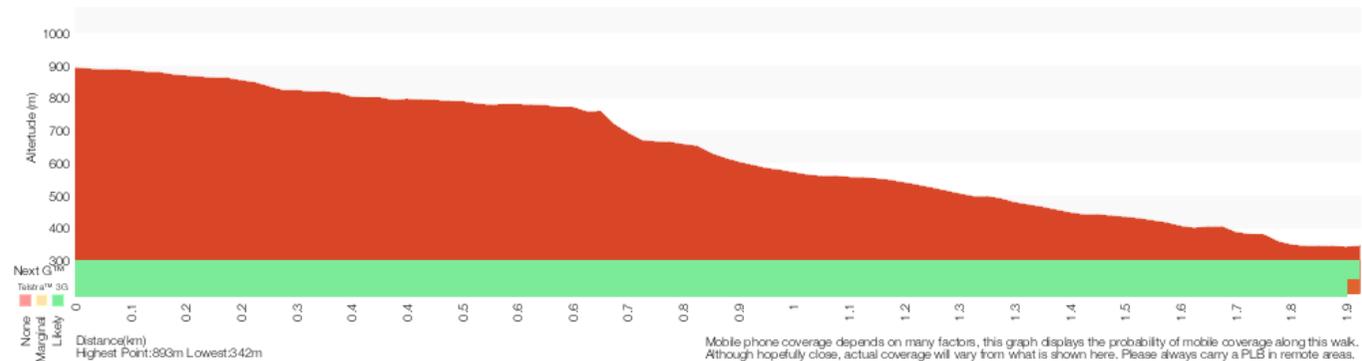
- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA

1:100 000 Map Series:8930 KATOOMBA



Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 5/6
Experienced only

Length	3.8 km Return
Time	4 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	No directional signs (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)

* This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking. **Experienced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

Getting there You can get to Conservation Hut (gps: -33.7202, 150.3629) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/vft>

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0 | Conservation Hut

(320 m 8 mins) 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).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down the steps, passing an information sign. After the handrail and more signs, the track passes a couple of faint tracks (on the left, leading to an old picnic area). Further down the steps, the walk comes the end of another handrail and a three-way intersection (signposted 'Overcliff Track' and 'National Pass').

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign down the timber steps. The track passes a few faint tracks (on the left, that lead to an unfenced view point). The walk continues down the steps, soon coming to an unsignposted intersection with the Lyrebird Cliff track (on a small sandstone rock platform).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the wooden steps to almost immediately come to the signposted intersection with 'Queen Victoria Lookout' track.

0.32 | Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout

(20 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail. Soon the track passes a small lookout on the left and, shortly afterwards, the fence leads to the rock platform and fenced 'Queen Victoria Lookout'. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

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0.32 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tra

(60 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' keeping the rock face to the right. The track soon passes under a sandstone overhang and then down more steps to come to the fenced and signposted 'Empress Lookout'.

0.38 | Empress Lookout

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0.38 | Empress Lookout

(90 m 4 mins) Turn right: From Empress Lookout, this walk heads down the wooden steps, keeping the handrail and valley to the left. Soon the walk heads down a series of steep metal staircases that zigzag down the hill. At the bottom of the staircases, the walk follows the handrail through a long sandstone overhang. The track then heads down some steps to come to an intersection with the 'Nature Track' and a sign pointing back to 'National Pass - Tea Rooms'.

0.47 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks

(90 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign down the lower track (with the valley initially to the right). The walk heads down the steps following the handrail and, soon after the sharp right bend, the walk crosses Isabel Creek using the stepping stones. Soon, the walk heads down a timber staircase, through a sandstone overhang and winds down the stone steps. After passing a great view of Empress Falls, the track crosses the Valley of the Waters Creek in front of Empress Falls using the stepping stones. (These creeks may not be passable after rain)

0.56 | Empress Falls

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0.56 | Empress Falls Crossing

(70 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From in front of Empress Falls, this walk heads downstream along the track, keeping the creek to the left. After passing the 'Track' sign (pointing back up to the falls), the walk heads down the steps (with handrail). Soon the steps lead to the base of a wide cascade - Sylvia Falls. From Sylvia Falls, this walk heads downstream along the track, keeping the creek and handrail to the left. Soon after heading down a staircase, the walk comes to a creek crossing at the base of Lodore Falls.

0.63 | Lodore Falls

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0.63 | Lodore Falls

(20 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From Lodore Falls, this walk crosses the Valley Of the Waters Creek, keeping the handrail and main valley to the right (This creek may be impassable after rain). The walk then heads down the stairs under a small overhang to soon come to an intersection with Wentworth Pass and a 'National Pass - Conservation Hut' sign pointing back up.

0.66 | Int of Valley of the Waters and National Pass Trac

(100 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the stone steps following the 'Wentworth Pass' sign passing the metal railing as the track winds around the side of the hill. The track makes a 'U' bend and continues steeply down towards a waterfall, where it crosses at the large rocks to the bush track on the other side. The walk follows this track, passing a sign pointing back to the Conservation Hut, and continues down the valley, winding down rock steps and following the creek (which is visible through the trees to the left) until it comes to the signposted intersection of the Wentworth Pass track.

0.75 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Wentworth Pass Tra

(550 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Vera Falls' sign along the bush track, winding around the side of the hill. After a short distance, the track turns left, down the hill, along an indistinct track (the wrong way is marked with a dead-end track signpost). Continuing steeply down the hill, the walk follows the bright ribbons tied to trees along the bush track down the hill until crossing a small stream. On the other side of this, the walk heads up along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short distance until coming to a signposted intersection of the Roberts Pass track.

1.3 | Int of Robert's Pass and Vera Falls Tracks

(470 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track heading down the hill, winding down past a large square boulder in the middle of the track. The walk continues down, crossing Valley of the Waters Creek to the eastern bank along the way. The track bends around to the left as the gully opens out and comes down to an intersection of the top of the falls track.

1.77 | Optional sidetrip to Top of Vera Falls

(70 m 3 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track heading west, up along the side of the hill, keeping the valley down to the left. The track drops steeply down the hill to the rock platform at the top of the waterfall. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

1.77 | Int of Vera Falls and Top Falls tracks

(80 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track, with the valley down to the right. The walk heads around the side of the hill for a short while before turning downhill and winding through the thick forest. At the bottom of the valley, the track comes to the intersection with the bottom falls track.

1.85 | Optional sidetrip to Hippocrene Falls

(380 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading south-east through the dense forest, following the frequently placed ribbon markers. The walk crosses a small creek and continues up through the bush, winding up the long, gentle hill until coming to an intersection with the Hippocrene Falls track.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill towards the visible falls, soon coming to the pool at the base of the Hippocrene Falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

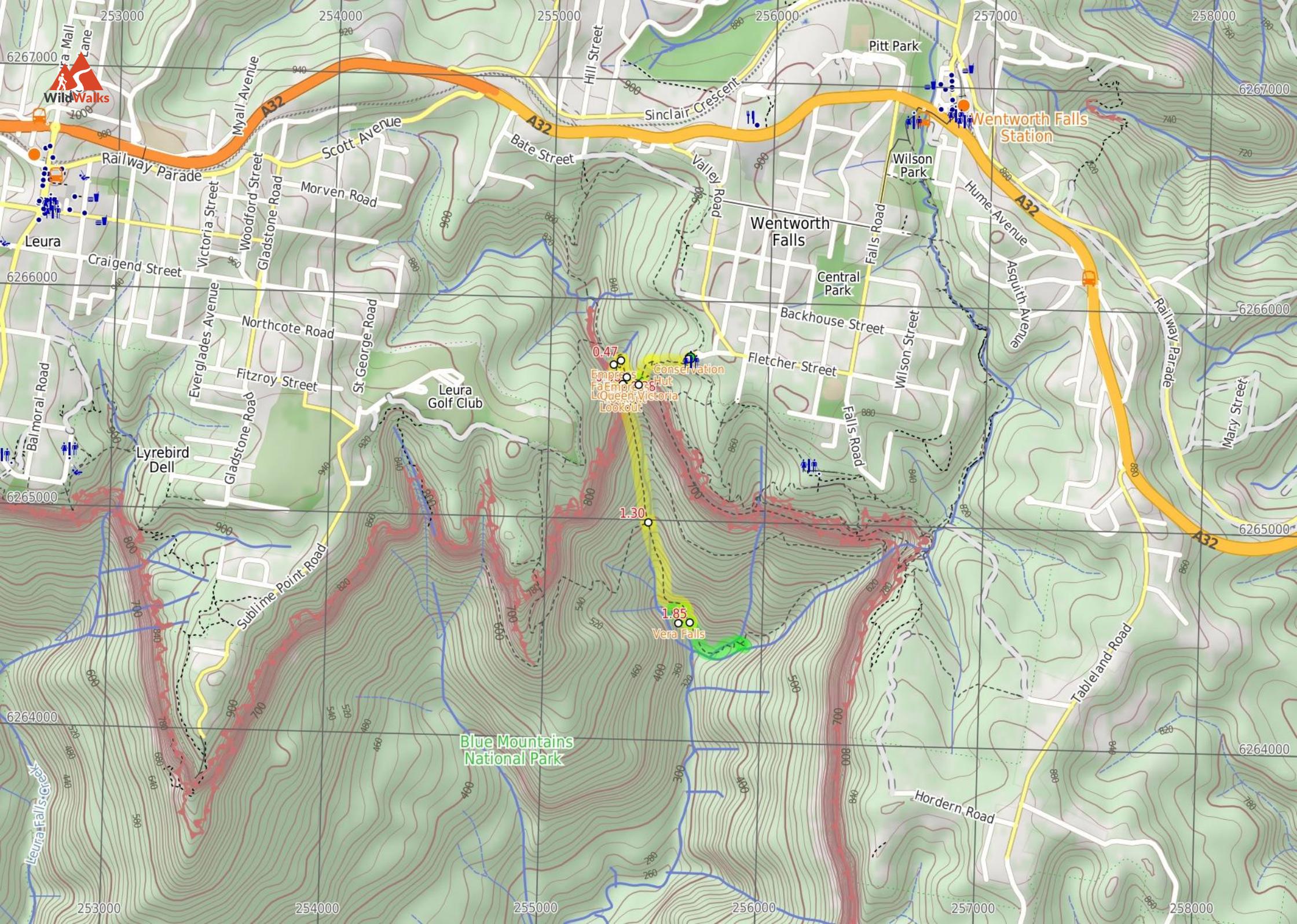
1.85 | Int of Vera Falls and Bottom Falls track

(50 m / 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads west through the dense forest, following the sometimes indistinct track and the brightly coloured ribbon markers. The walk soon comes to the Valley of the Waters Creek, which it follows upstream along the large boulders on the edge of the creek bed, to the bottom of the falls.

1.89 | Vera Falls

This spectacular waterfall is in the Valley Of The Waters, near Wentworth Falls. The water falls from a rock platform above (there is a track accessing the top of the falls) onto a rock bulb at the base, where the water cascades into the rock-filled pool at the bottom. The waterfall is on the Valley Of The Waters Creek, about 150m north of the junction with Jamison Creek. The falls are named after the 9 year old daughter of Frederick Moore, a member of the Wentworth Falls Trustees and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1898. The Wentworth Falls Trustees were tasked with naming all the falls in the area at the time.





Summary navigation sheet for the Vera Falls Track



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Conservation Hut -33.7202,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 556657)	2 -75	320 m 8 mins	From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters.
0.32	Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	0 -17	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Queen Victoria Lookout. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Queen Victoria Lookout' sign down the steps towards the handrail.
0.32	Int of Valley of the Waters and Queen Victoria Tracks -33.7211,150.3604 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	0 -18	60 m 2 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps away from 'Queen Victoria Lookout' keeping the rock face to the right.
0.38	Empress Lookout -33.721,150.3598 (GR Katoomba, 554656)	12 -20	90 m 4 mins	Turn right: From Empress Lookout, this walk heads down the wooden steps, keeping the handrail and valley to the left.
0.47	Int of Valley of the Waters and Nature Tracks -33.7203,150.3595 (GR Katoomba, 553657)	4 -14	90 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'National Pass - Valley of the Waters' sign down the lower track (with the valley initially to the right).
0.56	Empress Falls Crossing -33.7206,150.3592 (GR Katoomba, 553657)	0 -9	70 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From in front of Empress Falls, this walk heads downstream along the track, keeping the creek to the left.
0.63	Lodore Falls -33.7212,150.3595 (GR Katoomba, 553656)	0 -14	20 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From Lodore Falls, this walk crosses the Valley Of the Waters Creek, keeping the handrail and main valley to the right (This creek may be impassable after rain).
0.66	Int of Valley of the Waters and National Pass Tracks -33.7214,150.3597 (GR Katoomba, 553656)	21 -114	100 m 9 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the stone steps following the 'Wentworth Pass' sign passing the metal railing as the track winds around the side of the hill.
0.75	Int of Valley of the Waters and Wentworth Pass Tracks -33.7221,150.3598 (GR Katoomba, 554655)	1 -168	550 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Vera Falls' sign along the bush track, winding around the side of the hill.
1.30	Int of Robert's Pass and Vera Falls Tracks -33.727,150.3608 (GR Katoomba, 555650)	8 -125	470 m 20 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track heading down the hill, winding down past a large square boulder in the middle of the track.
1.77	Int of Vera Falls and Top Falls tracks -33.7305,150.3626 (GR Katoomba, 556646)	5 -15	70 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Top of Vera Falls. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track heading west, up along the side of the hill, keeping the valley down to the left.
1.77	Int of Vera Falls and Top Falls tracks -33.7305,150.3626 (GR Katoomba, 556646)	0 -36	80 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track, with the valley down to the right.
1.85	Int of Vera Falls and Bottom Falls track -33.7311,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 557645)	38 -27	380 m 11 mins	Optional sidetrip to Hippocrene Falls. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading south-east through the dense forest, following the frequently placed ribbon markers.
1.85	Int of Vera Falls and Bottom Falls track -33.7311,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 557645)	6 -5	50 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads west through the dense forest, following the sometimes indistinct track and the brightly coloured ribbon markers.