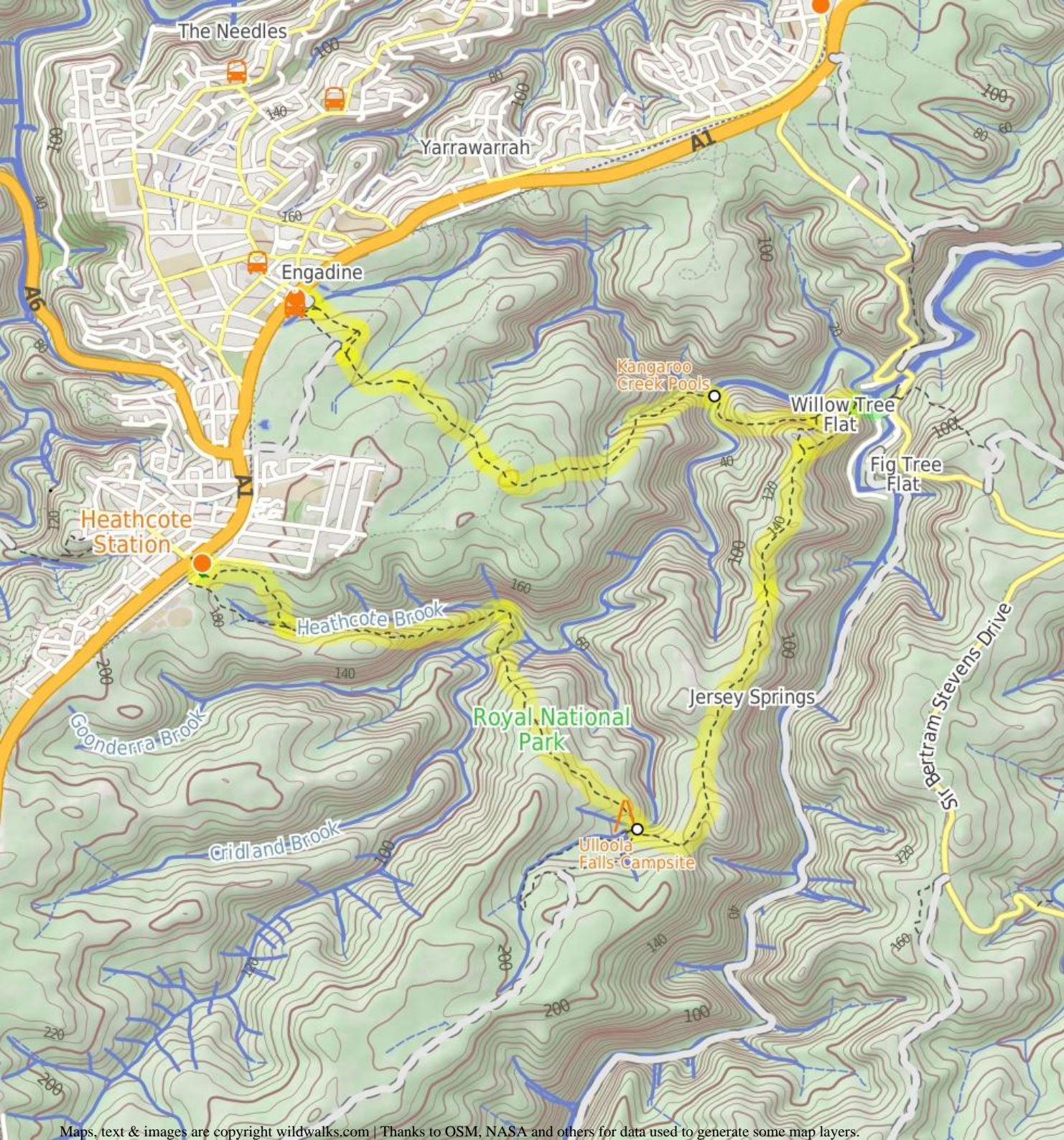


Heathcote to Engadine via Audley



6 hrs 30 mins

Hard track

15 km One way

635m

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Covering a large section of central Royal National Park, this walk goes through the heath and scrub along a well managed and signposted track. The walk loops from Heathcote Railway Station around to Engadine Station. With public transport at both ends, toilets and water at both Ulloola Falls and Reid's Park, this track has ample infrastructure to keep a walker out for a day, without losing the sense of getting away from it all.

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Royal National Park

Ulloola Falls Campsite

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Kangaroo Creek Pools

Kangaroo Creek Pools are found on the junction of Engadine Creek and Kangaroo Creek in the Royal National park. This is where Kangaroo creek begins to widen before it joins the Hacking River. The creek is lined with rock and provides a nice place for a splash and cool down. There is some limited shade from the trees in the valley. There are no facilities.

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 Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Royal 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;

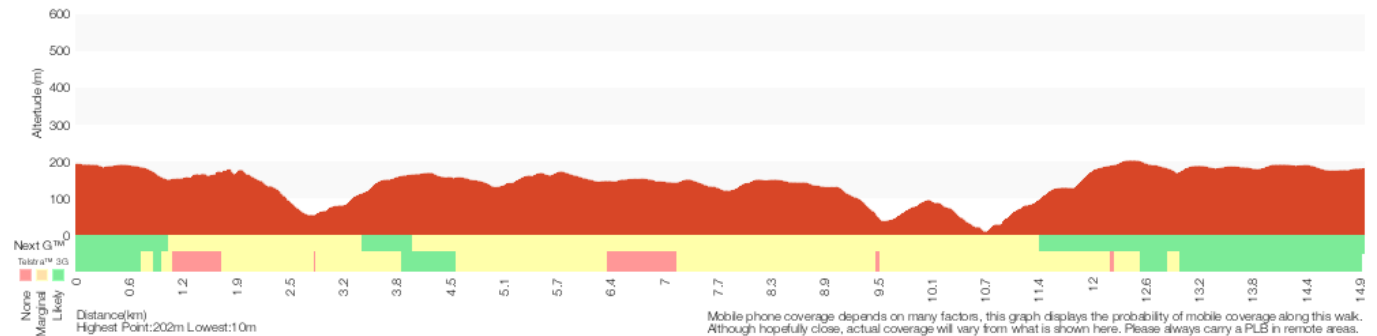
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Grade

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 4/6 Hard track	
Length	15 km One way
Time	6 hrs 30 mins
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



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.

Getting there You can get to Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Engadine Railway Station (gps: -34.0679, 151.0147) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

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

0 | Heathcote Railway Station

(200 m 3 mins) From Heathcote Station, this walk heads south-east along Wilson Parade following the railway tracks. Shortly after passing the emergency services centre, the track comes to an intersection with a bush track signposted as the 'Karloo Track'.

0.2 | Int of Karloo Track and Wilson Pde

(2.6 km 1 hr 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection of Wilson Pde and the bush track at the large sign saying 'Karloo Track', this walk heads east away from the road. Shortly after, this turns to the north and goes behind the Rural Firefighting Station (Emergency Services Centre), then the track turns back to the east and continues along the bush track. Gradually this turns to the south and goes slightly downhill until reaching Heathcote Brook. Just after crossing the brook, the track comes to an intersection with another bush track.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads east. The track gradually rises onto the ridgeline and there are some reasonably good views over the surrounding valley. The track continues east in this manner then begins to gradually drop down off the ridge along the slightly rougher bush track until reaching Karloo Pools. This would be a good spot to take a break and get your toes wet.

2.78 | Ulloola Falls Campsite

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2.78 | Karloo Pools

(2.3 km 45 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses Kangaroo Creek at Karloo Pools, then follows the 'Waterfall via Ulloola Falls' arrow up the hill between the rocks and along the rocky bush track. The track climbs up the long hill for a while, then it flattens out for a short while passing a sign pointing back to 'Heathcote', before continuing up another long rocky hill to the top of the ridge. From the top of the hill, the track continues through the trees which quickly open out into scrub. The walk follows the yellow painted markers across all the rock surfaces, until it gradually starts to descend down the end of the ridge, steadily winding down until coming to a large flat clearing. Here, the walk turns right and crosses the Ulloola Brook, then continues along the bush track heading away from the brook for a short while, passing the sign with arrows to 'Waterfall' and 'Heathcote' before coming to the 'Ulloola Falls Bush Campground'.

5.04 | Ulloola Falls Camp

(4 km 1 hr 16 mins) Veer left: From the campsite, this walk follows the 'Audley' signpost along the bush track. This gradually climbs up a long rocky hill, passing the occasional painted yellow directional marker. At the top of the ridge, the track flattens out and continues through the scrub, frequently crossing scattered rock surfaces with occasional painted markers. The track continues in this manner for a long while, until reaching an intersection with a bush track on the right, and a sign pointing back to 'Ulloola Falls'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track. The walk winds among the banksia and gum trees as it follows the defined rocky bush track along the ridge for a long while, before coming to the intersection, with multiple signposts including 'Audley' and 'Robertsons Roundabout'.

9.03 | Int of Ulloola Track and Robertson Roundabout

(560 m 18 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley 0.5km' on the 'Robertsons Roundabout' signpost, heading along the bush track. The track steps up onto the short rock shelf and continues up the short hill to the top of the ridge and down the other side, winding steadily down the long rocky hill. The walk then zigzags down a few sets of rock steps before coming down to the signposted intersection of the 'Robertson Roundabout' track.

9.59 | Optional sidetrip to Currawong Flats

(140 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading in the opposite direction to the Heathcote and Engadine arrows, winding down the hill via the rock steps that the track continues down to the banks of the Hacking River at Currawong Flats. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

9.59 | Int of Engadine, Audley and Ulloola Tracks

(1.2 km 27 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Heathcote', 'Engadine' and 'Kangaroo Creek' arrows along the bush track, steadily climbing up and along the side of the hill. The track provides views of the river (down to the right) as it heads up to the intersection, and a sign pointing back towards 'Audley'.

Veer right: From the intersection the track follows the Kangaroo Creek and Heathcote arrows along the bush track heading up the short rocky hill and along the side of the ridge, providing great views over the valley as it continues along for a while until coming to the top of a large metal staircase which it follows down to the bottom of the valley, coming to Kangaroo Creek.

10.77 | Kangaroo Creek Pools

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10.77 | Kangaroo Creek

(1.7 km 47 mins) Continue straight: From here the track crosses Kangaroo Creek at the rocks and continues up the wooden steps, passing the Heathcote sign as it heads up the long rocky hill. As the track climbs top half of the hill it steadily flattens out until reaching the top where it continues along for a short while before starting to climb again. From here the track continues up the wooden steps and the rocky bush track all the way to the top of the hill, where it continues through the bush to the signposted intersection of the Loop Trail.

12.5 | Loop Track Servicetrail (south-east)

(1.1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows

the 'Heathcote' arrow along the defined bush track, passing the 'no bicycles' sign and continuing through the thick gum tree forest for a while before coming to the signposted intersection with the the Loop Trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Engadine' arrow along the bush track through the thick gum tree forest. The walk passes a small bush track signposted as 'closed for rehabilitation' before crossing the small Forest Brook. The track then heads up the gentle rocky hill, flattening out to continue through the thick bush for a while before coming to the intersection with the management trail.

13.62 | Int of Engadine Track and Jacana Servicetrail

(510 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading west through the thick gum tree forest. The track winds across the dried up Gnarra Rill Creek bed and soon reaches the signposted intersection with a wide bush track.

14.13 | Int of Engadine and Gnarra Rill Bike Track (south)

(240 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Engadine' arrow along the wide bush track for approximately 25m before coming to the 'Y' intersection with a bush track, at the 'no bicycles' signpost. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading north through the dense bushland. After a while, the track passes a sign permitting bicycles, and comes to the large signposted intersection with a management trail.

14.37 | Int of Engadine Track and The Ave Servicetrail

(330 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection the track heads north-west along the servicetrail. After a relative short period with the the servicetrail changes to being a wide bush track and approximately 50m after the track changes style it comes to an intersection with another bush track coming up from the west.

14.7 | Int of Audley and Engadine bushtracks

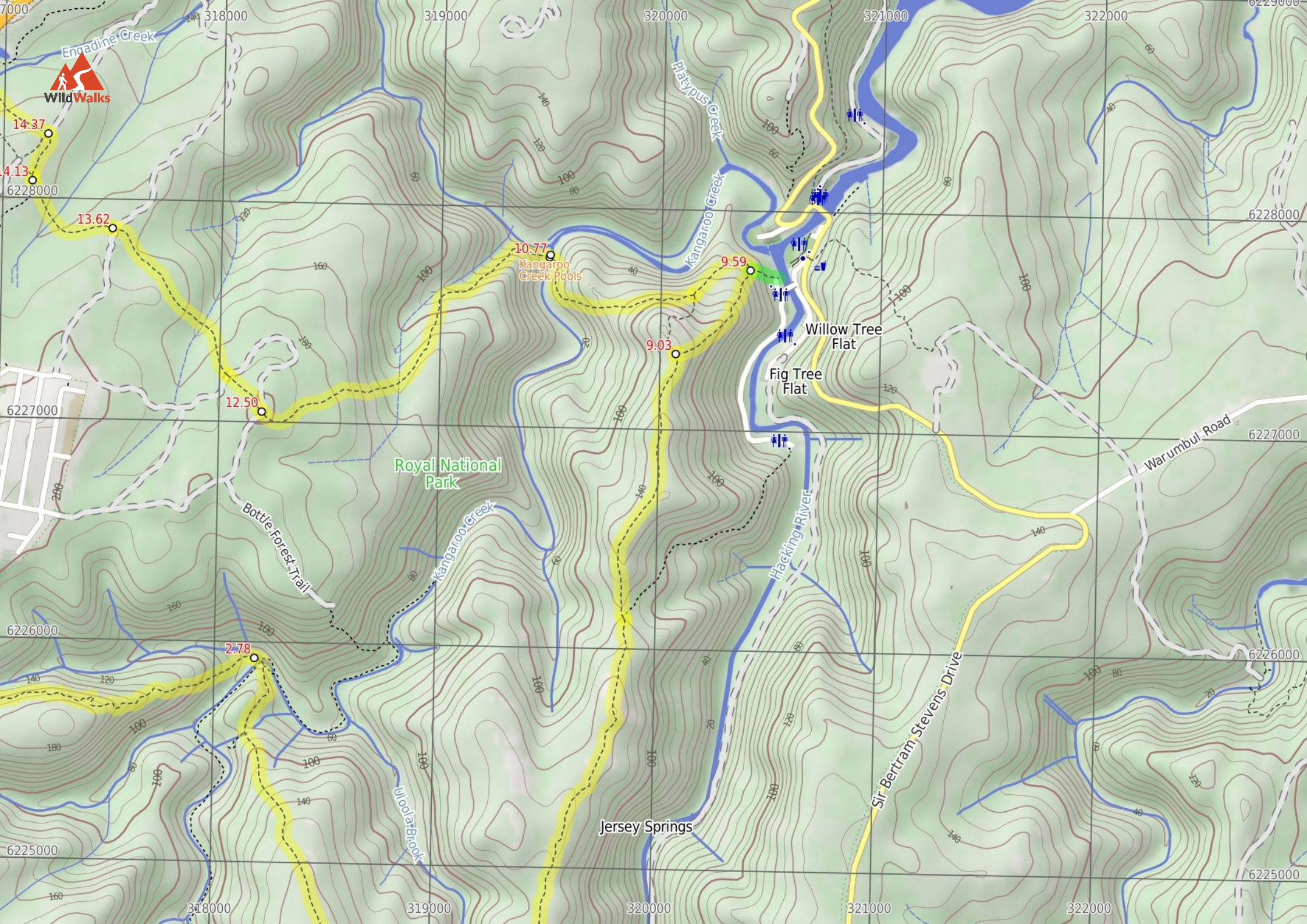
(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the bush track heading north west along the narrow bush track. Approximately 30m after this the track crosses a small creek with steep banks on either side. On the other side of the creek the track continues for another 30m before coming to an intersection with a servicetrail.

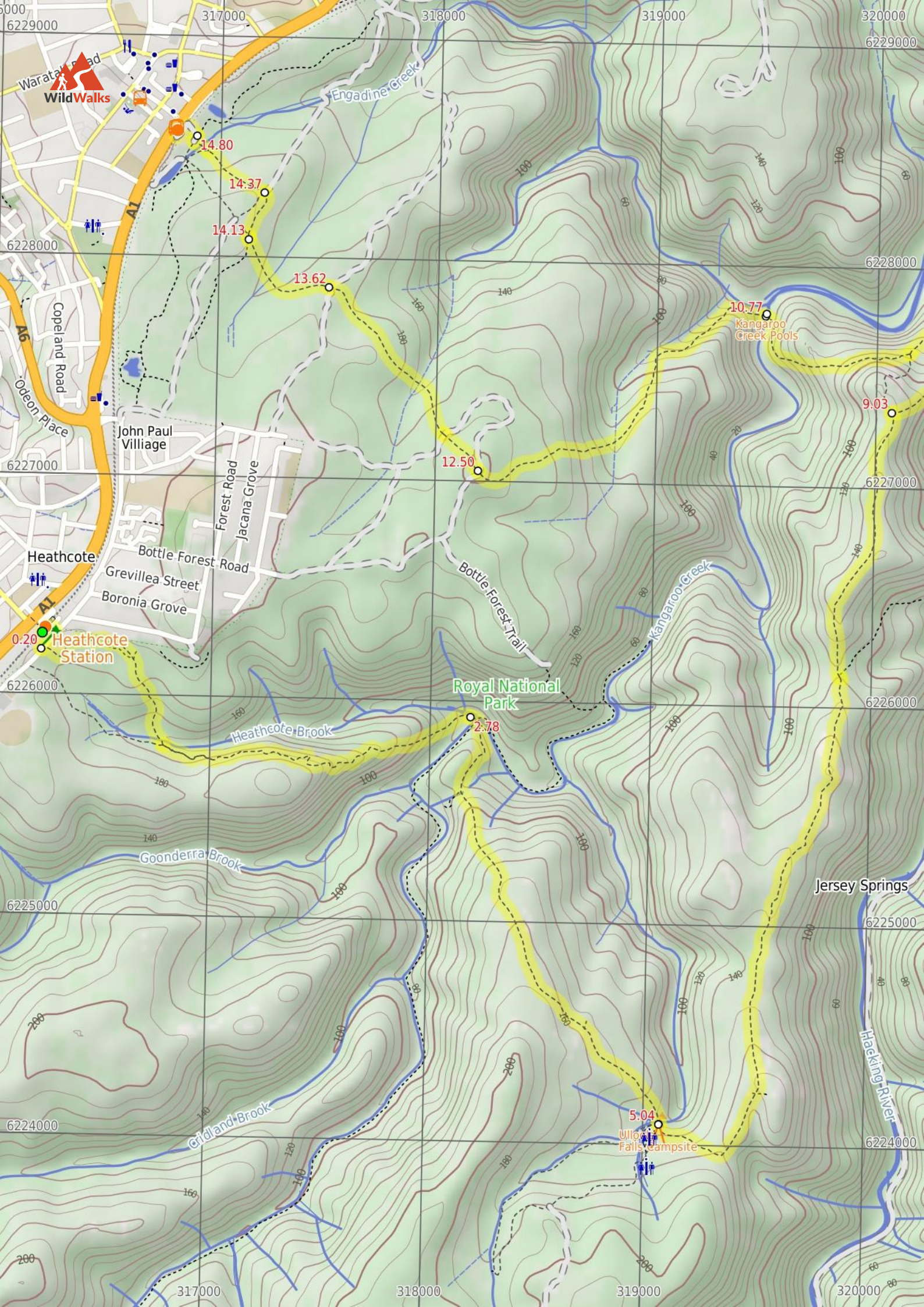
14.77 | Int of Engadine Track and Bushtracks

(30 m) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail north-east for a short distance before coming to an intersection marked by a sign pointing back to 'Audley 6km', and the bush track on the right is marked 'track closed for regeneration'.

14.8 | Int of Engadine Railway Servicetrail and Engadine

(150 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west along the management trail for a short distance before coming out at a long clearing behind Engadine train station. From here, this walk turns left and heads along beside the railway until reaching a short set of stairs heading up into train station.





Summary navigation sheet for the Heathcote to Engadine via Audley



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Heathcote Railway Station -34.0882,151.0081 (GR Port Hacking, 162263)	1 -2	200 m 3 mins	From Heathcote Station, this walk heads south-east along Wilson Parade following the railway tracks.
0.20	Int of Karloo Track and Wilson Pde -34.0888,151.008 (GR Port Hacking, 162262)	87 -222	2.6 km 1 hr 6 mins	Turn left : From the intersection of Wilson Pde and the bush track at the large sign saying 'Karloo Track', this walk heads east away from the road.
2.78	Karloo Pools -34.0917,151.0292 (GR Port Hacking, 182259)	125 -47	2.3 km 45 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses Kangaroo Creek at Karloo Pools, then follows the 'Waterfall via Uloola Falls' arrow up the hill between the rocks and along the rocky bush track.
5.04	Uloola Falls Camp -34.1083,151.0385 (GR Port Hacking, 191241)	105 -107	4 km 1 hr 16 mins	Veer left: From the campsite, this walk follows the 'Audley' signpost along the bush track.
9.03	Int of Uloola Track and Robertson Roundabout -34.0792,151.0499 (GR Port Hacking, 201273)	1 -92	560 m 18 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley 0.5km' on the 'Robertsons Roundabout' signpost, heading along the bush track.
9.59	Int of Engadine, Audley and Uloola Tracks -34.0758,151.0536 (GR Port Hacking, 204277)	0 -34	140 m 4 mins	Optional sidetrip to Currawong Flats. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading in the opposite direction to the Heathcote and Engadine arrows, winding down the hill via the rock steps that the track continues down to t...
9.59	Int of Engadine, Audley and Uloola Tracks -34.0758,151.0536 (GR Port Hacking, 204277)	67 -95	1.2 km 27 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Heathcote', 'Engadine' and 'Kangaroo Creek' arrows along the bush track, steadily climbing up and along the side of the hill.
10.77	Kangaroo Creek -34.0752,151.0437 (GR Port Hacking, 195278)	202 -10	1.7 km 47 mins	Continue straight: From here the track crosses Kangaroo Creek at the rocks and continues up the wooden steps, passing the Heathcote sign as it heads up the long rocky hill.
12.50	Loop Track Servicetrail (south-east) -34.0816,151.0296 (GR Port Hacking, 182270)	26 -42	1.1 km 23 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Heathcote' arrow along the defined bush track, passing the 'no bicycles' sign and continuing through the thick gum tree forest for a while before comi...
13.62	Int of Engadine Track and Jacana Servicetrail -34.0741,151.0222 (GR Port Hacking, 175279)	12 -7	510 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading west through the thick gum tree forest.
14.13	Int of Engadine and Gnarra Rill Bike Track (south) -34.0721,151.0183 (GR Port Hacking, 171281)	1 -4	240 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Engadine' arrow along the wide bush track for approximately 25m before coming to the 'Y' intersection with a bush track, at the 'no bicycles' signpost.
14.37	Int of Engadine Track and The Ave Servicetrail -34.0702,151.0191 (GR Port Hacking, 172283)	1 -15	330 m 6 mins	Veer left: From the intersection the track heads north-west along the servicetrail.
14.70	Int of Audley and Engadine bushtracks -34.0685,151.0163 (GR Port Hacking, 169285)	1 0	80 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading north west along the narrow bushtrack.
14.77	Int of Engadine Track and Bushtracks -34.0681,151.0156 (GR Port Hacking, 169285)	0 0	30 m	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail north-east for a short distance before coming to an intersection marked by a sign pointing back to 'Audley 6km', and the bush track on the ri...
14.80	Int of Engadine Railway Servicetrail and Engadine Track -34.0678,151.0157 (GR Port Hacking, 169285)	6 0	150 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west along the management trail for a short distance before coming out at a long clearing behind Engadine train station.