



PRE-APPROVED WALKS

The purpose of this list of pre-approved walks is to enable leaders to put on walks at very short notice (up to the day before the proposed activity) to allow for sudden improvements in weather or changed personal commitments. All of these walks are pre-approved by the SBC committee, which means that participants are covered by insurance policy. All of these pre-approved activities are on-track day-walks in the Blue Mountains region.

When a pre-approved very short notice walk is entered on the website an email will automatically be sent to all SBC full members who have indicated their interest in receiving pre-approved very short notice walk emails.

There are some restrictions:

- The activity must be entered on the online activities program, at the latest the evening before the proposed activity, and participants must be entered on and sign the activity waiver form.
- The start/finish location/s and start time must be entered in the "Meeting Details" field.
- Gradings are restricted to Grade 1 (Easy), Grade 2 (Easy/Medium), Grade 3 (Medium), and Grade 4 (Medium/Hard).
- Each walk must include a minimum of 3 Club members.
- Leaders should check in advance with the relevant landowner that the walk is open.

Depending upon the success of this new category of activities, this list of pre-approved activities may be expended in the future. Please send any suggested additions to the Activities Secretary.

LAPSTONE ZIG-ZAG HISTORIC WALK

Grade: Easy/Medium

Description: A circuit walk for people with an interest in the history of Blue Mountains road and rail construction. Generally easy grade, with some short steep ascents and descents. 13.5 km.

Map: Penrith

GLENBROOK STATION, GLENBROOK GORGE, LAPSTONE STATION

Grade: Easy/Medium

Description: An attractive walk using public transport. 7.5 km

Map: Penrith

BLUE POOL, GLENBROOK CREEK, FLORABELLA PASS

Grade: Easy/Medium

Description: A pleasant walk from Glenbrook Station to Warrimoo Station. 13.7km

Map: Penrith/Springwood

RED HANDS CAVE CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy

Description: A circuit walk from either the causeway or the Red Hands Cave parking area. 8km.

Map: Penrith

JACK EVANS TRACK

Grade: Easy/Medium
Description: A return walk from the Erskine carpark. 6km
Map: Penrith

FLORABELLA PASS

Grade: Easy
Description: A less strenuous walk from Blaxland to Warrimoo. 6.5km
Map: Springwood

SASSAFRAS GULLY, MAGDALA CREEK CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy/Medium
Description: Open eucalyptus forest, cool temperate forest, wispy waterfalls and shallow swimming holes. 11.4 km
Map: Springwood

WIGGINS & VICTORY TRACKS

Grade: Easy/Medium
Description: An pleasant walk with forests, creeks and falls from Springwood to Faulconbridge. 8 km
Map: Springwood

ADELINA FALLS, TERRACE FALLS, BEDFORD POOL CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy/Medium
Description: A circuit walk at Hazelbrook, with rainforest and waterfalls, historic tracks, and some on-road walking. 14km
Map: Katoomba

FREDERICA FALLS, LUCY'S GLEN, EMPIRE PASS, FAIRY FALLS CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy
Description: A beautiful circuit walk at Lawson from either the end of Hughes Avenue or the end of St. Bernards Drive. 7.5km
Map: Katoomba

CHARLES DARWIN WALK to WENTWORTH FALLS

Grade: Easy
Description: This walk follows the path taken by Charles Darwin in January 1836. A return walk from Wilson Park. 5km
Map: Katoomba

NATIONAL PASS, OVERCLIFF & UNDERCLIFF TRACKS CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium
Description: A spectacular circuit walk from either the Conservation Hut or the Wentworth Falls picnic area. 6.7km
Map: Katoomba

VERA FALLS, HIPPOCRENE FALLS, NATIONAL PASS CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: A circuit walk from the Conservation Hut. 6.6km
Map: Katoomba

NATURE TRACK CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy

Description: A circuit walk from the Conservation Hut at Wentworth Falls. \$km

Map: Katoomba

LEURA CASCADES, LEURA AMPHITHEATRE, FERN BOWER CIRCUIT

Grade: Easy/Medium

Description: A beautiful circuit walk from Leura Cascades or Solitary Restaurant. 2.5km

Map: Katoomba

LEURA CASCADES, LEURA FOREST, DARDENELLES PASS, GIANT STAIRWAY, PRINCE HENRY WALK

Grade: Medium

Description: A spectacular circuit walk with world-famous views, old growth forests and lots of bell birds. 6.8km

Map: Katoomba

FORTRESS RIDGE

Grade: Easy

Description: A return walk with great views from Mount Hay Road. 8km

Map: Katoomba

LOCKLEY PYLON

Grade: Easy

Description: A relatively level return walk with spectacular views. 7km

Map: Katoomba / Mount Wilson

MOUNT HAY AND BUTTERBOX

Grade: Easy

Description: A return walk from the end of Mount Hay Road. 4km

Map: Katoomba

THREE SISTERS, GIANT STAIRWAY, FEDERAL PASS, FURBER STAIRS CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium

Description: A circuit walk that can be made a little easier by ascending on the Scenic Railway. 335m descent/ascent. 5.6km

Map: Katoomba

GOLDEN STAIRS, RUINED CASTLE, MOUNT SOLITARY

Grade: Medium/Hard

Description: A spectacular return walk from the Golden Stairs carpark on Narrow Neck. 15km

Map: Katoomba / Jamison

EVANS LOOKOUT, GRAND CANYON, NEATES GLEN CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium

Description: A wonderful circuit walk on a recently refurbished track. 350 m descent/ascent. 6.5km

Map: Katoomba

EVANS LOOKOUT, RODRIGUEZ PASS, HORSE TRACK CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: A vigorous circuit walk from Evans Lookout. 10km
Map: Katoomba

GOVETTS LEAP LOOKOUT, EVANS LOOKOUT, HORSE TRACK, RODRIGUEZ PASS CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: Another vigorous circuit walk. 7020m descent/ascent. 9.8km
Map: Katoomba

GOVETTS LEAP LOOKOUT, EVANS LOOKOUT, HORSE TRACK, RODRIGUEZ PASS CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: Another vigorous circuit walk. 760m descent/ascent. 9.8km
Map: Katoomba

PERRY'S LOOKDOWN, BLUE GUM FOREST

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: A return walk to the famous Blue Gum Forest. 630m descent/ascent. 6km
Map: Mount Wilson

WALLS LEDGE, PORTERS PASS, CENTENNIAL GLEN CIRCUIT

Grade: Medium
Description: Part of this circuit track dates from 1888. 215m descent/ascent. 6.4km
Map: Katoomba

VICTORIA FALLS, BURRA KORAIN

Grade: Medium
Description: A return walk from the end of Victoria Falls Road to Burra Korain Flat. 380m descent/ascent. 12km
Map: Mount Wilson

PIERCES PASS, BLUE GUM FOREST

Grade: Medium/Hard
Description: The Hungerford Track through Pierces Pass is the easiest way to get to the Grose River, but it still involves lots of steps. 430m descent/ascent. 13km
Map: Mount Wilson

MOUNT BANKS

Grade: Medium
Description: A short return walk retracing the steps of George Caley. 4km
Map: Mount Wilson

SOME USEFUL REFERENCES:

Walking Track and Visitor Guide (Various Titles), NPWS

Take a Walk in the Blue Mountains, John & Lyn Daly, Take a Walk Publications

Key Guide – Exploring the Blue Mountains, Leonard Cronin, Envirbook

Blue Mountains Best Bushwalks, Veechi Stuart, SMH & Woodslane

How To See The Blue Mountains, Jim Smith, Megalong Books (out of print)

The Best 50 Bus Walks Around Sydney, George Driscoll, Best Sydney Bushwalks

Day Walks, Wilf Hider, Springwood Bushwalking Club (out of print)

Also, a range of Titles published by Robert Sloss, and also by Pocket Pal.