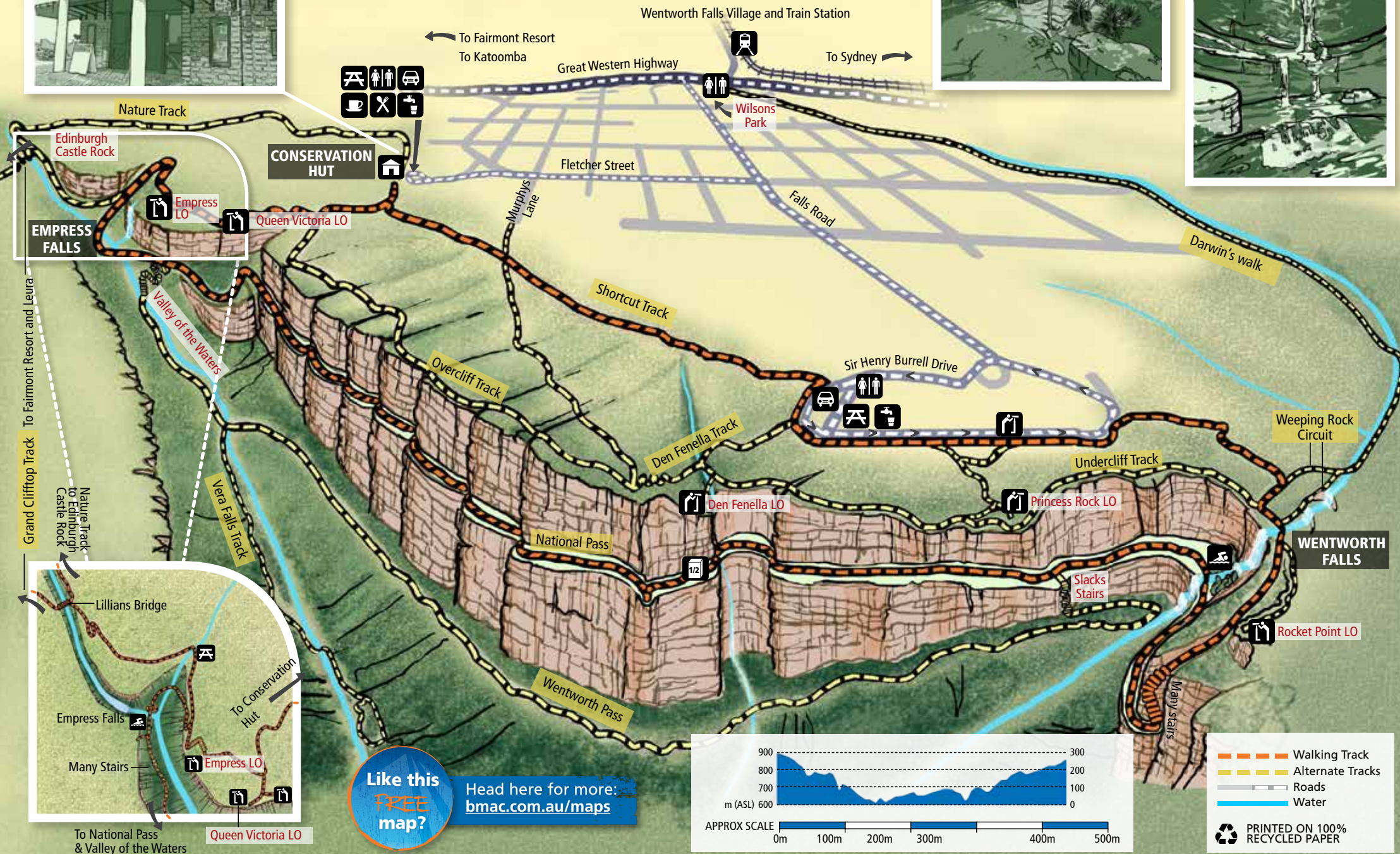




The National Pass - Wentworth Falls



The National Pass

Carry 2 litres of water per person. Drinking water from waterfalls and creeks is not recommended.

Getting There

Car

Follow the Great Western Highway and turn onto **Falls Rd**. Follow **Falls Rd** for 1.3km, then turn right on Fletcher St. Continue for 750m, following the road slightly left towards the **Conservation Hut**.

Taxi, Bus and Train

Local taxis are a convenient and affordable option for small groups. They are readily available in Leura and Katoomba. There are bus and train services to the Wentworth Falls village but they are not frequent, so plan ahead. You can find timetable information at www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

Walking from Wentworth Falls Village 3km (Charles Darwin Walk 2.8km)

Follow Station Street south and turn right on to the **Great Western Highway**. Walk 150m to Wilsons Park and from the back corner of the park follow the delightful Charles Darwin Walk for approximately 35 minutes past enchanting waterfalls and unique hanging swamps to Wentworth Falls.

Looking for more?

There is an excellent network of trails in the Wentworth Falls area - please consider your abilities carefully. The short, delightful **Nature Trail** traverses heathland, hanging swamp and temperate rainforest, passing **Edinburgh Castle rock** (an area of indigenous significance) and the upper **Valley of the Waters**. The **Undercliff and Den Fenella Tracks** offer an extended and scenic route between Wentworth Falls and the Conservation Hut. The **Overcliff Track** offers a more scenic route with spectacular lookouts. **Wentworth Pass**, which skirts the base of the cliff below **National Pass**, is a challenging and rewarding walk suitable for experienced walkers.



Think before you T.R.E.K.

Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation, first aid equipment and warm, waterproof clothing

Register your planned route and tell friends and family of your expected return time

Emergency Locator Beacons are available for loan free of charge

Keep to the planned route on the map and follow walking tracks

Go to www.police.nsw.gov.au/trek

National Pass return loop via the Shortcut track

4.5km - 3 to 4 hours
450m descent/ascent

Route

From the **Conservation Hut**, follow signs towards Empress Falls and descend into the valley, past pretty cascades and rainforest. Stop for a swim at the waterhole below **Empress Falls** before continuing downhill to the turn off for the **National Pass trail**. Turn left onto this historic track, which follows a narrow ledge between two cliffs. To your left, massive blocks of sandstone soar above you and to your right the cliff plunges into the **Jamison Valley** below. Take a moment to enjoy the stunning views across the World Heritage Area to the south.

The track eventually reaches the impressive first drop of **Wentworth Falls** where you can take a refreshing natural shower. Prepare yourself for a steep hike up many stairs carved into the sandstone cliffs. At the top of the falls, hop across the stepping-stones at **Jamison Creek** and follow signs to the car park (Sir Henry Burrell Drive). Across the car park, look for the **Shortcut Track** to lead you back to the **Conservation Hut**.

Experience adventure

The Blue Mountains has long been a playground for those with an adventurous spirit. For anyone willing to step off the beaten path and venture a little further the rewards are fantastic. Beyond the lookouts is a world of rugged grandeur – towering orange and grey cliffs, rocky pinnacles, streams which suddenly plummet into dark, hidden canyons, and vast convoluted mazes of ridges and gullies.

Abseiling, canyoning, rock climbing and adventure bushwalks are great ways to explore this unique landscape. Fantastic adventure journeys in a spectacular setting await.



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