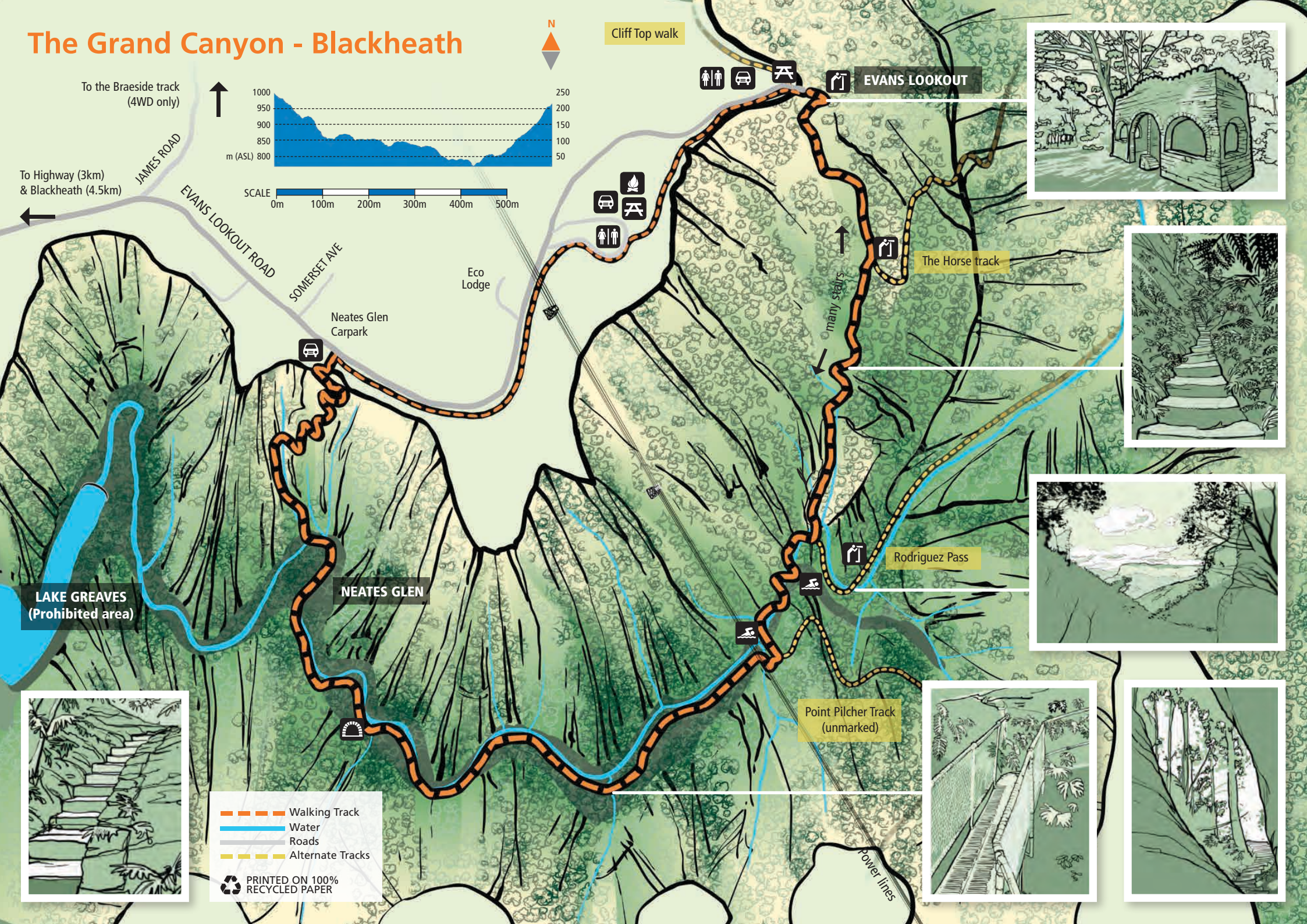


The Grand Canyon - Blackheath



The Grand Canyon

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 the clearly marked **Evans Lookout Road**, just south of Blackheath Village. After 2.9 kilometres you will arrive at the **Neates Glen car park** on the right side of the road.

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 **Blackheath Village**. They are not frequent so plan ahead. You can find timetable information at www.transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

Walking from Blackheath Village (4.2km)

Follow **Govetts Leap Road** away from the highway. Take the first right onto **Wentworth Road**. Continue for 1.6km (approx. 20 mins). Just before the Golf Course the road changes name to Valley View Road. After the Golf Club take the second left onto **Evans Lookout Road**. Walk for another 2.6km (25-30 mins) to the **Neates Glen car park**.

Looking for more?

The **Grand Canyon** is a gateway to the breathtaking Grose Valley. Branching off from the Grand Canyon walk you will find a variety of trails: please consider your abilities carefully. To enjoy panoramic views of the Grose Valley, follow the **Clifftop Walk** to the Braeside Track and Govetts Leap (moderate, 3km). For closet historians, take the **Point Pilcher Track** to Medlow Bath (steep, 6km). A walk to Junction Rock via the **Horse Track** or **Rodriguez Pass** (steep, 8km) takes you into the heart of the Grose Valley. If you are prepared for an overnight adventure, discover the Blue Gum Forest via Govetts Creek (8km one way, not pictured).



Think before you T.R.E.K.

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

Neates Glen to Evans Lookout return loop

5.5km – 3 to 4 hrs
400m descent/ascent

Route

Start your walk from **Neates Glen car park** by following the trail downhill. As you descend you will discover a hidden rainforest of bright ferns, trickling creeks, impressive rock shelters and a short tunnel. Follow the stairs and bridges, stepping across narrow gorges and winding your way into the depths of the spectacular **Grand Canyon**. From here the track follows the creek, passing peaceful waterholes where you can stop for a swim.

After 2-3 hours of walking you come to a track junction. Take a moment to rest at the creek before you start the long, steep walk up to **Evans Lookout**. It is about an hour to the top, so stop to rest and take in the changing environment along the way. At **Evans Lookout** you will be rewarded with a stunning view of the Grose Valley. From here, take the marked track through the bush on the left side of the road to the **Neates Glen car park**.

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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