

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY ROUTE PLAN



Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Bronze Adventurous Journey

Heathcote & Royal National Parks, Sydney

Heathcote Loop via Waterfall – 21.4km: 2 days / 1 night

NB: Any bearings listed in the Route Description are written as GRID bearings. Remember to convert these to MAGNETIC bearings.

Start GR	End GR	Grid Bearing	Magnetic Bearing	Distance	Estimated Time	Actual Time
Day 1: Heathcote Station to Kingfisher Pool campsite						
162263	155265			1 km	17 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
From the station, this walk follows the footpath towards the highway, passing the left side of the car park, until it reaches the highway, which it crosses at the traffic lights.						
155265	153263			400 m	9 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, crossing under the high tension power lines and bending around to the right a short distance, before coming back around to the left and passing a management trail. Turn right: follow a bush track then turn down the long steep hill winding down to a T-intersection with a wider track.						
153263	150264			330 m	7 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading down along the side of the hill and through the thick bush.						
150264	145260			940 m	21 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mirang Pool' arrow along the asphalt trail down the long hill.						
145260	136254			1.4 km	29 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>			<i>Personal notes and observations</i>			
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lake Eckersley' arrow along the management trail, keeping the pipe line to the left, as it heads through the bush.						

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136254	132243			1.3 km	30 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Veer left: From the intersection (on the western side of the causeway), this walk follows the somewhat over grown 'Waterfall 7km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, along the narrow track; keep the valley to your right. Continue to the signposted intersection of the "Goanna Track".						
132243	130224			2.2 km	52 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, winding along the bush track on the side of the hill for a long time, occasionally passing a rock platform with views of Heathcote Creek. Continue to descend steeply to Heathcote Creek, where it comes to the signposted intersection of the Mooray Track.						
130224	135219			930 m	21 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Waterfall' arrow on the Bullawarring Track signpost, heading along the bush track which follows Heathcote Creek. You will have arrived at Kingfisher Pool campground. END OF DAY ONE.						
Day 2: Kingfisher Pool to Heathcote Station						
135219	142216			830 m	15 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Continue straight: From the campsite, this walk heads away from the water for about 20m back to the main track, where this walk turns left to head east through the thick scrub for a while.						
142216	143217			30 m	1 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north, crossing the creek and heading along the service trail for a very short period, before coming to an intersection with a bush track going off to the right.						

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143217	148216			630 m	17 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullawarring Track - Waterfall' sign south-east away from the power lines, following the narrow but clear track for several hundred metres. Continue straight through the intersection and ascend the rock steps. The walk continues up a long set of wooden steps to the signposted intersection with a service trail.						
148216	151210			90 m	2 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading up the gentle hill towards the houses for a short while before coming to the end of Warabin Street. Waterfall Station.						
151210	155207			590 m	11 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Cross over Waterfall Station and walk east through the commuter carpark. Enter Royal National Park on the Uloola Falls Trail, heading south-east towards Waterfall Oval.						
155207	185236			4.9 km	1 hr 25 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Enter Uloola Fire Trail. Follow the trail, passing Uloola Swamp and then handrailing Uloola Brook on your western side.						
185236	190240			740m	17 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Take the north-east track at the junction and go to Uloola Falls Campground. This site has a toilet, and there is usually water in the creek, which does need to be treated before drinking.						
190240	182259			2.3 km	45 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Take the north-west track (Karloo Track) and continue northerly to Karloo Pool. This is a nice location to rest and cool your feet.						
182259	162263			2.8 km	1 hr 9 mins	
<i>Route Description</i>				<i>Personal notes and observations</i>		
Head west on Karloo Pools Walking Track. At the junction, take the northerly path. Turn west when you join the East Heathcote Trail to continue to Wilson Parade, passing on the west side of the Sutherland Shire Emergency Services Centre. Cross over Heathcote Station to end at the main carpark. END OF JOURNEY.						