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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 walks 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 Govetts Leap Lookout (gps: -33.628, 150.3113) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Evans Lookout car park (gps: -33.6466, 150.3254). Car: There is free parking available.

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

0 | Govetts Leap Lookout

Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.

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 $(700 \ m \ 17 \ mins)$ From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left. The track rises for approximately 400m and then heads down the hillside. The walk zigzags down the hill, with stairs, and then crosses a creek with cement steppingstones, coming to a signposted intersection on the other side.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the winding stairs towards the cliffs. The soon comes to the railed Barrow Lookout, where there is a bench seat.

0.7 | Barrow Lookout

Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.

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(2.1 km 53 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk heads up the stairs, keeping the valley below on the left. The walk winds up the stairs for quite some time, then flattens out along the cliff top. This walk continues along the flat for approximately 100m before climbing up more stairs for approximately 200m, to a bench seat at the intersection. If the track begins to descend after the bench seat, then you have gone too far.

Veer left: From the intersection at the bench seat, this walk heads down the hill, with the valley on the left. The track flattens out for approximately 100m before swinging right, into a gully. The track climbs out of the gully and continues to undulate around the hillside for approximately 500m. The track then descends steeply into 'Haywards Gully' which has a boardwalk bridge. This walk follows the wooden boardwalk for approximately 30m, then continues along a flat, dirt track for approximately 60m. The track then climbs up the hill for approximately 100m to Evans Lookout car park.

2.8 | Hayward Gully

Hayward Gully, Blue Mountains National Park, is named after the first white man, William Hayward, to reach the floor of Govetts Gorge, in 1847. The area is a small gully along the Cliff Top Walk between Evans Lookout and Barrows Lookout. The gully is a quiet place, with a bench seat to enjoy the flora and fauna, and views through the trees into the Grose Valley.

2.8 | Evans Lookout toilets

(270 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the car park, the walk heads to the other end of the car park (towards the lookouts), to the intersection on the left of the information sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill for approximately 30m to the intersection (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill to the railed lookout approximately 20m down, towards the cliff edge.

Turn around: From Valley View Lookout, this walk heads up the hill approximately 20m to the sign marked intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Evans Lookout' sign along the hillside, keeping the cliffs to the left of the track. The walk heads along the flat track for approximately 100m to the tarmac surface of Evans Lookout.

3.07 | Evans Lookout

Evans Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the spectacular Grose Valley, with its deep gorges, green forest and prominent cliff lines. The fenced lookout is at the end of Evans Lookout Road. There is a rock shelter hut and toilets.

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(80 m 3 mins) Turn sharp right: From the lookout, this walk heads up the hill towards a stone shelter. The track continues past the stone shelter and away from the cliff line, to soon arrive at the car park.

