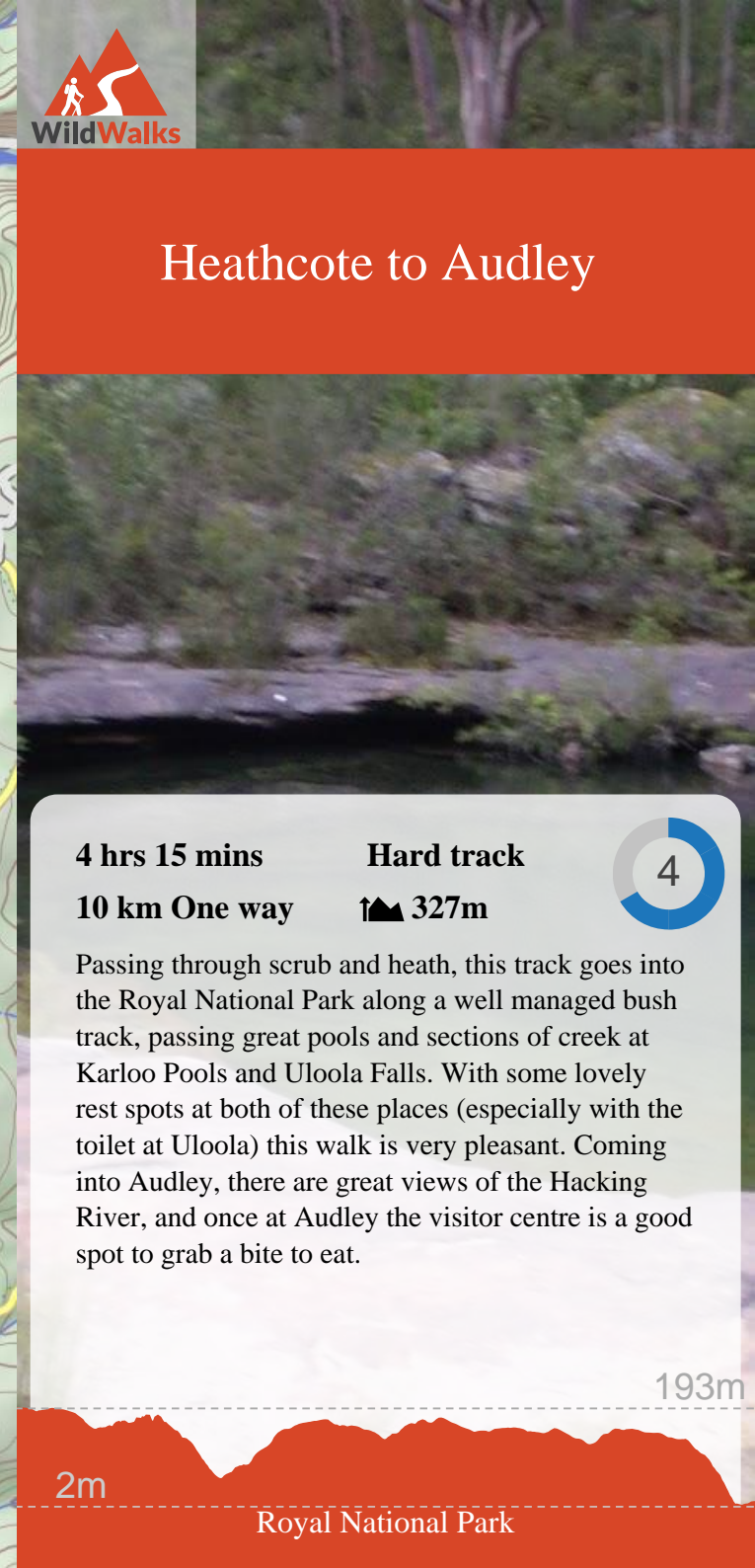
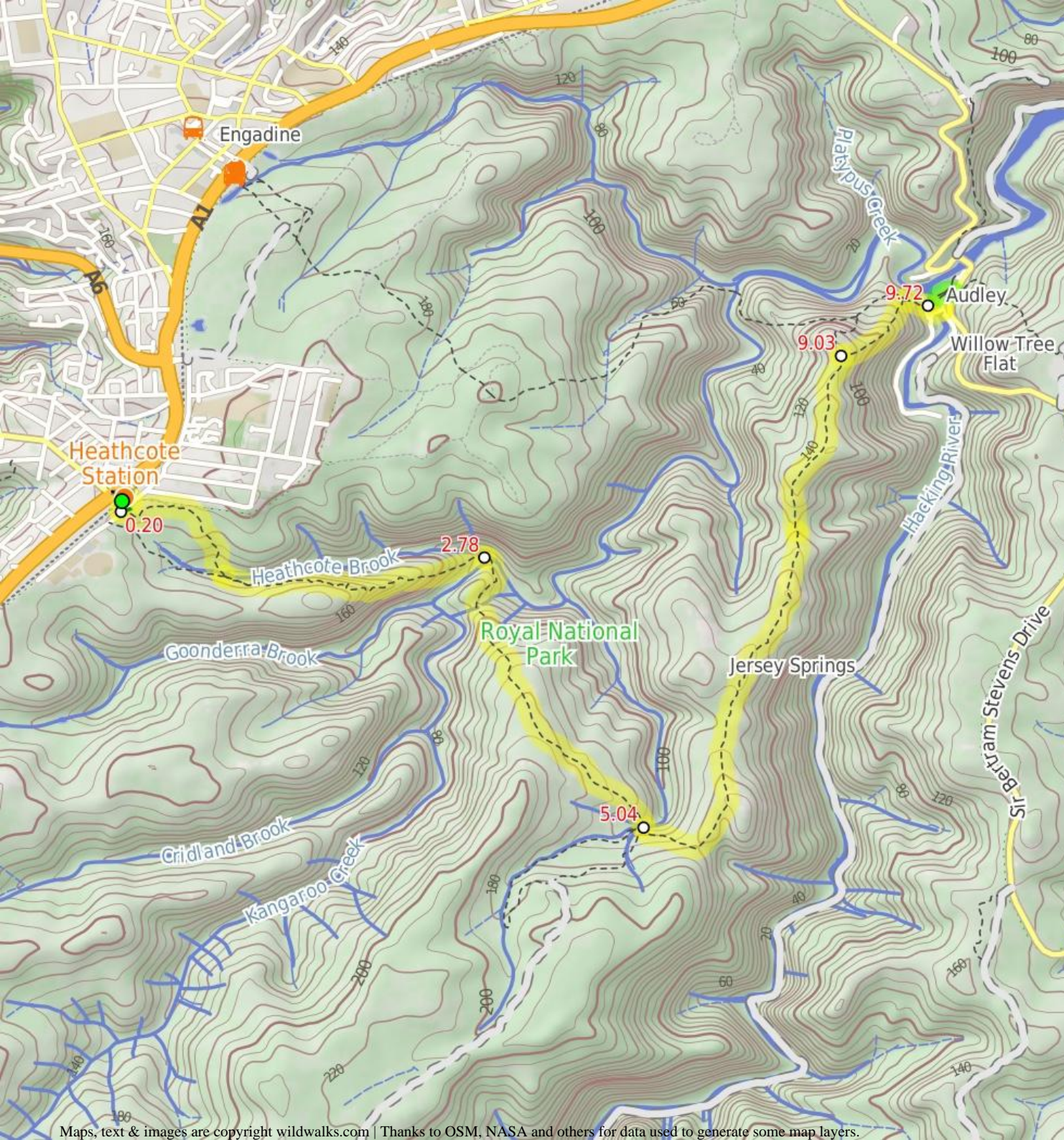


Heathcote to Audley



4 hrs 15 mins

Hard track

10 km One way

▲ 327m



Passing through scrub and heath, this track goes into the Royal National Park along a well managed bush track, passing great pools and sections of creek at Karloo Pools and Uloola Falls. With some lovely rest spots at both of these places (especially with the toilet at Uloola) this walk is very pleasant. Coming into Audley, there are great views of the Hacking River, and once at Audley the visitor centre is a good spot to grab a bite to eat.

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Royal National Park

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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081).

Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Royal National Park Information Centre (gps: -34.0753, 151.0565). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Heathcote Railway Station

(200 m 3 mins) From Heathcote Station, this walk heads south-east along Wilson Parade following the railway tracks. Shortly after passing the emergency services centre, the track comes to an intersection with a bush track signposted as the 'Karloo Track'.

0.2 | Int of Karloo Track and Wilson Pde

(2.6 km 1 hr 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection of Wilson Pde and the bush track at the large sign saying 'Karloo Track', this walk heads east away from the road. Shortly after, this turns to the north and goes behind the Rural Firefighting Station (Emergency Services Centre), then the track turns back to the east and continues along the bush track. Gradually this turns to the south and goes slightly downhill until reaching Heathcote Brook. Just after crossing the brook, the track comes to an intersection with another bush track.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads east. The track gradually rises onto the ridgeline and there are some reasonably good views over the surrounding valley. The track continues east in this manner then begins to gradually drop down off the ridge along the slightly rougher bush track until reaching Karloo Pools. This would be a good spot to take a break and get your toes wet.

2.78 | Karloo Pools

(2.3 km 45 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses Kangaroo Creek at Karloo Pools, then follows the 'Waterfall via Uloola Falls' arrow up the hill between the rocks and along the rocky bush track. The track climbs up the long hill for a while, then it flattens out for a short while passing a sign pointing back to 'Heathcote', before continuing up another long rocky hill to the top of the ridge. From the top of the hill, the track continues through the trees which quickly open out into scrub. The walk follows the yellow painted markers across all the rock surfaces, until it gradually starts to descend down the end of the ridge, steadily winding down until coming to a large flat clearing. Here, the walk turns right and crosses the Uloola Brook, then continues along the bush track heading away from the brook for a short while, passing the sign with arrows to 'Waterfall' and 'Heathcote' before coming to the 'Uloola Falls Bush Campground'.

5.04 | Uloola Falls Camp

(4 km 1 hr 16 mins) Veer left: From the campsite, this walk follows the 'Audley' signpost along the bush track. This gradually climbs up a long rocky hill, passing the occasional painted yellow directional marker. At the top of the ridge, the track flattens out and continues through the scrub, frequently crossing scattered rock surfaces with occasional painted markers. The track continues in this manner for a long while, until reaching an intersection with a bush track on the right, and a sign pointing back to 'Uloola Falls'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track. The walk winds among the banksia and gum trees as it follows the defined rocky bush track along the ridge for a long while, before coming to the intersection, with multiple signposts including 'Audley' and 'Robertsons Roundabout'.

9.03 | Int of Uloola Track and Robertson Roundabout

(560 m 18 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley 0.5km' on the 'Robertsons Roundabout' signpost, heading along the bush track. The track steps up onto the short rock shelf and continues up the short hill to the top of the ridge and down the other side, winding steadily down the long rocky hill. The walk then zigzags down a few sets of rock steps before coming down to the signposted intersection of the 'Robertson Roundabout' track.

9.59 | Int of Engadine, Audley and Uloola Tracks

(140 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading in the opposite direction to the Heathcote and Engadine arrows, winding down the hill via

the rock steps that the track continues down to the banks of the Hacking River at Currawong Flats.

9.72 | Currawong Flats

(280 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the end of the bush track, this walk heads through Currawong Flats, keeping the river on the left, until reaching the bridge. The track turns left and crosses the Hacking River on the bridge, to come to Lady Carrington Drive.

Turn left: From the bridge, this walk heads along the road, keeping the river to the left. Passing the park lands and picnic area, the road then meets Sir Bertram Stevens Drive and a short distance further comes to the Royal National Park Information Centre.

10 | Optional sidetrip to Ironbark Flat Picnic Area

(100 m 2 mins) Turn sharp left: From the visitor centre, this walk passes between the centre and the toilet block, heading down the stairs and onto the large, grassed clearing of Ironbark Flats. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.