

Lapstone Bridge ZigZag walk



1 Hr

Hard track

2 km Circuit

104m

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This walk is more about history than the bush, but it still gives great views. The walk explores a small section of the old Lapstone Zig Zag railway (not to be confused with the more famous Lithgow Zig Zag railway). You will walk where the tracks once stood, through sandstone cuttings, passing an old train station, to the famous Knapsack Viaduct (bridge).

100m

155m

Blue Mountains LGA

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 Car park (gps: -33.7668, 150.6406) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

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

0 | Car park

(220 m 5 mins) From the Lapstone water reservoir car park, this walk heads towards the motorway (north), following the foot path on the left (western) side of the road. The walk continues down the hill and under the bridge. At the end of the cutting after the bridge, the walk comes to the base of a set of stairs.

0.22 | Steps

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: From here, the walk heads up the steps to the clearing at the top. This clearing is an old quarry and section of the original rail line. There is a bit of a 'rabbit warren' of tracks in this area.

0.24 | Quarry

(350 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the quarry, the track heads north, initially across the gully then into the old railway cutting. The track then follow this old train line through several cuttings and, before long, comes across a junction of these cuttings. (The other track (not used by this walk, heads south, passing a few hundred meters west of the quarry.)

0.6 | Intersection of cuttings

(240 m 5 mins) Veer right: The track continues north through a few more cuttings, and past an old platform. Soon after this, then the track comes onto the siding (a section of railway track used for storing trains) and at the end of the siding is an old lookout, giving views down the gully to Knapsack Bridge.

0.84 | Siding

(300 m 11 mins) Turn sharp right: The walk follows the the track from the lookout down the ridge, initially turning south to come back parallel with the rail line until coming to a small track intersection. From here, the walk follows the track and

stairs, winding down the hill. The track comes to the south-western corner of the bridge. After exploring the bridge footings, the track follows the defined path up to the southern end of the bridge.

1.14 | Knapsack Bridge

(150 m 3 mins) Turn right: From Knapsack Bridge, the walk heads south along the old road, which soon comes to a locked gate. The walk continues around the gate and soon meets an intersection with a footpath, which heads south along the Great Western Highway.

1.29 | Western Motorway Footpath

(470 m 10 mins) Turn right: This walk heads south along the footpath - it is far from a wilderness experience, walking along the highway, but serves as the most direct return route. The walk comes to the steps, next to the on-ramp.

1.75 | steps

(220 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the base of the steps (which lead to the old quarry), this walk heads south along the footpath that follows the on-ramp as it turns and goes under the bridge. Soon after the bridge, the walk stays left to stick to the track that brings you to the Lapstone water reservoir car park.

