

## The Forest Way Track



1 hr 45 mins

Moderate track

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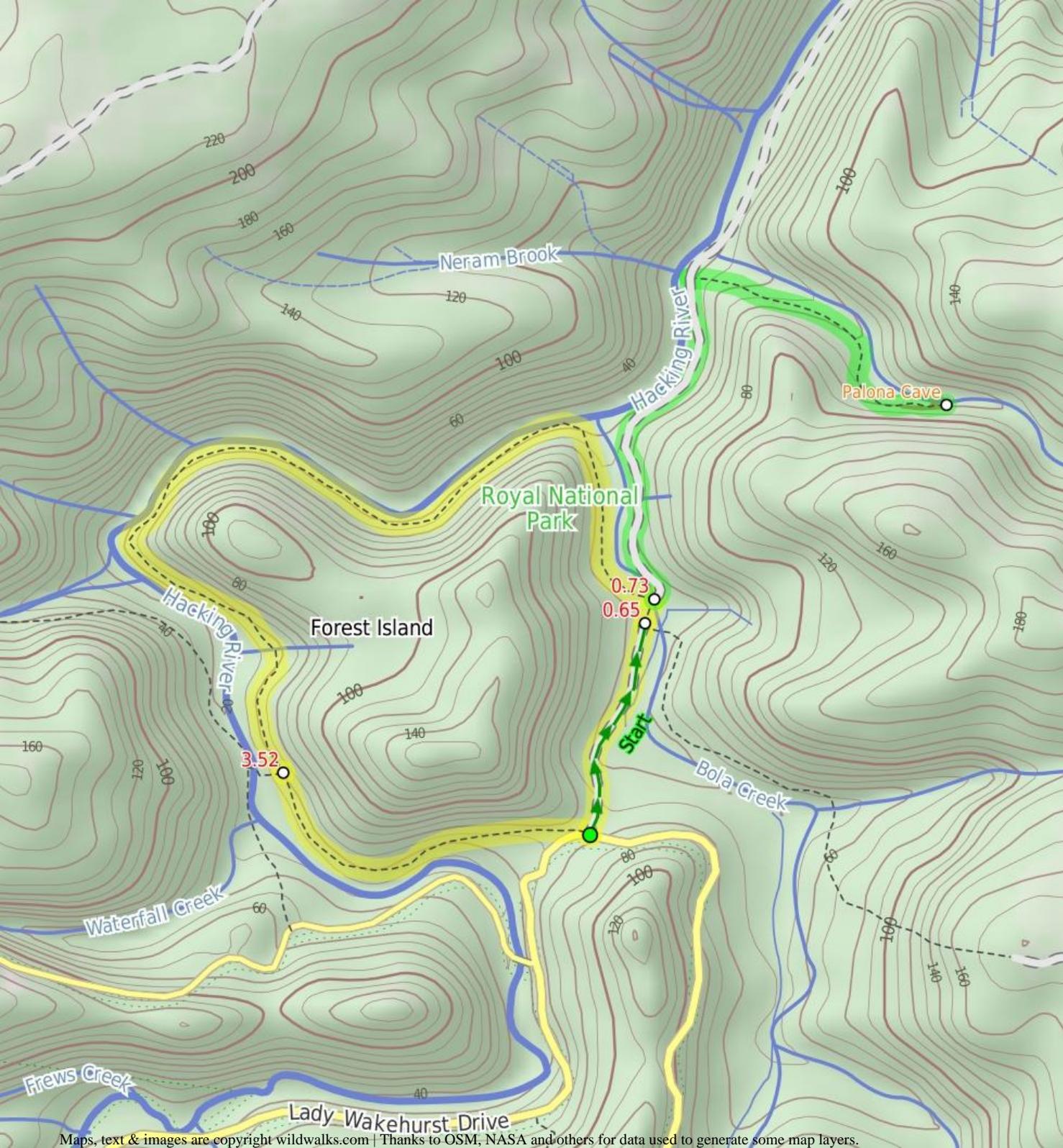
4.4 km Circuit

179m

Opened in 1886, the Forest Path was once part of a controversial logging site, the first time that logging was stopped in Australia by protest. Now it is a short trail looping around the hill, following the Hacking River. Through a shaded environment of ferns and eucalypts, this walk passes through a very pretty environment that was definitely worth preserving.

13m

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 Int of Lady Carrington Drive and Sir Bertam Stevens Drive (gps: -34.1488, 151.0303). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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/tfw>

### **0 | Int of Lady Carrington Drive and Sir Bertam Steven**

*(650 m 12 mins)* From the car park on Sir Bertram Stevens Drive (500m north of the intersection with McKell Ave), this walk follows the Lady Carrington Drive trail through the National Park gate and down the long gentle hill. The track heads through the forest until coming to the signposted intersection with the 'Walumarra Track'.

### **0.65 | Int of Lady Carrington Drive and Walumarra Bushtra**

*(70 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt road to the north, through the forest for a short distance before bending to the right and coming down to the signposted intersection with 'The Forest Path' at the Bola Creek picnic area.

### **0.73 | Optional sidetrip to Palona Cave and Waterfall**

*(1.8 km 41 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley 9km' arrow down the short gentle slope and across Bola Creek, following the dirt road as it bends around to the left and continues up and along beside the creek. The road heads through the forest for a long while before coming to the hidden, signposted intersection with the faint 'Limestone Cave' bush track (the timber sign is not obvious, it is behind a large tree on the left, just before the signposted 'Palona Brook').

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Limestone Cave 1.6km' arrow along the track, heading up the hill and away from the road. The walk continues up a long

hill, winding through dense forest for a short while before flattening out and continuing along the side of the hill. The walk winds through the bush and passes several rock overhangs and outcrops either side of the track, as the walk make its way along to the Palona Caves at the end of the track. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### **0.73 | Palona Cave**

Palona Cave is off Lady Carrington Drive, north of Bola Picnic Area, in the Royal National Park. Palona Cave is a large limestone overhang with a few cave decorations such as columns and stalactites. Being open to the environment, the cave has some green moss and is not reminiscent of other pristine white limestone caves. The cave is a unique feature for the area and is well worth allowing time to explore.

### **0.73 | Bola Picnic Area**

*(2.8 km 1 hr 2 mins)* Turn left: From the Bola Picnic Area, this walk heads past the 'no pushbikes' signposts and 'The Forest Path' information sign, following the bush track along the forest floor. The track is well-defined and reasonably flat, and crosses several small creeks. The track continues in this manner around the forest island until reaching a signposted intersection with the Uloola Track.

### **3.52 | Int of Forest Way and Couranga Tracks**

*(900 m 19 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south along the narrow bush track, following the 'carpark' signs. After a short while, the track turns east until coming to gate at Sir Bertram Stevens Dr. Just left of this, there is a small track that goes for approximately 25m until coming to the car park and the start of the Lady Carrington Track.

