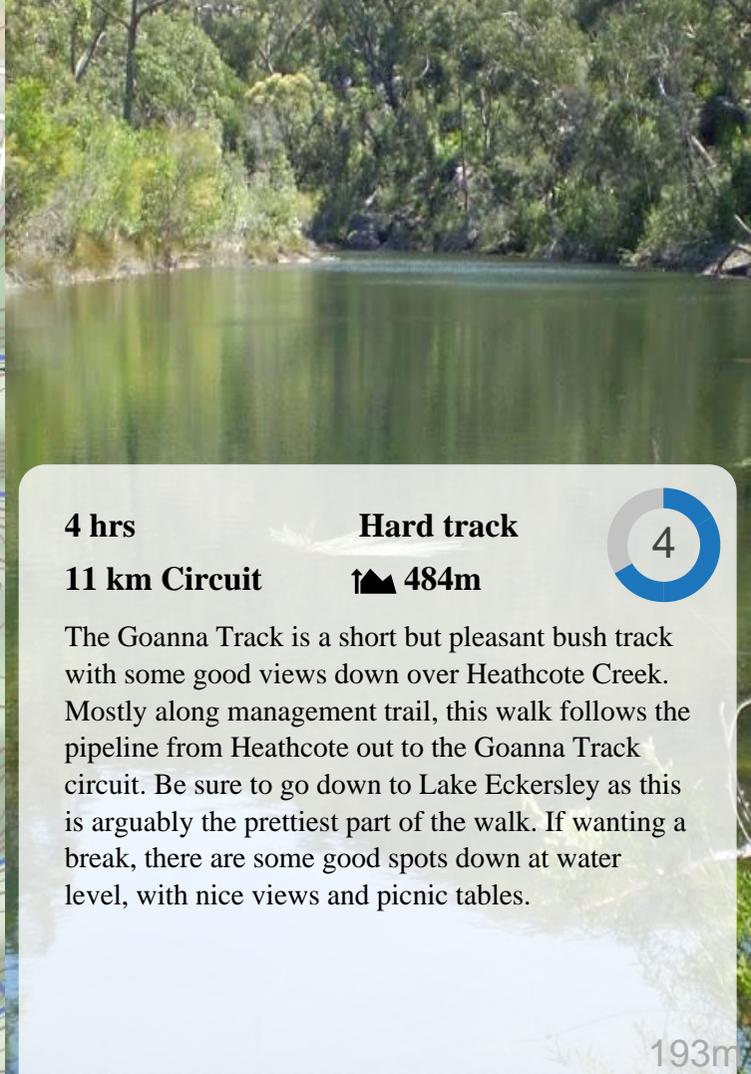


## The Goanna Track Circuit



4 hrs

Hard track

11 km Circuit

484m

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The Goanna Track is a short but pleasant bush track with some good views down over Heathcote Creek. Mostly along management trail, this walk follows the pipeline from Heathcote out to the Goanna Track circuit. Be sure to go down to Lake Eckersley as this is arguably the prettiest part of the walk. If wanting a break, there are some good spots down at water level, with nice views and picnic tables.

62m

193m

Heathcote National Park

## Mirang Pool camping ground

This campsite is nestled in Heathcote National Park, with walk-in access from Heathcote Station. The campsite is near Mirang Pool on Heathcote Creek - there is a signpost at the top of the stairs, leading down to the pools from the management trail above. There are no facilities provided at the campsite, and you will need to carry in your own water and fuel stove.

## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Metropolitan District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Heathcote National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series:**91294N PORT HACKING, 90291N CAMPBELLTOWN

**1:50 000 Map Series:**90291 CAMPBELLTOWN

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9129 PORT HACKING, 9029 WOLLONGONG

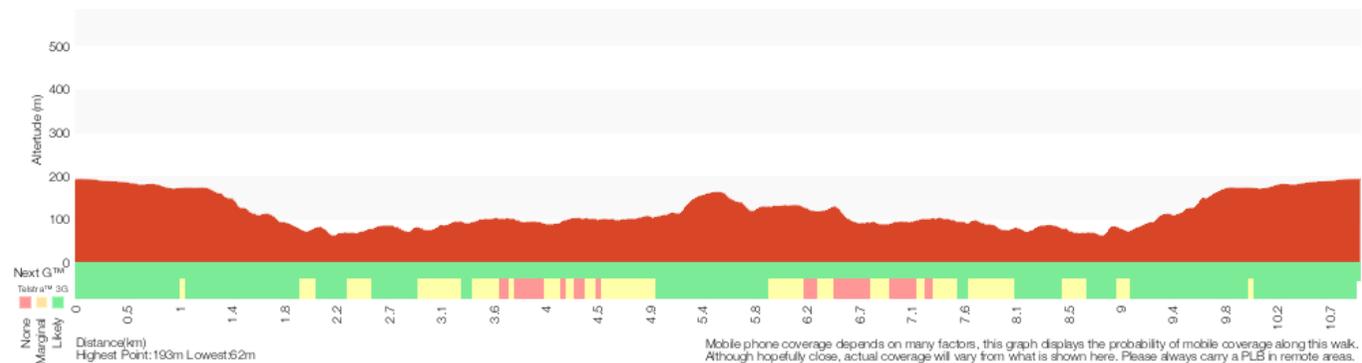
## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 4/6  
Hard track**

<b>Length</b>	11 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	4 hrs
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### **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 walk's 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 Heathcote Railway Station (gps: -34.0882, 151.0081) by car or train. 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/ttc>

### **0 | Heathcote Railway Station**

*(1 km 17 mins)* 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. The walk continues along Oliver Street for a while before coming to the intersection with Boundary Road. Here, this walk turns left, following the road for a short distance before taking the first right onto Freemans Road and continuing past the large scout camp, to the end of the road, where it comes to the intersection with the management trail at the corner of Bella Vista Street.

### **1.03 | End of Freeman Rd**

*(400 m 9 mins)* 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 (which heads behind some houses). The walk continues down the hill, passing another trail on the left as the hill steepens and comes to an intersection with a rough bush track, opposite the power line tower at the bottom of the trail.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track on the opposite side of the management trail to the power line tower. The walk passes a burnt-out car shell before turning down the long steep hill and winding down to the 'T' intersection with a wider track.

### **1.43 | Int of Scout Camp and Freeman Road bushtracks**

*(330 m 7 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading down along the side of the hill and through the thick bush. After a short while, the track comes to a large concrete pipeline, crossing it at the metal platform to the intersection with the management trail.

### **1.76 | Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks**

*(940 m 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mirang Pool' arrow along the asphalt trail down the long hill. After a short while, the trail bends around to the left, turning back towards the pipeline, and continues downhill until it flattens out and crosses a bridge at the pipeline. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, following the pipeline (with Heathcote Creek down the hill on the right) for a while before coming to the signposted intersection with the Mirang Pool track.

### **2.7 | Mirang Pool camping ground**

This campsite is nestled in Heathcote National Park, with walk-in access from Heathcote Station. The campsite is near Mirang Pool on Heathcote Creek - there is a signpost at the top of the stairs, leading down to the pools from the management trail above. There are no facilities provided at the campsite, and you will need to carry in your own water and fuel stove.

### **2.7 | Int. of Mirang and Mirang Pool Tracks**

*(340 m 8 mins)* 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. After a while, the trail does a large 'S' bend, crossing the pipeline twice as before passing through a gate and up to the intersection with the Mirang Road service trail.

### **3.04 | Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail**

*(1 km 21 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail, keeping Heathcote Creek and the valley to the right as the trail rounds a bend and heads up run parallel with the pipeline as the trail becomes gravel. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the left for about 750m. The walk then crosses over the pipeline using a timber bridge and 160m further along the management trail the walk passes a picnic table and crosses Heathcote Creek at the concrete Battery Causeway. (Here you may notice the 'Bullawarring Track - Waterfall 7km' sign up to your left).

### **4.06 | Battery Causeway**

*(290 m 6 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, heading up the hill with the creek down to the right. The trail does a sharp 'U' turn to the left, and continues up the hill to the signposted intersection of the 'Lake Eckersley Track'.

### **4.34 | Optional sidetrip to Lake Eckersley**

*(220 m 5 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track beside the signpost, heading down through the bush and away from the pipeline. As the track winds down the hill, it bends around to the left, winding through the dense scrub for a short while before bending back to the right and continuing down the rocky path to the edge of Woronora River. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### **4.34 | Int of Lake Eckersley and Pipeline Tracks**

*(840 m 19 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the left and providing the occasional view over the valley and creek to the right. This continues for a while until reaching a signposted intersection with the 'Goanna Track' (which goes up over the pipeline on a metal bridge).

### **5.18 | Int of Pipeline and Goanna Tracks**

*(300 m 9 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Goanna Track' signpost over the pipeline at the metal platform. The rough track climbs up the rocky hill for a while before flattening out and coming to a signpost and the intersection with the pipeline track.

### **5.48 | Int of Goanna Track and the Pipeline bushtrack**

*(160 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the left-hand arrow on the signpost, south along the side of the hill. Soon, the track turns down the hill to the signposted intersection with the 'Bullawarring Track'.

### **5.64 | Int of Bullawarring and Goanna Tracks**

*(3.6 km 1 hr 20 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pipeline Rd 1.0km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, heading along the bush track which follows the side of the hill. The rocky bush track winds up and down through the thick bushland, with occasional views of Heathcote Creek down to the right. This continues for a while until the track drops steeply down a short rocky section and continues down the hill to the signposted intersection of the service trail at the Battery Causeway.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk crosses the creek using concrete

Battery Causeway and follows the management trail up the gentle hill, past a picnic table to soon cross the pipeline on a timber bridge. From here, the walk continues along the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the right for 750m until the trail bends left away from the pipeline and onto an asphalt surface. The trail winds down a hill to the intersection of the Mirang Road service trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail down the hill and through a gate, doing a large 'S' bend and crossing the pipeline twice. The surface of the trail changes to dirt and the walk continues, with Heathcote Creek on the left, to the signposted intersection with the Mirang Pool track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail in the unsignposted direction, keeping the pipeline on the right and Heathcote Creek down the hill on the left. The walk heads along until it crosses a bridge onto an asphalt surface and heads up the long hill that winds to the intersection with another trail, opposite the metal platform crossing the pipeline.

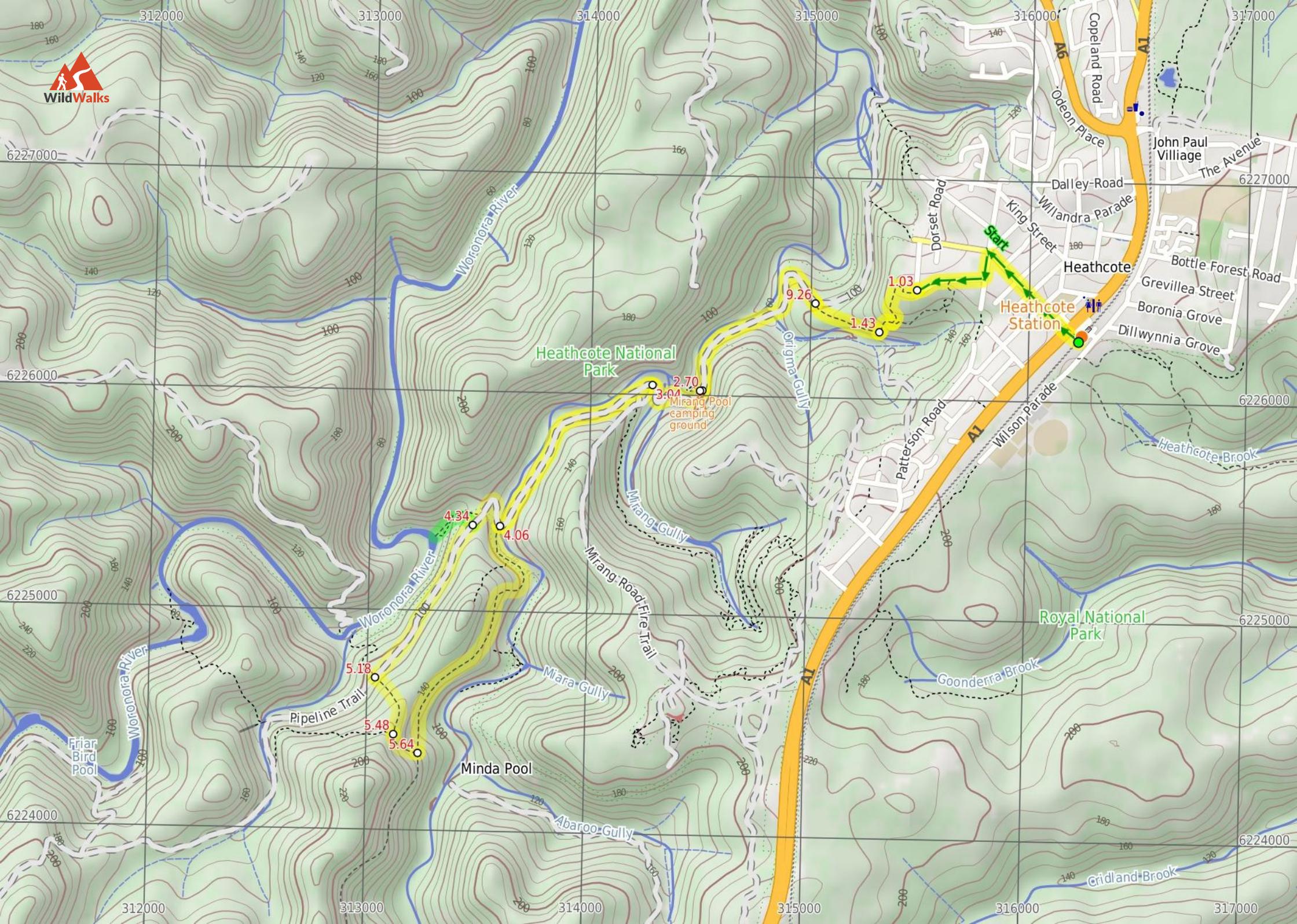
### **9.26 | Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks**

*(1.8 km 33 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up and over the large concrete pipeline at the metal platform and stairs. The track then continues up the long hill for a while before coming to an intersection with a rough track (heading up on the left, about 40 metres before the high tension power lines).

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the rough bush track heading up the side of the hill, climbing steeply up along the sometimes-faint path. The track soon flattens out and bends around to the right, passing a burnt-out car shell before coming to the intersection with a management trail.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the long hill. The walk passes a trail on the right and flattens out a little, continuing up and around to the right. This walk passes another management trail (heading behind some houses) as it flattens out more and crosses under the power lines to the road.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows Freemans Road all the way past the large scout camp facility, to the intersection of Boundary Road, where it turns left and continues along for a short distance to the intersection of Oliver Street. From here, this walk turns right onto Oliver Street, which it follows to the end, meeting the Princes Highway. From here, the track crosses the highway at the traffic lights and continues along the footpath, with the car park to the left, coming to the train station.



Heathcote National Park

Royal National Park

Friar Bird Pool

Minda Pool

Mirang Pool camping ground

Heathcote Station

John Paul Villiage

Copeland Road

Odeon Place

Dalley Road

Wilandra Parade

King Street

Dorset Road

Patterson Road

Wilson Parade

Origma Gully

Mirang Gully

Mirang Road Fire Trail

Miara Gully

Abaroo Gully

Woronora River

Bottle Forest Road

Grevillea Street

Boronia Grove

Dillwynia Grove

Heathcote Brook

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## Summary navigation sheet for the The Goanna Track Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Heathcote Railway Station -34.0882,151.0081 (GR Port Hacking, 162263)	4 -24	1 km 17 mins	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.
1.03	End of Freeman Rd -34.086,151.0001 (GR Port Hacking, 155265)	2 -47	400 m 9 mins	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 passi...
1.43	Int of Scout Camp and Freeman Road bushtracks -34.0878,150.9982 (GR Campbelltown, 153263)	4 -37	330 m 7 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the track heading down along the side of the hill and through the thick bush.
1.76	Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks -34.0866,150.995 (GR Campbelltown, 150264)	43 -50	940 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mirang Pool' arrow along the asphalt trail down the long hill.
2.70	Int. of Mirang and Mirang Pool Tracks -34.0902,150.9894 (GR Campbelltown, 145260)	13 -24	340 m 8 mins	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.
3.04	Int of Pipeline Track and Mirang Rd Servicetrail -34.0899,150.987 (GR Campbelltown, 143260)	46 -32	1 km 21 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the asphalt management trail, keeping Heathcote Creek and the valley to the right as the trail rounds a bend and heads up run parallel with the pipeline as ...
4.06	Battery Causeway -34.0957,150.9794 (GR Campbelltown, 136254)	14 -1	290 m 6 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, heading up the hill with the creek down to the right.
4.34	Int of Lake Eckersley and Pipeline Tracks -34.0957,150.978 (GR Campbelltown, 135254)	0 -41	220 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Lake Eckersley. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track beside the signpost, heading down through the bush and away from the pipeline.
4.34	Int of Lake Eckersley and Pipeline Tracks -34.0957,150.978 (GR Campbelltown, 135254)	46 -34	840 m 19 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, keeping the pipeline on the left and providing the occasional view over the valley and creek to the right.
5.18	Int of Pipeline and Goanna Tracks -34.1019,150.9732 (GR Campbelltown, 130247)	49 0	300 m 9 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Goanna Track' signpost over the pipeline at the metal platform.
5.48	Int of Goanna Track and the Pipeline bushtrack -34.1042,150.9741 (GR Campbelltown, 131244)	0 -23	160 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the left-hand arrow on the signpost, south along the side of the hill.
5.64	Int of Bullawarring and Goanna Tracks -34.105,150.9753 (GR Campbelltown, 132244)	155 -202	3.6 km 1 hr 20 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pipeline Rd 1.0km' arrow on the 'Bullawarring Track' signpost, heading along the bush track which follows the side of the hill.
9.26	Int. of Mirang Track and Friendly Tracks -34.0866,150.995 (GR Campbelltown, 150264)	108 -10	1.8 km 33 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads up and over the large concrete pipeline at the metal platform and stairs.