

Audley to Gibraltar Rock



45 mins

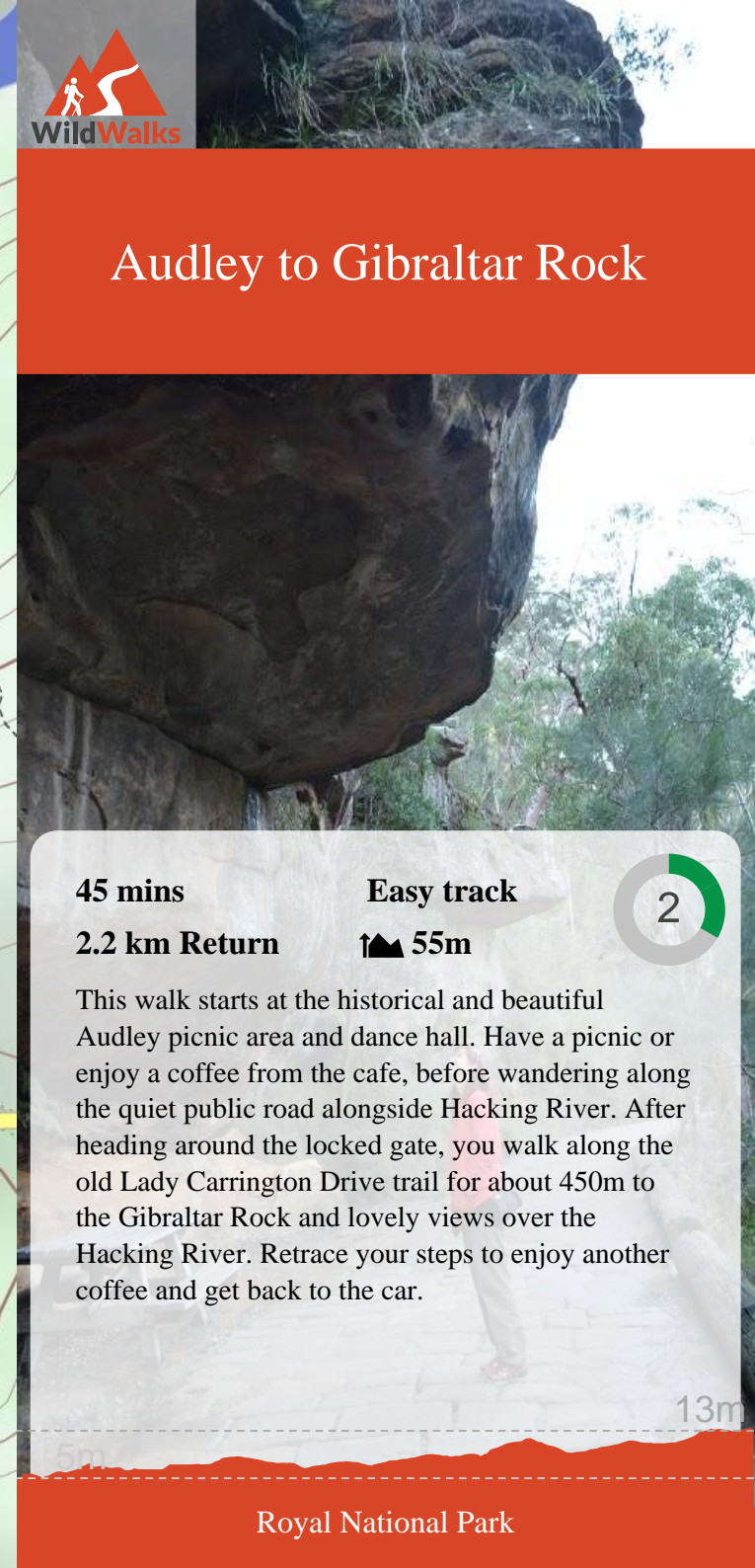
Easy track



2.2 km Return

↑ 55m

This walk starts at the historical and beautiful Audley picnic area and dance hall. Have a picnic or enjoy a coffee from the cafe, before wandering along the quiet public road alongside Hacking River. After heading around the locked gate, you walk along the old Lady Carrington Drive trail for about 450m to the Gibraltar Rock and lovely views over the Hacking River. Retrace your steps to enjoy another coffee and get back to the car.



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 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 Audley Village car park (gps: -34.0743, 151.0566). Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

This is a return walk, 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/atgr>

0 | Audley

Audley in the Royal National Park is where you will find the visitor information center, toilets, kiosk, boat shed (row boat hire), weir, water, BBQ's and plenty of picnic facilities. Take a step back in time and explore some of the preserved building like the old dance hall, enjoy wandering the grounds or grab an ice cream.

0 | Audley Village car park

(110 m 2 mins) From the Audley Village car park (north of the buildings located at 2 Lady Carrington Dr, Royal National Park), this walk follows the 'Audley Dancehall' arrow on the 'Ironbark Flat' sign along the concrete path (toward picnic area and buildings). This walk continues along the path for about 70m, passing a series of seats and a picnic area with 2 picnic tables and 2 BBQs to come to the signpost intersection with another concrete path (leading toward the male and female toilets up the stairs). From the intersection this walk continues straight following the 'Audley Dancehall' sign towards the building with accessible toilets, 'Royal National Park Visitor Centre' with a shop and the 'Weir Cafe', beside the path.

0.11 | Audley Picnic area

Audley Picnic area is a large grassy area with beautiful views across the Hacking River. There are 2 picnic tables with 2 sheltered double gas BBQs. A few benches are scattered around the area. Closer to the 'Audley Dancehall' building there's a signposted toilet block (just up the short staircase).

0.11 | Audley Cafe

'Weir Cafe' is located at the 'Audley Dancehall' building. The building is separated into two areas, one is the cafe and the other one is the 'Royal National Park Visitor Centre' with a gift shop. Hot and cold food as well as drinks are available. Lunch meals range from about \$15-25.

0.11 | Audley Cafe

(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the cafe, this walk follows the concrete path (keeping the river on your right). This walk continues along the path for about 90m, passing 2 seats, the 'Currawong Flat and Varneys Bridge' sign and the large sheltered 'Commonwealth Pavilion' picnic area to come to a small parking lot (just past the 'Currawong Flat and Varneys Bridge' postsign and timber bollards).

0.18 | Commonwealth Pavilion

The large sheltered 'Commonwealth Pavilion' picnic area offers 19 picnic tables and 4 single gas bbqs (high 90cm, grill area 43cm wide). From the picnic area there are beautiful views over the Hacking River and the picnic area. This is a great spot to see Cockatoos. There is a cafe, information center, toilets and other facilities nearby.

0.18 | Commonwealth Pavilion car park

(470 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, this walk follows the 'Currawong Flat and Varneys Bridge' sign along the asphalt road (away from the sheltered 'Commonwealth Pavilion' picnic area) toward the timber 'Varneys Bridge' (with handrails) over the Hacking River. Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk follows the 'Willow Tree & Fig Tree Flat' sign along 'Lady Carrington Drive', keeping the river to the right. This walk continues along the road for about 290m past the 'Willow Tree Flat' sign to come to a toilet block (on the right). From the toilets this walk continues along the road for about 60m to come to a 'Y' intersection with a 'Lady Carrington Drive' signpost and locked gate.

0.65 | Willow Tree

Willow Tree is a picnic area in the Royal National Park. It is found on the south side of Audley, between the old Lady Carrington Drive and the Hacking River. The picnic area has a large shelter with 4 picnic tables, an open grassy area, parking, BBQ's, tap water, garbage bins, recycling and toilets. The picnic area stretches along the river bank and provides a lovely spot to stop and enjoy the park .

0.65 | Lady Carrington Drive

Opened in 1886 by Lady Carrington, this road was formally named 'Lady Carrington Road' (later changed to 'drive'), and

started on the southern side of the then newly constructed Audley weir. The road became popular among people exploring the region. The road follows the Hacking River's east bank and then Bola Creek to Sir Bertram Stevens Drive. Much history has been preserved, with several drinking troughs still filling with water and many sandstone retaining walls still standing. The brooks that the old road crosses have been named using the traditional names of birds, the following is a list with the English name in brackets. Mullion (Eagle), Wurrul (Bee Eater), Burowa (Bustard), Karonga (White Crane), Gorra Worra (Laughing Jackass), Buralga (Native Companion), Kobardo (Parrot), Birumba (Plover), Dirijiri (Wagtail), Murrindum (Quail), Dumbal (Crow), Tamur (Bronze winged Pigeon), Burunda (Swan), Karani (Duck), Palona (Hawk) Brooks.

0.65 | Lady Carrington Drive gate (Willow Tree)

(430 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lady Carrington Drive' sign around the locked gate and along the management trail (keeping the picnic area and river to the right). This walk winds along the trail gently uphill for about 400m to step onto the cobblestone section below the overhanging Gibraltar Rocks beside the picnic table.

1.08 | Gibraltar Rock

Gibraltar Rock, Royal National Park, is a sandstone overhang found near the northern end of Lady Carrington Drive. The old road passes under the rocks and is home to a small section of sandstone cobblestone. At this point, the old road offers great views of the Hacking River and across to Wattle Forest picnic area. These and many other sandstone formations, together with the history, make this old road quite interesting to explore. There is a picnic table under the overhang.



This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

Parking: There are 2 designated accessible parking areas on this walk. They are 190m apart.

Toilets: There are 2 toilets on this walk. They are 100m apart.

Seats: There are 7 seats on this walk. They are on average 180m apart, with a maximum gap of 550m.

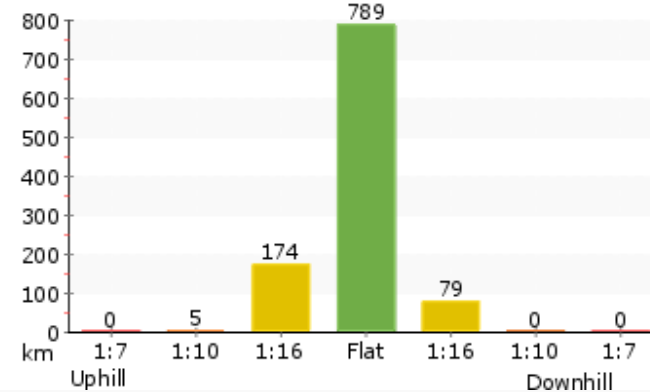
Surface

Smooth & hard concrete path for the first 120m, then 460m along the sealed Lady Carrington Drive, quiet but public road. The 430m trail to Gibraltar Rock is along a rough unsealed old road, maybe soft after rain. Section of cobblestone under Gibraltar Rock.

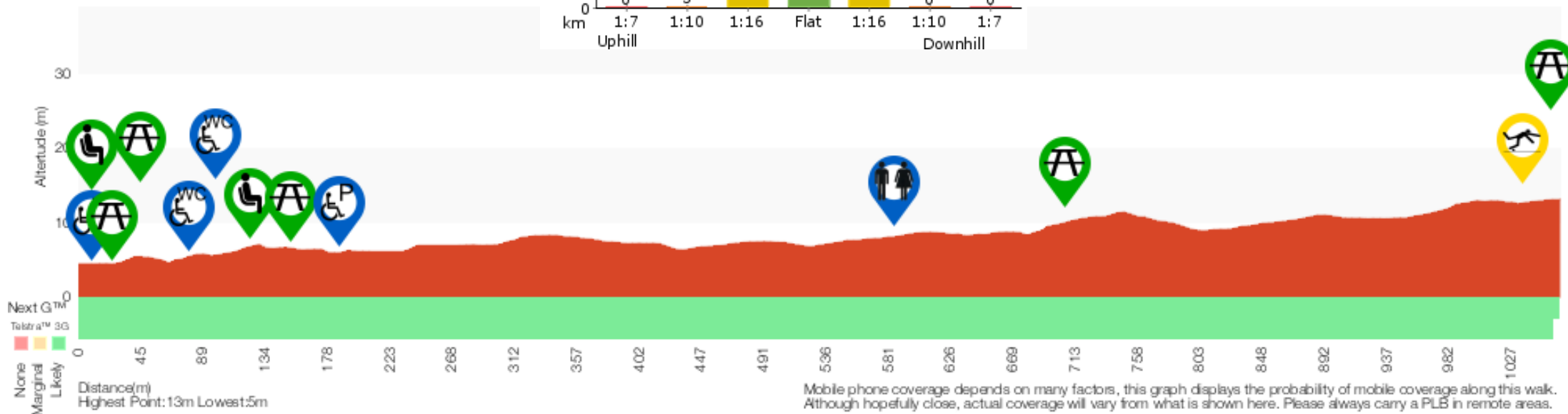
Steepness

Mostly flat or gentle slopes. No section steeper than 1:12.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



Grade 2/6 Easy track	
Length	2.2 km Return
Time	45 mins
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



1 Parking Accessible (10m)
 There is a large parking area at the Audley Village car park with 3 marked mobility parking bays at the eastern end (each 2.5m wide and 5.3m deep).



2 Seat (10m)
 A series of 4 timber benches on a stone wall of different heights and lengths (40, 50 and 58 cm high, 50cm deep, all together 9m long, no backrest).



3 Picnic Table (20m)
 A timber slat picnic table and bench seats. The table is 79cm high, 74cm deep and 2.7m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest).



4 Picnic Table (40m)
 A timber slat picnic table and bench seats. The table is 79cm high, 74cm deep and 2.7m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest).



5 Toilet Accessible (80m)
 Accessible male/female, male and female toilet block beside the Sir Bertram Stevens Drive. The accessible toilet has entrance 74cm wide, toilet seat 45cm high and hand basin 80cm high, no handrails. Male and female toilets have entrances 90cm wide, hand



6 Toilet Accessible (100m)
 Sometimes locked shared male/female accessible toilet, keys at the Royal National Park Visitor Centre (open 8.30am - 4.30pm, 7 days/week) or at the cafe. Entrance is 85cm wide, hand basin 80cm high, toilet seat with handle height 48cm and baby changing area (84cm



7 Seat (120m)
 2 long timber slat bench seats on stone walls just beside the path, each 40cm high, 50cm deep, no backrest.



8 Picnic Table (150m)
 19 timber slat picnic tables and bench seats. The tables are 79cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



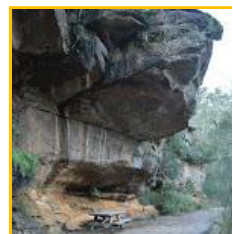
9 Parking Accessible (190m)
 A smaller car park with 3 mobility parking bay areas (6.1m long, 3.1m wide)



10 Toilet (580m)
 Male and female toilet block. Entrance is 67cm wide, hand basins 90cm high, toilet seat 43cm high. Male toilet has a urinal with 20cm step. No handrails. There's a bigger toilet at the back, entrance is 81cm wide, hand basins 76cm high, toilet seat 47cm high.



11 Picnic Table (700m)
 4 timber slat picnic tables and bench seats on a large concrete platform. The tables are 79cm high, 93cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 43cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



12 Trip Hazard (1070m)
 An 8cm trip hazard between dirt and cobblestones.



13 Picnic Table (1090m)
 A timber slat picnic table and bench seats. The table is 79cm high, 91cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 40cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).