

## Congewai East Track Head to Watagan Forest Motel via Forestry HQ Campsite



**2 Days**

**Hard track**

**29.7 km One way**

**1702m**

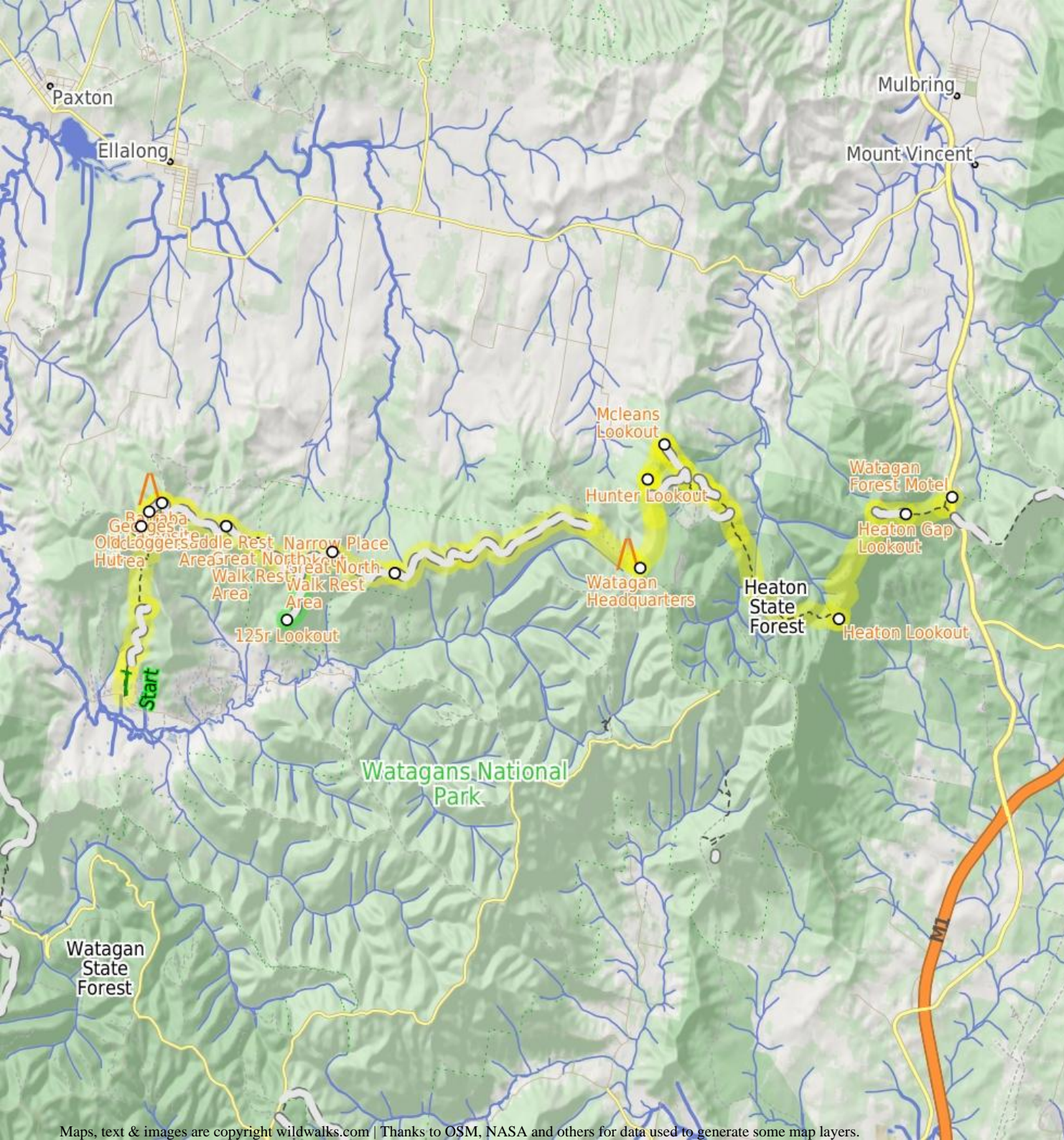
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This section of the Great North Walk starts from the Congewai Valley east track head and heads north up into the Watagan National Park, climbing up to the ridgeline and following the management trails and bush tracks heading east all the way to the Forestry HQ campsite. On day two, the walk continues east, winding all the way around the ridge and past some great lookouts to the Heaton communications tower and down the steep ridgeline to Freemans Drive and the Watagan Forest Motel.

139m

513m

Watagans National Park



## Old Loggers Hut

This Old Hut found beside Georges Rd, is in a state of disrepair. The corrugated iron and wooden hut has a dirt floor and a simple fire place. The hut's condition is poor and would not provide suitable shelter. Just south of the hut is a small dam. The hut was once used by loggers harvesting timber from these hills

## Georges Road Rest Area

This campsite is located above Wallaby Gully, off Georges Road. The clearing has a scattering of trees, and has awesome views of Wallaby Gully. There is room for a few tents and small campfire.

## Barraba Campsite

Barraba campsite, near Georges Road on the Great North Walk, is quiet rest area where campers can stay the night and set up a campfire. The small, semi-secluded campsite is surrounded by lovely large grass trees. The campsite has a 'Walker register' book so you can note your intentions. The campsite has no facilities or water.

## Saddle Rest Area

This rest area consists of a clearing on a saddle, with a small dam nearby. There is space for a number of tents and access to water after rain (treat before use).

## Great North Walk Rest Area

Located on George Road, this rest area is situated by a steep, unfenced drop with spectacular views. There is space for a few tents and a small campfire, there are no facilities or water here.

## 125r Lookout

The 125r Lookout, in the Watagan National Park, is located on a track off Georges Road. This unfenced clearing is on a cliff edge and has broad views o over the surrounding valleys. This small clearing has been used as a campsite.

## Great North Walk Rest Area

This is a small rest area on the side of Georges Road, providing room to rest up and for a small campfire. There are also some nice views through the trees but be careful as this rest area is near a steep drop.

## 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 Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Hunter](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Watagans 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:**91322S QUORROBOLONG

**1:50 000 Map Series:**91322 CESSNOCK

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9132 CESSNOCK

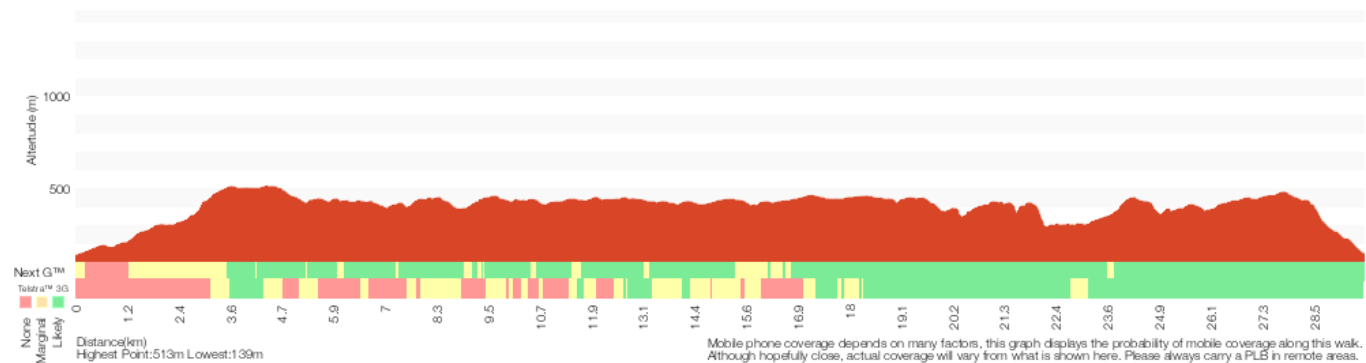
## Grade

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>	29.7 km One way
<b>Time</b>	2 Days
<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>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



### 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Congewai Valley east trackhead (gps: -32.9952, 151.3004). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Heaton Gap Track Head (gps: -32.9653, 151.4794). Car: There is free parking available.

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

### 0 | Congewai Valley east trackhead

*(760 m 17 mins)* From the Congewai Valley east trackhead, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign over the stile. Here the walk follows the track gently uphill through the open forest, leaving the Congewai Valley Road behind. After about 500m, this walk comes to a stile (with farmland and a fence on the left).

Continue straight: From here, this walk climbs over the fence using the stile and follows the track gently uphill, keeping the more open farmland on your left. The walk continues for about 300m to an intersection with a wide dirt trail, just before a vehicular gate, marked with a GNW arrow post.

### 0.76 | Property Gate

*(1.2 km 31 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail gently downhill and through the gate, and into the signposted 'Edwin Crawford Conservation Area'. The trail bends right, then starts to lead gently uphill for about 1.2km, until coming to a faint three-way intersection with a track (on the right), marked with a couple of GNW arrow posts.

### 1.96 | Int on GNW bushtrack

*(1.7 km 52 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill. After about 700m, the track becomes narrower and much steeper as it climbs up to, then follows, the main ridge line. After about 600m of mostly steep climbing, the track then leads more gently uphill, enjoying the views through trees (on the right). The walk continues gently up this section for another 400m, then heads over a small rise and comes down to a T-intersection with the dirt Georges Road marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

### 3.69 | Int of Georges Rd AND GNW track

*(130 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker gently downhill along the dirt road. After 80m, this walk passes a small dam and comes to an old tin hut (on the left).

### 3.82 | Old Loggers Hut

This Old Hut found beside Georges Rd, is in a state of disrepair. The corrugated iron and wooden hut has a dirt floor and a simple fire place. The hut's condition is poor and would not provide suitable shelter. Just south of the hut is a small dam. The hut was once used by loggers harvesting timber from these hills

### 3.82 | Old Loggers Hut

*(300 m 5 mins)* Continue straight: From the old loggers hut, this walk follows the dirt road north-east along the top of the ridge, initially keeping the hut to

your left. After about 300m, the trail leads to a large clearing with great views on the left, Georges Road rest area.

### 4.12 | Georges Road Rest Area

This campsite is located above Wallaby Gully, off Georges Road. The clearing has a scattering of trees, and has awesome views of Wallaby Gully. There is room for a few tents and small campfire.

### 4.12 | Georges Rd rest area

*(320 m 6 mins)* Continue straight: From Georges Road rest area, this walk follows the dirt road gently uphill, initially keeping the rest area on your left. The walk continues for about 200m until coming to a three-way intersection, marked with a GNW arrow marker.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Barraba Trig Rest Area' sign north-east, gently uphill along the trail. Following a few GNW arrow markers over about 90m, this trail then comes to a large flat clearing signposted as 'Barraba campsite', with some lovely large grass trees.

### 4.43 | Barraba Campsite

Barraba campsite, near Georges Road on the Great North Walk, is quiet rest area where campers can stay the night and set up a campfire. The small, semi-secluded campsite is surrounded by lovely large grass trees. The campsite has a 'Walker register' book so you can note your intentions. The campsite has no facilities or water.

### 4.43 | Barraba Campsite

*(1.8 km 43 mins)* Continue straight: From the Barraba campsite, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign east, downhill along the grassy trail. After about 220m, the walk heads past the 'Barraba Trig Rest Area' sign (pointing back uphill) to then climb the fence using the stile (beside the gate).

Continue straight: From the locked gate, this walk heads downhill along the wide dirt trail, directly away from the 'Barraba Trig' sign. The trail leads down for about 400m, moderately steeply for a while. As the trail mostly flattens out, the walk climbs over another fence beside a locked gate using the stile. The walk continues down along this trail for almost 200m to pass 'The Barbara Lowes Conservation area' sign. Here, the walk climbs over the fence using the stile beside the vehicular gate. There are filtered valley views to your left.

Continue straight: From the locked gate, this walk follows the trail gently downhill, while keeping the views on your left (and ignoring the trail on your left). This walk undulates gently up and down the side of the hill for about 1 km, until coming to a saddle, with views on the left and dam on the right.

### 6.25 | Saddle Rest Area

This rest area consists of a clearing on a saddle, with a small dam nearby. There is space for a number of tents and access to water after rain (treat before use).

### 6.25 | Saddle Rest Area

*(730 m 17 mins)* Continue straight: From the saddle, this walk follows the trail gently uphill, initially keeping the views on your left and fire dam on your right. The walk continues with the cliffs on your right for just shy of 300m then after another 400m, just past the 'Private Property/Walkers Only' sign, this walk heads over the fence using a stile beside the gate. There are wide valley views from here, and a clearing on the left.

### 6.98 | GNW Rest Area

Located on George Road, this rest area is situated by a steep, unfenced drop with spectacular views. There is space for a few tents and a small campfire, there are no facilities or water here.

### 6.98 | Int of Georges Rd AND Watagans National Park bound

*(1.3 km 33 mins)* Continue straight: From the locked gate, this walk follows the dirt Georges Road moderately steeply downhill at first, keeping the views on your left. The walk undulates, moderately steeply in a couple of places, winding around the side of a few hills for about 1km, and then heads around a sharp left-hand bend (passing a faint roadside clearing, on the right). The walk continues for another 500m along the dirt road to come to a three-way intersection, with 125r trail and '125r Lookout' sign (on the right).

### 8.31 | Optional sidetrip to 125r Lookout Rest Area

*(860 m 17 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the '125r Lookout' sign south gently downhill along the grassy trail. The walk continues through forest for about 900m, until coming to the end of the road and an unfenced lookout with wide valley views. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 8.31 | 125r Lookout

The 125r Lookout, in the Watagan National Park, is located on a track off Georges Road. This unfenced clearing is on a cliff edge and has broad views over the surrounding valleys. This small clearing has been used as a campsite.

### 8.31 | Top of the 125r Lookout trail

*(1.3 km 31 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker east along Georges Road as it first bends left, initially keeping the 125r Lookout track on your right. After about 400m, the road leads down and across a flat saddle, then leads moderately steeply up for about 400m, where the trail mostly flattens out then comes to the top of the hill. There are views from the unfenced cliff here, on the left.

### 9.63 | GNW Rest Area

This is a small rest area on the side of Georges Road, providing room to rest up and for a small campfire. There are also some nice views through the trees but be careful as this rest area is near a steep drop.

### 9.63 | Northern rest area

*(1.5 km 33 mins)* Continue straight: From the rest area, this walk follows the dirt George Road east, initially keeping the views on your left. The road gently undulates along the ridge for about 1.5km, coming to the unignposted Narrow Place Lookout, where there is a short metal post fence and wide valley (on the left).

### 11.15 | Narrow Place Lookout

Narrow Place Lookout is perched high on a partially-fenced cliff and provides great views north over the farmland and bush towards Cessnock. The lookout is beside a dirt road and a fairly large clearing.

### 11.15 | Narrow Place Lookout

*(1.9 km 37 mins)* Continue straight: From the Narrow Place lookout, this walk follows Georges Road east gently downhill, initially keeping the views to your left. The road leads through forest for about 1.8km, ignoring a few smaller side trails until coming to a three-way intersection (with the Congewai Creek track, on the right), marked with a GNW arrow post.

### 13.02 | Int of Georges Road AND Congewai Creek track

*(2.9 km 55 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the dirt Georges Road as it leads gently downhill, initially keeping the main valley to your left. The road leads along the ridge among the tall trees, past a few small clearings and side tracks for about 2.2km to pass a gate and timber fence (on your left). The walk continues along this main road for another 600m, coming to a T-intersection

with the dirt Heaton Road, marked with a 'Watagans National Park' sign.

#### **15.92 | Int of Georges & Heaton Rds**

*(1.2 km 25 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently uphill along the dirt Heaton Rd. The road leads up along the ridge through the tall forest for about 1.1km, until coming to a Y-intersection with Bakers Rd and a large sign with many names.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Hunters Lookout' sign gently uphill along Bakers Road. The walk continues along this road for a bit over 150m, coming to a three-way intersection, just in front of the signposted 'Watagan Headquarters' campsite.

#### **17.15 | Watagan Headquarters**

Watagan Headquarters campsite (aka Forestry HQ) is located in the Heaton State Forest, beside Bakers Rd, near Heaton Rd. This campsite has wood fired barbecues, picnic tables and a garbage bin. The large, flat, cleared area allows plenty of room to pitch a tent. In 2010, a series of vandalism attacks occurred on the water tank, so there is no longer water available.

#### **17.15 | End of day 1**

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

### 17.15 | Forestry H.Q campsite

*(1.6 km 27 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection (Forestry H.Q. campsite), this walk follows Bakers Road gently downhill, while keeping the GNW arrow marker on your right and the large 'Great North Walk' sign on your left. The walk continues, undulating gently for about 900m until coming to a three-way intersection with Rocky Creek Road (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Bakers Road north and gently uphill, while keeping Rocky Creek Road (no signpost) on your right. The walk continues, undulating gently for about 400m until coming to a three-way intersection with Glen Road (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Bakers Road gently uphill, while keeping Glen Road on your right. The walk continues, undulating gently for about 250m until coming to Hunter Lookout picnic area (on the left).

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads off the road and up the hill following the Hunter Lookout picnic area sign, past the wooden gate and the public toilet, to the picnic area area and the lookout.

### 18.77 | Hunter Lookout

Hunter Lookout can be found on Bakers Road, along the Great North Walk. This fenced lookout has everything you will need snack-stop, including toilets, picnic tables, chairs and wood-fired barbecues. This lookout has fantastic views over much of the Hunter region. In 2010, a series of vandalism attacks occurred on the water tank, so water is no longer available at Hunter Lookout.

### 18.77 | Hunter Lookout picnic area

*(700 m 16 mins)* Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk heads north, past the metal gate to the intersection of Bakers Road.

Veer left: From the Hunter Lookout picnic area (on Bakers Road), this walk follows Bakers Road north and gently downhill, while keeping Hunter Lookout on your left. The walk continues for about 400m until coming to a Y-intersection (Bakers Road loop).

Continue straight: From the intersection (Bakers Road Loop), this walk follows the track gently uphill, while keeping the other end of Bakers Road Loop to your right, gently downhill. The walk follows the road for about 130m until coming to Macleans Lookout.

### 19.47 | Mcleans Lookout

McLeans Lookout offers magnificent views of the valleys in Heaton State Forest. Located on Bakers Road, this fenced lookout also has picnic facilities including tables with seats and open grassy areas.

### 19.47 | Maclean Lookout

*(490 m 12 mins)* Veer right: From Mcleans Lookout, this walk follows Bakers Road gently downhill, while keeping Macleans Lookout behind you on your left. The walk continues for about 80m until coming to a three-way intersection with a wide track and GNW arrow marker (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the trail gently downhill, while keeping the 'Heaton Lookout' sign on your right. The walk continues (becoming moderately steep downhill) for about 280m until coming to a three-way intersection with a track on the left.

### 19.97 | Int of GNW track AND a wide track

*(170 m 5 mins)* Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track moderately steeply downhill, while keeping the GNW arrow marker on your left. The walk continues (descending moderately steeply into and out of a gully) for about 150m, until coming to a three-way intersection, Glen Road.

### 20.14 | Int of GNW track & Glen Road

*(130 m 4 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, while keeping the 'Glenn Rd' sign on your right. The walk continues through forest for about 120m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a track and GNW arrow marker (on the left).

### 20.28 | Int of GNW track & a wide bushtrack

*(720 m 21 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker moderately steeply down along the track. The walk continues for about 100m, to find a forested mossy creek where the track bend right and continues close to the creek for about 70m to then bend left and crossing the creek. The walk now follows the track undulating gently for about 280m before finding a large rock overhang. The walk then continues moderately steeply uphill for about 200m until coming to a T-intersection with a wide trail and GNW arrow marker.

### 21 | Int of GNW track & a wide track

*(340 m 8 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Watagan Forest Road' sign uphill along the trail for about 200m to a three-way intersection, with another 'Watagan Forest Road' sign (on your left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide track gently downhill, while keeping the 'Macleans Lookout 2km' sign on your right. The walk continues for about 140m to a three-way intersection, with Fosters Road on your right and 'Fosters Road' sign on your left.

### 21.34 | Int of GNW track and Fosters Road south

*(1.9 km 1 Hr)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down along the wide old trail, passing the 'Fosters Road' sign on your left. The walk continues for about 100m, where the wide track then leads moderately steeply downhill for about 150m more. The walk then crosses a gully and heads up over another rise for about 70m to where the track narrows then bends left at a GNW arrow post. About 180m past the post, the walk crosses a gully then heads up the other side, past a termite mound to an unfenced cliff with distance valley views. Here the track bends right and leads up a short distance to a dirt road. The walk turns left and follows the road down for just a few metres to the 'Hammonds Road' sign, where the 'MacLean Lookout' arrow points back along the road.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Heaton Lookout' sign downhill along the road a few metres, then veers left to follow the GNW arrow down the old trail. The walk leads fairly steeply down for about 180m then passes around a timber barrier. Here the track narrows and continues more steeply downhill through forest for about 250m to a gully and creek crossing (with many fallen dead trees).

Continue straight: This walk crosses the creek and follows the track, while keeping the valley on your left. The walk follows the track steeply up for a short distance, then follows along the base of a cliff for about 120m to pass through a long sandstone cave. The rocky track leads steeply down through the dense rainforest for 700m, following a series of GNW arrow posts to the bottom of the gully beside Wallis Creek.

### 23.22 | Int of GNW track and Wallis Creek

*(2.2 km 59 mins)* Continue straight: From here, the walk crosses Wallis Creek, and follows the GNW arrows south gently uphill along the track. The walk continues (crossing over a tree trunk with carved steps) and after about 500m, comes to a creek and a tree trunk with a directional arrow carving. Then the walk follows the track for about 130m (crossing the creek a number of times) to find the track leaving the creek. The track is followed moderately steeply uphill through forest for about 400m, until coming to a level four-way intersection with a 'Barniers Road/Mt Faulk Road' sign on your right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow east, directly away from the face of the 'Barniers Road' sign. The walk continues along the old trail for about 450m to find an intersection with a

track (on the right). Here the walk turns right, following the 'The Great North Walk' sign moderately steeply down the narrow track for about 220m and then crosses a creek. The walk continues moderately steeply uphill around another gully and after about 500m, comes to a T-intersection with Heaton trail and Heaton Lookout directly ahead.

### 25.43 | Heaton Lookout

Heaton Lookout is one of the larger lookouts located on Heaton Road. This fenced lookout faces south-east. There are wood fired barbecues, picnic tables and a pit toilet. Heaton Lookout is a great place to stop for a snack, and the amazing view feels like a bonus. This lookout was named after Richard Heaton, a timber cutter who came to Australia as a convict. There is a water tank here, due to vandalism in the area this is not a reliable water source.

### 25.43 | Heaton Lookout.

*(2.4 km 54 mins)* Turn left: From 'Heaton Lookout', this walk follows the 'Heaton Gap' sign gently uphill along the dirt Heaton Rd, past the toilet. After about 250m, the road leads past the 'Heaton Loop Trail' side track, then about 250m later (staying left at the Y-intersection) the road passes another section of the same signposted track as the road bends left, enjoying the views over the clearing (on your right). The road now leads gently uphill for about 1.7km, ignoring a series of side tracks until coming to a clear three-way intersection just past the brick building and fenced communication tower (on the right, and a small dam on the left).

### 27.86 | Heaton Communications Tower

*(620 m 13 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker off the main road, heading east along the wide trail, initially keeping the fenced tower on your right. The trail follows the power lines[ref img=359237 for about 600m and then bends right, coming to the Heaton Gap Lookout. The unignposted and unfenced clearing has wide, uninterrupted views to the south.

### 28.48 | Heaton Gap Lookout

Heaton Gap lookout is a fantastic spot to stop and catch your breath in Heaton State Forest. This unfenced lookout offers exhilarating views over the valleys towards Tuggerah Lake and Lake Macquarie. This unignposted view, as with many features in the area, was named after Richard Heaton, a timber cutter who came to Australia as a convict. [More info.](#)

### 28.48 | Heaton Gap Lookout

*(1.2 km 32 mins)* Continue straight: From Heaton Gap Lookout, this walk follows the track east, moderately steeply downhill, initially keeping the view from Heaton Gap Lookout on your right. After about 60m, the track leads to a timber platform with more views, underneath the power lines. The walk continues past some handrailing for about 20m to come to the 'Great North Walk Walker Register' post. After noting your intentions, the walk continues steeply downhill with stone and timber steps and sections for handrail for about 200m, past the rock boulders and grass trees where the track widens into a narrow grassy trail. Here the walk follows this trail and the power lines downhill, steeply in places, for about 600m, until coming to a level unignposted three-way intersection with the Freemans Drive trail (on the right).

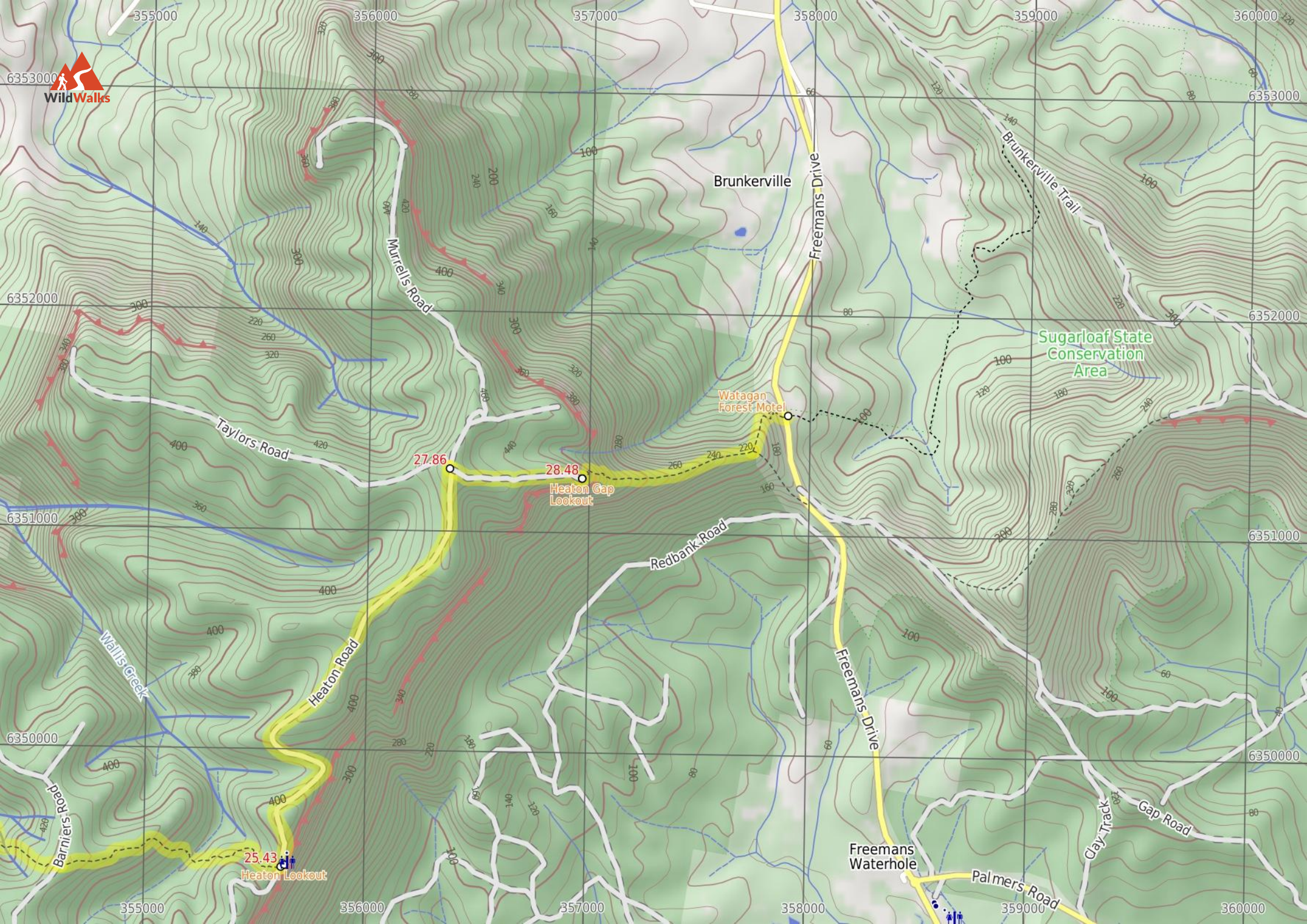
Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and power lines steeply downhill along the trail. The walk continues for about 180m to find a three-way intersection, with a GNW arrow marker on the right (where the power line trail bends left). The walk turns right, leaving the power lines and following the GNW arrow marker steeply down a narrower forested track. The track winds down some timber steps, towards the sound of traffic for about 160m then down a timber staircase to the edge of Freemans Drive. Here the walk crosses Freemans Drive (busy road, please be

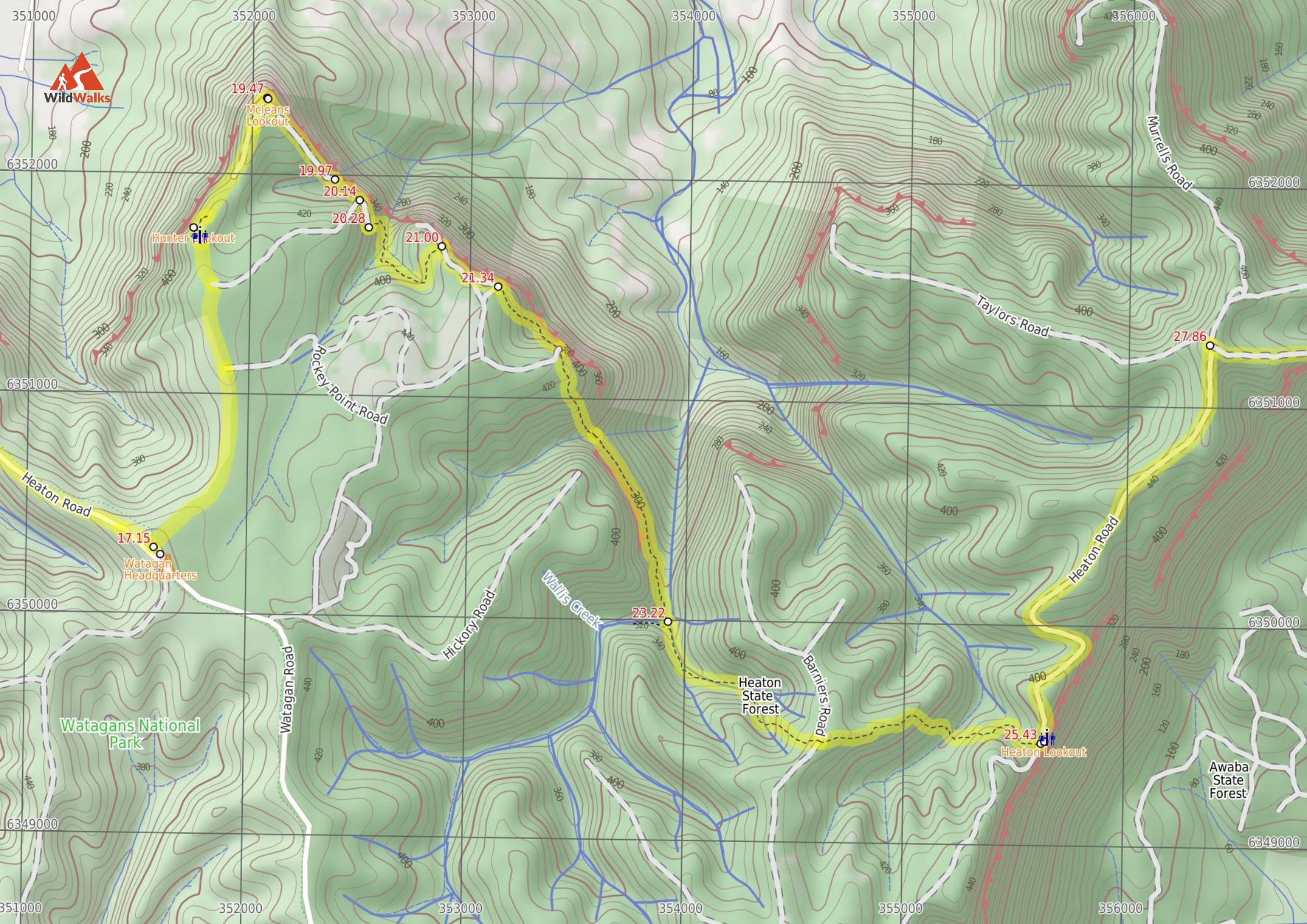
careful to look and listen for traffic) and comes to the Watagan Forest Motel, petrol station (on the left), picnic area and signposted 'Heaton Gap Track Head' (on the right).

#### 29.7 | Watagan Forest Motel

Watagan Forest Motel is located on Branxton-Toronto Road. This retro-style motel is located right on the Great North Walk. The motel offers six rooms for around \$99 per night - each with a double bed (four rooms also have twin singles), a television, bathroom with shower, air conditioning, and breakfast included. Room service is available. Adjoining the motel is a service station, which also offers dining room meals as well as a small grocery selection (bread, milk, bottled water, rice, pasta, etc), open until 8:30pm daily. A rest area is situated next to the motel, with covered picnic tables and garbage bins. For further information, phone (02)4938 0149.







19.47  
McJeans Lookout

Hunter Lookout

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Hockey Point Road

Heaton Road

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Watagan Headquarters

Wallis Creek

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Hickory Road

Heaton State Forest

Barriers Road

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Heaton Lookout

Heaton Road

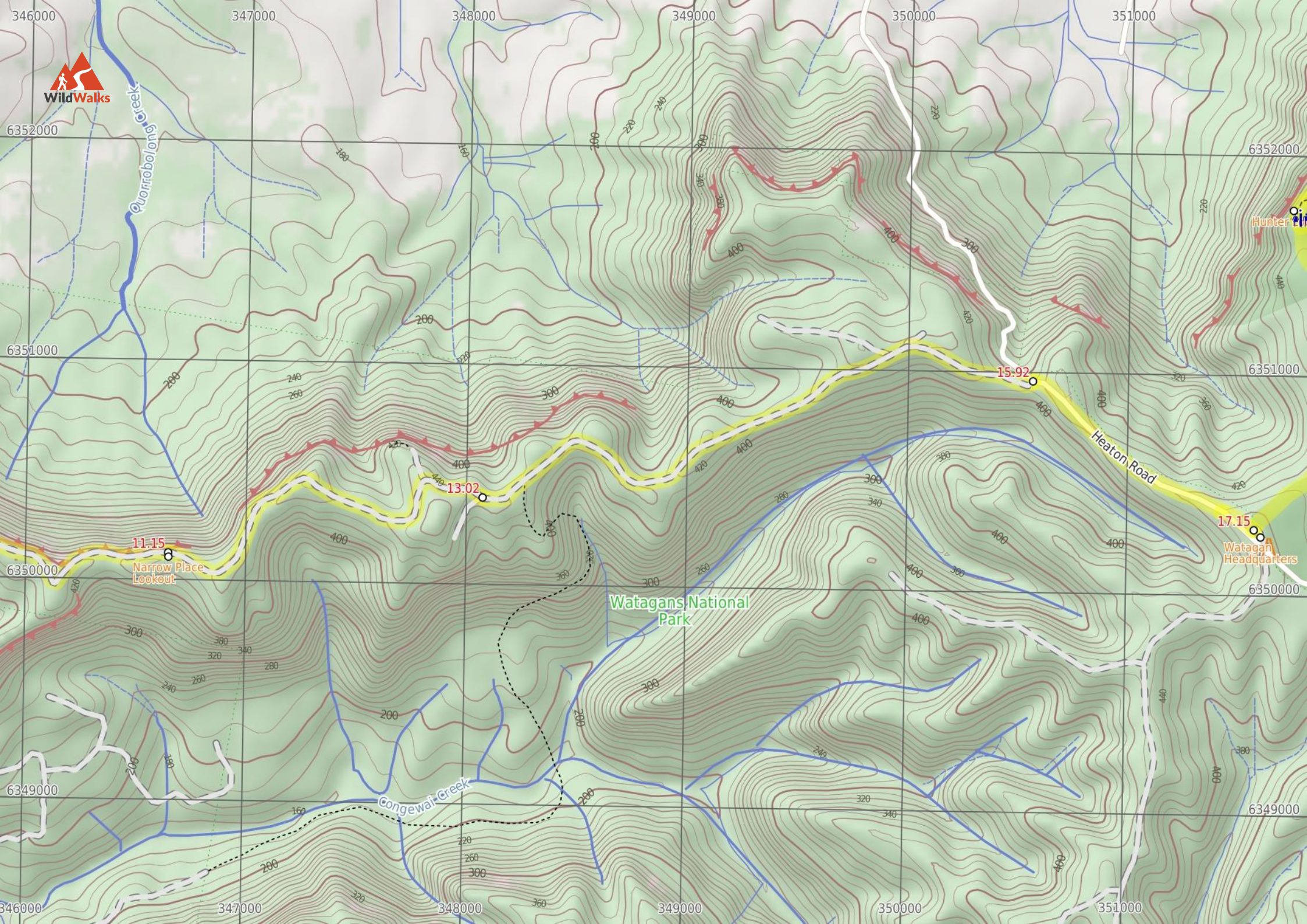
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Lookout

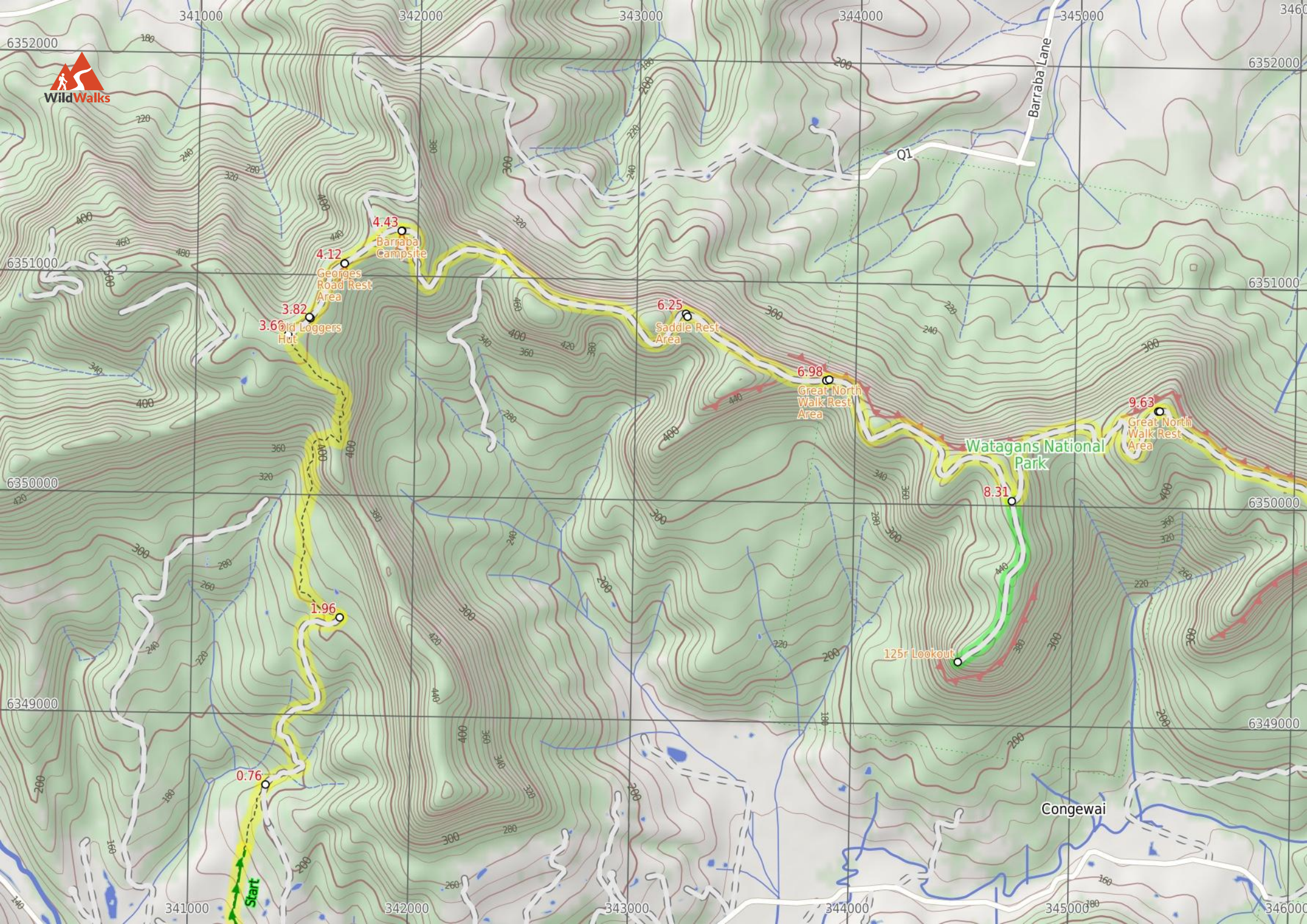
Congewai Creek

Watagans National  
Park

Heaton Road

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Headquarters

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## Summary navigation sheet for the Congewai East Track Head to Watagan Forest Motel via Forestry HQ Campsite



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Congewai Valley east trackhead -32.9952,151.3004 (GR Quorrobolong, 412480)	54 -12	760 m 17 mins	From the Congewai Valley east trackhead, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign over the stile.
0.76	Property Gate -32.9888,151.302 (GR Quorrobolong, 413487)	125 -1	1.2 km 31 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail gently downhill and through the gate, and into the signposted 'Edwin Crawford Conservation Area'.
1.96	Int on GNW bushtrack -32.9819,151.3056 (GR Quorrobolong, 417494)	239 -36	1.7 km 52 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill.
3.69	Int of Georges Rd AND GNW track -32.9703,151.3031 (GR Quorrobolong, 414507)	0 -8	130 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker gently downhill along the dirt road.
3.82	Old Loggers Hut -32.9696,151.3042 (GR Quorrobolong, 415508)	2 -2	300 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the old loggers hut, this walk follows the dirt road north-east along the top of the ridge, initially keeping the hut to your left.
4.12	Georges Rd rest area -32.9674,151.3058 (GR Quorrobolong, 417511)	13 -3	320 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From Georges Road rest area, this walk follows the dirt road gently uphill, initially keeping the rest area on your left.
4.43	Barraba Campsite -32.9661,151.3086 (GR Quorrobolong, 419512)	78 -164	1.8 km 43 mins	Continue straight: From the Barraba campsite, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign east, downhill along the grassy trail.
6.25	Saddle Rest Area -32.9695,151.3224 (GR Quorrobolong, 432508)	36 -57	730 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the saddle, this walk follows the trail gently uphill, initially keeping the views on your left and fire dam on your right.
6.98	Int of Georges Rd AND Watagans National Park boundary gate -32.9722,151.3292 (GR Quorrobolong, 439506)	99 -53	1.3 km 33 mins	Continue straight: From the locked gate, this walk follows the dirt Georges Road moderately steeply downhill at first, keeping the views on your left.
8.31	Top of the 125r Lookout trail -32.9771,151.3382 (GR Quorrobolong, 447500)	15 -50	860 m 17 mins	Optional sidetrip to 125r Lookout Rest Area. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the '125r Lookout' sign south gently downhill along the grassy trail.
8.31	Top of the 125r Lookout trail -32.9771,151.3382 (GR Quorrobolong, 447500)	76 -68	1.3 km 31 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker east along Georges Road as it first bends left, initially keeping the 125r Lookout track on your right.
9.63	Northern rest area -32.9735,151.3454 (GR Quorrobolong, 454504)	57 -90	1.5 km 33 mins	Continue straight: From the rest area, this walk follows the dirt George Road east, initially keeping the views on your left.
11.15	Narrow Place Lookout -32.9765,151.3589 (GR Quorrobolong, 466501)	67 -53	1.9 km 37 mins	Continue straight: From the Narrow Place lookout, this walk follows Georges Road east gently downhill, initially keeping the views to your left.
13.02	Int of Georges Road AND Congewai Creek track -32.9743,151.3742 (GR Quorrobolong, 481504)	67 -100	2.9 km 55 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the dirt Georges Road as it leads gently downhill, initially keeping the main valley to your left.
15.92	Int of Georges & Heaton Rds -32.9695,151.401 (GR Quorrobolong, 506510)	60 -7	1.2 km 25 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently uphill along the dirt Heaton Rd.
17.15	End of day 1 -32.9756,151.4117 (GR Quorrobolong, 516503)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
17.15	Forestry H.Q campsite -32.9756,151.4117 (GR Quorrobolong, 516503)	21 -38	1.6 km 27 mins	Turn left : From the intersection (Forestry H.Q.
18.77	Hunter Lookout picnic area -32.9626,151.4138 (GR Quorrobolong, 518517)	39 -38	700 m 16 mins	Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk heads north, past the metal gate to the intersection of Bakers Road.
19.47	Maclean Lookout -32.9572,151.4172 (GR Quorrobolong, 521523)	7 -74	490 m 12 mins	Veer right: From Mcleans Lookout, this walk follows Bakers Road gently downhill, while keeping Macleans Lookout behind you on your left.

## Summary navigation sheet for the Congewai East Track Head to Watagan Forest Motel via Forestry HQ Campsite



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
19.97	Int of GNW track AND a wide track -32.9605,151.4205 (GR Quorrobolong, 524520)	19 -12	170 m 5 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track moderately steeply downhill, while keeping the GNW arrow marker on your left.
20.14	Int of GNW track & Glen Road -32.9614,151.4217 (GR Quorrobolong, 525519)	12 -8	130 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, while keeping the 'Glenn Rd' sign on your right.
20.28	Int of GNW track & a wide bushtrack -32.9625,151.4222 (GR Quorrobolong, 525518)	75 -59	720 m 21 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker moderately steeply down along the track.
21.00	Int of GNW track & a wide track -32.9633,151.4257 (GR Quorrobolong, 529517)	30 -17	340 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Watagan Forest Road' sign uphill along the trail for about 200m to a three-way intersection, with another 'Watagan Forest Road' sign (on your left).
21.34	Int of GNW track and Fosters Road south -32.9649,151.4285 (GR Quorrobolong, 531515)	172 -282	1.9 km 1 Hr	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down along the wide old trail, passing the 'Fosters Road' sign on your left.
23.22	Int of GNW track and Wallis Creek -32.9787,151.4367 (GR Quorrobolong, 539500)	201 -115	2.2 km 59 mins	Continue straight: From here, the walk crosses Wallis Creek, and follows the GNW arrows south gently uphill along the track.
25.43	Heaton Lookout. -32.9837,151.4548 (GR Quorrobolong, 556495)	144 -54	2.4 km 54 mins	Turn left: From 'Heaton Lookout', this walk follows the 'Heaton Gap' sign gently uphill along the dirt Heaton Rd, past the toilet.
27.86	Heaton Communications Tower -32.9674,151.4631 (GR Quorrobolong, 564513)	3 -69	620 m 13 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker off the main road, heading east along the wide trail, initially keeping the fenced tower on your right.
28.48	Heaton Gap Lookout -32.9678,151.4695 (GR Quorrobolong, 570512)	6 -272	1.2 km 32 mins	Continue straight: From Heaton Gap Lookout, this walk follows the track east, moderately steeply downhill, initially keeping the view from Heaton Gap Lookout on your right.