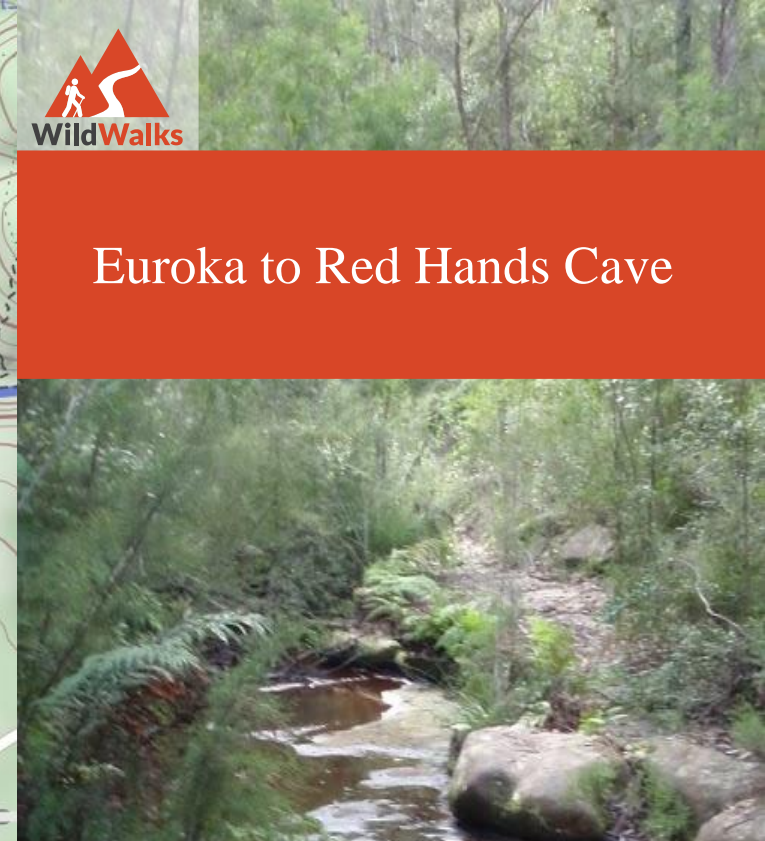
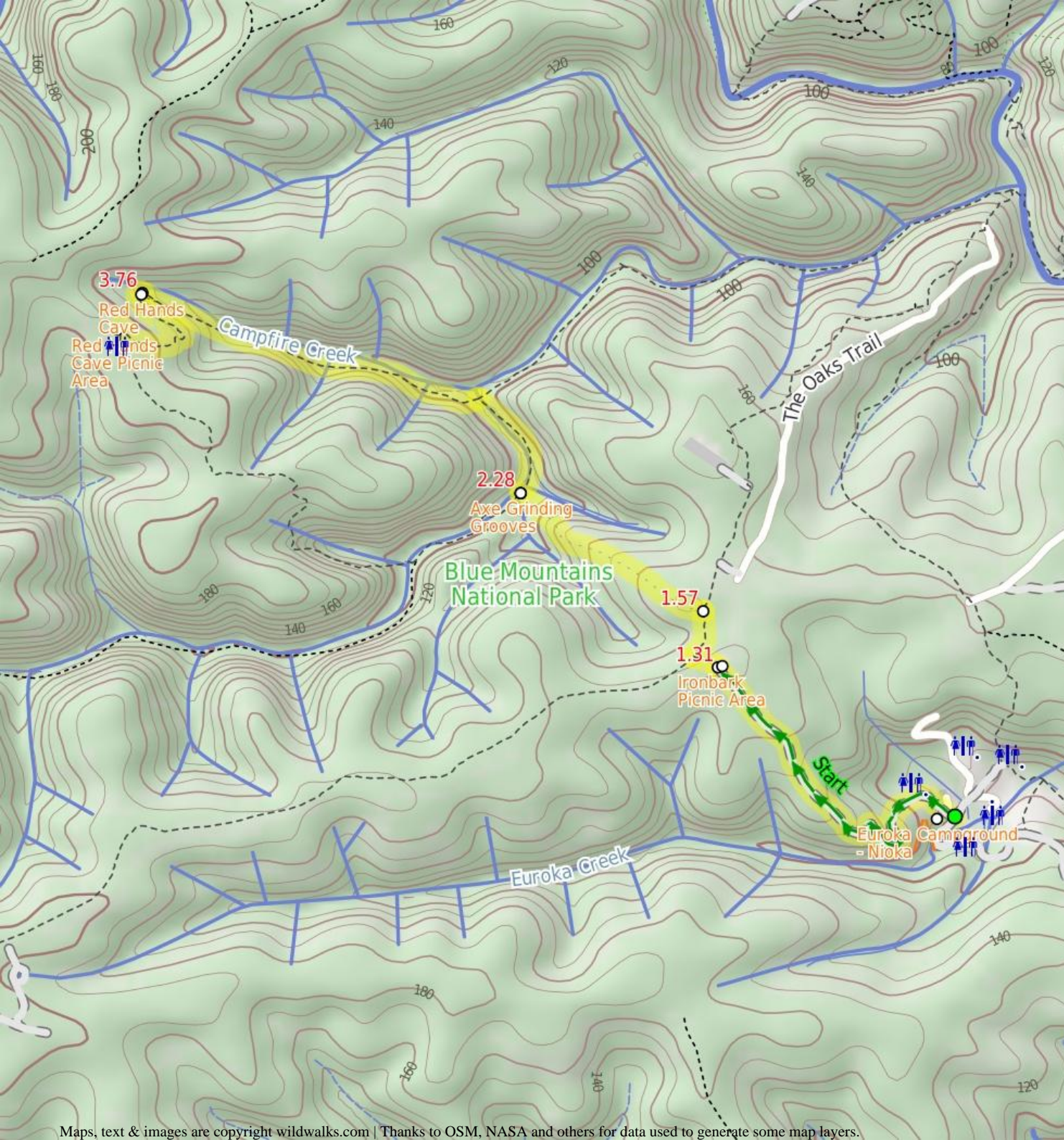


## Euroka to Red Hands Cave



1 hr 45 mins

Experienced only

5

4.3 km One way

↑ 269m

The walk to Red Hands Caves is quite a heritage walk, with both Indigenous art and grinding grooves to see. The walk leaves Euroka camping area and heads down through the valleys, passing the heritage areas. The walk finishes at Red Hands Cave picnic area, a perfect spot for lunch. As an alternative, you could retrace your footsteps back to Euroka Camping area to make this a return walk.

80m

206m

Blue Mountains 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. **Experinced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Nioka Campsite (gps: -33.7996, 150.6163). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Red Hands Cave car park (gps: -33.7834, 150.5903). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

### 0 | Euroka Campground - Nioka

The Nioka campground offers 20 sites to choose from. There is tap water at the park entrance.

### 0 | Nioka Campsite

(1.3 km 25 mins) From the intersection below Nioka, this walk heads up the hill and around the locked gate. The track then passes the toilet and the 'no exit' sign. The walk then continues to follow this clear track as it heads uphill, away from the campsites. The management trail takes a few sharp bends and before long, the hill flattens out a little. As the track meanders up the hill, it widens into a clearer management trail. Just before the Oaks Fire Trail, this walk steps over the locked gate into the Ironbark Picnic Area.

### 1.31 | Ironbark Picnic Area

Ironbark Picnic Area is a basic picnic area on the Oaks Fire Trail, about 450m south of Euroka Rd. The picnic area has a low bench that acts as both a table and seat, and there is also a wood-fired barbecue provided. The picnic area is at the top of a gated management trail, which leads down to campsites at

Euroka. There are plenty of car parking spaces provided and it is a fairly popular starting point for people cycling the Oaks Cycleway.

### 1.31 | The Ironbark Picnic Area

(260 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the Ironbark picnic area, this walk crosses the road to the car park (opposite the end of the management trail and gate). At the car park, the walk steps over the log and follows the track. The track soon leads to a 'T' intersection with Oaks cycleway.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide track as it heads downhill to the north. After crossing the gully, the track then heads up the hill. On top of the small hill, the track comes to a intersection with a narrow track on the left (through the dense bush).

### 1.57 | Int of Oaks Cycleway and Campfire Creek access tra

(710 m 15 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow track west into the dense bush. The bush soon thins out and the track leads down the ridge line, passing over a few rocky outcrops. The track continues along the spur as it narrows, ending at the junction of two small creeks. From here, the walk continues a short distance downstream to an intersection with the red hands cave track, at the axe grinding site.

### 2.28 | Axe Grinding Grooves

These well-defined axe grinding grooves are found on the sandstone bed of Camp Fire Creek. The grooves were formed by Aboriginal people when sharpening axes (or forming axe blanks). Rubbing the axe blanks would sharpen the stone into a more useful tool, and the process would also wear the sandstone, leaving these markings. These sites are typically found near water, as the water was added to make the stone more abrasive. Sites like this will fade in time due to erosion of the sandstone - please help them last as long as possible by not walking on, or close to the grooves. [More info.](#)

### 2.28 | Axe Grinding Grooves

(1.5 km 37 mins) Veer right: From the grinding grooves at the creek junction, the walk heads across the side creek, keeping the larger creek on the left. The track immediately passes a sign with information about the grinding grooves, then continues above the creek. The track undulates above the creek and over a log bridge to tend right, down to a signposted intersection above a creek.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Red Hands Cave' sign down across the creek. The track leads over a small rise across another smaller creek, then follows the

hillside for a short while, passing a bench seat and then a small log bridge. The track then starts tending left, heading up to a rocky outcrop where the walk arrives at the metal verandah of Red Hands Cave.

### 3.76 | Red Hands Cave

Red Hands Cave, in the Glenbrook area of the Blue Mountains National Park, is found near the end of Red Hands Cave fire trail. The cave has quite a few hand stencils and prints of various colours (including red). The cave is well protected, with a perspex and steel cage. There are some information signs and some artifacts to help visitors learn more about the people who made these prints over 1600 years ago. In 1913, when searching for a lost child, this cave was found by Europeans and is now protected.

### 3.76 | Red Hands Cave

(500 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From Red Hands Cave, the walk heads up the stairs, winding to be above Red Hands Cave. The track then continues across the rocky surface, slowly climbing through the bush and leading away from the rock outcrop. The track winds through a few rocky outcrops, tending right, before coming to a car park and 'Red Hands Cave' sign (pointing back to the cave).

### 4.26 | Red Hands Cave Picnic Area

Red Hands Cave Picnic Area is found at the end of the Red Hands Cave Fire Trail in the Glenbrook area of the Blue Mountains National Park. The small picnic area is next to the car park and has a couple of platforms (to act as both a table and seat) as well as a fire place and toilet. The toilet itself is wheelchair accessible, but access to the toilet is over moderately rough terrain. A good spot to rest when exploring Red Hands Cave.