## wild Blaxland to Warrimoo Station Florabella





This is a wonderful walk through a section of the Glenbrook Gorge. Plenty of views are dotted along the way, looking into the gorge, with many interesting rock formations to enjoy between the views. Walking from station to station makes this a convenient walk for all. A visit to the local bakery or cafe is a great addition to this walk.

Blue Mountains National Park

6 km Length: 3 hrs Time: Climb: 406 m Style: One way

**Rating:** Track: Hard

Where: 1.1 km NE of Blaxland

**Transport:** train bus car

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Side trips and Alternate routes mentioned in these notes are not included in the tracks overall rating, distance or time estimate. The notes only describe the side trips and Alternate routes in one direction. Allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing these notes but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury sustained by using these notes or maps. Please take care and share your experience through the website. Please check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating just before leaving for your walk. Walk maybe closed during Total Fire Ban. GPS for start the start of this walk:-33.7438,150.6099 & for the end:-33.7214,150.6029



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### Blaxland Station to Blaxland Library Carpark 0.5km 10 mins

(From S) From the station, this walk heads up to the pedestrian bridge and turns right, crossing over the Great Western Highway. The walk then uses the stairs or ramp to descend to the footpath below.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down along the pedestrian lane way, under the foot bridge and away from the highway. Here the walk crosses the car park entrance and follows the footpath downhill to turn left onto 'Hope St'. This walk then crosses another car park entrance, then turns right to cross Hope St at the traffic calming device. Here the walk turns left and continues down along the footpath beside Hope St for about 150m to turn right at the 'Blaxland Civic Centre' sign. Now the walk follows this footpath downhill then along the back deck of the library to the car park on the far side of the building.



## Blaxland Library Carpark to Int of Pipas Pass and Bates Ave tracks 0.4km 5 mins

(From 0.53 km) Turn right: From the Blaxland Library car park, this walk heads to the lower left corner of the car park to find a 'Bushcare site' information sign. Here the walk follows the track towards the houses for a few meters to then turn right and heading down the narrower track and timber steps. This track winds downhill for about 80m to pass a grafittied sandstone overhang. Here the track continues along the side of the hill for another 15m to a smaller overhang where the track bends right and downhill for about 50m to come to a T-intersection in the heath. Here the walk turns right to almost immediately cross over a sandstone rock platform and small creek then after another 30m the track passes another grafittied sandstone overhang (on your right). From this overhang this walk continues to wind gently downhill for another 40m to cross a small often dry creek then after another 70m the track leads across a sandstone platform and larger creek to come to a T-intersection with another track on the opposite bank.



## Int of Pipas Pass and Bates Ave tracks to Int. Ross Cres Trk East and Pippas Pass 0.8km 15 mins

(From 0.88 km) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill initially keeping the creek to your right. The heath soon becomes thicker (and the creek is not visible for a while), after about 60m the track leads down through a cleft in the rock. The track leads down through a rocky section then leads along through a pleasant and shaded valley for about 200m where the track passes along the base of a few natural sandstone walls before leading down to cross the usually small and pleasant creek.



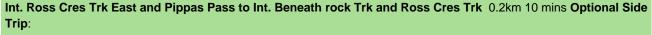
The track then bends left to begin a gently climb out of the valley by undulating along the side of the hill. Soon the valley on your left becomes quiet steep then track leads down a short set of sandstone steps then past a a shallow sandstone overhang. Here the track winds along the side of the hill for another 100m

to head up a small hill and come to a T-intersection just before a rock face. Here there is a 'Pippas Pass' sign pointing back where you came from (about 2m up a tree on your right).



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(From 1.65 km) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the stone steps uphill. The steps zig zag a couple of times for about 30m before passing between two boulders, where the track flattens out and comes to a Y-intersection (with more steps on the right, and a flatter track on the left).



Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the stone steps. The track winds fairly steeply uphill at first, then leads a little more gently for just over 100m to come to an intersection at the base of a few rock walls. Here this walk ignores the stone step track (on the left) and veers right following the other stone steps up between the two rock walls. This track winds up the stone steps then bends left to flatten out at the top of the hill at an intersection with a wider track. Here there is a large unfenced rock platform (on your left).

**Ross Cres rock outcrop** 

This rocky outcrop below Ross Crescent, stands like a number of large sandstone foundations in the side of the hill. They are worth an explore, with a numerous views over the bush and little cracks and overhangs to look through.



## Int. Ross Cres Trk East and Pippas Pass to Int. Florabella Pass and Pippas Pass Trks 0.1km 4 mins

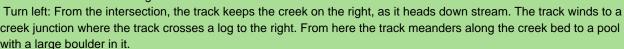
(From 1.65 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads right, around a boulder, and soon meets a set of stairs, with arrows and place names scratched into the rock either side.



Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows 'Florabella Pass' arrow engraved in rock face along the mostly flat track around the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your left. The track soon comes to another intersection with a set of stone steps (on the right).

## Int. Florabella Pass and Pippas Pass Trks to Boulder pool 0.3km 5 mins Optional Side Trip:

(From 1.72 km) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads steeply down the stone steps and eroded track, winding steeply, in some sections over steep rocky surfaces. The track continues downhill until coming to an intersection where the track meets a large boulder which stretches towards the creek.



(Retrace your steps back to the main track, then turn left to continue along this walk.)



Boulder Pool, unofficially named, is a nice pool along the Glenbrook Creek with a boulder sitting in it. The pool is a great place to cool your feet, and sit on the sandy banks and grab a bite as you take in your surroundings.



Int. Florabella Pass and Pippas Pass Trks to Int. Florabella Pass Trk and Plateau Pde Trk 0.4km 15 mins (From 1.72 km) Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads north around the rocky hillside to tend left, into a creek on the left. The track winds steeply up through rocky outcrops to a sign posted intersection next to a large orange rock overhang.

## Florabella Pass overhang

This large and well coloured sandstone overhang is a feature of Florabella Pass. The overbearing nature of this overhang makes it a grand sight along the track. The steps and clearing below it also make for a good place to rest and grab a bite to eat.



## Int. Florabella Pass Trk and Plateau Pde Trk to Southern end of Florabella Rd 2.5km 1 Hrs

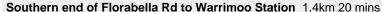
(From 2.16 km) Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads in the opposite direction to both signs to heading along the hillside, north, valley below on the right. The track meanders along the hillside with the valley below on the left narrowing and the cliffs previously seen, disappearing. The track continues to wind with frequent rocky outcrops appearing to the right of the track before the track meets a sign psoted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads north with the gully on the left to quickly round the corner to a wooden bridge. The track crosses the bridge to contour around the hillside for some time. The track follows the hill around to drop into the creek and then pass up through a tight section of sapplings. The creek, below left, is followed up the before the track turns right opposite a mossy boulder. The track uses wide low gradient zig zags to climb the hill before steeply and quickly winding up through numerous rocky outcrops to the end of the Florabella Rd.

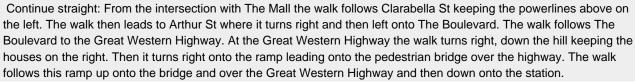


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(From 4.62 km) Continue straight: From the end of Florabella St the walk heads up the hill keeping the powerlines above on the left. The walk continues up the road soon passing a primary school on the right. The walk then comes to the intersection with The Mall on the right.





### A list of paper topographical maps that cover this walk

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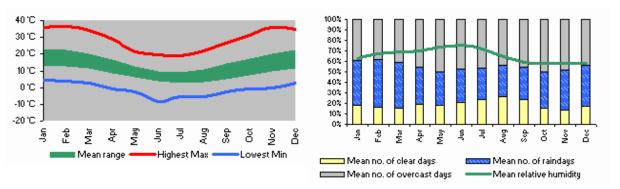












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