

Lapstone to end of Glenbrook Gorge



This walk offers a great way to see the Nepean River and marvel at the mouth of Glenbrook Gorge. Starting from Lapstone Station, the walk travels alongside the Nepean River to the junction with Glenbrook Creek. The area is filled with large boulders, pools and many neat spots to explore before returning to Lapstone.

Blue Mountains National Park

Length: 3.2 km

1 hr 30 mins Time:

Climb: 172 m Style: Return

Rating: Track: Hard

Where: 0.3 km ENE of Lapstone

Transport: train bus car

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Lapstone

The historic town of Lapstone is the eastern-most town in the Blue Mountains. The small township has a railway station, which is shares with the bordering town of Leonay. The station offers a public telephone and toilet. There are no commercial facilities in the area. The name 'Lapstone' is said to have come from the 'many water-worn stones in the area', which resemble the lapstone used by cobblers when making shoes.



Platform 2 Lapstone Station to Int. Station trk and Tunnel Gully trk 0.1km 1 mins

(From S) From Lapstone Station, the walk heads down the hill away from the station and town. The track soon meets a management trail.



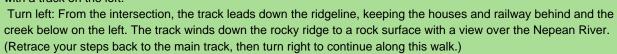
Int. Station trk and Tunnel Gully trk to Int. Tunnel Gully trk and car wreck trk 0.1km 2 mins

(From 0.05 km) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads downhill along the trail, keeping the station above on the right. The trail undulates a little then comes to an intersection with a track on the right, just before the trail starts to head downhill again (there is an old car wreck in the bush to the left).



Int. Tunnel Gully trk and car wreck trk to Lapstone lookout 0.2km 5 mins Optional Side Trip:

(From 0.17 km) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the single track away from the clear management trail. The track crosses the hillside and leads across the depression of a creek to rise onto a small ridge, and in intersection with a track on the left.





Lapstone Nepean View

This informal and unfenced view point is just below Lapstone Station. There are stunning views up and down the Nepean River and across some farmland on the Cumberland Plain. A great spot to enjoy the views.



Int. Tunnel Gully trk and car wreck trk to Int. Tunnel Gully trk and Nepean Pt trk 0.4km 10 mins

(From 0.17 km) Continue straight: From the intersection, the track heads downhill along the management trail, tending left to keep the views of the Nepean River on the right. The trail winds down the hill past a large electricity tower and about 115 metres further, comes to a small track on the right, somewhat overgrown with vines (this is just before the creek crossing).



Int. Tunnel Gully trk and Nepean Pt trk to Int. at junction of Nepean River and Glenbrook Creek

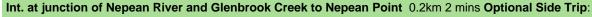
1km 20 mins

(From 0.61 km) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads down towards the Nepean River. The track winds and undulates for quite some time along the river, which it keeps to the left. The track then comes to a section of rock where an island-like stretch of land forms in the river on the left. The track winds, climbs or walks above these rock formations, and comes to be above the junction of Glenbrook Creek and the Nepean River.



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(From 1.62 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the track winds down the rocky outcrop, keeping the mouth of the Glenbrook Creek behind on the right. The track winds down through the rocks onto the island-like stretch of land in the Nepean River. The track crosses many large round river stones which are slippery. The walk keeps the water close on the left as it heads out to the point.



Nepean view point

Nepean view point is an informal lookout which peers back down the Nepean River towards Penrith. The point is made from rocks deposited in the river and is now covered by trees and surrounded by reeds.

This is a 'Return' style walk - retrace your steps back to the beginning when you are ready.



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