



Tarpeian Rock

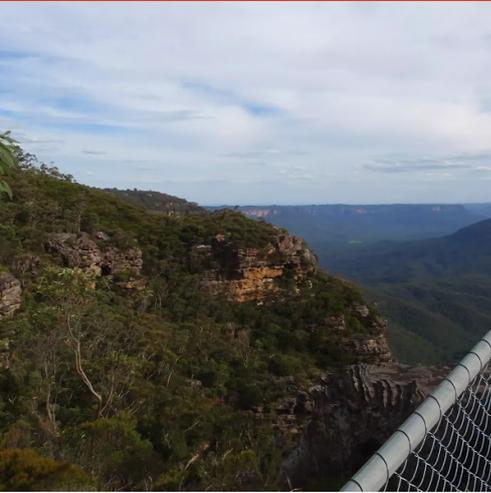
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

15 min to 30 min

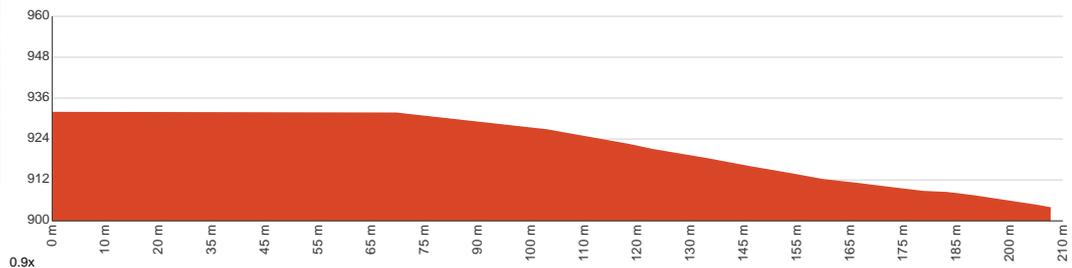
410 m
Return

↑ 28 m
↓ 28 m

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Easy track

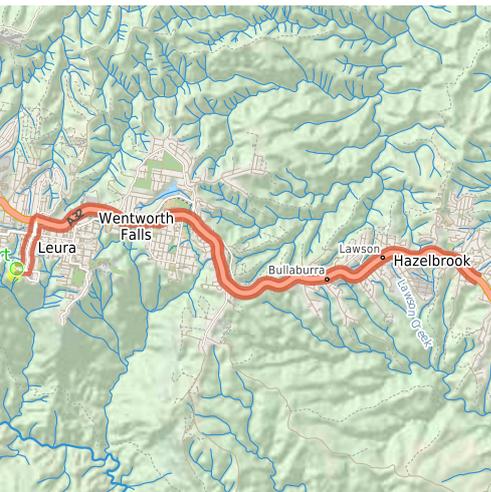


This short walk starts from Cliff Rd in Leura and heads out to Tarpeian Rock Lookout, crossing over Prince Henry Cliff Walk. The lookout provides breathtaking views down the Jamison Valley and along the Kings Tableland to Mount Solitary. The floor of the lookout is interesting in its own right, with fascinating circular patterns. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32



- Turn on to then drive for 175 m
- Turn sharp left onto Station Street and drive for another 10 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 3.9 km
- Keep left onto Alexandra Terrace and drive for another 500 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 165 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 215 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 1 km
- Turn right onto Gordon Road, BMD and drive for another 245 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Cliff Drive

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start

Gordon Road

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Prince Henry Cliff Walk

Tarpeian Rock Access Walk

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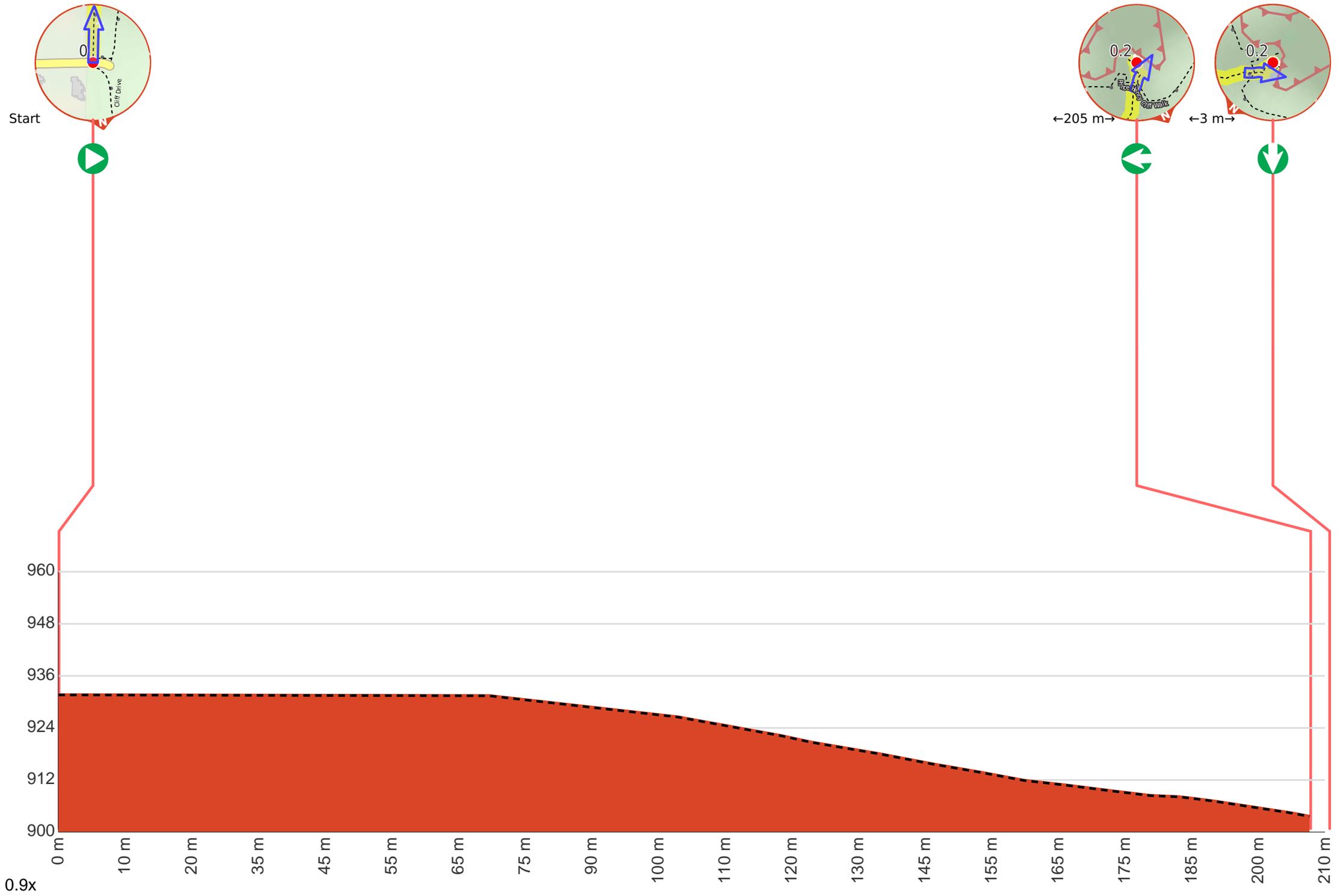
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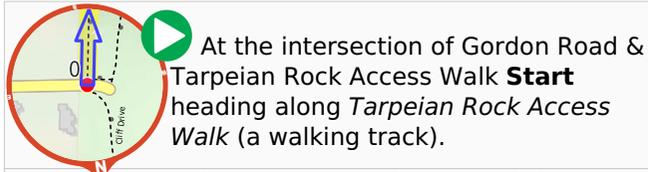
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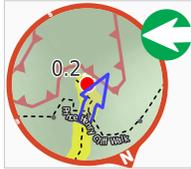


Getting started: From the Cliff Drive, one house west from Olympic Parade, this walk follows the 'Tarpeian Rock' signpost along the bush track, following the sandstone wall. The track soon passes the 'Blue Mountains National Park' sign as it winds through the bush for a short while, then winds down a hill that gradually gets a little steeper as it approaches the intersection of the Prince Henry Cliff Walk at the 'Leura Cascades' sign.

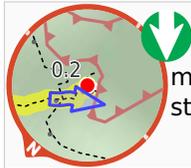


At the intersection of Gordon Road & Tarpeian Rock Access Walk **Start** heading along *Tarpeian Rock Access Walk* (a walking track).

After another 120 m **continue straight**, to head along Tarpeian Rock Access Walk.



After another 85 m **turn left**.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 205 m to get back to the start.



About 10 m past the end is "Tarpeian Rock".



Tarpeian Rock is a great lookout, suspended high on a sandstone butte, with circular patterns under foot. The view from the lookout extends from Kings Tableland on the left, to the 'back' of the Three Sisters and into Jamison Valley on the right. There are also great views across to Mount Solitary, Narrow Neck Plateau and the Ruined Castle. The name is derived from the Roman 'Tarpeian Rock', a steep cliff rocky point overlooking the Roman forum that was used as a place to execute people. Thankfully, this Tarpeian Rock has a much more peaceful feel about it.