

Wynnes Rocks Lookout and Daintree Lane

Walk Signage Colour: **Yellow**

Length: 6.6 km Circuit

Elevation Change: 120 m

Time: 2 hours

Grade: Medium/Easy

Starting point:

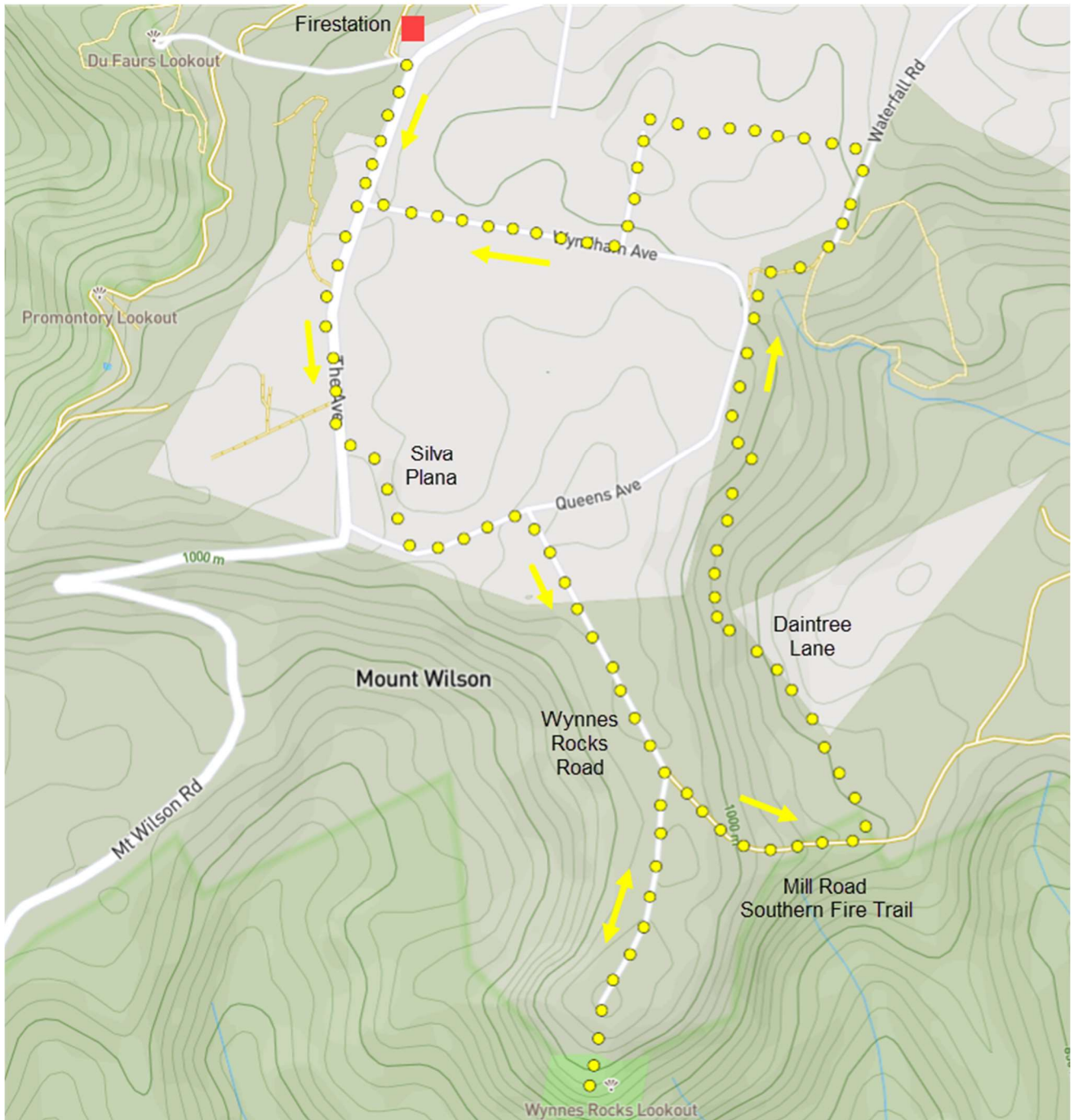
Corner of Du Fours Rocks Road and The Avenue, opposite the Rural Fire Station.

Walking conditions:

- Road
- Well formed track.
- Portions of bush track

Highlights:

- Wynnes Rocks Lookout with spectacular views
- Little known lanes
- Lovely rainforest section

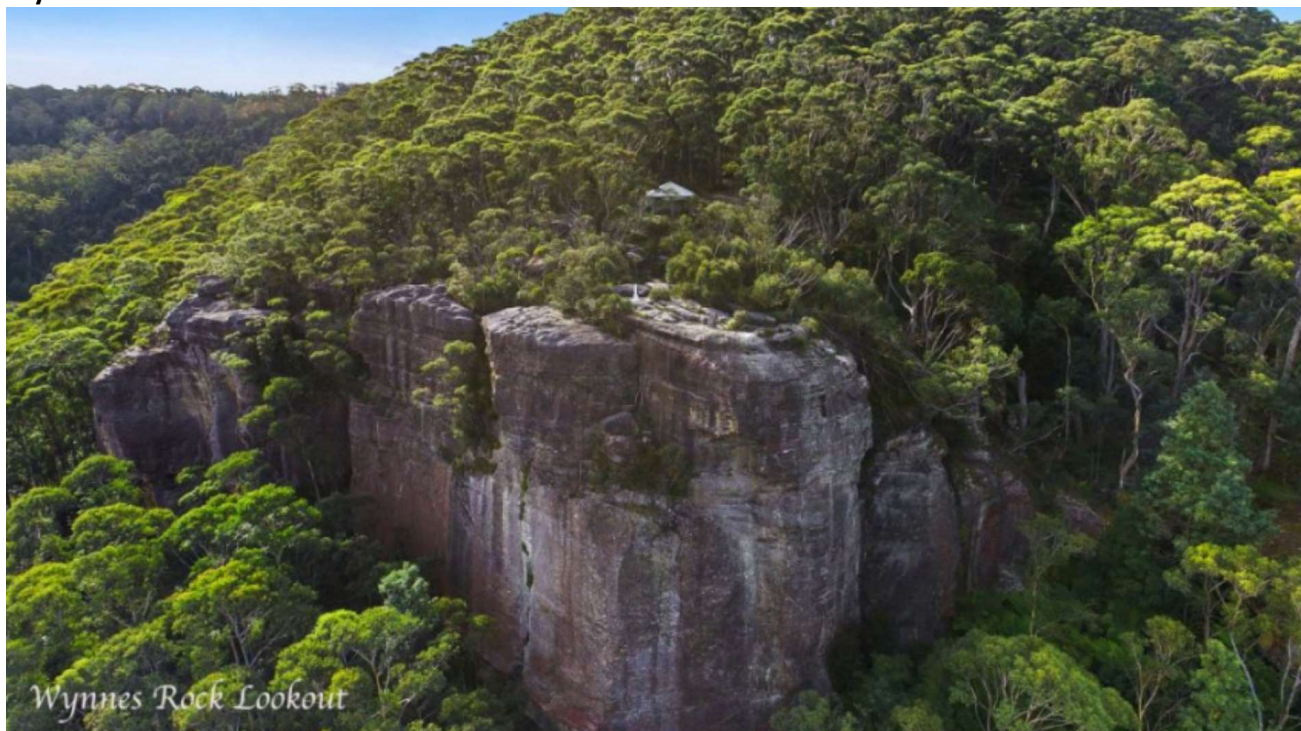


This walk starts and ends from the corner of the Avenue and Du Fours Lookout Road opposite the Mt Wilson Rural Fire Station. There are yellow signs along most parts of this walk, but the directions need to be followed as there are some areas where the signs may not be in place. As part of this walk is along some of the roads in village be aware of traffic and avoid walking on the road wherever possible.

From the Fire Station head South down the Avenue and past the entrance to Breenhold. Just after Breenhold turn left into Silva Plana and walk across the Silva Plana field to Queens Avenue and turn left into Queens Avenue. Then turn right into Wynnes Rocks Road and walk to the end of Wynnes Rock Road to Wynnes Rocks Lookout. Wynnes Rocks Road runs along the ridgeline and there are great views from the road.

Wynnes Rocks Lookout offers spectacular 270 degree views and is worth returning for the sunset. This is a great spot for morning tea or lunch.

Wynnes Rocks Lookout



Walk back along Wynnes Rocks Road and turn right onto Mill Road (also known as the Southern Fire Trail). There is a gate at the junction of the road and you can walk around the gate. Walk down the Southern Fire trail and after 400 metres there is a trail heading to the left of the Southern Fire Trail. Turn left at this junction. This is known as Daintree Lane. If you reach the next gate along the Southern Fire trail then you have gone too far and need to backtrack a short distance to get to Daintree Lane.

Daintree Lane runs between the old mill and the bottom of properties that border on Wynnes Rocks Road. The old mill was located next to the dam at the bottom of the paddocks. Follow along the fence line and be careful that you don't fall into one of the many quite large wombat holes that you encounter along this track.

Paddocks above the Old Mill



After the track runs uphill you get to a serene section of rainforest as the track heads to the right. This is quite a well formed track and is one of the highlights of this walk as there are some lovely treeferns in this area. Take time to soak up the beauty of this special place (and clear some sticks from the track to help in its maintenance).

Treeferns on Daintree Lane



As the track starts to narrow the path heads uphill to the left past some fallen logs. Be careful at this section to make sure that you follow the track to the left at this point. The track is more indistinct for a short period and is then rather well formed. The track runs up the hill and intersects with a path that runs just under

Queens Avenue. Turn right at this path and follow this path down to Jefferson bridge that crosses the Creek between the bottom of Queens Avenue and Waterfall Road.

Turn right at Jefferson Bridge and follow the path up to the bottom of Waterfall Road and then start walking up Waterfall Road. After about 200 m from the bottom of Waterfall Road there is an open gate on the Left Hand side. Go through this open gate and the path then heads along the fence line with the Chimney Cottage Blueberry Orchard on the left" this is Walford Road another unmade road that saved the iconic Mt Wilson Avenue, by being able to provide an alternative route to run the power lines in the 1980's.

Pass through another gate (please make sure you close the gate as you pass through this gate) and then continue all the way down the path to the next fence line. Turn left at this fence and follow the path up to Wyndham Avenue.

Turn right at Wyndham Avenue and follow the Road back to the Avenue. There is a Parma Wallaby Reserve on the left hand side as you walk up the hill towards the Avenue and if you look closely you can normally see some Wallabies.

The Parma wallaby (*Macropus parma*) was first described by British naturalist John Gould in about 1840. A shy cryptic creature of the wet sclerophyll forests of northern New South Wales, it was never commonly encountered and, even before the end of the 19th century, it was believed to be extinct.

In 1965 workers on Kawau Island (near Auckland, New Zealand) discovered a miraculously surviving population of Parma wallabies—a species long thought extinct. Many Wallabies were captured and sent to institutions in Australia and around the world (including Mt Wilson) in the hope that they would breed in captivity and could eventually be reintroduced to their native habitat.

These Wallabies are being supported by the benefaction of Peter and Anne Piggott from Yengo and visits to their gardens help in the Parma Wallaby Program.

At the top of Wyndham Avenue turn right onto the Avenue and back to the Fire Station.