

Cathedral Creek Loop

Walk Signage Colour: Pink

Length: 2.9 km

Elevation Change: 100 m

Time: 1 ¼ hour

Grade: Moderate

Starting point:

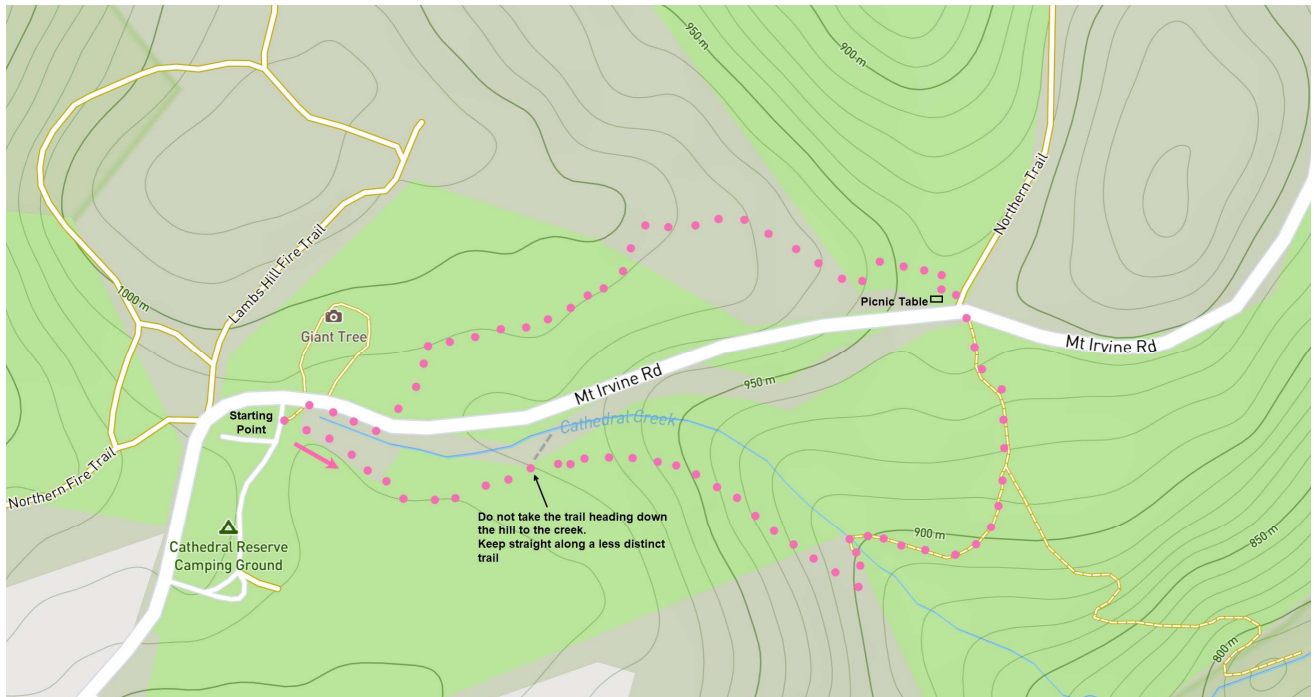
Cathedral Reserve Picnic area. Near Northern entrance (closest to Mt Irvine). Track starts just past the pile of woodchip.

Walking conditions:

- Well formed track.
- Some slippery sections especially when wet.

Highlights:

- Views
- Good circuit walk
- Lovely Rainforest at Cathedral Creek



This is a great loop track and is very handy to the Cathedral Reserve Camping Ground. As with all walks please ensure that you advise someone of your intended route and take necessary safety equipment. There are a couple of tricky navigational spots on this track so please read the notes and do not proceed unless you are certain of the route.



The track starts just behind the pile of woodchip and logs East of the carpark at the Northern entrance to the Cathedral Reserve Camping ground. Follow this well-marked track. After about 400m just after the track starts down the hill there is a fork near a dead tree stump.

The track to the left is more distinct and drops down to Cathedral Creek. **DO NOT TAKE THIS TRACK.**

The track to the right is less distinct and continues straight on through some bracken and after about 40m becomes more obvious and well worn. After about 50m there is a large fallen tree about 30m below the track. If you come across the fallen tree you have taken the wrong track.

Large fallen tree below the track



The track then heads parallel to Cathedral Creek through lovely rainforest for another 400m and then crosses over Cathedral Creek. This part of the track can be slippery and caution is required. Be extra cautious in wet conditions as it can be very slippery.

Track passing over Cathedral Creek



The track then rises up past the Happy Valley junction. An interesting detour is to go down to Happy Valley (see the walk notes for Happy Valley). The track then rises up to the Happy Valley Picnic area on Mt Irvine Road.

This is another key navigational point. Head downhill to the right hand side of the Happy Valley Picnic shelter. After about 10m turn left and cross over the bracken to find the distinct trail about 10m below the Picnic shelter.

The track then heads up the ridgeline for about 50m vertical ascent. At the top of the track the track arrow points to the left and on the right hand side is the entry to the School of Philosophy which has been operating from Mt Wilson for a number of years.



The track now heads into the Cathedral of Ferns reserve and can be indistinct as it traverses through the rainforest. There are a number of spots where the impact of the 2019 fires can be seen. The track then heads down to cross Mt Irvine Road.

The trail flows below Mt Irvine Road back to the Cathedral Reserve Camping ground. If you lose the trail here then head back to Mt Irvine Road and follow the road looking out for cars.