

# Happy Valley Track

The Happy Valley track was initially put in by the Kirks but by the early 70's had become very overgrown and hard to find. Libby and Keith Raines cleared and reopened the track prior to getting married in 1972.

Peter Raines cleared the top section of the track and installed new steps and ladder ways / signage as part of an upgrade for the MWPA, on behalf of BMCC in 1997/98.

**Walk Signage Colour: Orange**

**Length:** Happy Valley return 2km  
Cathedral Creek add 600 m

**Elevation Change:** 180 m

**Time:** 90 minutes

**Grade:** Medium

**Starting point:**

Happy Valley Picnic Area (and Car Park) 1.2 km after past Cathedral of Ferns heading towards Mt Irvine.

**Walking conditions:**

- Steep Track to Happy Valley.
- Slippery when wet.
- Easy walk to Cathedral Creek

**Highlights:**

- Lovely walk into the rainforest.
- Beautiful spots to enjoy at the creek.



Park at the Happy Valley Picnic Area on the left hand side of Mt Irvine Road 1.2 km after Cathedral of Ferns heading to Mt Irvine. Take care when crossing the road to the start of the track.

This is a special place, but it is a very steep track to get there. Opposite the Happy Valley picnic area there is a track leading into the valley. You quickly enter the rainforest where the tall straight trunks of the towering coachwood are a grand sight. After about 5 minutes walk the track divides. The track to the left goes to Happy Valley and the track to the right goes to Cathedral Creek. Walkers should aim to walk both tracks. The Cathedral Creek track is a much easier track for those wanting a less demanding walk.



### **Happy Valley (left hand track)**

This is a well made track, but not much used. It winds down to the Waterfall Creek, passing through some wonderful rainforest and massive moss covered rocks. Although the track is well marked there are places where the route is not that obvious. It gets quite steep at the bottom and quite slippery so care must be taken.

Once near the stream you will see a small waterfall which falls into a pond on your left. One can get down to this by crossing the stream directly above the fall. You will find little foot notches carved into the rock and you can clamber along the rock shelf and jump onto the rocks below. The pool is lovely for a quick cool dip on a hot day. It is a good walk for summer and is a lovely secret place, well worth the effort of getting there.

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### **Cathedral Creek (right hand track)**

The right hand track also continues through the beautiful rainforest to the little creek that runs down from Cathedral Reserve and is well worth the additional effort. Although the creek is often dry here, huge tree ferns grow and this is another lovely quiet place.

### View to Cathedral Creek



### **Cayleys Haycock Fire trail**

The Cayleys Haycock fire trail heads from the Happy Valley picnic area. This is a lovely short walk with great views over the escarpment. It also provided access to the Boronia Point walk for those feeling energetic.