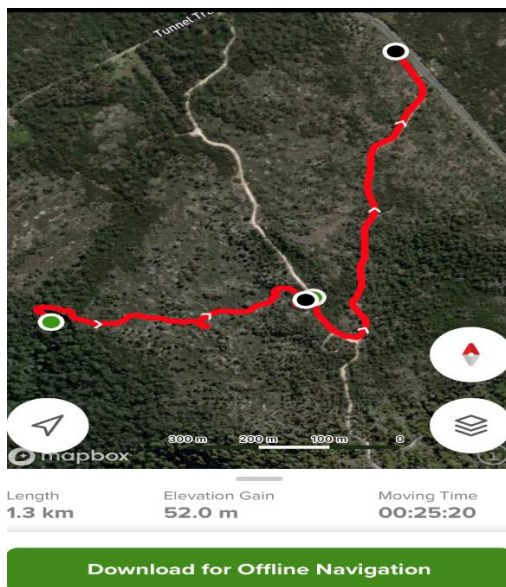


# Woy Woy Creek Falls

## Trip and Track Notes



Map of the route to the Falls



Limited parking near Bulls Hill Fire Tk

## Trip Notes

### Introduction

The Falls is a reasonably large waterfall on Woy Woy Creek, hidden away in Brisbane Waters National Park just off Woy Woy Rd, near Woy Woy in NSW.

Although access is reasonably easy via 4WD tracks and a section of cross-country navigation, the falls are a little known or visited location. The sheer drop of the falls from the plateau into the near pristine rain forest below provides quite a spectacular sight particularly after recent rains.

It can make for a challenging and interesting day trip and can be extended down Woy Woy creek for the more adventurous travellers.

### Access

The Starting Point to access the area is from a locked gate on the Bulls Hill Fire Track off Woy Woy Rd just north of Woy Woy Bay.

### Parking

There is limited parking near the gate and also on either side of Woy Woy Rd in the vicinity of the gate.



Locked Gate Bulls Hill Fire Tk (CP 1)



Bulls Hill Fire Track sign



Easy walking & riding on 4WD Tracks



Jnt with the Link Track (CP 2)

If parking of the road side, be VERY CAREFUL as passing traffic tends to travel at high speeds through the area.

If parking close to the locked gate please ensure you DO NOT BLOCK access for emergency vehicles should they need to use the gate.

Facilities

There are no Facilities in the course of the trip or in the destination area. Please ensure you DO NOT leave RUBBISH behind. Take it with you.

“Leave only footprints and take only photos”

Site Conservation

Due to its hidden location, the site is still fairly pristine and especially the rain forest pockets at the base of the falls. Please pay the area due respect. DO NOT damage the area or leave rubbish.

Water

There is no guaranteed drinking water available in the area, so you need to ensure you carry sufficient water. The water in Woy Woy creek is NOT safe to drink.

For suggestions on water usage and other handy items, please refer to the “Equipment Section” of the website.

Modes of Travel

Walking – the trip is suitable for walking.

Mountain biking – the first section of the trip is suitable for mountain biking. However, bikes will be need to be left (and secured) at the start of the second section of the trip.

Navigational Requirements

The first section of the trip is easily accessible along wide and clear 4WD tracks.

The second section requires cross country navigation through reasonably easy vegetation. There is no real foot track in this area although some markers are present ATTW.



The erosion control cutting (CP 3)



Creek crossing & power posts (CP 4)



Tk markers ATTW – Erosion control



Tk can be ill-defined & hard to follow

Woy Woy creek, the 4WD Fire Tracks and Woy Woy road, all provide excellent Navigation Controls and makes Basic Directional Navigation in the area quite easy.

Some knowledge and ability in the competent use of Navigation Aids (such as phone “Apps”) or ability in Basic Directional Navigation is VERY STRONGLY recommended for this section.

Navigation “Apps’ are always useful but be aware that parts of the area around the falls along with the area of the falls, are an “electronic black spot” where the Apps may not function.

We always recommend carrying a map and compass just in case, and an understanding of the basics of Directional Navigation makes navigation in this area extremely simple.

Further information regarding “Bush Navigation” can be found in the “Training and Skills Section” of the website.

#### Specialised Equipment.

There is no specialised equipment needed for this trip.

However, a “climbing tape” can be very handy on the descent, if you choose to explore the track down to the base of the waterfall.

A suggested list of other, “standard” equipment and other information can be found in the “Equipment Section” of the website.

#### General Safety

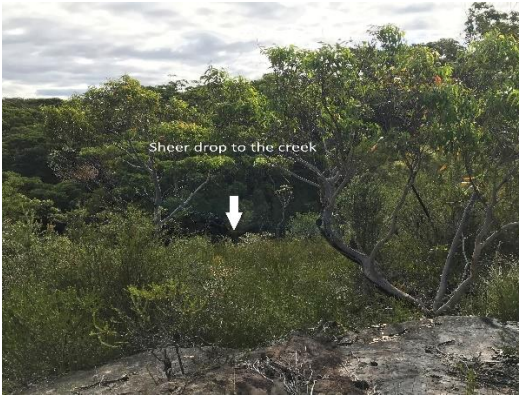
The “bush” is a foreign and uncontrolled environment in which you need to use common sense and due care to ensure your own safety, the safety of those with you and the safety of those with who you may come into contact.

There are a number of hints and ideas contained in the “Safety Section” of the website that can help ensure a safer trip into the bush.

Remember the emphasis for safety is ON YOU ... if you can’t accept it, don’t go!!!



Catchment plain falls to the creek



Approach the Ck with extreme care



Final Tk to falls – use extreme care



Sheer, unprotected drop at the falls

## Track Notes

Approximate Return Distance – 2.5 kilometres  
(to the base of the Falls)

Approximate Return Travel Time – 3.0 hours  
(very easy pace).

### Degrees of Difficulty:

1. Overall – Easy (4)
2. Sections :
  - Section 1 – Easy (2) – 750m
  - Section 2 – Easy (4) – 370m
  - Section 3 – Challenging (1) – 130m

Start Point : The Locked Gate on Bulls Hill Fire  
Track off Woy Woy Rd (CP 1 -33.5474722,  
151.2688657).

End Point : Back at the Start Point.

### Dangers.

There are sheer edges to a very significant drop at the top of the waterfall and these are unfenced and unprotected. **EXTREME CARE** needs to be exercised in this area.

The climb down beside the waterfall in Section 3 can be steep and slippery. As is almost always the case, descending is generally more challenging.

If YOU make the decision to visit this area you do so at you own risk and YOU need to exercise appropriate caution.

### Margins of Error.

“Electronic coverage” in the area of the falls is limited. Some CP references and some distances may have a margin of error to “electronic blackspots”.

ATTW, parts of the catchment plain, and the top and bottom of the falls are “blackspots” with little or no electronic reception



Rock slab at top the of falls (CP 5)



Tk to bottom of falls can be hard to find



Tk weaves through distinctive rocks



Ft Tk with some markers ATTW

Course.

**Section 1 – 4WD Tracks : Approximately 750m**

- A. From the Start Point, follow Bulls Hill Fire Track south through undulating terrain for about 650m to the junction of the “Link Track” (CP 2 -33.547069, 151.268243). This section is reasonably flat and makes for easy walking
- B. At the junction with the “Link Track” (CP 2-33.547069, 151.268243) turn right (north) onto the “Link Track” and follow it down the slight hill to the north for about 100m to a small “erosion control” cutting on the LHS (west) (CP 3 -33.547069, 151.268243).
- C. ATTW, there are a number of markers at this location and it is the start of the suggested cross country route.
- D. A further 50m north along the “Link Track” there is a small creek crossing (CP 4 - 33.547069, 151.268243) with the second set of power line posts located close by.
- E. If not near CP 3, it is suggested that Section 2 of the trip (cross country) can be commenced somewhere between CP 3 and this location (CP 4).

**Section 2 – Cross country : Approximately 370m**

- F. From the vicinity of CP 3 (or YOUR chosen point) head east, down off the ridge and then across the catchment plain for about 370m towards the creek line.
- G. Some ability in Navigation is pretty much essential for this section of the trip. ATTW some markers do exist, however, they can be hard to locate and follow.
- H. All the ground in this area, generally, slopes down towards the creek line and with some sense of Basic Directional Navigation you can make your way across this area and towards the top of the falls. (CP 5 -33.547069, 151.268243).



Beware of large, wet & slippery rocks



The plunge pool after heavy rain



The falls after heavy rain



Base of falls after heavy rain (CP 6)

- I. As you get close to the creek, YOU need to exercise EXTREME caution. The drop from the plateau area to the creek below is unfenced and unprotected. We strongly suggest you aim to get to the creek a distance back from the falls ("Aiming Off") and then parallel the creek back to the falls.
- J. At the top of the falls (CP 5), there is a large rock shelf in the bed of the creek which can make a good point to cross to the other side. If YOU decided to cross you need to be EXTREMELY careful and if there is too much water flowing... DO NOT attempt to cross.

### **Section 3 – Foot track beside the falls : Approximately 120m**

- K. From the far side (west side) of the falls, an ill-defined foot track can be located which will lead about 120m down to the creek below. The track can be slippery and challenging so you need to exercise due care in the walk/climb down.
- L. At the base of the falls (CP 6 -33.547069, 151.268243) there is a small pool that can be great for a cool off on a hot day. There are also many large, moss-covered rocks and boulders in the area which can be very slippery, so please take due care.

### **Return**

The return journey from the bottom of the falls follows the same route in reverse back up beside the waterfall then across country to the 4WD Tks and back to the locked gate at the start Point on Bulls Hill Fire Track.

If you get "off track" when navigating the cross country section (370m) it is worth remembering that as long as you head east and continue heading "up hill" you will cross the "Link Track" at some point. You then just need to follow it south to the junction with Bulls Hill Fire Track. Then continue back to the Start Point.

If you would like to further clarify any of the Trip or Track information, please email your questions to [Aussieoutdoorkids@mail.com](mailto:Aussieoutdoorkids@mail.com) .

## Summary Of Check Points

<b>CP</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Distances</b>
CP 1	-33.482559	151.296693	Locked gate on Bulls Hill Fire Track	Start Point	
CP 2	-33.488047	151.296034	Track junction	With Link Track	Fm CP 1 650m
CP 3	-33.487490	151.295479	Erosion control cutting	St cross country Ft Tk	Fm CP 2 100m
CP 4	-33.487029	151.295317	Creek crossing on Link Tk	Reference point	Fm CP 3 50m
CP 5	-33.4874815	151.2915857	Top of the Waterfall	Electronic Blackspot	Fm CP 2 370m
CP 6	-33.4880287	151.2913758	Base of Waterfall	Electronic Blackspot	Fm CP 5 120m