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TRANSIT OF VENUS TRACK

WOODFORD

3.5 km one way
Medium grade
1.5 to 2 hours



Bush Trackers
explore the bush
with guides for kids by kids



TRANSIT OF VENUS TRACK • 3.5 km one way - Medium grade

WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

- a bottle of water
- plenty of snacks
- a raincoat
- pencils for drawing
- warm clothes in winter
- small bag for rubbish
- wear a hat, sunscreen and
- a small first aid kit could be useful
- enclosed walking shoes
- small torch
- camera

BUSH TRACKER SAFETY

Safe Bush Trackers are prepared and

- know your track and take your map
- ask permission from an adult and let them know where you are walking and when you return
- don't go near cliff edges and stay behind safety fences.

MINIMAL IMPACT BUSH TRACKING

means you try to do no damage at all to the environment so that someone following you could not tell you had been there.

Take nothing but photos, leave nothing behind:

- always keep to the track & tread softly & quietly
- don't pick the flowers or plants in the bush
- be gentle and careful if you touch things (don't touch snakes and spiders!)
- carry your rubbish out with you
- Bush Trackers walk in small groups (4-15 people)

The Bush Trackers program helps engage children and families in nature. Bush Trackers helps create a child friendly community and grew from support of the Stronger Families Alliance (www.strongerfamilies.net.au). Bush Trackers is currently funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. The Bush Trackers team worked with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers to guide school kids aged 8-10 years old on a local bushwalk, enjoying nature play, learning about natural and cultural heritage and encouraging the kids to share their experience through words, poems, drawings and photos. PerformingDesign use these to create the map and guide to encourage other kids and families to safely enjoy the bush. For more information, tips and maps go to: www.bushtrackers.com.au; www.wildwalks.com; www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au. or www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra Traditional Custodians of this place.

Transit of Venus track • Distance: 3.5 kilometre one way • Medium Grade

Explore three waterfalls and different forest environments in one of the earliest bushwalks in the Blue Mountains. Once private property, Edith and Mabel Falls were a known freshwater water source and have been visited for bathing and recreation by European settlers since the early 1800's. This walk is named after the good vantage point it provided for the observation of the transit of Venus passing the sun in 1874. These waterfalls are fed by hanging swamp underground water. Sedimentation from the urban environment have made these waterholes much shallower now days. Can you find the three waterfalls? Do you notice how the forest changes down in the gullies? Take a picnic and enjoy the adventure of the Transit of Venus.

• To visit each waterfall is a short one-way side trip. •

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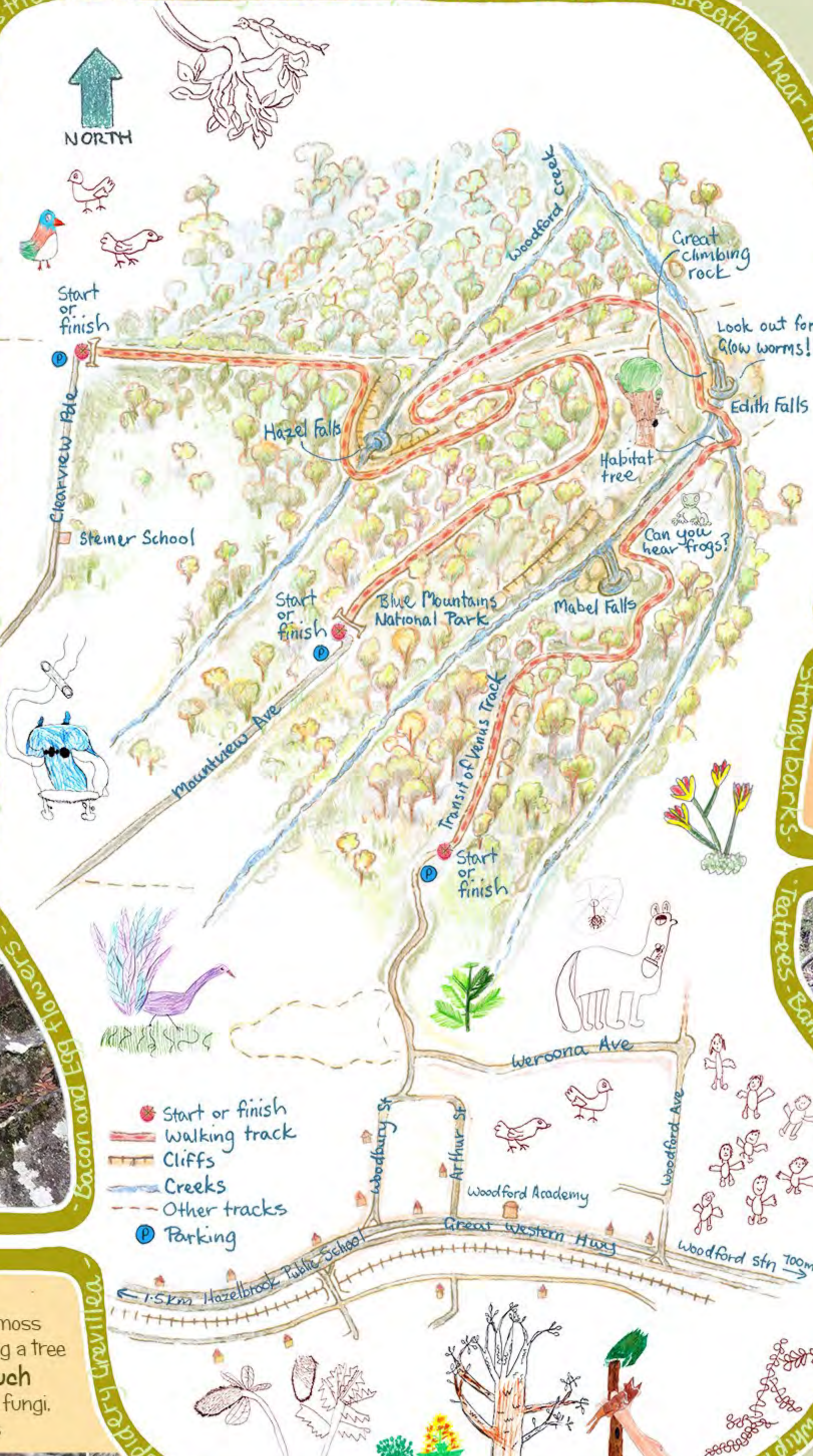
Brown is the dirt beneath my feet - damp and wet is the air - breathe - hear the birds



Look
can you find
these plants?



King ferns - mud - greener down at the waterfall



bush country is home to me -
Write words that describe what you see, hear or feel (adjectives)

Stringybarks -
Listen, how many different bird calls can you hear?

Teatrees - Banksia -
Can you guess who lives here?

It was hot that day -
Look
If you are quiet & look carefully you might see some creatures.

Feel the rock
is it warm or cool?



Bacon and Egg towers

Touch
bark, leaves, rocks, moss
rushes and sedges. Hug a tree
Things not to touch
spider & snake holes, fungi,
spiders, insects



Pink spiderweb crevices



The whipbird starts a call - female ends the call -
Find these and tick the box