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# FAIRY BOWER WALK

MOUNT VICTORIA

2.7 KM CIRCUIT

Medium grade

Ascent/Descent - 250 mtr

1.5 to 2 hours



**Bush Trackers**  
explore the bush  
with guides for kids by kids



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### 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)

To help us find out about your experiences of the Bush Trackers Guide please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BushTrackers](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BushTrackers). The survey should take you around 5 mins & will help us evaluate the impact of the program.

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](http://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](http://www.bushtrackers.com.au); [www.wildwalks.com](http://www.wildwalks.com); [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au). or [www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug Traditional Custodians of this place.



Fairy Bower Walk • Distance: 2.7 kilometre circuit • Medium Grade • Ascent/Descent: 250 metres • Fairy Bower is a 1.5 to 2 hour walk one way.

Explore this beautiful walk that takes you through open forest, swamp, rainforest, creeks and waterfalls. You can start the walk from Fairy Bower picnic area or from Mt Piddington. If you start at Mt Piddington the walk starts on the opposite side of the road down from the Trig point. Zig zag your way down through the cool shady forest to the magical Grotto and waterfall. From the Grotto, walk along the creek crossing it a few times. A little way after you cross the new bridge you will cross an old low bridge. Look out for the big mossy rock on the left that has the carving of 'the lady of the bower.' Continue along Fairy Bower until you climb up to the picnic area and Toll House (built 1849). Visit the Toll House and have lunch in the picnic area. From here you can either walk back along the footpath next to the highway and onto Mt Victoria Village and Railway Station or you can return the way you have come.

•Remember to watch your step on the steep sections. •

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-the little eagle black as night -soars high above us -I got to build a shelter-



Look  
can you find  
these plants?



-we slid down some slippery rocks - what fun-



Write words that describe what you see, hear or feel (adjectives)

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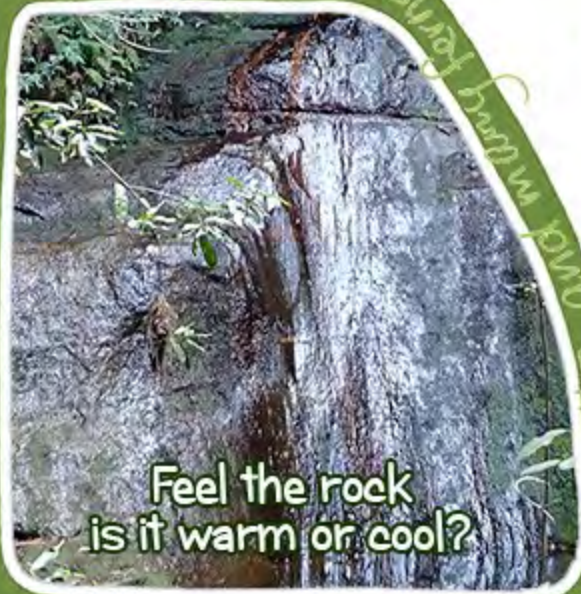
Listen, how many different bird calls can you hear?



Can you guess who lives here?



Feel the rock  
is it warm or cool?



Touch

bark, leaves, rocks, moss  
rushes and sedges. Hug a tree

Things not to touch

spider & snake holes, fungi,  
spiders, insects



Look

If you are quiet & look carefully you might see some creatures.

Find these  
and tick the box



-today we made a bush cubby-

-monkey gum-

-yellow wattie-

-bark sias-

-I saw a lizard-



P Parking  
T Toilets  
- - - Walk