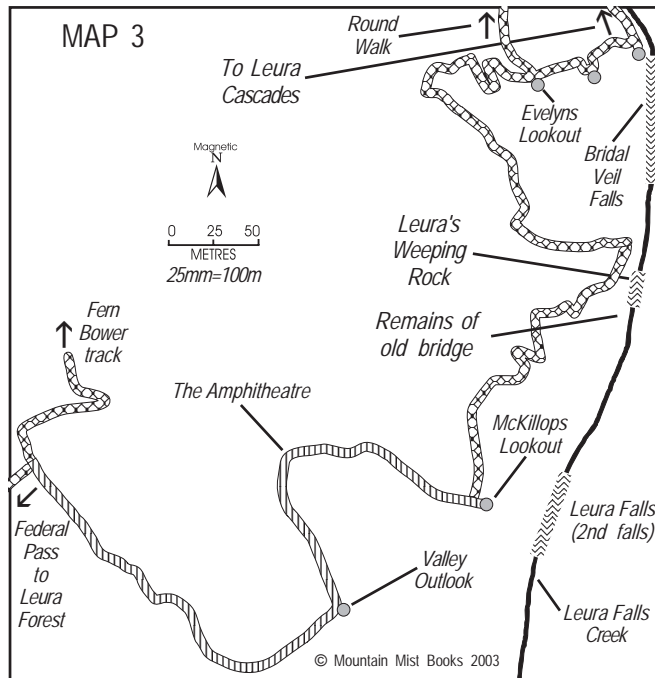


## Amphitheatre Track



**Access:** From Leura Baths picnic area, Chelmsford Drive, Leura: follow Cascades track to top of BVFalls, turn right up steps to junction beside Evelyns LO. See map 7, *PRINCE HENRY CLIFF WALK POCKET PAL*. (Or from Federal Pass junction at bottom of Fern Bower.)

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## Amphitheatre Track

**Features:** Bridal Veil Falls, Leura's Weeping Rock, McKillops and Valley Outlook lookouts, The Amphitheatre, rainforest, historic stone steps, good views.  
**Length, Time & Rating:** 900m one way, 45–60min, many steps and staircases, down medium, up hard.

This is an alternative way to start the Federal Pass and was part of the original Pass. From Evelyns LO the track descends steps and staircases through rainforest. 250 metres brings you to the base of Bridal Veil Falls.

Continue down concrete steps to a steel walkway. On your left you will see the timber beam of an old bridge to a picnic area beside Leura's Weeping Rock which is just upstream. The rock is a lovely sight after rain.

Now the track zigzags up. At time of writing a section had not been rebuilt so take extra care. Just after the track descends slightly is McKillops Lookout (currently closed). It has a fine view of Leura Falls. Duncan McKillop, Mayor of Katoomba in the 1890s, was associated in building the track to Leura Forest. He was a cousin of the Catholic sister, Mary McKillop.

Next is the Amphitheatre. The first track to Leura Forest descended in a narrow cleft here but a landslide in 1909 and storms in 1912 destroyed it. Continue along the ledge. Near the end of the railing is Valley Outlook. Descend the magnificent stone steps, a fine example of old skills. At the junction you can go down Federal Pass or ascend via Fern Bower.

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