



## 10 Best Lookouts in the Blue Mountains

One of the most popular tourist and weekend-getaway destinations in New South Wales is the famous Blue Mountains, a World Heritage listed area an hour away from Sydney.

Suitable to visit during all four seasons, the Greater Blue Mountains region consists of seven National Park areas and a conservation reserve. The Blue Mountains is home to a large number of impressive lookouts, some very popular, others not so well-known. Although several theories exist around the [blue haze](#) that always seems to hover over the mountains, it is commonly believed that this is caused by rays of light reflecting on dust particles, water vapour and organic chemicals emitted by the many eucalyptus trees. Blessed with numerous [walking tracks](#), enormous cliffs, deep valleys, never-ending creeks, lush rainforest, thriving wildlife and various lookout points that offer breathtaking views, the Blue Mountains is the perfect place to rejuvenate and appreciate nature at its best.

### 1. Lincoln's Rock – Wentworth Falls

This incredible lookout was only officially named 'Lincoln's Rock' in 2013. It's named after Australian mountaineer Lincoln Hall who lived in Wentworth Falls for two decades and who died tragically from asbestos-related illness in 2012. Hall famously survived a night out in the elements near the summit of Mount Everest at 8700m, and was pronounced dead before being found alive the next day by rescuers (he wrote the book *Dead Lucky* about the ordeal). Be careful near the edge. No Fences.



Park at the new carpark at the end of Hordern Rd, Wentworth Falls and follow the track to the rock.

## 2. Evans Lookout

Overlooking the immense sandstone cliffs of the Grose Valley, Evans Lookout is one of the most popular vantage points in the Blue Mountains.

It's also a starting point for several walking tracks nearby that take you down to the valley floor. The famous Cliff Top walking track connects Evans Lookout with Govetts Leap Lookout, another beautiful spot overlooking the Grose Valley. The popular 6km long Grand Canyon Walk starts at the lookout and takes you into the valley through lush rainforest.



## 3. Govetts Leap Lookout

Located at the end of Govetts Leap Road in Blackheath, Govetts Leap Lookout offers stunning views across the Grose River Valley.

Around Govetts Leap are several great hiking trails to choose from, one of them leading to the Barrow Lookout from where you can have great views of the 180 metres high waterfall.





#### 4. Echo Point Lookout

The most popular lookout point for tourists is the Echo Point Lookout from where you can enjoy the best views of the famous Three Sisters. While this lookout is definitely awesome, there are many more beautiful lookout points in the Blue Mountains without the big crowds.

Echo Point looks out over Jamison Valley, densely populated with eucalyptus trees and surrounded by massive sandstone cliffs. Make sure you venture out to the Spooners Lookout and the Giant Stairway that takes you to the rock formations of the Three Sisters and beyond.



#### 5. Narrow Neck Lookout

One of the least well-known lookout points in the list, the Narrow Neck Lookout has pretty views over the Narrow Neck Peninsula, a large plateau that separates the Megalong Valley from the Jamison Valley. The lookout is located on Cliff Drive, not too far away from Scenic World. Popular with mountain-bikers, the 9km Narrow Neck Plateau Track offers great views of the surrounding valleys. To get to the starting point of this track, follow Glenraphael Drive (basically a dirt road) off Cliff Drive until you get to a gate where you can park your car.



## 6. Cahills Lookout

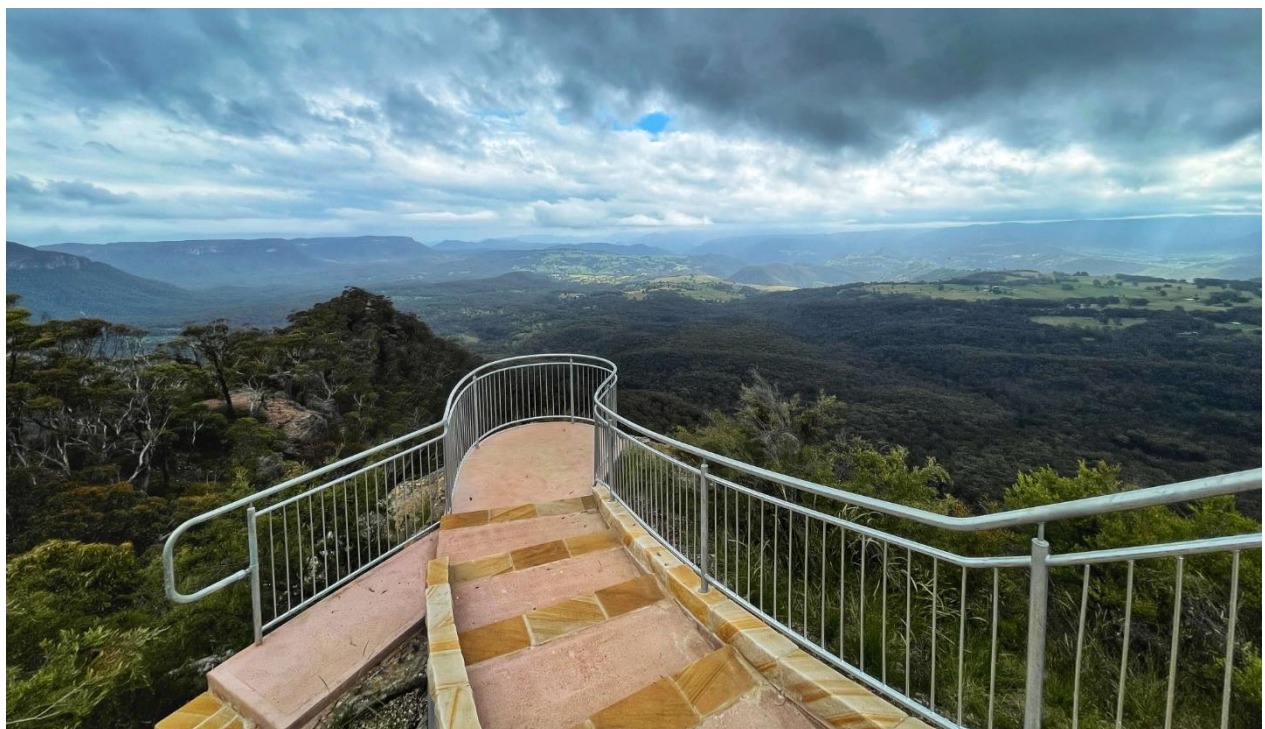
Popular with rock climbers, Cahills Lookout is a great spot to watch a sunset in the Blue Mountains. The lookout can be accessed via a walking track that starts from Cliff Drive, close to the Narrow Neck Lookout.

While Echo point faces Jamison Valley, Cahills Lookout has views over the Megalong Valley on the other side of the Narrow Neck Plateau.



## 7. Hargraves Lookout

Located at the end of Shipley Plateau Rd at Blackheath commands extensive views over both the Megalong and Kanimbla Valleys. It's a dirt road for some of the way but well worth a visit.





## 8. Sublime Point Lookout

One of the most underrated lookouts in the Blue Mountains, the Sublime Point Lookout has great scenic views of the Jamison Valley and also the Three Sisters. Almost just as good as Echo Point but without the crowds.

Sublime Point can be accessed via a short walking track from nearby Leura. Drive to the car park at the end of Sublime Point road and make your way to the viewing platforms.



## 9. Gordon Falls Lookout

Next door to Sublime Point, the Gordon Falls Lookout is a great spot for bird watching. The lookout has views that stretch all the way to Lake Burragorang on a clear day.

A short 15 minutes bushwalk takes you to the lookout from where you can enjoy views of the 200m high waterfall, Sublime Point, Jamison Valley, Mount Solitary and also the Three Sisters.



## 10. Olympian Rock Lookout

The Olympian Rock Lookout is a 30 minute walk away from Gordon Falls Lookout, following the Prince Henry Cliff Walk that ultimately ends up at the Three Sisters.

This short walk also takes you past Elysian Rock Lookout, another pretty lookout point that is very much worth your visit. Alternatively you can park your car on Olympic Drive at Olympian Place in Leura and follow the short trail to the fenced lookout point.



Hassans Wall (Not officially in the Blue Mountains Council Area but worth a visit.)

Located close to Lithgow, Hassans Wall is the furthest lookout point out west. At more than 1100 metres above sea level, it's also the highest point. The recently installed boardwalk gives visitors impressive views of the Blue Mountains escarpment and surrounding valleys.





