

Walk to a Waterfall

A LOT of nature – allow about 30 minutes (About 1.5 kilometres)

There are many waterfalls, but Curtis Falls is the most famous of them all and very accessible to all fitness levels.

Before you leave your accommodation ask your host for a printout detailing the flora and fauna which you may well see enroute to the waterfall. We highlight below some of the post descriptions which we consider may be of interest to you. Numbered information posts along the trail also describe points of interest, which are summarised below.

At the trail entrance at Curtis Falls Corner on Eagle Heights Road, you will cross a small timber bridge with large flooded gums on either side. Look for the sandpaper fig overhanging the bridge with its rough hairy leaves.

Post 1

Around the post is a large strangler fig and to the right walking stick palms and vines rapping round a large Illawarra flame tree.

Post 3

The large tree to the right is a red bean and to the left more strangler figs which are slowly covering the host tree. Close behind on the post is green tamarind. Further to the right is lawyer vine commonly known as 'wait a while' due to its nasty habit of hooking a passerby with its barbed tendrils.

Post 5

Opposite the post look for walking stick palms, supplejack vine, a purple cherry and a white booyong. The large tree is possibly a marara with a cluster of understudy plants hosting many birds including white brow scrub wrens, pale yellow robins, small hornbills and many more.

Post 8

To the right behind is a young booyong and an Illawarra flame tree. The vine that you can see is host to the larvae of one of Australia's prettiest butterflies—the regent skipper. At this point the path meets the entry from the Dapsang Drive carpark. Look for the higher dwelling birds such as fruit doves, wompoos, pigeons, bower birds and cat birds. A male Albert's lyrebird has its calling territory in this area.

Post 10

You have just passed a fallen trunk that has been sawn through for path access. This area has ground-dwelling birds such as log runners, small thorn bills, and whip birds. A land mullet, which likes to sunbake in the leaf litter, may be seen here on your right.

Post 13

To the right is a well-populated small bird area with some young tree species including tamarind and blue quandong. The track here has a short detour to the left to a fine viewing platform where many birds can be heard and seen.

Post 16

Here are large strangler figs and opposite is a large red carabeen tree. The fig just past this on the right features a good crows nest fern high up. You are now at the creek track with the falls path to the left.

Post 17

We now approach the Curtis Falls viewing platform where the large rock pool is teeming with life. The cliff face to the left is the remnant basalt from the Mount Warning volcanic flow. The vines, maiden hair ferns, sandpaper figs and an abundance of rainforest trees frame the majestic waterfall.

Enjoy the experience.

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