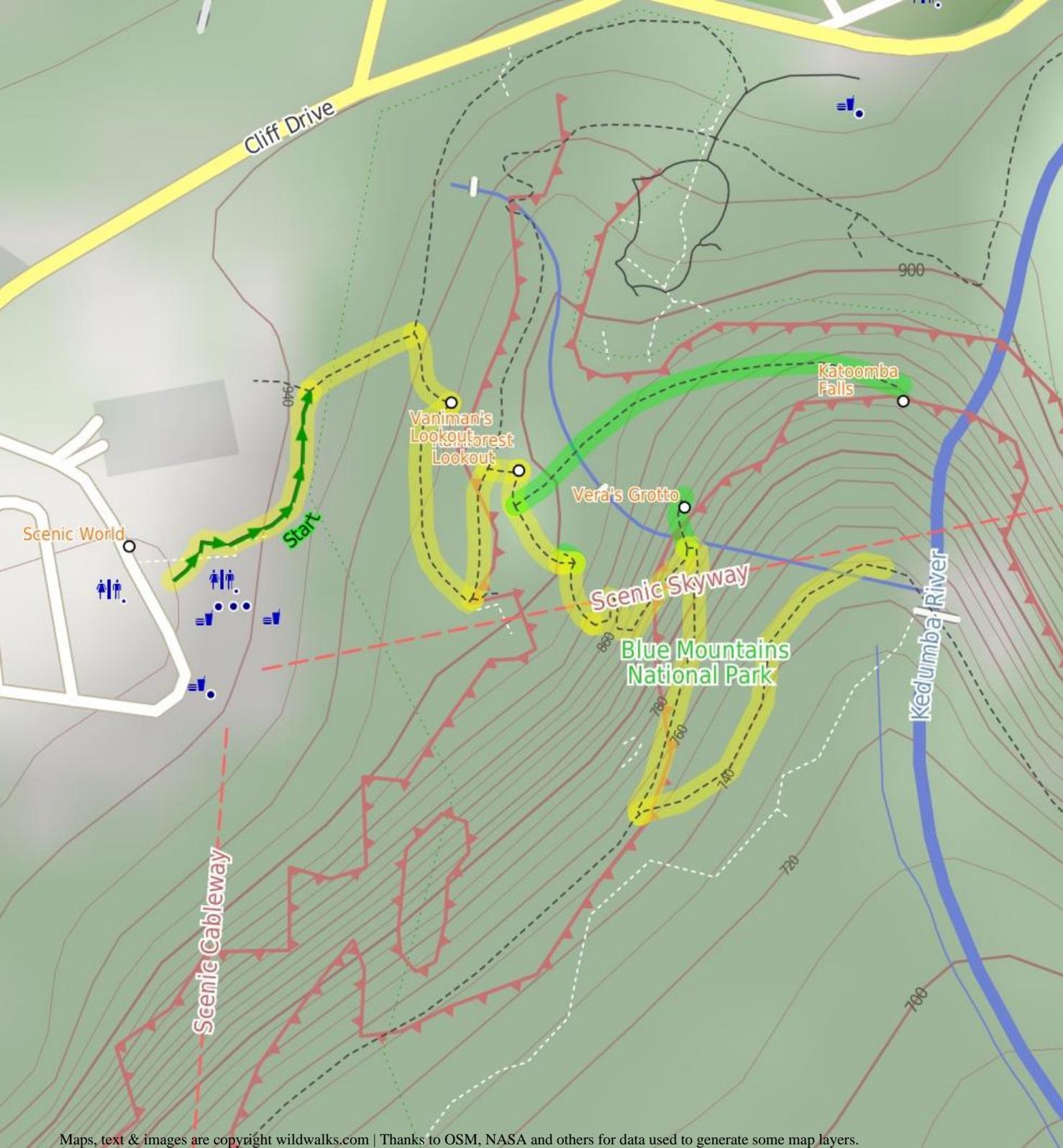


Scenic World to base of Katoomba Falls (Via Furber Steps)



3 hrs 45 mins

Hard track

1.7 km Return

↑ 302m

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This pleasant walk starts at the popular Scenic World, in Katoomba, where the Scenic Railway and the Skyway are located. The walk finds its way down the Furber steps, where there are some great side trips to lookouts. At the bottom, the walk heads around through the forest to the base of the Katoomba falls. This is a great spot for a lunch break before tackling the climb back up to the top.

738m

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Scenic World

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Blue Mountains National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:50 000 Map Series:Six Foot Track

1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA

1:100 000 Map Series:8930 KATOOMBA

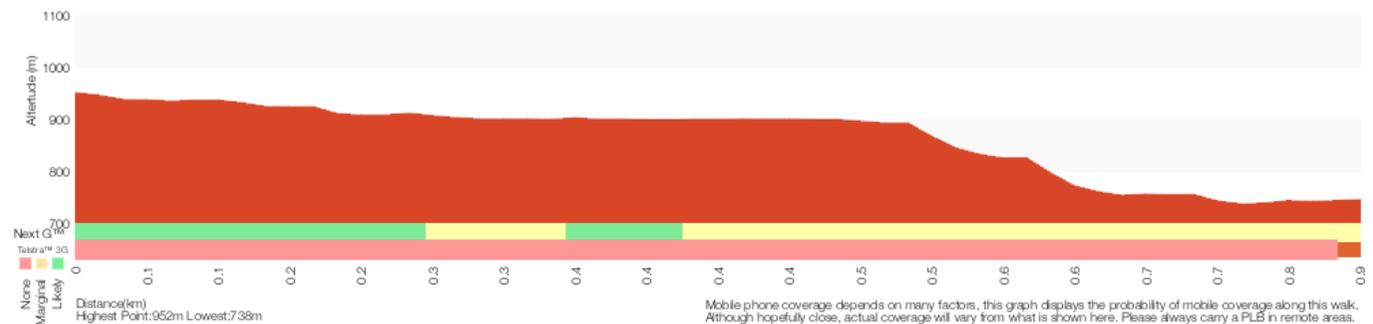
Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6
Hard track

Length	1.7 km Return
Time	3 hrs 45 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there You can get to Scenic World (gps: -33.7286, 150.301) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/swtbokf>

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(120 m 3 mins) From the Scenic World main entrance, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signs down the concrete steps and around to the back of the building, where it comes to a wooden footbridge that curves around behind the main car park. At the end of the footbridge, this walk comes to an intersection with the Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

0.12 | End of wooden footbridge

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, winding down some wooden steps as the track bends around to the right. It then arrives at the signposted intersection of the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' and the track to the base of the Scenic Railway.

0.17 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Katoomba Falls

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steep wooden steps, following the signs to the bottom of the Scenic Railway. The walk comes to the intersection of Vanimans Lookout at the bottom of the steps.

0.21 | Vaniman's Lookout

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0.21 | Vanimans Lookout

(110 m 3 mins) Turn right: From Vanimans Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the bottom of the wooden steps. The track winds around the side of the hill and down the steep metal stairs. At the bottom, the walk comes to the intersection of the Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony track (unsignposted).

0.32 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balco

(60 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the long set of wooden steps winding down the side of the hill. After this, the walk flattens out for a short distance then continues up a short set of wooden steps to the intersection of the Round Walk and the Furber Steps track.

0.38 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps

(10 m) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Base of Scenic Railway' signpost down the wooden steps to the bottom, where it comes to the Rainforest Lookout.

0.39 | Rainforest Lookout

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0.39 | Rainforest Lookout

(20 m) Turn right: From the Rainforest Lookout, the track follows the bush track heading past the base of the wooden steps and then through the forest for a short while, until it reaches the signposted intersection of the Underfalls Walk.

0.41 | Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls

(180 m 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Underfalls Walk' sign down a short set of steps and across a small waterfall using the wooden bridge (This creek flows from Witches Leap all the way down to Veras Grotto). Once past the falls, the track continues through the rainforest, winding along the well-defined path until arriving at Katoomba Falls Lookout, right at the base of the falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.41 | Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Tra

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short while before passing a large rock overhang with a wooden bench seat underneath. The walk continues down a set of stairs until reaching the signposted 'Queen Victoria Lookout'.

0.44 | Queen Victoria Lookout

(10 m) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short metal staircase to the intersection of the Queen Victoria Lookout at the top.

0.45 | Optional sidetrip to Lynes Point

(10 m) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading around the right-hand side of the metal staircase, continuing around under the Queen Victoria Lookout to Lynes Point. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

0.45 | Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track

(30 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the short metal staircase, winding along the side of the hill to the top of some concrete steps where there is a 'Furber Steps' signpost. From here, the walk continues down the concrete steps for a short distance until it comes to the signposted 'Furber Lookout'.

0.48 | Furber Lookout

(90 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the Furber Lookout, this walk heads down the concrete steps that zigzags steeply down to the bottom of the cliffs. The track then flattens out and continues through the forest with the hand

railing on the right, crossing a short boardwalk and coming down to the signposted intersection of the Vera's Grotto track.

0.57 | Optional sidetrip to Vera's Grotto

(30 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Vera's Grotto' sign along the bush track, winding down a set of wooden steps to Vera's Grotto Lookout at the bottom. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

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0.57 | Int of Furber Steps and Veras Grotto Track

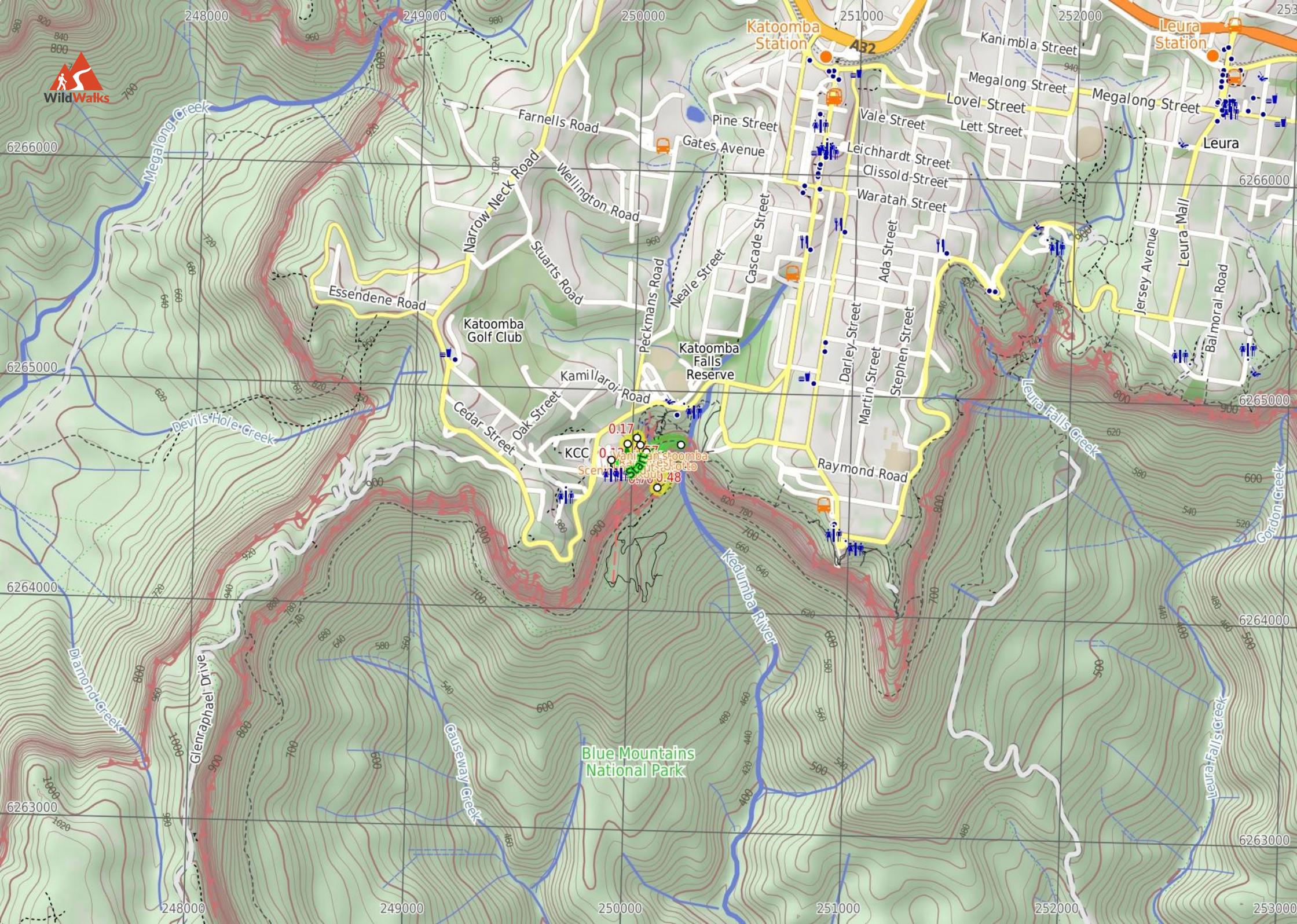
(130 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs. These zigzag down the hill and, at several points, go under overhangs in the cliff. The walk continues steeply downhill (occasionally on metal stairs) until reaching an intersection with a bush track signposted 'Federal Pass'.

0.7 | Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track

(170 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the bottom of Furber steps, this walk follows the sign to 'Katoomba Falls View' keeping the handrail on the right. The walk goes along the flat and very well-managed bush track and passes a signposted 'Turpentine Tree' on the right. Soon after the Turpentine Tree, the track comes to the base of Katoomba Falls, at a place known as 'Cooks Crossing'. There is a metal bridge that crosses the falls just past the picnic table.

0.87 | Katoomba Falls

The Katoomba Falls are among the most famous waterfalls in the the Blue Mountains region. The Kedumba River falls about 150 meters in 2 main stages. The Undercliff Track, from the Furber Steps, can be used to access the first landing of the waterfall. The Katoomba Falls can be viewed from most lookouts in the the area, including from the bottom of the falls at Cooks Landing on Federal Pass, or from the track running next to the Kedumba River at the top of the falls. These falls are also a highlight for the trip across the Scenic Skyway.



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Summary navigation sheet for the Scenic World to base of Katoomba Falls (Via Furber Steps)



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Scenic World -33.7286,150.301 (GR Katoomba, 499647)	5 -20	120 m 3 mins	From the Scenic World main entrance, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signs down the concrete steps and around to the back of the building, where it comes to a wooden footbridge that curves around beh...
0.12	End of wooden footbridge -33.7278,150.3016 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	0 -13	50 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, winding down some wooden steps as the track bends around to the right.
0.17	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Katoomba Falls Round Walk -33.7275,150.302 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	0 -16	40 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steep wooden steps, following the signs to the bottom of the Scenic Railway.
0.21	Vanimans Lookout -33.7278,150.3022 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	4 -11	110 m 3 mins	Turn right: From Vanimans Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the bottom of the wooden steps.
0.32	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony Track -33.7287,150.3023 (GR Katoomba, 500647)	3 -4	60 m 1 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the long set of wooden steps winding down the side of the hill.
0.38	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps -33.7281,150.3024 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -1	10 m	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Base of Scenic Railway' signpost down the wooden steps to the bottom, where it comes to the Rainforest Lookout.
0.39	Rainforest Lookout -33.7281,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 0	20 m	Turn right: From the Rainforest Lookout, the track follows the bush track heading past the base of the wooden steps and then through the forest for a short while, until it reaches the signposted intersection of the ...
0.41	Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track -33.7283,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 -67	180 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls. Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Underfalls Walk' sign down a short set of steps and across a small waterfall using the wooden bridge (This creek flows from Witches Leap all the way down to ...
0.41	Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track -33.7283,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 -1	30 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short while before passing a large rock overhang with a wooden bench seat ...
0.44	Queen Victoria Lookout -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -1	10 m	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short metal staircase to the intersection of the Queen Victoria Lookout at the top.
0.45	Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 0	10 m	Optional sidetrip to Lynes Point. Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading around the right-hand side of the metal staircase, continuing around under the Queen Victoria Lookout to Lynes Point.
0.45	Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -7	30 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the short metal staircase, winding along the side of the hill to the top of some concrete steps where there is a 'Furber Steps' s...
0.48	Furber Lookout -33.7288,150.3028 (GR Katoomba, 501646)	17 -84	90 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the Furber Lookout, this walk heads down the concrete steps that zigzags steeply down to the bottom of the cliffs.
0.57	Int of Furber Steps and Vera's Grotto Track -33.7284,150.3032 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	27 -3	30 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Vera's Grotto. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Vera's Grotto' sign along the bush track, winding down a set of wooden steps to Vera's Grotto Lookout at the bottom.
0.57	Int of Furber Steps and Veras Grotto Track -33.7284,150.3032 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	5 -75	130 m 6 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs.
0.70	Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track -33.7296,150.303 (GR Katoomba, 501646)	12 -21	170 m 5 mins	Turn left: From the bottom of Furber steps, this walk follows the sign to 'Katoomba Falls View' keeping the handrail on the right.