



Carrington Park to Leura Forest

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 1 h 30 min to 3 h

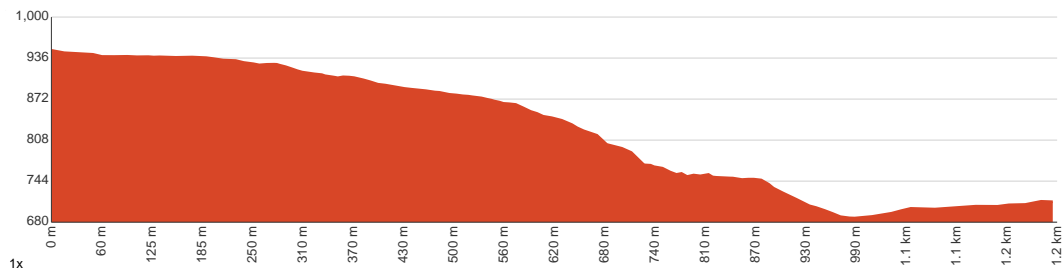

2.5 km
Return


↑ 312 m
↓ 312 m


Hard track



This walk starts from Carrington Park and winds down into the valley below, to Leura Forest. Leura Forest was a pleasure ground in years gone by, and now boasts a nice little picnic area with a shelter, picnic tables and seats. This is a great spot for lunch. Take some time to explore the forest before climbing back up the valley the way you came. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

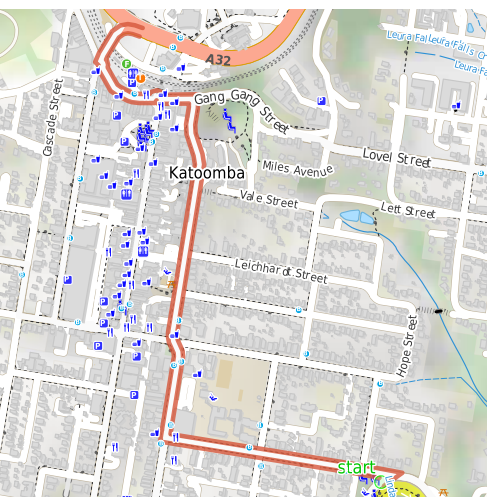
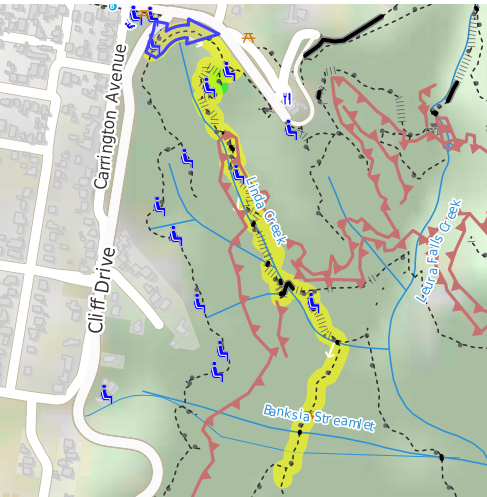


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From

- Turn on to Bathurst Road, BMD then drive for 165 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Gang Gang Street, BMD and drive for another 105 m
- Turn right onto Lurline Street, BMD and drive for another 800 m
- Turn left onto Merriwa Street and drive for another 530 m
- Turn sharp right onto Cliff Drive, BMD and drive for another 25 m



Before you start any journey ensure you;

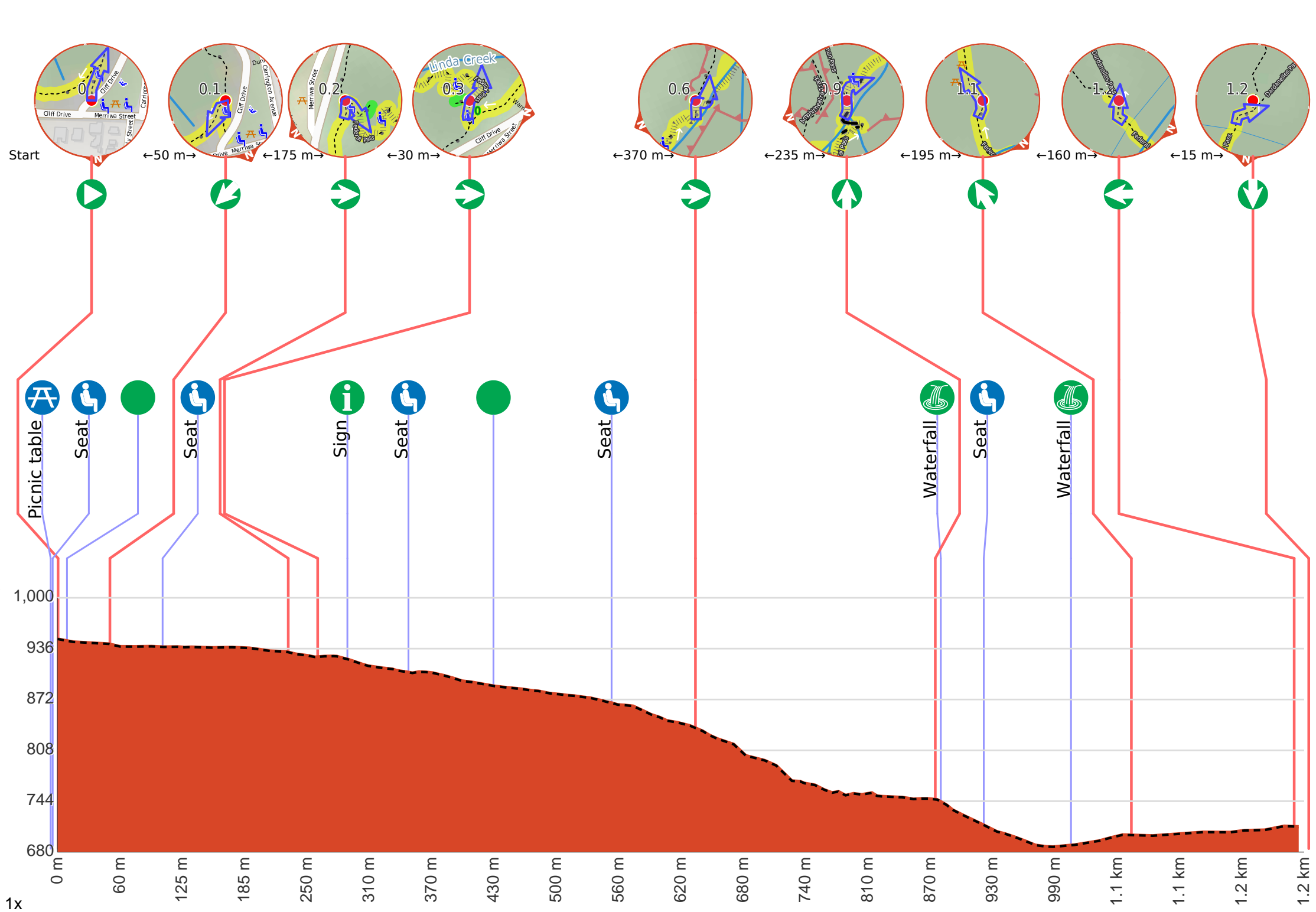
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Getting started: From Carrington Park, the walk crosses Cliff Drive and goes down the stairs and past the sign for 'Blue Mountains National Park'. The walk continues down the stairs until reaching an intersection signposted with the way to 'Echo Point' or 'Leura Cascades'.



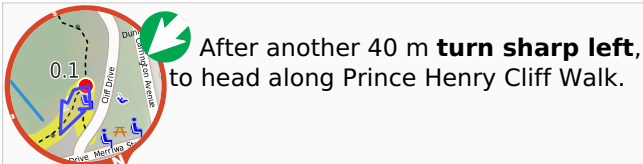
 There is a picnic table (about 25 m back from the start).


 There is a seat (about 20 m back from the start).

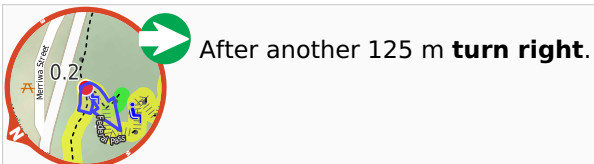
 Carrington Park (about 7 m back from the start).



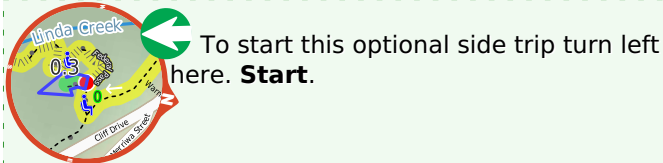
Carrington Park is a medium-sized park on a traffic island, at the junction of Cliff Road and Merriwa St, Katoomba. The park is partially fenced and has a picnic shelter, picnic tables, garbage bins and children's play equipment.




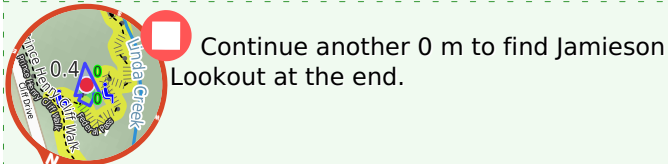
 After another 50 m pass a seat (on your right).




Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Jamieson Lookout.




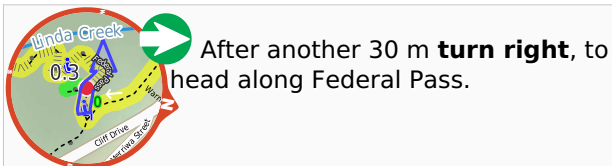
 About 25 m past the end is a seat.





Jamieson Lookout is a fenced lookout at the east end of the Federal Pass track, and just off Prince Henry Cliff Walk. The lookout has a bench seat and provides great views up the Jamieson Valley, along Kings Tableland escarpment and past Mount Solitary. The lookout is perched up on a large rock buttress, giving views unobscured by trees.


 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 20 m to the main route.

 Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 255 m waypoint.




 After another 30 m pass the "Federal Pass" (on your right).

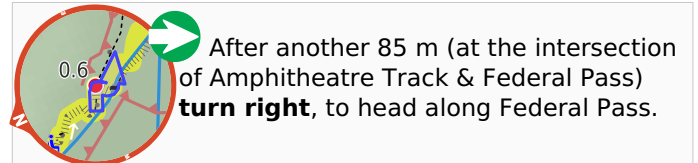
 After another 60 m pass a seat (on your left).


 After another 85 m come to the "Fern Bower".

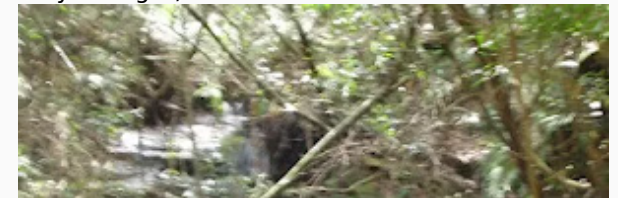


Fern Bower is an especially pleasant part of the Blue Mountains National Park, protected from heat and providing a great environment for fern trees, bracken ferns and moss to thrive. Fern Bower is a signposted area along the Federal Pass walking track, just below Jamieson Lookout and next to Linda Creek. This is a nice place to stop, rest and enjoy the bird noises.

 After another 115 m pass a seat (on your left).



 After another 240 m find the "Lila Falls" (15 m on your right).



Lila Falls is a thin waterfall on Linda Creek. The Federal Pass crosses the creek (on a bridge) in front of these falls, just below the intersection with the amphitheatre. The waterfall is not the most spectacular one in this valley, but it is a nice cool spot to catch your breath.



At the intersection of Federal Pass & Track to Leura Falls **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



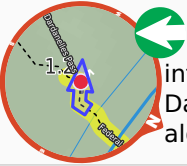
After another 50 m pass a seat (6 m on your left).



After another 85 m find the "Marguerite Cascades" (15 m on your left). Marguerite Cascades are a series of small cascades finishing with a taller waterfall of a few metres height, dropping into a shallow sandy pool. The cascades are on Linda Creek and a small bridge crosses the creek at the base of the falls as part of the Federal Pass walking track. The cascades are a nice place to sit and listen to the water running and the local birds in this cool shady area.



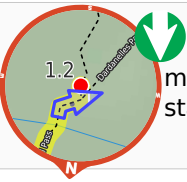
After another 60 m **veer left**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 160 m (at the intersection of Federal Pass & Dardenelles Pass) **turn left**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 15 m come to a shelter.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.2 km to get back to the start.



About 55 m past the end is "Leura Forest".



Leura Forest is a great picnic area in the Jamison Valley at the junction of the Federal Pass and Dardenelles Tracks. This place was home to a popular tea house (also known as 'Lady Carrington Dining Hall') from the late 1800's. Today walkers can still enjoy the historic rotunda and the foundations of the original tea house. The picnic area provides a great rest spot under the shade of the lilli pilli and coachwood forest.