



Katoomba Kiosk to Katoomba Falls Base

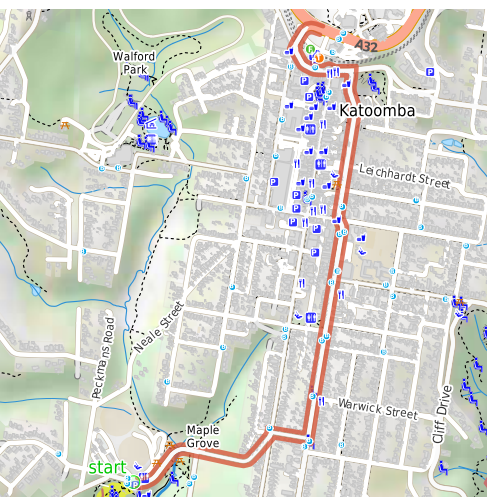
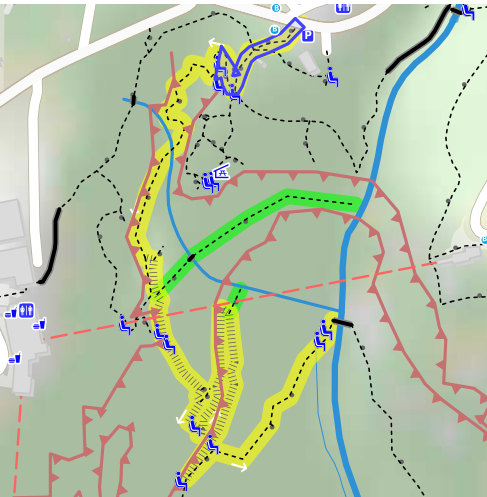
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 1 h 30 min to 2 h

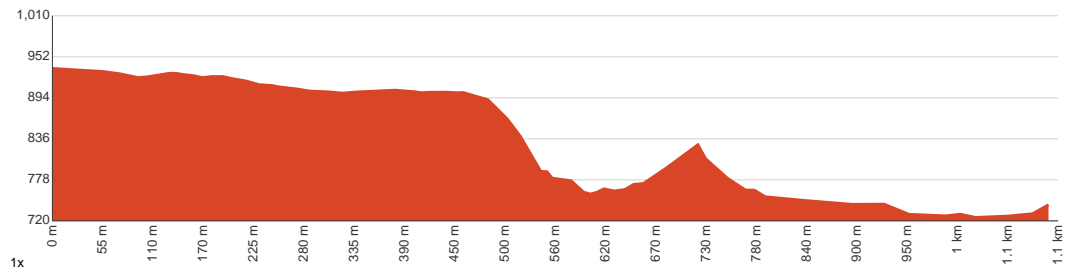

2.2 km
Return


↑ 405 m
↓ 405 m


Hard track



This walk starts from the Katoomba Kiosk, on Cliff Drive, winds down to the bottom of Furber Steps and continues to the base of the Katoomba Falls. There are optional side trips to Katoomba Falls lookout and Vera's Grotto on the way. By the creek at the base of Katoomba Falls is a great spot to enjoy a packed lunch, before walking back up the hill (alternatively, catch the scenic railway back up). 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
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 1.4 km
- Turn right onto Goyder Avenue and drive for another 140 m
- Turn left onto Katoomba Street and drive for another 10 m
- Keep right onto Katoomba Falls Road and drive for another 325 m
- Continue onto Katoomba Falls Road, BMD and drive for another 280 m

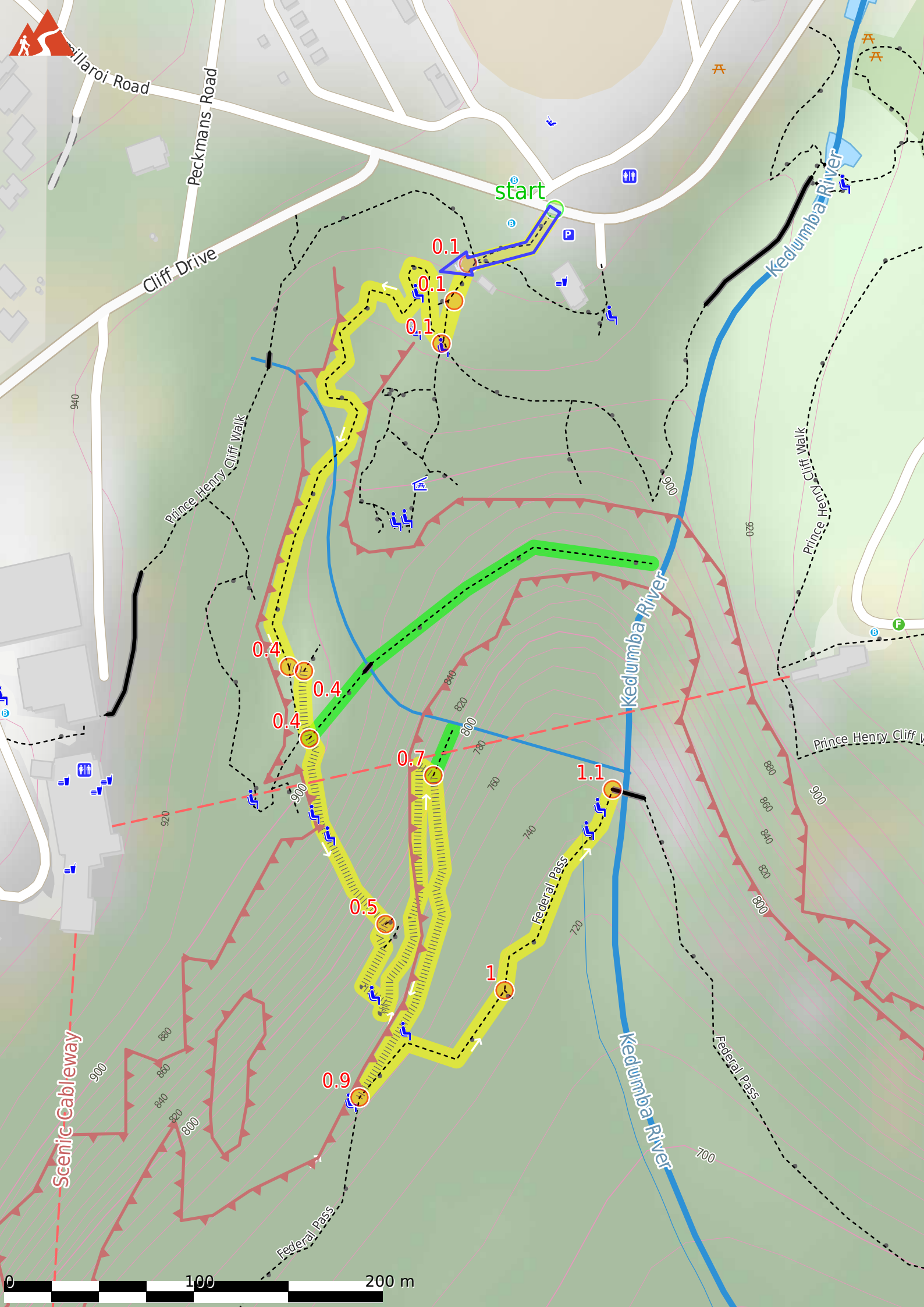
Before you start any journey ensure you;

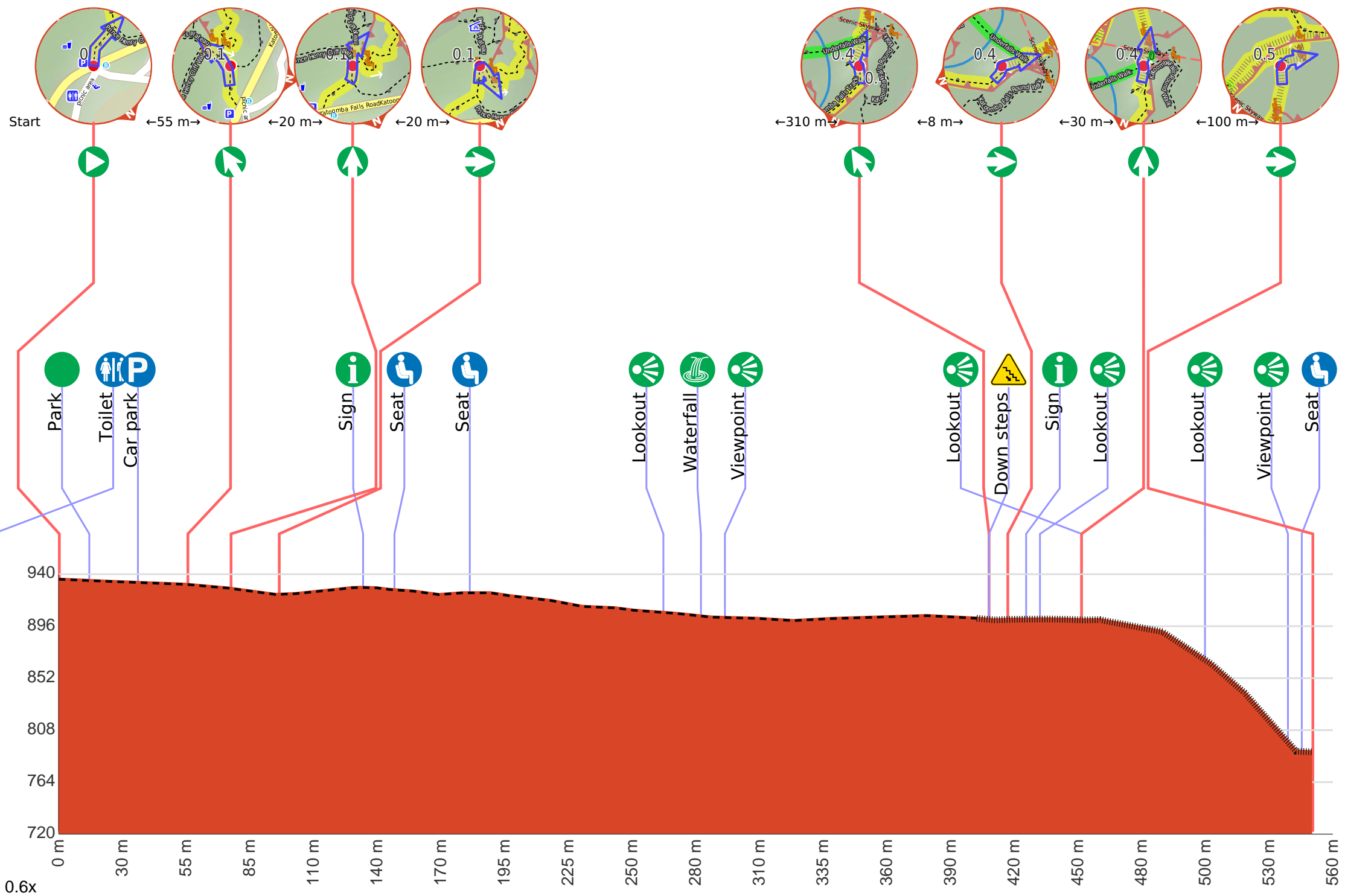
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

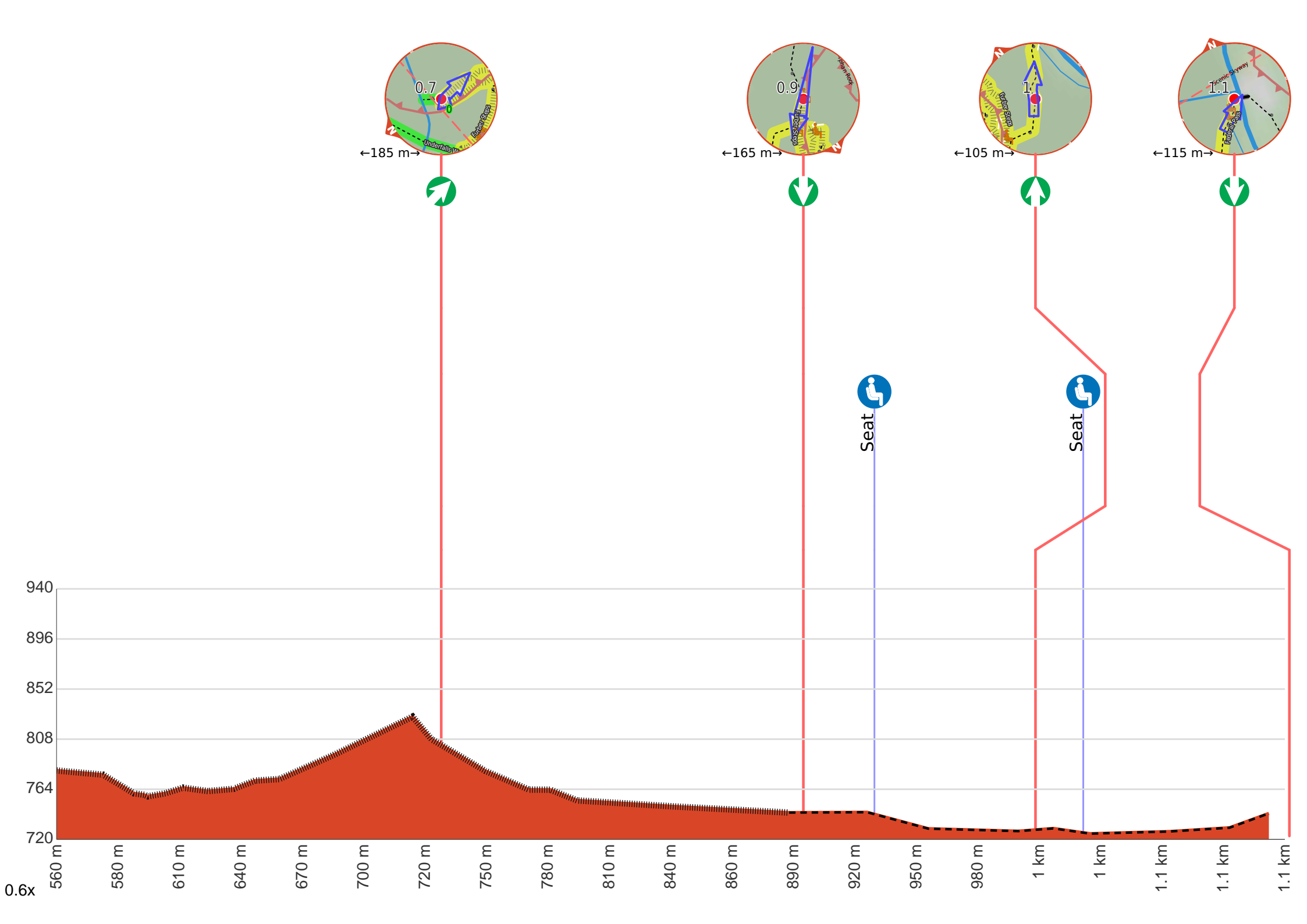
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Getting started: From Katoomba Falls Kiosk, this walk heads out the front doors and turns left following the side of the building, past the car park to the small park, which it crosses, passing the water fountain and the large information signs to the signposted intersection of the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' and the track heading to 'Scenic Railway'



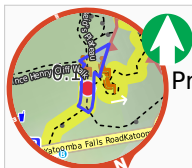
Start.

- Find the Katoomba Falls Reserve at the start.
- There is a toilet (about 50 m back from the start).
- After 65 m pass the car park (15 m on your left).

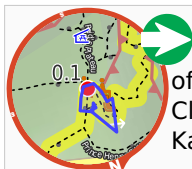


After another 20 m **veer left**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

- After another 75 m pass the "Blue Mountains National Park" (on your left).



Continue straight, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



After another 20 m (at the intersection of Katoomba Falls Track & Prince Henry Cliff Walk) **turn right**, to head along Katoomba Falls Track.



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



After another 35 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 85 m find the "Cliffside lookout" (30 m on your left).



This unnamed, fenced lookout is perched on the cliff's edge on Reids Plateau. The lookout has a bench seat and overlooks the Witches Leap area. The view is mostly of the surrounding trees, with glimpses of cliffs on the other side of the valley. There is a nice view of Witches Leap waterfall.



After another 15 m pass the "Witches Leap" (20 m on your right).



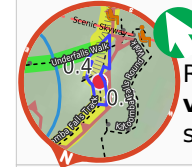
After another 10 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left).



After another 155 m find the "Vaniman's Lookout" (20 m on your right).



Vaniman's Lookout is a fenced, long and narrow lookout on the cliff edge, opposite Reids Plateau. The view looks directly over the Three Sisters across the Kedumba Valley, under the Scenic Skyway. The lookout was considered one of the finest views on the Three Sisters in the 1900's. The lookout was named after Chester Melvin Vaniman in 1905, a well-know adventurer and artist from the USA, who visited the Blue Mountains in 1903.



At the intersection of Katoomba Falls Round Walk & Katoomba Falls Track **veer left**, to head along Furber Steps (a steps).



Then head down the steps (about 490 m long)



Turn right, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 8 m pass the "Rainforest Lookout" (6 m on your left).

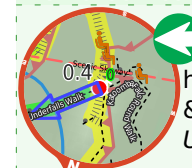


After another 6 m find the "Rainforest Lookout" (15 m on your left).



Unlike many lookouts in the area, Rainforest Lookout does not offer sweeping valley views. Instead, this lookout offers an opportunity to get up close and personal with the canopy of the rainforest. Spend some time in the cool shade listening to the birds and Witches Leap creek passing by. A sign at the lookout explains that there once were wood-fired barbeques here for picnics, but removed due to the toll on the local environment.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Katoomba Falls.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Furber Steps & Underfalls Walk **Start** heading along *Underfalls Walk* (a walking track).



After another 45 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



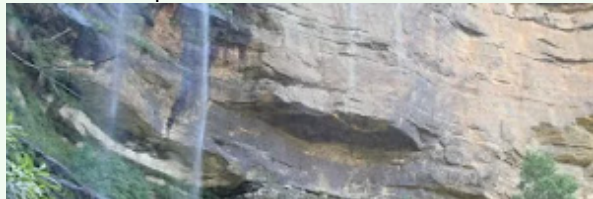
After another 165 m come to the end.



A viewpoint.



About 10 m past the end is "Katoomba Falls".



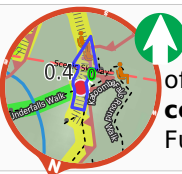
The Katoomba Falls are among the most famous waterfalls in the the Blue Mountains region. The Kedumba River falls about 150 meters in 2 main stages. The Undercliff Track, from the Furber Steps, can be used to access the first landing of the waterfall. The Katoomba Falls can be viewed from most lookouts 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.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.



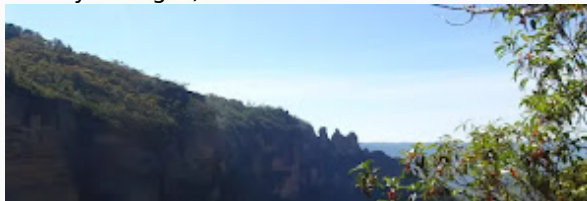
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 440 m waypoint.



After another 20 m (at the intersection of Furber Steps & Underfalls Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 55 m find the "Julets Balcony" (20 m on your right).



Juliets Balcony is a spectacular lookout, perched on top of a rock buttress near Orphan Rock, under the Scenic Skyway. The lookout provides sweeping views of the start of the Kedumba Valley, from Katoomba Falls to the Three Sisters. The lookout is accessed by a staircase, off the Furber Steps track. The fenceline continues along the lookout, forming a long, fenced balcony.



After another 35 m come to the "Juliet's Balcony" (15 m on your right).



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



After another 5 m **turn right**, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 55 m come to the "Queen Victoria Lookout" (6 m on your left).



Turn right, to head along Furber Steps.

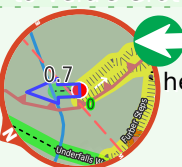


After another 55 m find a seat.

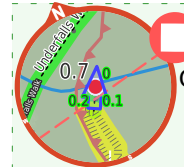


After another 55 m come to the "Lynes Point" (8 m on your left).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Vera's Grotto.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start.**



Continue another 25 m to find Vera's Grotto at the end.



About 30 m past the end is "Vera's Grotto".



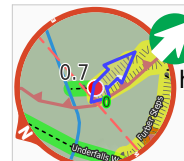
Vera's Grotto is a pleasant little spot located amongst the cascades on Witches Leap creek. This is a great area for lunch on a hot day, as it is always kept cool by the falls and the shade from the surrounding trees. When venturing to the grotto, you may be lucky enough to spot the Whistler and Yellow Robins. Superb Lyrebirds are also heard and even seen frequently in the surrounding area.



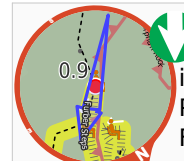
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 25 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 730 m waypoint.



After another 60 m **veer right**, to head along Furber Steps.



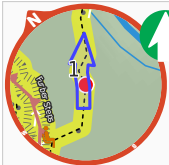
After another 165 m (at the intersection of Furber Steps & Federal Pass) **turn around**, to head along Federal Pass (a walking track).



After another 30 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 95 m pass a seat (6 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 115 m come to a seat.



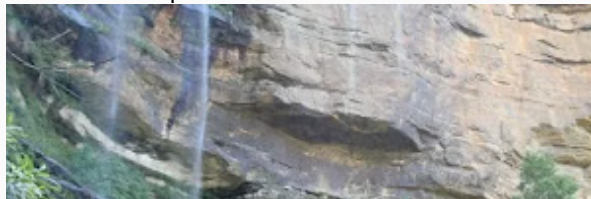
"Katoomba Falls View".



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.1 km to get back to the start.



About 120 m past the end is "Katoomba Falls".



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About 135 m past the end is "Seat".



A timber slat bench seat on a concrete platform. The seat is 53cm high, 35cm deep and 1.8m wide with a 40cm high backrest.