




Federal Pass Walking Track

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 4 h 30 min to 5 h

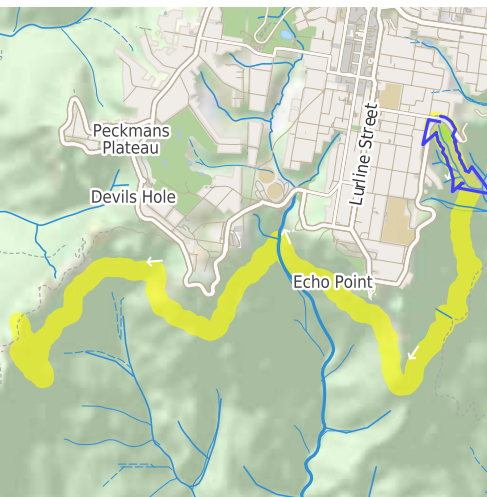
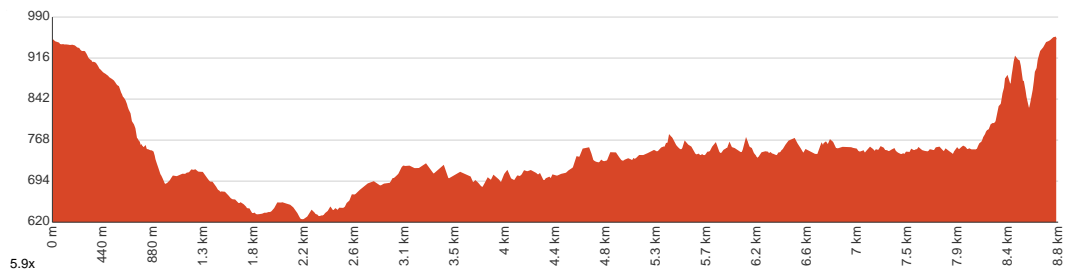

8.8 km
One way


↑ 1032 m
↓ 1027 m


Hard track



This classic trail follows along the base of the cliffs from Leura to the Golden Stairs, passing many of the more popular sights of the Katoomba region. Travelling through beautiful forest environments, this is one of the longer walks in the area. Leura Forest and Kedumba Falls are both great places to sit and take a break along the journey. 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.

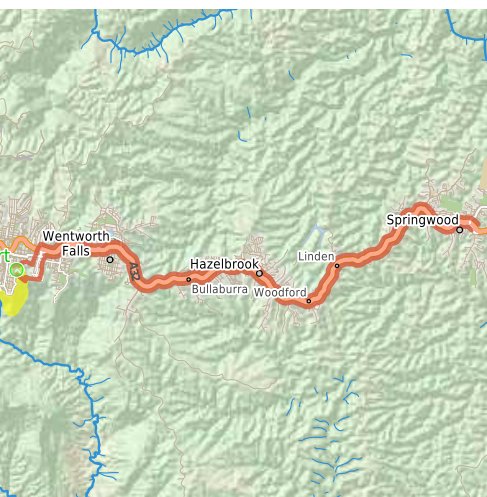


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

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	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Great Western Highway, A32 then drive for 19.4 km
- Keep right and drive for another 175 m
- Turn sharp left onto Station Street and drive for another 10 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 3.9 km
- Keep left onto Alexandra Terrace and drive for another 500 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 165 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 215 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Leura Mall, BMD and drive for another 1 km
- Turn right onto Gordon Road, BMD and drive for another 1.9 km



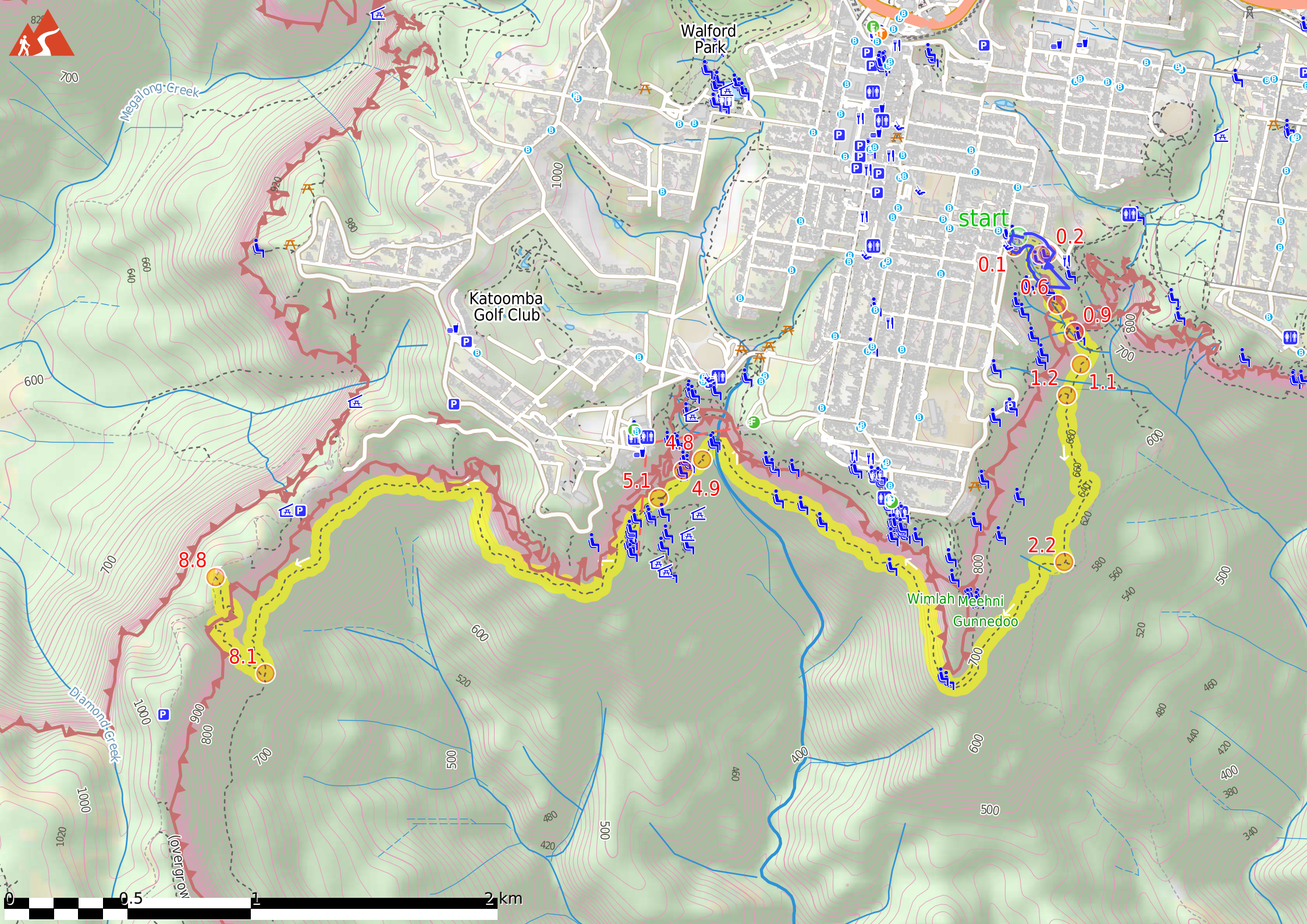
Before you start any journey ensure you;

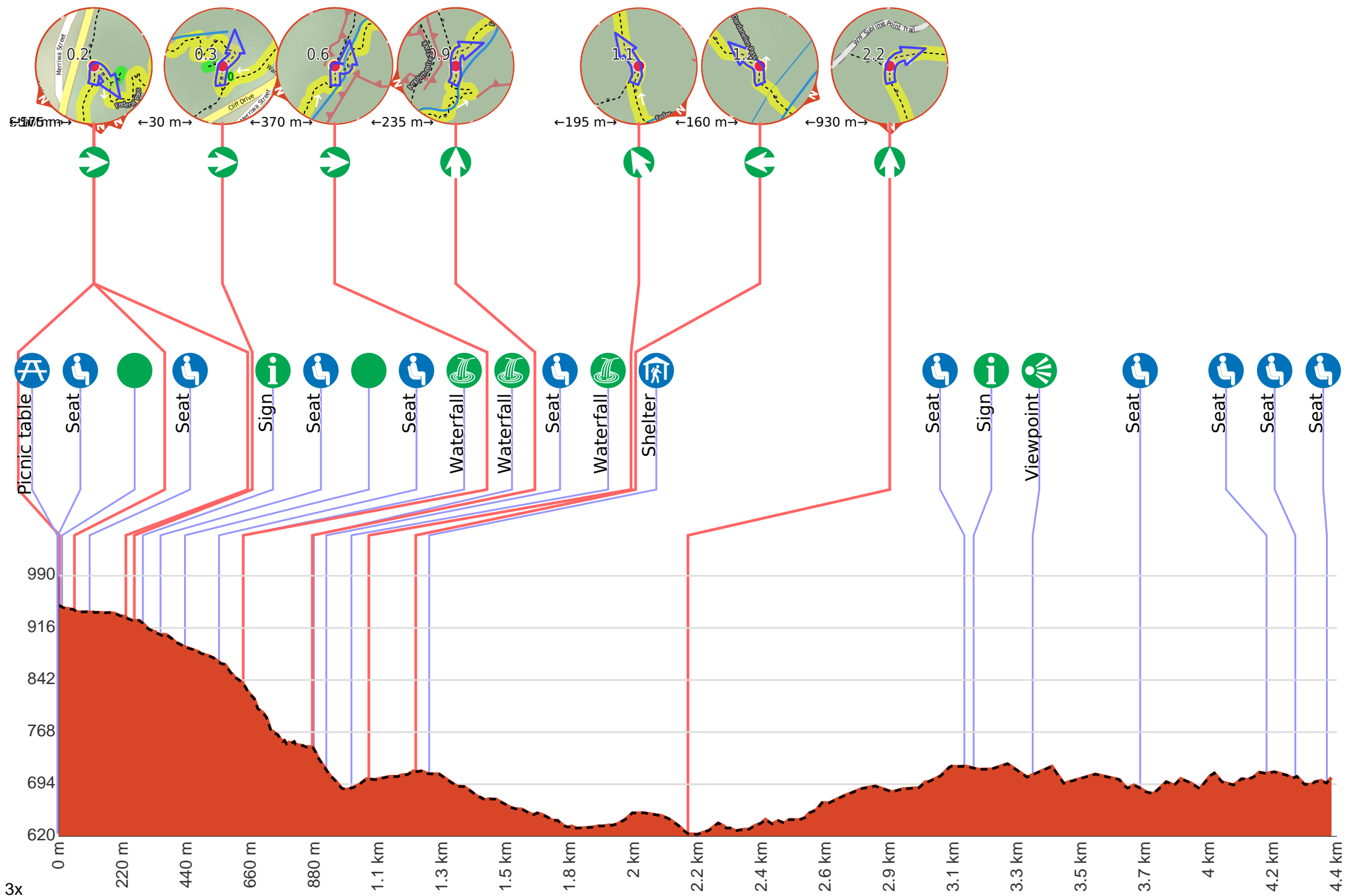
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

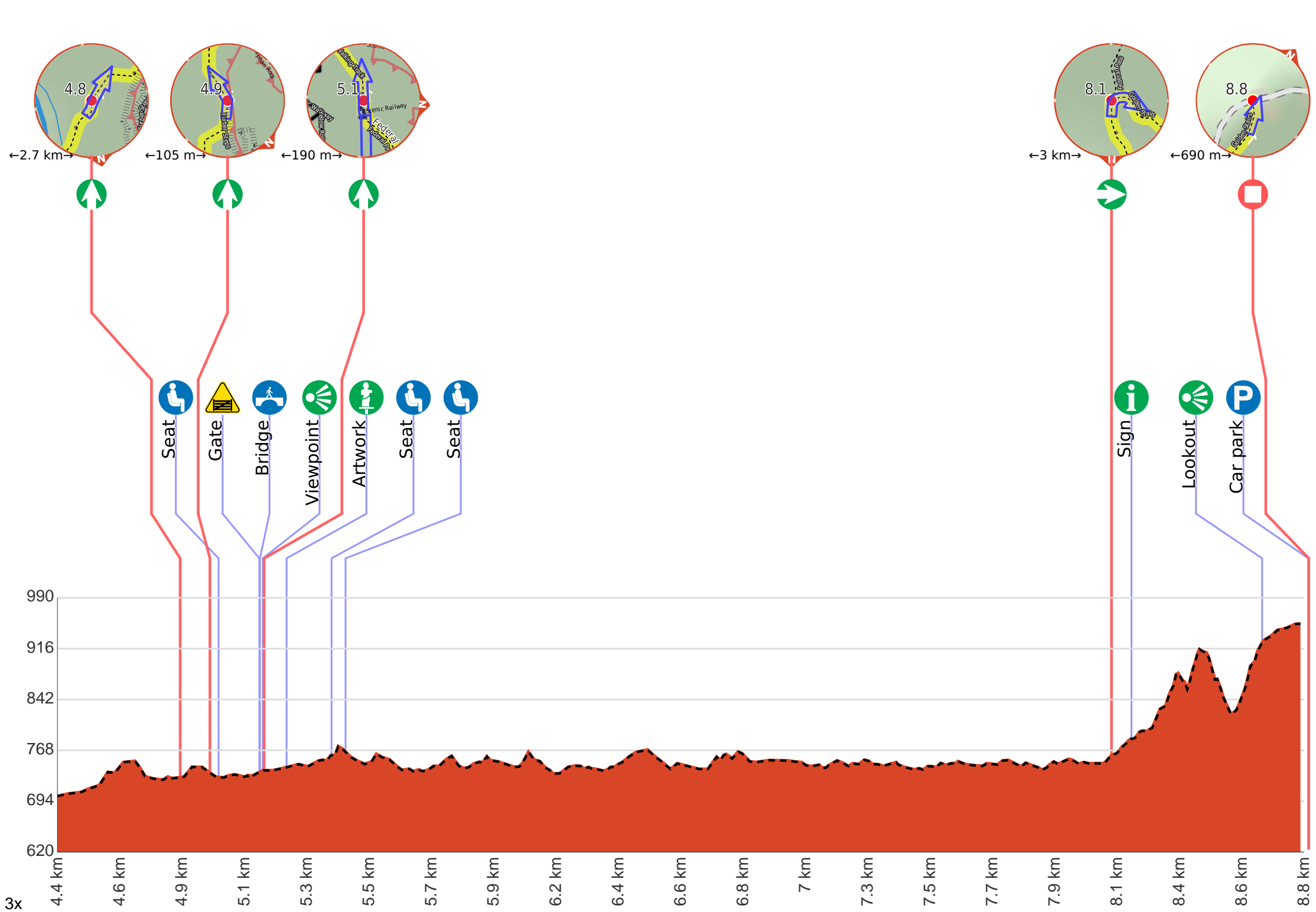
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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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'.

From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Cascades 1km' sign down the wooden steps and along the bush track, winding through the forest until coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Leura Forest' Track.

From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Leura Forest' sign along the bush track, winding down the hill for a short while before dropping down a set of wooden steps, to the signposted intersection with the 'Jamieson Lookout' track.



Start.



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



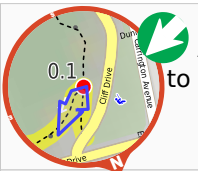
There is a seat (about 20 m back from the start).



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



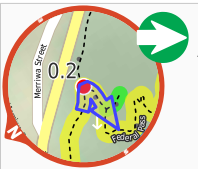
Carrington Park is a medium-sized park on a traffic island, at the junction of Cliff Road and Merriwa St, Katoomba. The park is partially fenced and has a picnic shelter, picnic tables, garbage bins and children's play equipment.



After another 40 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

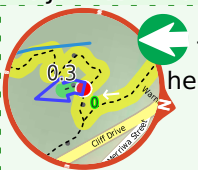


After another 50 m pass a seat (on your right).

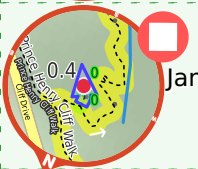


After another 125 m **turn right**.

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



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



Continue another 20 m to find Jamieson Lookout at the end.



"Jamieson Lookout".



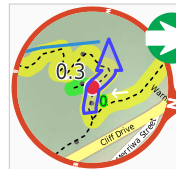
Jamieson Lookout is a fenced lookout at the east end of the Federal Pass track, and just off Prince Henry Cliff Walk. The lookout has a bench seat and provides great views up the Jamieson Valley, along Kings Tableland escarpment and past Mount Solitary. The lookout is perched up on a large rock buttress,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



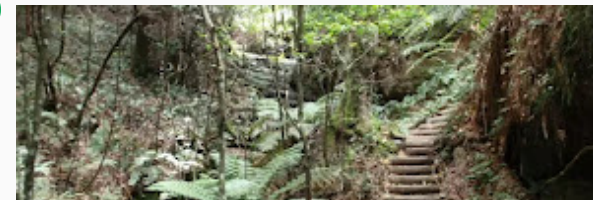
After another 30 m pass the "Federal Pass" (on your right).



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 80 m pass the "Lila Falls" (9 m on your right).



At the intersection of Amphitheatre Track & Federal Pass **turn right**, to head along Federal Pass.



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.



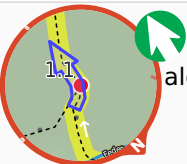
At the intersection of Federal Pass & Track to Leura Falls **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



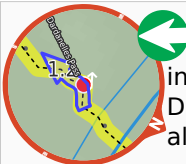
After another 50 m pass a seat (6 m on your left).



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.



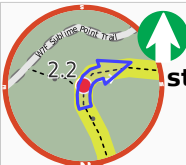
After another 60 m **veer left**, to head along Federal Pass.



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



After another 45 m pass the shelter (10 m on your right).



After another 890 m **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 910 m (at the intersection of Federal Pass & Dardanelles Pass) **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 35 m pass a seat (20 m on your right).



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



After another 200 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 370 m pass a seat (5 m on your left).



After another 430 m pass a seat (6 m on your left).



After another 100 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 110 m pass a seat (on your right).



After another 350 m cross the Cooks Crossing (about 15 m long)



After another 40 m pass a seat (on your right).



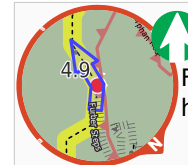
After another 10 m come to the "Katoomba Falls View" (on your right).



After another 60 m **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 135 m pass a seat (6 m on your right).



At the intersection of Furber Steps & Federal Pass **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 175 m head through/around the gate.



Then cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 6 m come to the "Scenic Railway" (10 m on your left).



After another 5 m **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass Walking Track.



After another 65 m (at the intersection of Federal Pass Walking Track & Scenic Walkway) **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass Walking Track.



After another 10 m pass the artwork (on your right).



After another 160 m pass a seat (8 m on your left), has no backrest.



After another 50 m pass a seat (15 m on your left), has no backrest.



After another 2.7 km (at the intersection of Federal Pass & Golden Stairs) **turn right**, to head along Golden Stairs.



After another 70 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 460 m find the "Botting's Lookout" (5 m on your right).



Botting's Lookout offers great views over the Jamison Valley and the cliff line, including the Landslide, Malaita Point and the Golden Stairs. A plaque at the lookout states that the lookout was named after Walter Botting (1887-1985), a pioneer trail-maker of the Katoomba District.



After another 160 m to find the "Golden Stairs Car Park".



After another 2 m come to the end.



A sign.