



Round Walk

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 20 min to 45 min

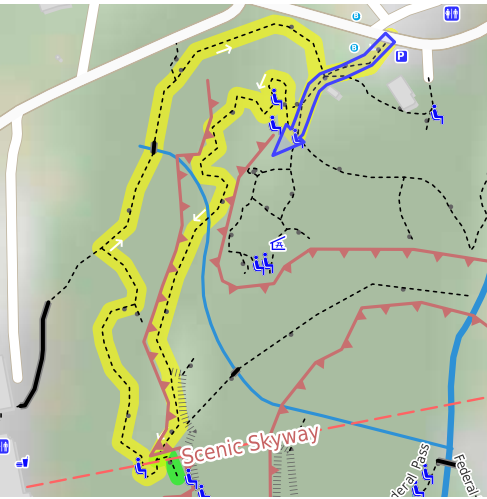
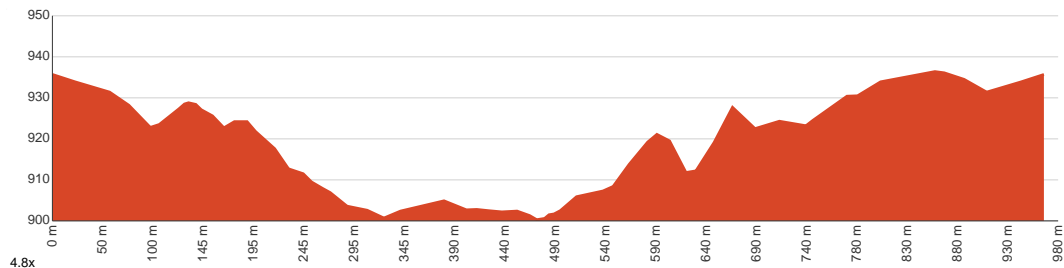

970 m
Circuit


↑ 68 m
↓ 68 m


Hard track



A great walk exploring the upper section of Furber Steps. Starting at the Katoomba Kiosk, this walk visits Witches Leap, Juliets Balcony and Vanimans Lookout to loop back to the Kiosk. There are great views down the Kedumba Valley and of many of the surrounding features. A well shaded walk with some pleasant rain forest areas along a well signposted track. There are plenty of stairs, mostly with handrails. 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.



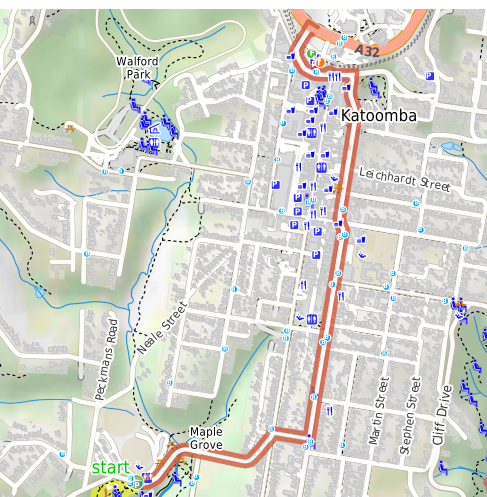
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	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 Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Parke Street, BMD then drive for 105 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Bathurst Road, BMD and drive for another 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 295 m



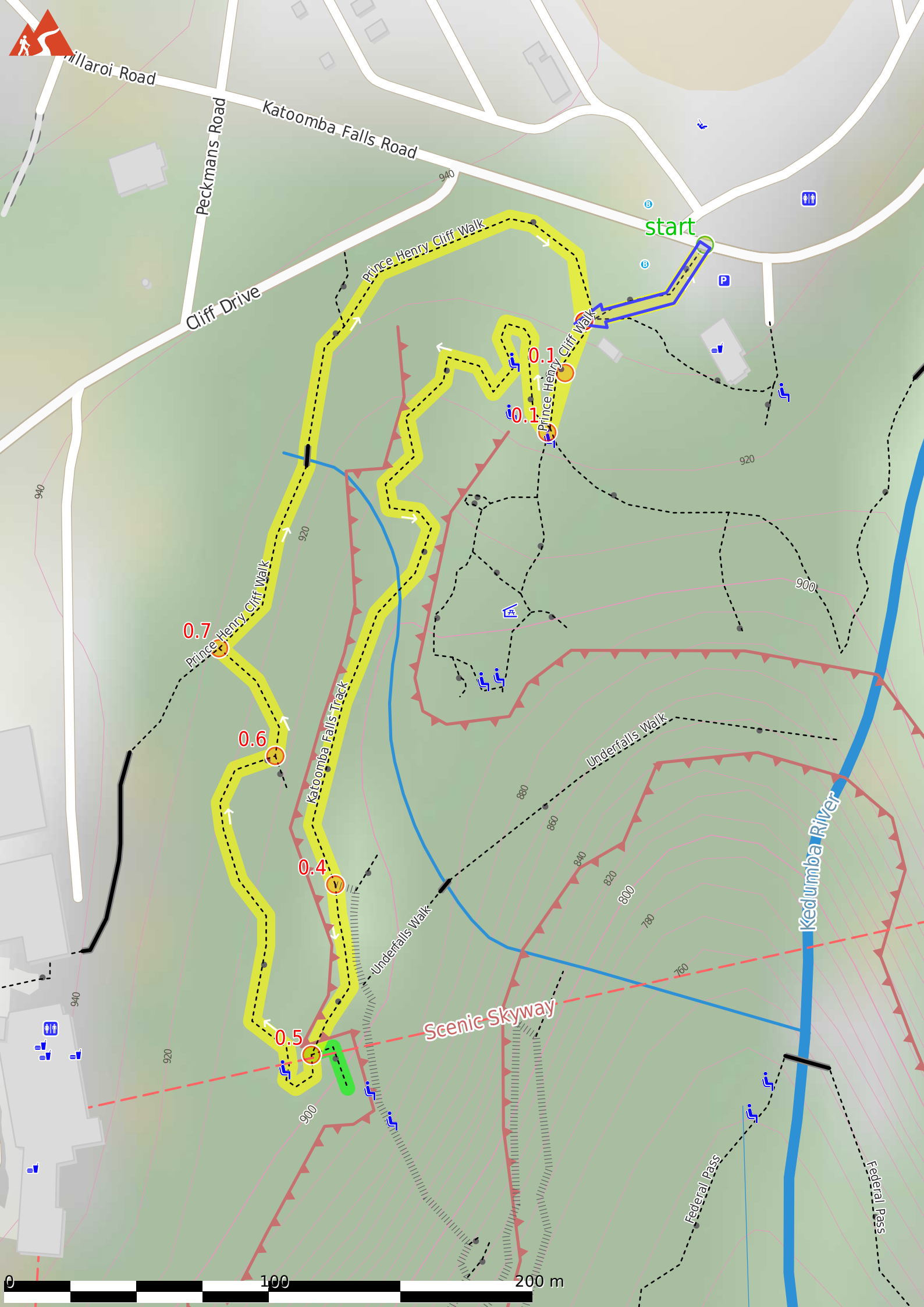
Before you start any journey ensure you;

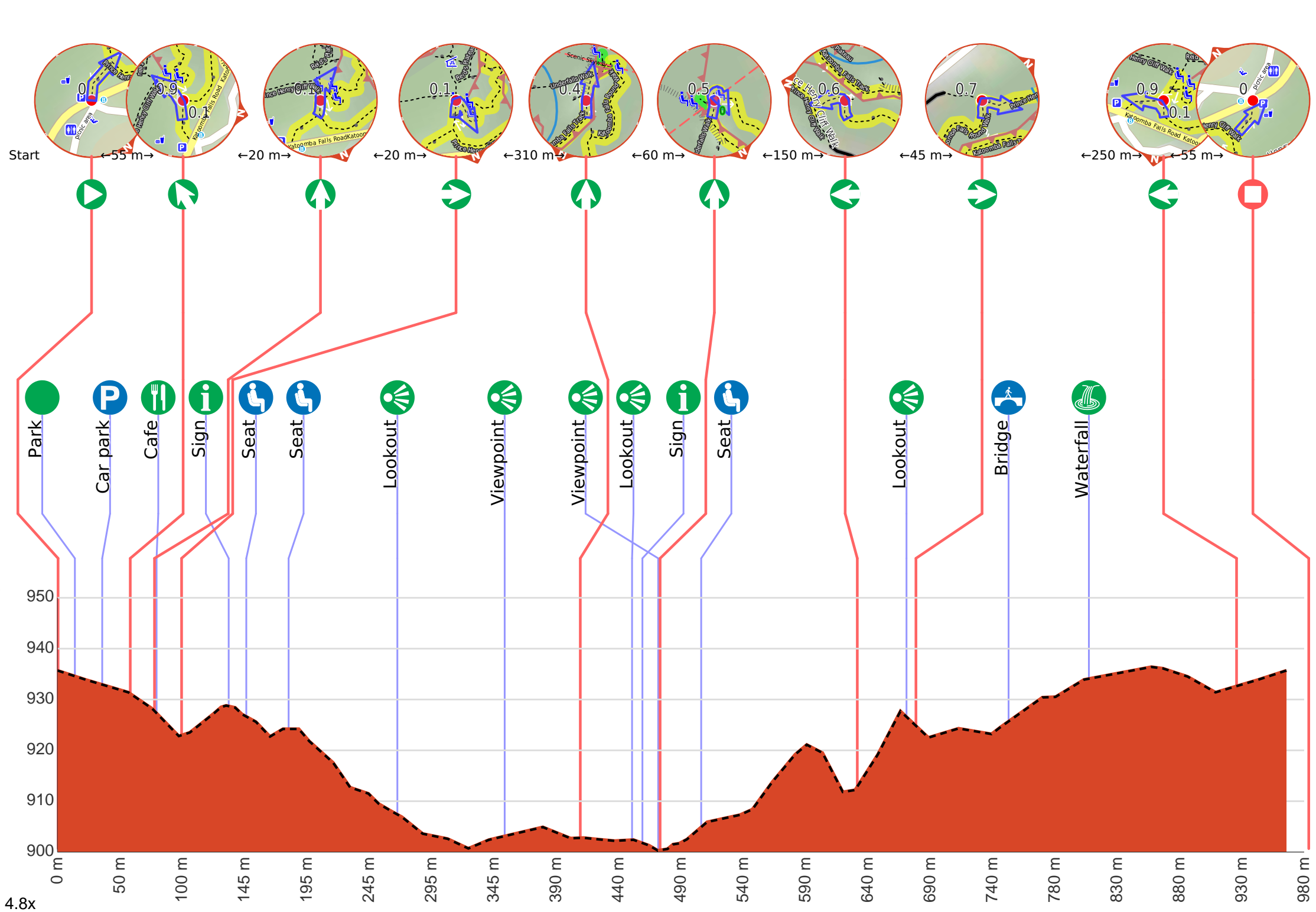
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

After another 20 m pass the car park (15 m on your left).

After another 40 m pass the "Katoomba Falls Kiosk" (35 m on your left).



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 85 m come to the viewpoint (25 m on your left).



After another 120 m come to the "Vaniman's Lookout" (15 m on your right).



At the intersection of Katoomba Falls Round Walk & Katoomba Falls Track **continue straight**, to head along Katoomba Falls Round Walk.



After another 40 m find the "Rainforest Lookout" (15 m on your left).

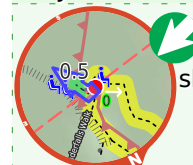


Unlike many lookouts in the area, Rainforest Lookout does not offer sweeping valley views. Instead, this lookout offers an opportunity to get up close and personal with the canopy of the rainforest. Spend some time in the cool shade listening to the birds and Witches Leap creek passing by. A sign at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



After another 8 m pass the "Rainforest Lookout" (7 m on your left).

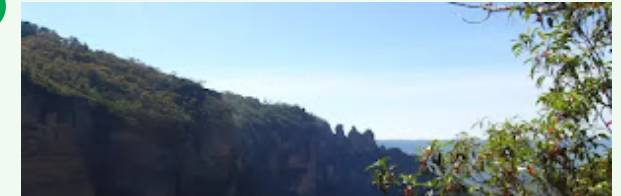
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Juliet's Balcony.



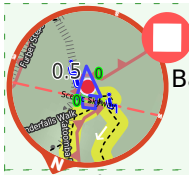
To start this optional side trip turn sharp left here. **Start.**



After another 25 m come to "Juliet's Balcony".



Juliet's 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.



Continue another 0 m to find Juliet's Balcony at the end.



About 10 m past the end is a seat.



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



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 470 m waypoint.



After another 7 m (at the intersection of Prince Henry Cliff Walk & Katoomba Falls Round Walk) **turn right**, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



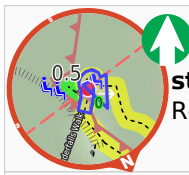
After another 70 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 55 m pass the "Witches Leap" (20 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Prince Henry Cliff Walk.



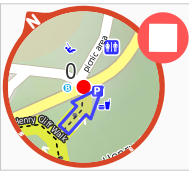
After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Katoomba Falls Round Walk.



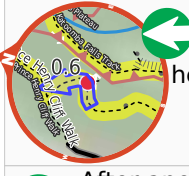
After another 30 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 125 m **turn left**.



After another 55 m come to the end.



After another 120 m **turn left**, to head along Katoomba Falls Round Walk.



After another 40 m find the "Vaniman's Lookout" (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.