

## Jenolan Cottages to Caves

2 hrs

Hard track

4.6 km One way

▲ 103m

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This is a great walk for those staying at Jenolan Cottages and wanting to walk to the Caves. Following the well-maintained and signposted Six Foot Track, there are great views and a variety of environments to enjoy. Be sure to notice the buildings surrounding Caves House as you come into the Jenolan Area. To finish the walk, Caves House is a great spot to sit and have a cup of coffee before exploring the caves or heading back to the cottages.

788m

Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve

### **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 walks 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Jenolan Caves Cottages Administration (gps: -33.7859, 150.0253). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Caves House (gps: -33.8203, 150.0212). Car: There is free parking available.

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

#### **0 | Jenolan Caves Cottages**

Located 9km from Jenolan Caves by road, Jenolan Caves Cottages offers eight well presented self contained timber cottages for guests to stay in. Each is fully insulated and furnished, with lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and linen. There is a large flat grassy area in front with often with kangaroos grazing and with a children's playground. For more information call the Jenolan Caves on 1300 763 311. The cottages have a two night minimum stay and prices are from around \$130 per night per cabin.

#### **0 | Jenolan Caves Cottages Administration**

(540 m 11 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cottages' sign along the driveway past the '20' km/h speed limit sign, initially keeping the office/house to your left. The driveway leads over a small rise then heads downhill for about 300m to pass a toilet block. Here the walk stays on the driveway as it bends left and continues beside the clearing to come beside the cottages.

#### **0.54 | Jenolan Caves Cottages**

(2.8 km 58 mins) Continue straight: From beside Jenolan Caves Cottages, this walk heads gently uphill along driveway (initially keeping the cottages to your right) for about 60m to walk around the metal gate beside 'Six Foot Track' sign. This walk continues along this mostly flat trail for 350m through tall wooded forest to a T-intersection marked with a 'Kia-ora

Hill Fire Trail' sign. This walk turns right and follows 'Six Foot Track' sign gently down along the trail for about 300m to find a fairly large flat clearing. The walk continues along the trail which generally leads downhill along the ridge line for 1.5km to where the trail moves to the side of the steep valley (on your right). The trail begins to become steeper then after 400m the trail leads particularly steeply down along the rocky trail for about 600m. Here the trail flattens out on a saddle with a Y-intersection marked with a 'Six Foot Track' sign (pointing right) and a 'Mt George' sign (pointing ahead).

#### **3.34 | Int of 6FT and Mt George trail**

(870 m 24 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track' sign downhill along the narrowing track, keeping the steep wide valley to your right. After about 25m the track leads between two timber posts and continues fairly steeply down the side of the valley with glimpses to the cave buildings for 500m where the track flattens out a bit and heads under a solid gum tree leaning over the track. The track continues leading downhill for another 300m to cross a narrow saddle and along a very narrow ridge where there are good views down to Blue Lake (on your left). The track now leads down some timber steps for about 50m to a T-intersection with a gravel path where a 'Six Foot Track' sign points back uphill.

#### **4.22 | Int of 6FT and Carlotta Arch Track**

(10 m ) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Caves House' sign gently downhill along the gravel path a short distance to an intersection and fenced lookout near 'Carlotta Arch' (on your left).

#### **4.23 | Optional sidetrip to Bottom of Carlotta Arch Steps**

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs until coming to the entrance of the cave. On the way, this walk goes under the towering Carlotta's Arch. The lookout has great views of the valley and Blue Lake. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

#### **4.23 | Carlotta Arch**

Carlotta Arch is a large and spectacular cave remnant overlooking Blue Lake. It is believed that the arch was named in honour of a daughter of a surveyor - General P.F. Adams. Adams is credited with having taken some of the earliest photos at Jenolan.

#### **4.23 | Carlotta Arch Lookout**

(410 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the fenced lookout near 'Carlotta Arch', this walk follows the 'Caves House' sign

gently uphill along the stone path with handrail. The path leads over a small rise to a view into another valley. Here the path begins to zig zag fairly steeply downhill for 150m beside the limestone cliffs passing views down to Caves House, past a bench seat to a 'Caves House' information sign. The path continues more gently downhill for another 100m past the 'Grand Arch' information sign (and view of the Arch) then just over 30m later to the 'Southside Show Caves' information sign. The path continues down the side of the valley for another 80m to head down some concrete steps to the side of Jenolan Caves Road, opposite Caves House, where a 'Six Foot Track' sign points up the steps. The official end of the Six Foot Track.

#### **4.64 | Jenolan Caves House**

Jenolan Caves House, built in 1898, is a heritage-listed building which houses dining, a variety of accommodation options, and other services for visitors to the caves. Jenolan has two licensed restaurants: Trails Bistro is open from breakfast onwards and closes early evening. Trails serves a range of light meals including sandwiches, salads and hot food. Chisholm's Restaurant is open each morning for breakfast and each evening for dinner from 6.00pm. Essential items and beautiful souvenirs may be purchased from Things Jenolan, located on the ground floor of Caves House. Don't forget to explore one of the many caves to explore in the area. For more information, call Jenolan Caves on 1300 76 33 11.