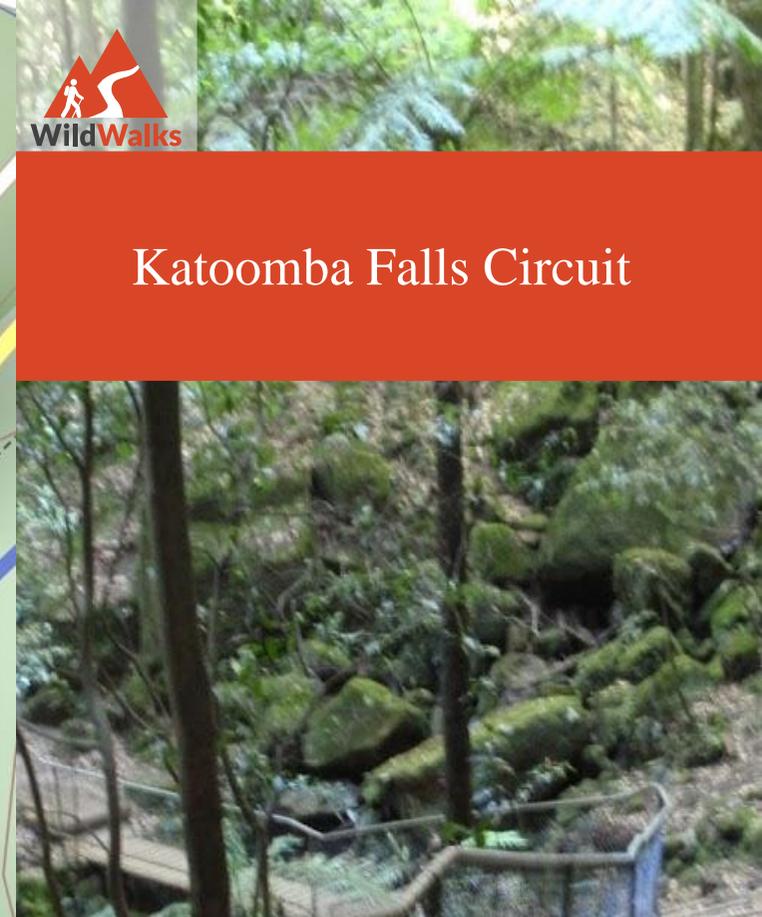
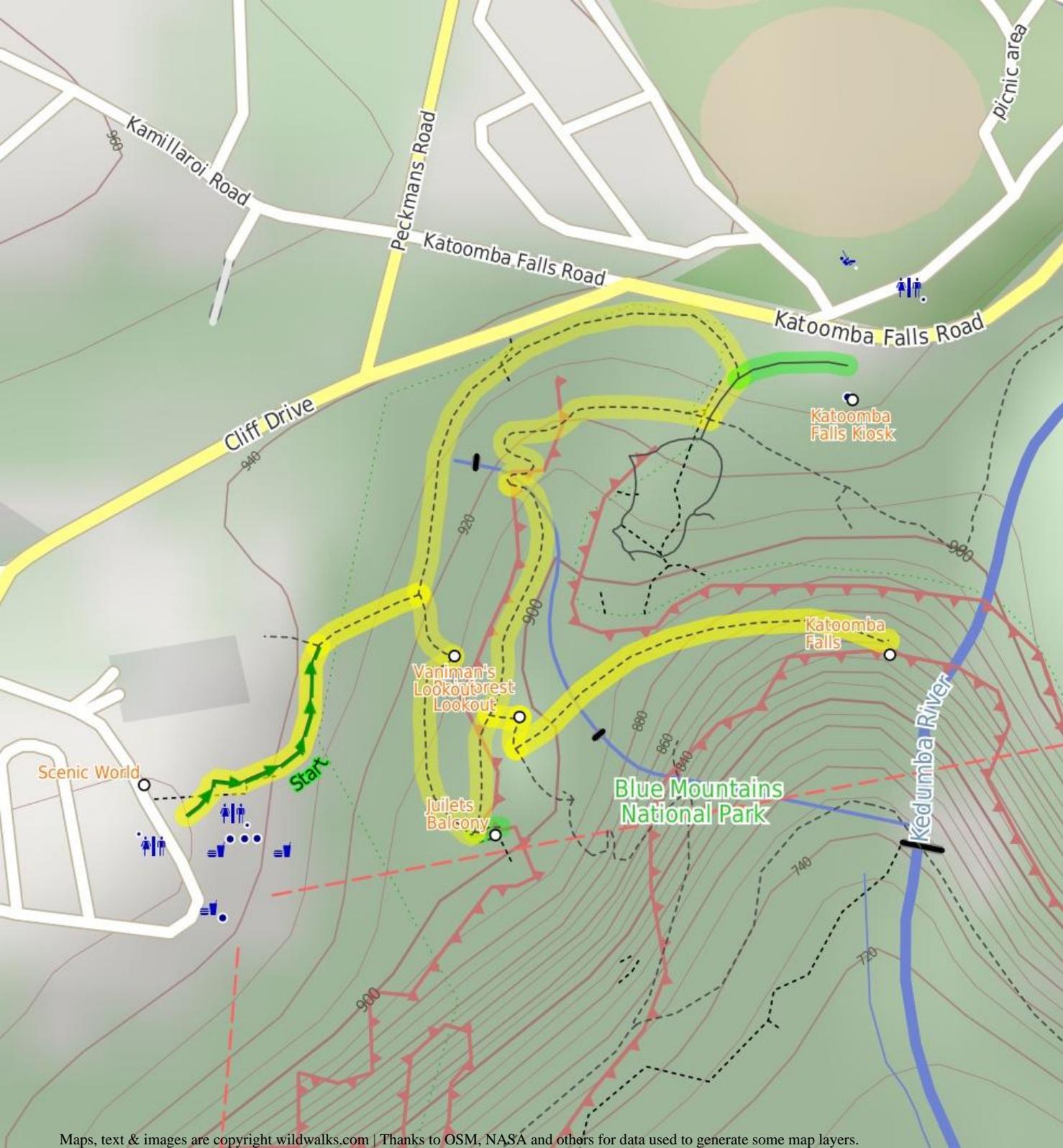


Katoomba Falls Circuit



1 hr 45 mins

Hard track

1.5 km Circuit

▲ 159m



For those looking for a walk involving more than simple boardwalk, this trail winding through the temperate rain forest could be just the thing. Katoomba Falls cannot fail to dazzle as they cascade down the cliffs, and the opportunity to stop for a quick cup of coffee in Katoomba Falls Kiosk makes this walk all the more appealing.

835m

Blue Mountains National Park

Scenic World

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Vaniman's Lookout

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Juilets Balcony

Juilets 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.

Rainforest Lookout

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.

Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Central Tablelands District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Blue Mountains National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

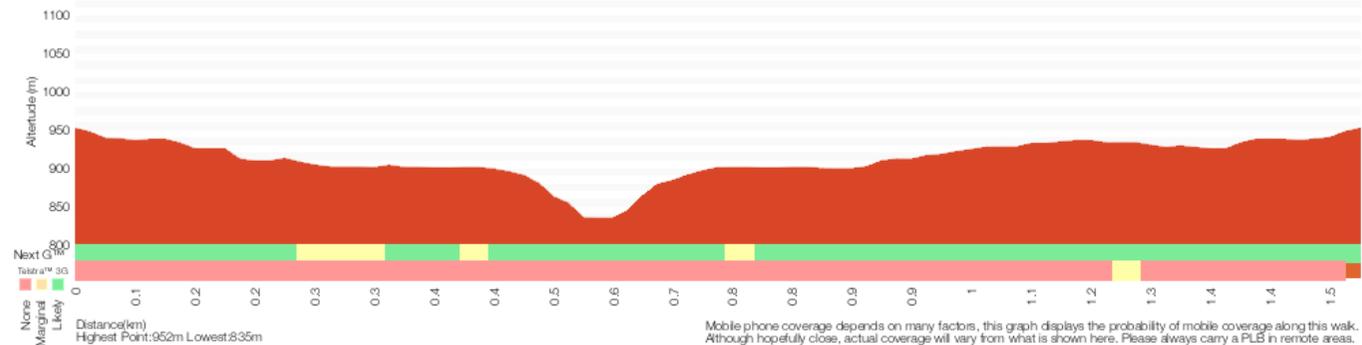
The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

- 1:50 000 Map Series:**Six Foot Track
1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA
1:100 000 Map Series:8930 KATOOMBA



Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6
Hard track

Length	1.5 km Circuit
Time	1 hr 45 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)

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 walk's 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 You can get to Scenic World (gps: -33.7286, 150.301) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

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

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0 | Scenic World

(120 m 3 mins) From the Scenic World main entrance, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signs down the concrete steps and around to the back of the building, where it comes to a wooden footbridge that curves around behind the main car park. At the end of the footbridge, this walk comes to an intersection with the Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

0.12 | End of wooden footbridge

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, winding down some wooden steps as the track bends around to the right. It then arrives at the signposted intersection of the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' and the track to the base of the Scenic Railway.

0.17 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Katoomba Falls

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steep wooden steps, following the signs to the bottom of the Scenic Railway. The walk comes to the intersection of Vanimans Lookout at the bottom of the steps.

0.21 | Vaniman's Lookout

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-known adventurer and artist from the USA, who visited the Blue Mountains in 1903. [More info.](#)

0.21 | Vanimans Lookout

(110 m 3 mins) Turn right: From Vanimans Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the bottom of the wooden steps. The track winds around the side of the hill and down the steep metal stairs. At the bottom, the walk comes to the intersection of the Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony track (unsignposted).

0.32 | Optional sidetrip to Juliets Balcony

(10 m) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short set of wooden steps, winding up to the raised rock platform, and along the bush track to the edge of the fenced-off rock shelf. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.32 | Juliets Balcony

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 fence line continues along the lookout, forming a long, fenced balcony.

0.32 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balco

(60 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the long set of wooden steps winding down the side of the hill. After this, the walk flattens out for a short distance then continues up a short set wooden steps to the intersection of the Round Walk and the Furber Steps track.

0.38 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps

(10 m) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Base of Scenic Railway' signpost down the wooden steps to the bottom, where it comes to the Rainforest Lookout.

0.39 | Rainforest Lookout

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0.39 | Rainforest Lookout

(20 m) Turn right: From the Rainforest Lookout, the track follows the bush track heading past the base of the wooden steps and then through the forest for a short while, until it reaches the signposted intersection of the Underfalls Walk.

0.41 | Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Tra

(180 m 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Underfalls Walk' sign down a short set of steps and across a small waterfall using the wooden bridge (This creek flows from Witches Leap all the way down to Veras Grotto). Once past the falls, the track continues through the rainforest, winding along the well-defined path until arriving at Katoomba Falls Lookout, right at the base of the falls.

0.59 | Katoomba Falls

The Katoomba Falls are among the most famous waterfalls in 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 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.

0.59 | Katoomba Falls

(350 m 9 mins) Turn around: From the Katoomba Falls Lookout, this walk follows the only bush track, winding through the temperate rainforest for about 150 to 200 metres, before crossing a small creek at a wooden bridge. From here the walk continues up the short set of steps until reaching the

signposted intersection of the Furber Steps.

Turn right: From the intersection, the track follows the bush track heading up the hill, winding up through the forest for a short while. Soon the track bends slightly around to the right and comes to the Rainforest Lookout, at the base of the set of wooden steps.

Turn left : From the Rainforest Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps, climbing to the top where it comes to a 'T' intersection with the 'Round Walk' track.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Caravan Park' sign along the hardened path and up the wooden steps, continuing to wind up the side of the hill as the track climbs up a few more sets of wooden steps. This walk Witches Leap Creek at the small wooden bridge, winding up the wooden steps that zigzag up through the gully, to the intersection of the Witches Leap Lookout.

0.94 | Witches Leap

(130 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the Witches Leap Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps and up the hardened path that winds up through the gully, climbing past a small rest area at a large rock overhang. The walk heads to the top of the hill, coming to the intersection of the Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the Reids Plateau loop walk.

1.07 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Loop and Witches Leap Track

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: With the Katoomba Falls track to the left and the picnic bench to the right, this walk heads north up the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign. The walk comes to the top of the stairs, to the signposted intersection of 'Round Walk' at the back of the small park near the Katoomba Kiosk.

1.1 | Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls Kiosk

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses through the park, passing the large information signs and the water fountain, arriving at the Katoomba Kiosk. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

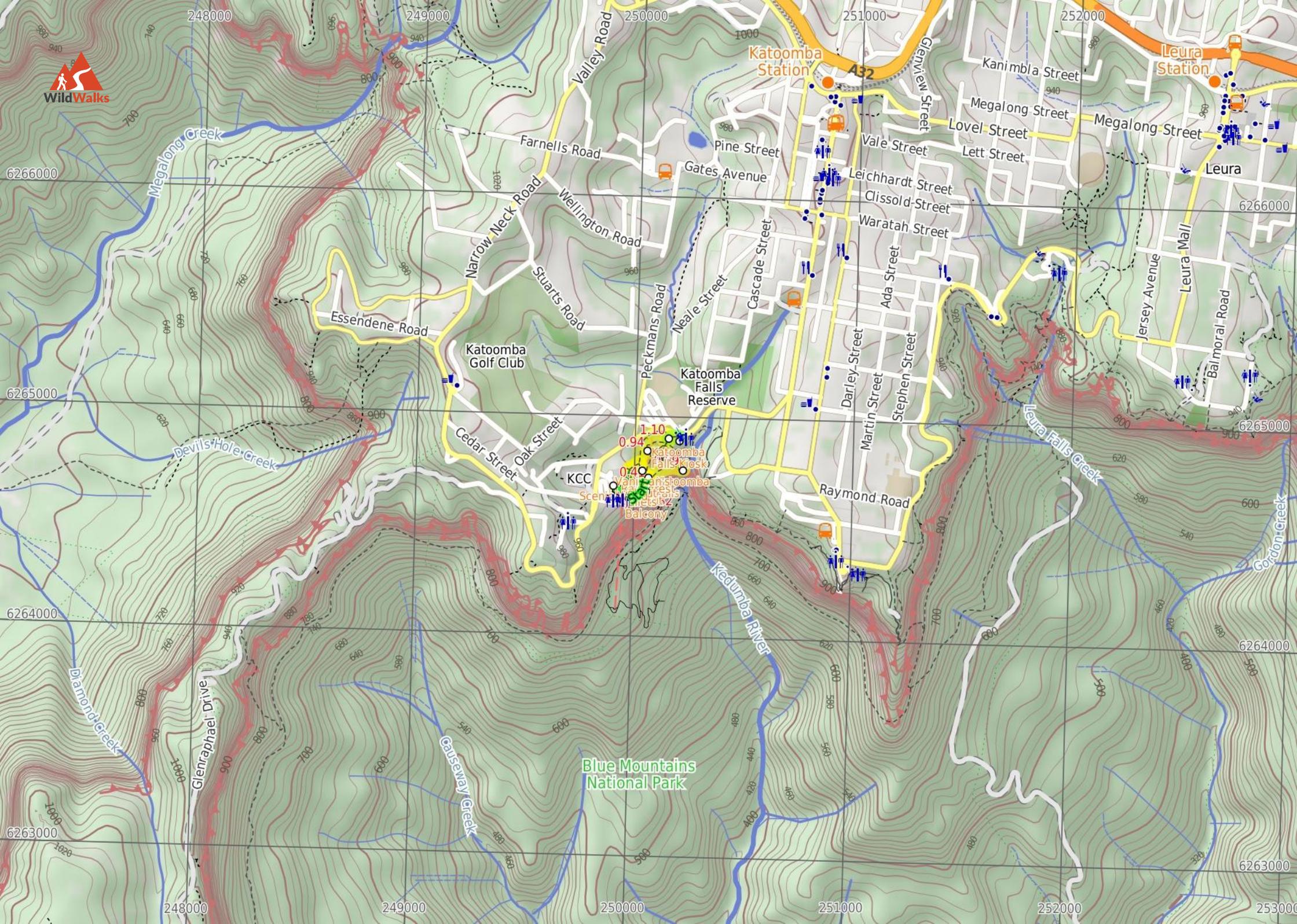
1.1 | Katoomba Falls Kiosk

The Katoomba Falls Kiosk serves a variety of light and healthy meals including breakfast, lunch and Devonshire teas. A drink enjoyed here will add to the experience of any local bushwalk. For more information, phone (02) 4782-4868. [More info.](#)

1.1 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff

(430 m 9 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the hardened bush track, winding along the side of the hill as the track heads through the forest, to the signposted intersection of the Round Walk and the Prince Henry Cliff Walk. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the only unignposted bush track up the gentle hill. It winds up the wooden steps, bending around to the left until it flattens out at the intersection with the Scenic World footbridge.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the wooden footbridge that winds around the back of the Scenic World multi-story car park, to the concrete footpath. The walk continues around the main building, climbing up some concrete steps to the main entrance of Scenic World.



Summary navigation sheet for the Katoomba Falls Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Scenic World -33.7286,150.301 (GR Katoomba, 499647)	5 -20	120 m 3 mins	From the Scenic World main entrance, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signs down the concrete steps and around to the back of the building, where it comes to a wooden footbridge that curves around beh...
0.12	End of wooden footbridge -33.7278,150.3016 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	0 -13	50 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, winding down some wooden steps as the track bends around to the right.
0.17	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Katoomba Falls Round Walk -33.7275,150.302 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	0 -16	40 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steep wooden steps, following the signs to the bottom of the Scenic Railway.
0.21	Vanimans Lookout -33.7278,150.3022 (GR Katoomba, 500648)	4 -11	110 m 3 mins	Turn right: From Vanimans Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the bottom of the wooden steps.
0.32	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony Track -33.7287,150.3023 (GR Katoomba, 500647)	1 0	10 m	Optional sidetrip to Juliets Balcony. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short set of wooden steps, winding up to the raised rock platform, and along the bush track to the edge of the fenced-off rock shelf.
0.32	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony Track -33.7287,150.3023 (GR Katoomba, 500647)	3 -4	60 m 1 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the long set of wooden steps winding down the side of the hill.
0.38	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps -33.7281,150.3024 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -1	10 m	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Base of Scenic Railway' signpost down the wooden steps to the bottom, where it comes to the Rainforest Lookout.
0.39	Rainforest Lookout -33.7281,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 0	20 m	Turn right: From the Rainforest Lookout, the track follows the bush track heading past the base of the wooden steps and then through the forest for a short while, until it reaches the signposted intersection of the ...
0.41	Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track -33.7283,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 -67	180 m 6 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Underfalls Walk' sign down a short set of steps and across a small waterfall using the wooden bridge (This creek flows from Witches Leap all the way down to ...
0.59	Katoomba Falls -33.7278,150.3042 (GR Katoomba, 502648)	81 -4	350 m 9 mins	Turn around: From the Katoomba Falls Lookout, this walk follows the only bush track, winding through the temperate rainforest for about 150 to 200 metres, before crossing a small creek at a wooden bridge.
0.94	Witches Leap -33.727,150.3024 (GR Katoomba, 501648)	20 -4	130 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the Witches Leap Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps and up the hardened path that winds up through the gulley, climbing past a small rest area at a large rock overhang.
1.07	Int of Katoomba Kiosk Loop and Witches Leap Track -33.7267,150.3034 (GR Katoomba, 501649)	5 0	30 m 1 mins	Turn left: With the Katoomba Falls track to the left and the picnic bench to the right, this walk heads north up the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign.
1.10	Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk -33.7265,150.3035 (GR Katoomba, 502649)	2 0	50 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls Kiosk. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses through the park, passing the large information signs and the water fountain, arriving at the Katoomba Kiosk.
1.10	Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk -33.7265,150.3035 (GR Katoomba, 502649)	39 -18	430 m 9 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the hardened bush track, winding along the side of the hill as the track heads through the forest, to the signposted intersection of...