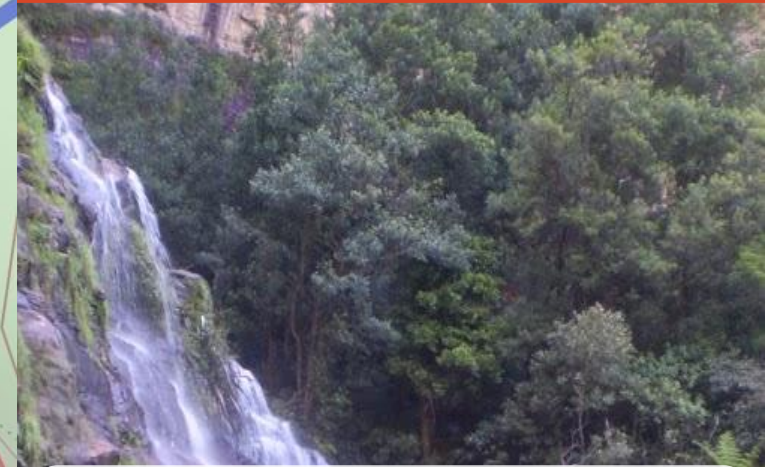


Katoomba Kiosk to base of Katoomba Falls



2 hrs

Hard track

1.7 km Return

↑ 272m

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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).

738m

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Before You walk

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- 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

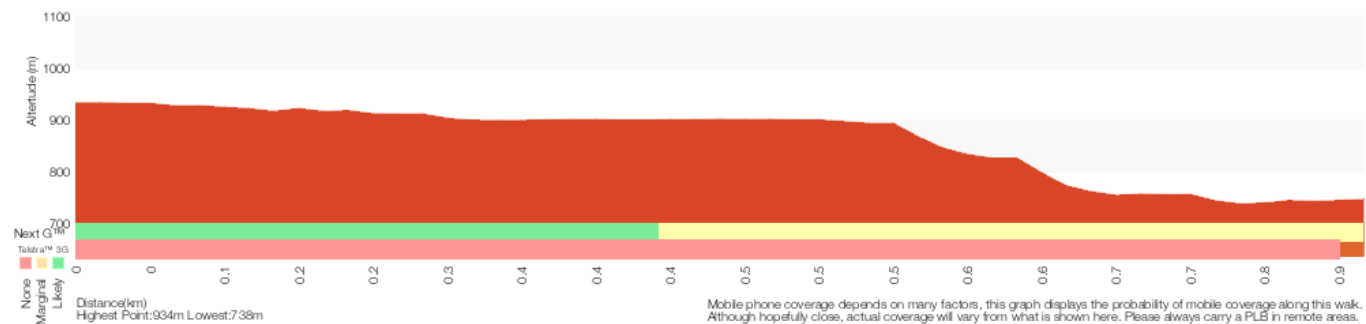
Grade

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	1.7 km Return
Time	2 hrs
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Clearly signposted (1/6)
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 Katoomba Falls Kiosk (gps: -33.7265, 150.304) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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/kktbokf>

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(50 m 1 mins) 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 & Skyway'.

0.05 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Reids Plateau' sign down the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign. The walk continues down to the bottom of the stairs and to the intersection of the Katoomba Falls Walk and the Prince Henry Cliff Walk (unsignposted).

0.07 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Loop and Witches Leap Track

(130 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Katoomba Falls Track' sign down the hill, winding down a few sets of wooden steps as it passes a small rest area at a rock overhang, and continues down through the gully to the Witches Leap Lookout.

0.21 | Witches Leap

(130 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track heading down the hill, winding down some wooden steps that zigzag back down towards the creek, which it crosses at the footbridge. The walk then continues up a short hill and along through the forest, winding down a few more sets of wooden steps before coming to the signposted intersection of the Furber Steps track.

0.34 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps

(10 m) Turn left: 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.

0.35 | Rainforest Lookout

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0.35 | 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.

0.37 | Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls

(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. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.37 | Katoomba Falls

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0.37 | Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Tra

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short while before passing a large rock overhang with a wooden bench seat underneath. The walk continues down a set of stairs until reaching the signposted 'Queen Victoria Lookout'.

0.4 | Queen Victoria Lookout

(10 m) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short metal staircase to the intersection of the Queen Victoria Lookout at the top.

0.41 | Optional sidetrip to Lynes Point

(10 m) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading around the right-hand side of the metal staircase, continuing around under the Queen Victoria Lookout to Lynes Point. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

0.41 | Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track

(30 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the short metal staircase, winding along the side of the hill to the top of some concrete steps where there is a 'Furber Steps' signpost. From here, the walk continues down the concrete steps for a short distance until it comes to the signposted 'Furber Lookout'.

0.44 | Furber Lookout

(90 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the Furber Lookout, this walk heads down the concrete steps that zigzags steeply down to the bottom of the cliffs. The track then flattens out and continues through the forest with the hand railing on the right, crossing a short boardwalk and coming down to the signposted intersection of the Vera's Grotto track.

0.53 | Vera's Grotto

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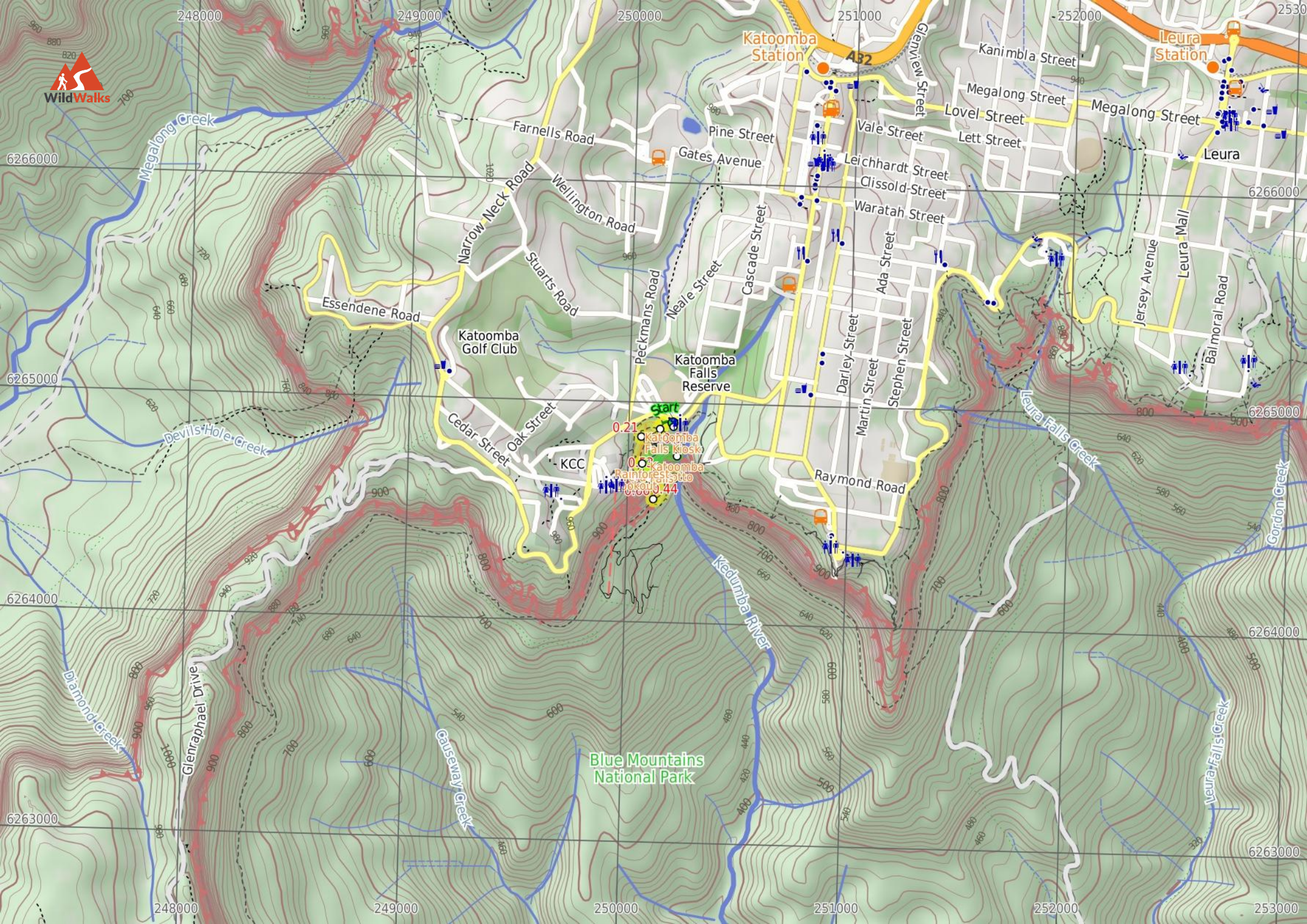
(30 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Vera's Grotto' sign along the bush track, winding down a set of wooden steps to Vera's Grotto Lookout at the bottom. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.53 | Int of Furber Steps and Veras Grotto Track

(130 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs. These zigzag down the hill and, at several points, go under overhangs in the cliff. The walk continues steeply downhill (occasionally on metal stairs) until reaching an intersection with a bush track signposted 'Federal Pass'.

0.66 | Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track

(170 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the bottom of Furber steps, this walk follows the sign to 'Katoomba Falls View' keeping the handrail on the right. The walk goes along the flat and very well-managed bush track and passes a signposted 'Turpentine Tree' on the right. Soon after the Turpentine Tree, the track comes to the base of Katoomba Falls, at a place known as 'Cooks Crossing'. There is a metal bridge that crosses the falls just past the picnic table.



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Summary navigation sheet for the Katoomba Kiosk to base of Katoomba Falls



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Katoomba Falls Kiosk -33.7265,150.304 (GR Katoomba, 502649)	0 -2	50 m 1 mins	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 infor...
0.05	Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk -33.7265,150.3035 (GR Katoomba, 502649)	0 -5	30 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Reids Plateau' sign down the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign.
0.07	Int of Katoomba Kiosk Loop and Witches Leap Track -33.7267,150.3034 (GR Katoomba, 501649)	4 -20	130 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Katoomba Falls Track' sign down the hill, winding down a few sets of wooden steps as it passes a small rest area at a rock overhang, and continues down throu...
0.21	Witches Leap -33.727,150.3024 (GR Katoomba, 501648)	2 -13	130 m 3 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track heading down the hill, winding down some wooden steps that zigzag back down towards the creek, which it crosses at the footbridge.
0.34	Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Furber Steps -33.7281,150.3024 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -1	10 m	Turn left: 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.
0.35	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 ...
0.37	Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track -33.7283,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 -67	180 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls. 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 ...
0.37	Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track -33.7283,150.3025 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 -1	30 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short while before passing a large rock overhang with a wooden bench seat ...
0.40	Queen Victoria Lookout -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -1	10 m	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short metal staircase to the intersection of the Queen Victoria Lookout at the top.
0.41	Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	1 0	10 m	Optional sidetrip to Lynes Point. Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading around the right-hand side of the metal staircase, continuing around under the Queen Victoria Lookout to Lynes Point.
0.41	Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track -33.7285,150.3027 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	0 -7	30 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the short metal staircase, winding along the side of the hill to the top of some concrete steps where there is a 'Furber Steps' s...
0.44	Furber Lookout -33.7288,150.3028 (GR Katoomba, 501646)	17 -84	90 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the Furber Lookout, this walk heads down the concrete steps that zigzags steeply down to the bottom of the cliffs.
0.53	Int of Furber Steps and Vera's Grotto Track -33.7284,150.3032 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	27 -3	30 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Vera's Grotto. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Vera's Grotto' sign along the bush track, winding down a set of wooden steps to Vera's Grotto Lookout at the bottom.
0.53	Int of Furber Steps and Veras Grotto Track -33.7284,150.3032 (GR Katoomba, 501647)	5 -75	130 m 6 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs.
0.66	Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track -33.7296,150.303 (GR Katoomba, 501646)	12 -21	170 m 5 mins	Turn left: From the bottom of Furber steps, this walk follows the sign to 'Katoomba Falls View' keeping the handrail on the right.