

Echo Point to Scenic World via Giant Stairway



This walk starts at the most popular lookout in the Blue Mountains, and passes one of Australia's most famous landmarks, The Three Sisters. After descending into the valley and enjoying the views along the bottom of the cliffs you catch the scenic railway back up the hill. With great views of the valley, and a beautiful forest environment, this is a popular walk. All the more because at the end, the world's steepest railway is available to take walkers back up to the top of the cliffs. This walk is not suitable for people with heart or breathing difficulties and for those with a fear of heights.

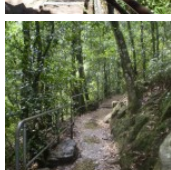
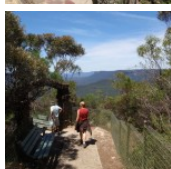
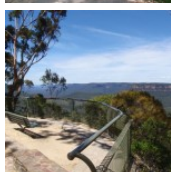
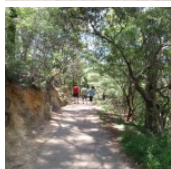
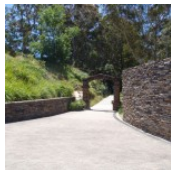
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Time: 3 hrs
Climb: 281 m
Style: One way
Rating: Track: Hard
Where: 3.8 km SSE of Katoomba
Transport: bus car



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Echo Point

Echo Point is the Blue Mountains' most famous lookout, home to one of the best photo opportunities for the Three Sisters. Visited by over two million tourists each year, this popular spot also serves as the starting point for numerous bush walks of various grades, securing its position as one of the most popular locations in the Blue Mountains.

Echo Point to Echo Point Archway Intersection 0.1km 4 mins

(From S) From Echo Point, this walk heads away from the view, towards the visitor centre and the toilet block. On the other side of the visitor centre, the track comes to the start of a footpath which winds under an archway, signposted as the way to the Three Sisters

Echo Point Visitor Information Centre

This modern building at Echo Point is a great source of information. It is open daily from 9am-5pm (except Christmas Day). There is a large range of books, maps and information about the area (and ice creams). There are toilets opposite the entrance, (including wheelchair-accessible facilities). For more information, phone 1300 653 408. [More info](#)

Echo Point Archway Intersection to The Three Sisters Bridge Intersection 0.5km 5 mins

(From 0.09 km) From the archway, this walk heads away from the Echo point and follows the higher of the two paths through the bush for a short while, until this walk comes to an intersection with the lower path on the right.

From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath heading away from the 'Y' intersection and bending around to the right. The path winds down the long, gentle hill until it flattens out, coming to an unnamed lookout opposite the intersection of the Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the Three Sisters footpath.

From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath down the gentle hill, keeping the cliffs and the valley down the hill to the right as it winds down to the intersection of the Oreades Lookout Track.

From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath down the gentle hill towards the Three Sisters, passing under a rock archway and coming to the top of the Giant Staircase.

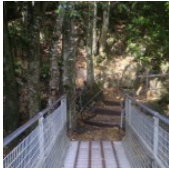
From the intersection, the walk follows the steep stairs, winding down the side of the cliffs, to the intersection next to the bridge (which goes across to the overhang under the First Sister).

The Three Sisters Bridge Intersection to The Three Sisters 0km 1 mins **Optional Side Trip:**

(From 0.6 km) From the intersection, the walk crosses the bridge over to the Three Sisters.

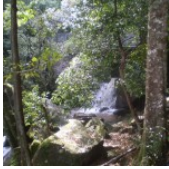
The Three Sisters

This well-known rock formation can be found just south of Katoomba, and can be viewed from many of the cliffside lookouts, from Narrow Neck all the way around to Sublime Point. Historically, this formation appears in Aboriginal 'Dream Time' stories, where three sisters were transformed into stone. This iconic rock formation is popular amongst tourists and bushwalkers alike. [More info](#)



The Three Sisters Bridge intersection to Int of Federal Pass, Scenic Railway and Dardenelles Tracks 0.5km 25 mins

(From 0.6 km) From the bridge, the walk goes steeply down the cliff using the staircase with handrails. Along the way there are magnificent views of the valley, with chairs to help enjoy various outlooks. The walk continues to descend steeply until coming to an intersection with a flat bush track, signposted as the 'Dardenelles Walking Track'.



From the bottom of the Giant Staircase, the walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign, keeping the main cliff to the right. The track continues with some great views over the Valley, and at several points, there are small seats to enjoy these fine views. The track then comes to a well-signposted intersection, with signs pointing along the 'Federal Pass Track' and 'Dardenelles Pass'.

Int of Federal Pass, Scenic Railway and Dardenelles Tracks to Cooks Crossing 1.7km 50 mins

(From 1.09 km) From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Federal Pass' sign towards 'Scenic Railway', keeping the main cliffs on the right. Not long after the intersection, the track passes 'under the sisters' rock formation (signposted). From here, the track turns and continues along a relatively stretch and, at several points, passes some notable rock formations and caves embedded in the cliffs. There are occasional good views that are not shrouded by the trees. The walk continues until coming to the base of Katoomba Falls, crossing these using a metal bridge know as 'Cooks Crossing'. (Just across the bridge, there is a picnic table.)



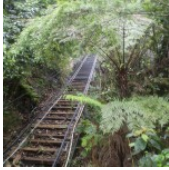
Cooks Crossing to Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track 0.2km 5 mins

(From 2.81 km) From the intersection, this walk heads south-west away from Katoomba Falls along the bush track, soon passing the signposted 'Turpentine Tree'. Shortly after this tree, the track comes to an intersection with another bush track and set of stairs (on the right, signposted as 'Furber Steps').



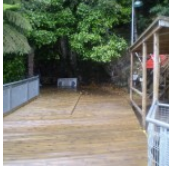
Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track to Scenic Railway (Bottom Platform) 0.2km 4 mins

(From 2.98 km) From the bottom of Furber Steps, this walk follows the 'To base of scenic railway' sign keeping the handrail on the left, and following the flat bush track. This track passes through a small gate over a metal bridge at the bottom of the Scenic Railway.



Scenic Railway (Bottom Platform) to Scenic World 0.3km 25 mins

(From 3.14 km) From the bottom platform, this walk heads up to the cliff top using the Scenic Railway. Hang on tight! This 415m-long journey is the world's steepest railway. Use of the railway costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children one-way. Last train normally at 4:45pm (opens at 9am).



Note: The distance and altitude change for this ride is not included in the total for this walk. [More info](#)

Scenic World

Scenic World is one of the most renowned tourist attractions of Katoomba and the Blue Mountains. Located on the cliffs of the Jamison Valley, visitors can enjoy a ride on the Scenic Railway (the world's steepest incline railway) or the Scenic Cableway, into the Jamison Valley, and explore the Scenic Walkway from the base. Alternatively, the Scenic Skyway offers a bird's eye view over the valley, with a glass floor to enhance the experience. Scenic World also features a revolving restaurant, a cafe and a kiosk, in addition to the documentary theatre and souvenir shop. Rides can be purchased, starting from \$16 for adults and \$10 for children, and combination or family passes are available. [More info](#)



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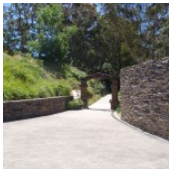
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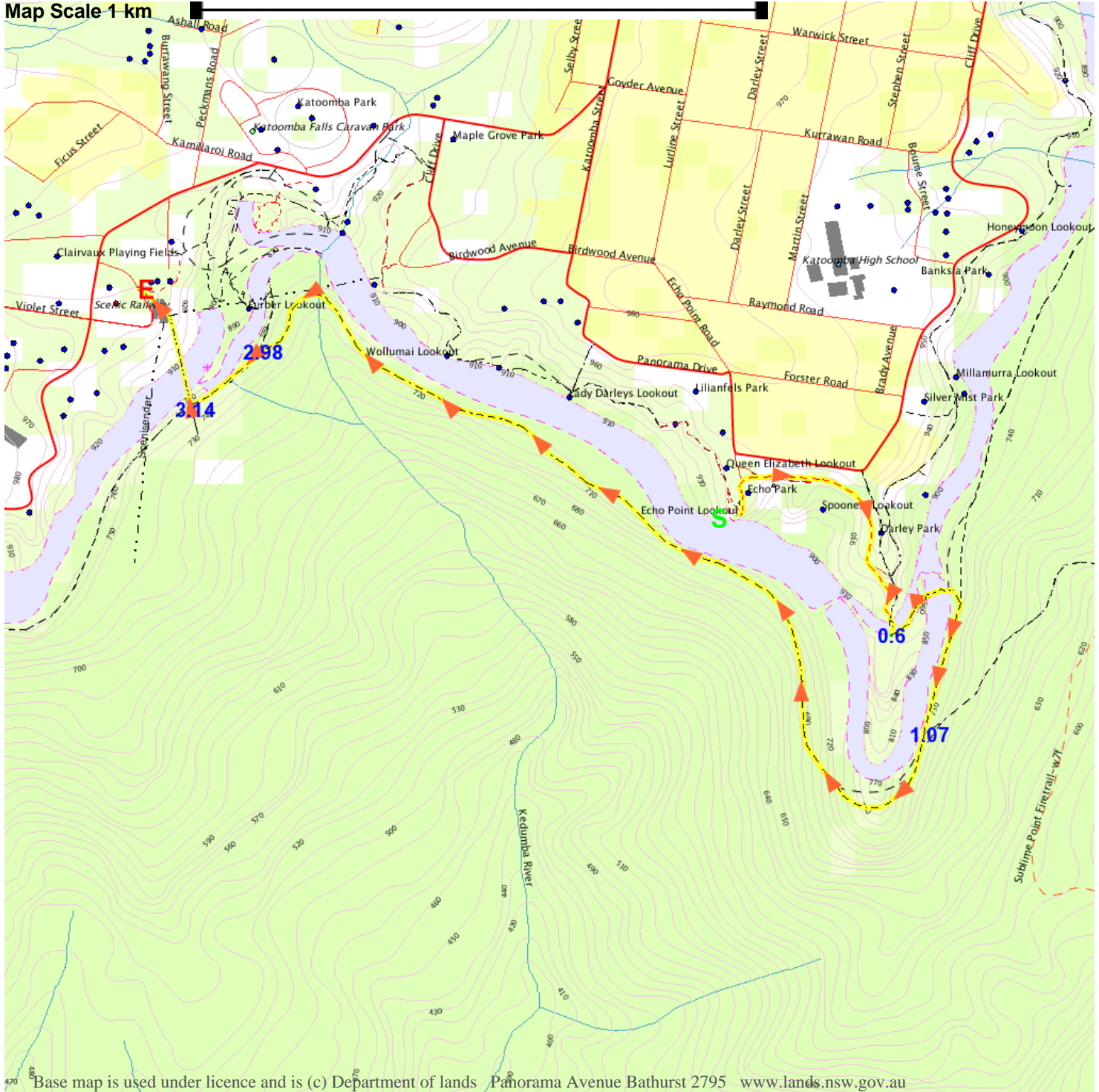
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