



Katoomba Kiosk to Katoomba Falls Base

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

1 h 30 min to 2 h

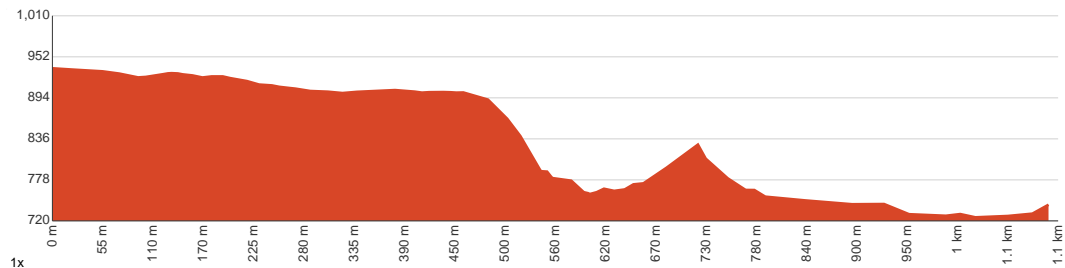
2.2 km
Return

↑ 405 m
↓ 405 m

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Hard track



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). 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.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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

- Turn on to Bathurst Road, BMD then drive for 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 280 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

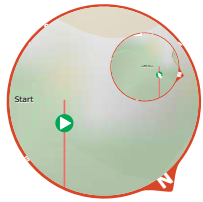
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

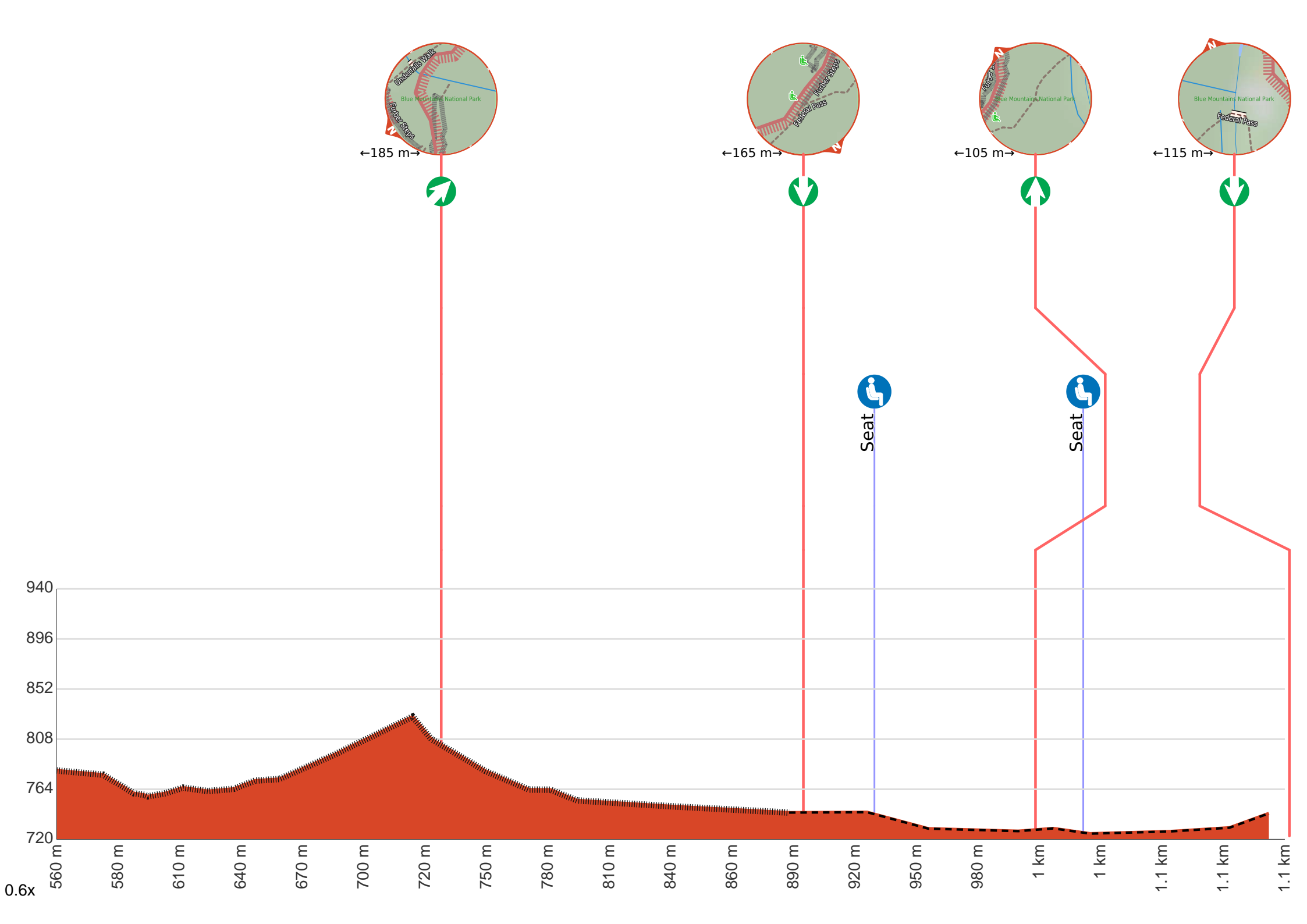
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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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'





To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Furber Steps & Underfalls Walk **Start** heading along *Underfalls Walk* (a walking track).



After another 45 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



Piatto (about 145 m back from the start).



The Grainery (about 140 m back from the start).



After another 310 m come to the end.



A viewpoint.



About 10 m past the end is "Katoomba Falls".



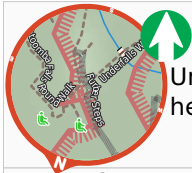
The Katoomba Falls are among the most famous waterfalls in the the Blue Mountains region. The Kedumba River falls about 150 meters in 2 main stages. The Undercliff Track, from the Furber Steps, can be used to access the first landing of the waterfall. The Katoomba Falls can be viewed from most lookouts in the 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.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 440 m waypoint.



At the intersection of Furber Steps & Underfalls Walk **continue straight**, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 55 m find the "Julets Balcony" (20 m on your right).



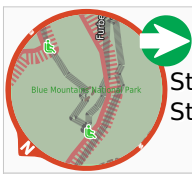
Juliets Balcony is a spectacular lookout, perched on top of a rock buttress near Orphan Rock, under the Scenic Skyway. The lookout provides sweeping views of the start of the Kedumba Valley, from Katoomba Falls to the Three Sisters. The lookout is accessed by a staircase, off the Furber Steps track. The fenceline continues along the lookout, forming a long, fenced balcony.



After another 35 m come to the "Juliet's Balcony" (15 m on your right).



After another 6 m pass a seat (on your right).



After another 5 m (from the Furber Steps) **turn right**, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 55 m come to the "Queen Victoria Lookout" (6 m on your left).



From the Furber Steps **turn right**, to head along Furber Steps.



After another 55 m find a seat.



After another 55 m come to the "Lynes Point" (8 m on your left).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Vera's Grotto.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. from the Furber Steps **Start** (a walking track).



Continue another 25 m to find Vera's Grotto at the end.



About 30 m past the end is "Vera's Grotto".



Vera's Grotto is a pleasant little spot located amongst the cascades on Witches Leap creek. This is a great area for lunch on a hot day, as it is always kept cool by the falls and the shade from the surrounding trees. When venturing to the grotto, you may be lucky enough to spot the Whistler and Yellow Robins. Superb Lyrebirds are also heard and even seen frequently in the surrounding area.



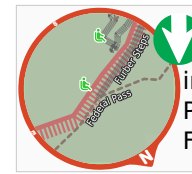
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 25 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 730 m waypoint.



After another 60 m (from the Furber Steps) **veer right**, to head along Furber Steps.



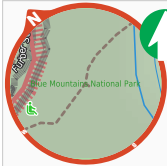
After another 165 m (at the intersection of Furber Steps & Federal Pass) **turn around**, to head along Federal Pass (a walking track).



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



After another 95 m pass a seat (6 m on your right).



From the Federal Pass **continue straight**, to head along Federal Pass.



After another 115 m come to a seat.



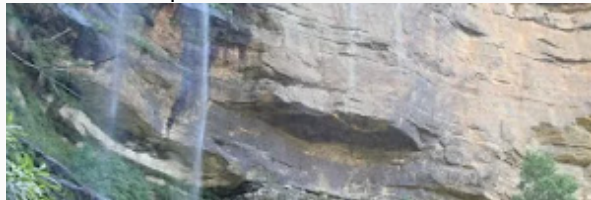
"Katoomba Falls View".



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.1 km to get back to the start.



About 120 m past the end is "Katoomba Falls".



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About 135 m past the end is "Seat".



A timber slat bench seat on a concrete platform. The seat is 53cm high, 35cm deep and 1.8m wide with a 40cm high backrest.