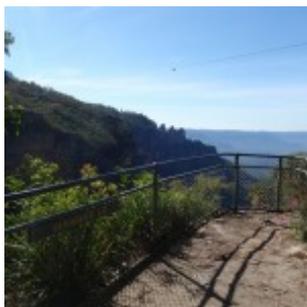


Scenic world to Three Sisters Loop via Furber Steps



This walk starts from the popular Scenic World, in Katoomba, and winds down the Furber steps into the Jamison Valley, following the bush track around the Three Sisters, before climbing up the Giant Staircase and returning along the clifftops. This walk takes you on a crash course of the Blue Mountains National Park, providing you with great views, green forests, and iconic rock formations.

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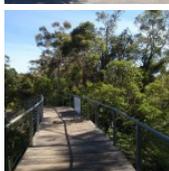
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Time: 5 hrs 30 mins
Climb: 689 m
Style: Circuit
Rating: Track: Hard
Where: 3.2 km S of Katoomba
Transport: bus car



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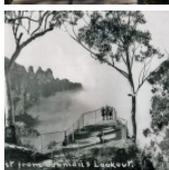
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Scenic World

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](#)



Scenic World to End of wooden footbridge 0.1km 3 mins

(From S) 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.



End of wooden footbridge to Vanimans Lookout 0.1km 2 mins

(From 0.12 km) 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.

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.



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



Vanimans Lookout to Rainforest Lookout 0.2km 4 mins

(From 0.21 km) 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).



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.

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.



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.



Rainforest Lookout to Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track 0km

(From 0.39 km) 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.



Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track to Katoomba Falls 0.2km 5 mins **Optional Side Trip:**

(From 0.41 km) 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.

(Retrace your steps back to the main track, then turn left to continue along this walk.)



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.



Int of Furber Steps and Katoomba Falls Lookout Track to Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track 0km 1 mins

(From 0.41 km) 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'.

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



Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track to Lynes Point 0km **Optional Side Trip:**

(From 0.45 km) 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.

(Retrace your steps back to the main track, then veer right to continue along this walk.)



Int of Furber Steps and Lynes Point Track to Int of Furber Steps and Vera's Grotto Track 0.1km 5 mins

(From 0.45 km) 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'.

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.



Int of Furber Steps and Vera's Grotto Track to Vera's Grotto 0km 3 mins **Optional Side Trip:**

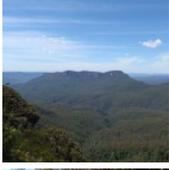
(From 0.57 km) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Vera's Grotto' sign along the bush track, winding down a set of wooden steps to Vera's Grotto Lookout at the bottom.

(Retrace your steps back to the main track, then turn left to continue along this walk.)



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.



Int of Furber Steps and Veras Grotto Track to Cooks Crossing 0.3km 10 mins

(From 0.57 km) 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'.

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.

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

(From 0.87 km) Continue straight: From the base of Katoomba Falls, the walk crosses the creek along the metal footbridge and joins up with the track on the other side. The track starts to turn to the right, winding along Federal Pass walking track, under the cliffs. At several points, the walk passes some notable rock formations and caves embedded in the cliffs. In addition, there are occasional good views that are not shrouded by the trees. The track continues in this manner for some time, and then passes 'under the (three) sisters' (clearly signposted). After passing under this rock formation, the track turns to the left and climbs slightly up to a seat and an intersection signposted with 'Dardenelles Pass' and 'Federal Pass' signs.

Int of Federal Pass, Scenic Railway and Dardenelles Tracks to Bottom of Giant Staircase 0.3km 10 mins

(From 2.59 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign pointing along the 'Dardenelles Track' towards the 'Giant Steps' - this is the upper track, keeping the main cliffs on the left. After the first short rise, the track flattens out and continues with some great views over the valley. At several points, small seats have been installed to enjoy these views. The track soon comes to an intersection signposted as the 'Giant Staircase'.

Bottom of Giant Staircase to The Three Sisters Bridge intersection 0.2km 15 mins

(From 2.88 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the sign up the 'Giant Staircase'. This climbs steeply (with handrails) until coming to an intersection with a bridge that goes across to the First of the three Sisters. Along the way, there are chairs in which to rest from the climb and enjoy the magnificent views of the valley.

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 Top of the Giant Staircase 0km 3 mins

(From 3.08 km) Veer right: From the bridge, the walk heads up the staircase steeply to the top. The stairs have handrails and climb up the side of the cliffs to the intersection with the Lady Game Lookout track.

Top of the Giant Staircase to Lady Game Lookout 0km 1 mins **Optional Side Trip:**

(From 3.11 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath down the hill towards the Three Sisters for about 10m before coming to the Lady Game Lookout.

(Retrace your steps back to the main track, then continue straight to continue along this walk.)

Lady Game Lookout

Lady Game Lookout is a narrow, fenced lookout above the Three Sisters. The track to this lookout starts just near the archway which marks the start of the Giant Staircase. Lady Game Lookout provides a bird's-eye view over the Three Sisters and is a popular stop whilst exploring the area.

Top of the Giant Staircase to Int of Lady Game Lookout Track and the Three Sisters Footpath 0km

(From 3.11 km) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath up and away from the lookout, passing under a rock archway and continuing up the gentle hill to the intersection with the Cliff Drive access track.



Int of Lady Game Lookout Track and the Three Sisters Footpath to Echo Point Archway Intersection 0.4km 5 mins

(From 3.12 km) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete footpath up the gentle hill, keeping the cliffs and the valley down the hill to the left as it winds up to the intersection of the Prince Henry Cliff Walk, near the lookout.



Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the Three Sisters along the footpath, keeping the cliffs down the hill to the left as the path gradually rises and turns to the left, before coming to an unmarked intersection with another footpath.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk takes the lower of the two paths, heading down the short hill and along the footpath for a short while before climbing up a gentle hill to an intersection with the Spooners Lookout path.



Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath up the gentle hill along the footpath until coming to the intersection of the archway entrance to Echo Point.

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](#)



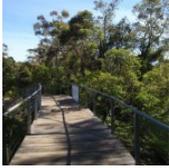
Echo Point Archway Intersection to Echo Point 0.1km 4 mins

(From 3.55 km) Veer left: From the archway entrance to Echo Point, this walk heads towards the view, past the visitors centre, to the Echo Point lookout. This has a great view of the Three Sisters rock formation, Jamison Valley and Mt Solitary.



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 Int of Echo Point and Queen Elizabeth Lookout tracks 0.1km 3 mins

(From 3.66 km) Veer right: From the main lookout area at Echo Point, this walk heads across the concrete, keeping the view to the left, and then follows the concrete ramp down the gentle hill to the intersection of the Queen Elizabeth Lookout path.



Int of Echo Point and Queen Elizabeth Lookout tracks to Lady Darley Lookout 0.4km 10 mins

(From 3.73 km) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath heading away from Echo Point, winding through the bush for a short while until coming to the Kedumba View at the information sign, near the end of the footpath.

Turn right: From the Kedumba View, the walk heads off the footpath and follows the bush track, keeping the valley to the left while winding through the bush and along the side of the hill, climbing up to the 'Lady Darley Lookout'.



Lady Darley Lookout

Lady Darley Lookout is a moderately-sized, fenced lookout, found on the Prince Henry Cliff Track. The lookout can also be accessed directly by a track from Panorama Drive. There is an information sign describing the view and the traditional naming of the natural features. The panoramic views from the lookout are great, from Kings Tableland on the left to Mount Solitary, Narrow Neck and parts of Scenic World on the far right.



Lady Darley Lookout to Allambie Lookout 0.1km 4 mins

(From 4.14 km) Veer left: From Lady Darley Lookout, the walk heads down the metal staircase to the bush track, which it follows down the long set of wooden steps to the bottom, then continues through the bush until it climbs up a few more wooden steps to the Allambie Lookout.

Allambie Lookout

Allambie Lookout is a small, fenced lookout on the side of the Prince Henry Cliff Track. The lookout provides an opportunity to enjoy the valley view and the sights of the Three Sisters, Kings Tablelands and Mount Solitary.

Allambie Lookout to Wollumai Lookout 0.1km 3 mins

(From 4.29 km) Continue straight: With the lookout and the valley to the left, the walk follows the bush track, winding along the side of the hill with the cliff's edge visible (down the hill to the left), as the track passes through a patch of tall gum trees and winds up some concrete steps, continuing along through thick scrub to Wollumai Lookout.



Wollumai Lookout

Wollumai Lookout is a small, fenced lookout on the side of the Prince Henry Cliff Track. The lookout is on a sandstone platform at the base of a cliff, and looks over a much larger drop into the Jamison Valley. There is a bench seat to enjoy the views over the valley, including Mount Solitary, Narrow Neck and glimpses of the Three Sisters.

Wollumai Lookout to Cliff View Lookout 0.2km 5 mins

(From 4.39 km) Continue straight: Keeping the lookout and the valley to the left, the walk follows the bush track through the scrub and across the short wooden walkway, winding past a wooden picnic bench, and continues through the dense scrub until it drops down some wooden steps and comes to Cliff View Lookout.



Cliff View Lookout

This large, fenced wheelchair-accessible lookout provides great views over the valley to Mount Solitary and Narrow Neck Plateau. Inside the Blue Mountains National Park, this lookout has a number of signs explaining the surrounding environment - these are also in Braille. This lookout does not view the Three Sisters, but there is a clear view of Orphan Rock and Scenic World.



Cliff View Lookout to Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the eastern Skyway steps 0.1km 2 mins

(From 4.62 km) Turn right: Keeping the valley to the left, this walk follows the footpath winding through the bush for a short while before passing the 'Scrub She-oak' information sign and coming to the intersection with the eastern Scenic Skyway steps.



Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the eastern Skyway steps to Katoomba Falls Park 0.2km 4 mins

(From 4.67 km) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath as it heads north, winding through the bush and passing some information signs on the left, with a Braille translation for the sight-impaired, as it winds along to the intersection of Cliff Drive at the Katoomba Falls Park.



Katoomba Falls Park to Katoomba Cascades 0.1km 3 mins

(From 4.91 km) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads away from the 'Cliff View Lookout' sign, keeping the road on the right of the footpath. The path heads into open parkland, around the edge of the park and down the wooden steps to the bottom, where the walk comes to the Kedumba River crossing, just downstream of the Katoomba Cascades.



Katoomba Cascades

Popular with locals and visitors alike, these picturesque cascades are on the Kedumba River. The cascades are nestled in the bend on Cliff Drive, near Katoomba Park. There are stepping stones across the creek at the bottom of the falls and a bench seat in the shade. There are a few small clearings where visitors can sit and enjoy the falls.



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Katoomba Cascades to Kedumba River lookout 0.2km 4 mins

(From 5.04 km) Continue straight: From the cascades, this walk crosses the creek to the western side, where it passes a picnic bench. The track continues downstream, winding through the forest for a short while until climbing up a gentle hill to the Kedumba River lookout.



Kedumba River lookout

This unnamed, fenced lookout is at the bend in the track along Kedumba River, at the top of Katoomba Falls. The lookout gives great views across the valley to Mount Solitary and Narrow Neck. There are also glimpses of the Katoomba Falls as it drops away, far into the valley below.

Kedumba River lookout to Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk 0.1km 3 mins

(From 5.22 km) Veer right: From the intersection at the lookout, the walk follows the bush track going up the hill, keeping the valley to the left. The track soon comes to the intersection with the Solitary lookout track.

Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Solitary Lookout 0km 1 mins **Optional Side Trip:**

(From 5.28 km) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the wooden steps and along the bush track, winding through the forest for a short while before dropping down some concrete steps to Solitary Lookout. (Retrace your steps back to the main track, then turn left to continue along this walk.)



Solitary Lookout

This unnamed lookout, near Katoomba falls, looks straight out across the Kedumba Valley to Mount Solitary. Although the Three Sisters are not visible, visitors can see Narrow Neck plateau and Ruined Castle to the right. The lookout is fenced, and there is a chair where you can sit and watch the Scenic Skyway go back and forth.



Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk 0.1km 3 mins

(From 5.28 km) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the hardened footpath, keeping the handrailing on the left as the path begins to wind uphill, climbing up some wooden steps to the top, where it comes to the large clearing at the intersection of the Reids Plateau track and the Katoomba Falls Round Walk.

Turn right: 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.



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](#)



Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk to End of wooden footbridge 0.3km 5 mins

(From 5.38 km) 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 unsignposted 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.



End of wooden footbridge to Scenic World 0.1km 3 mins

(From 5.69 km) 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.



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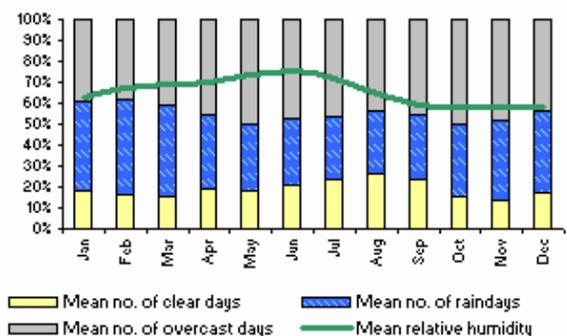
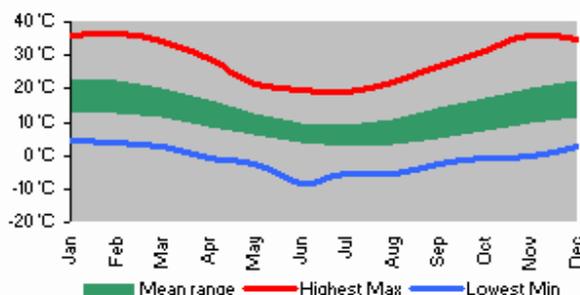
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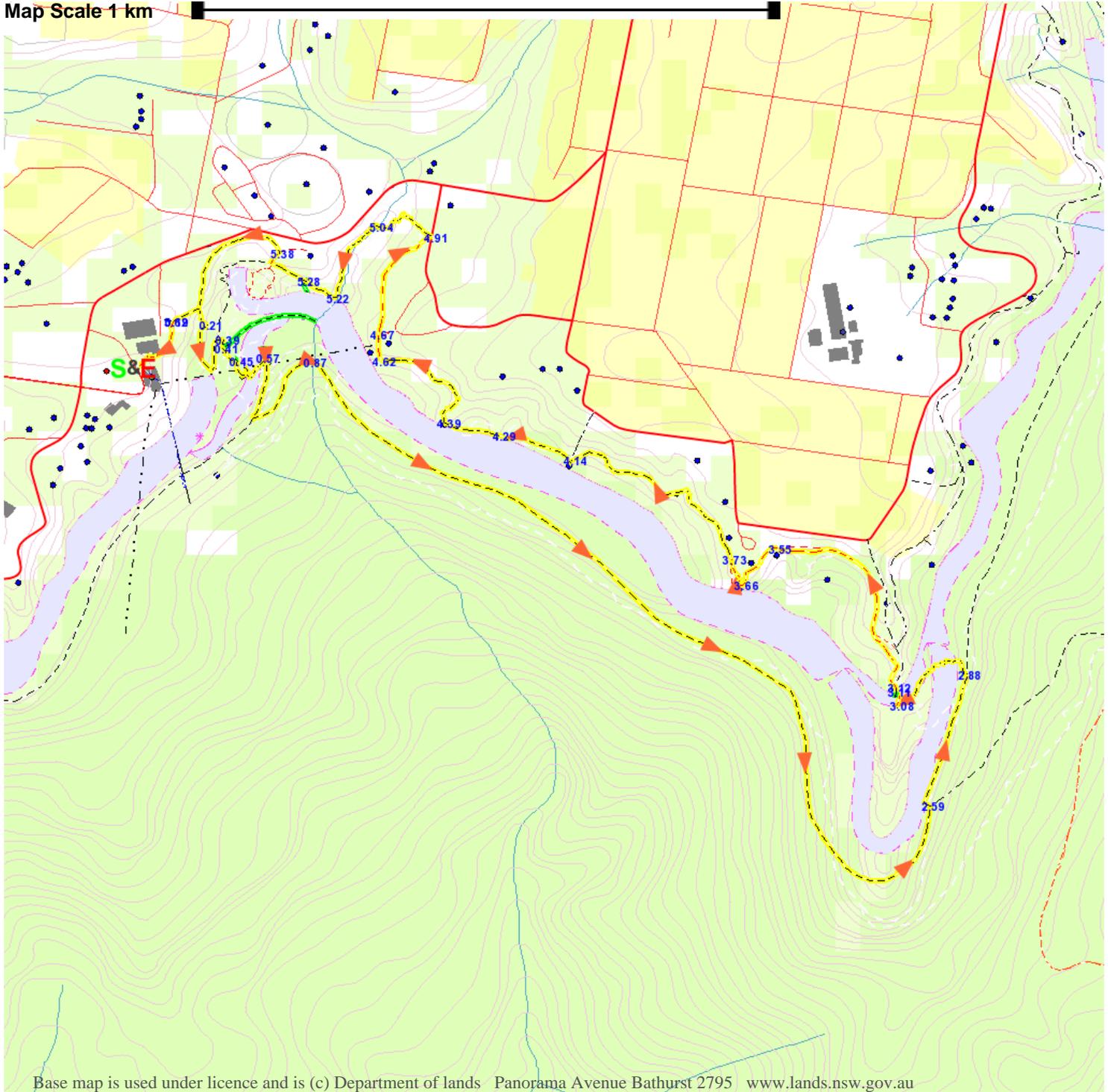
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