



## Farnell Road to Explorers Tree



**2 hrs**

**Moderate track**

**3**

**4 km Return**

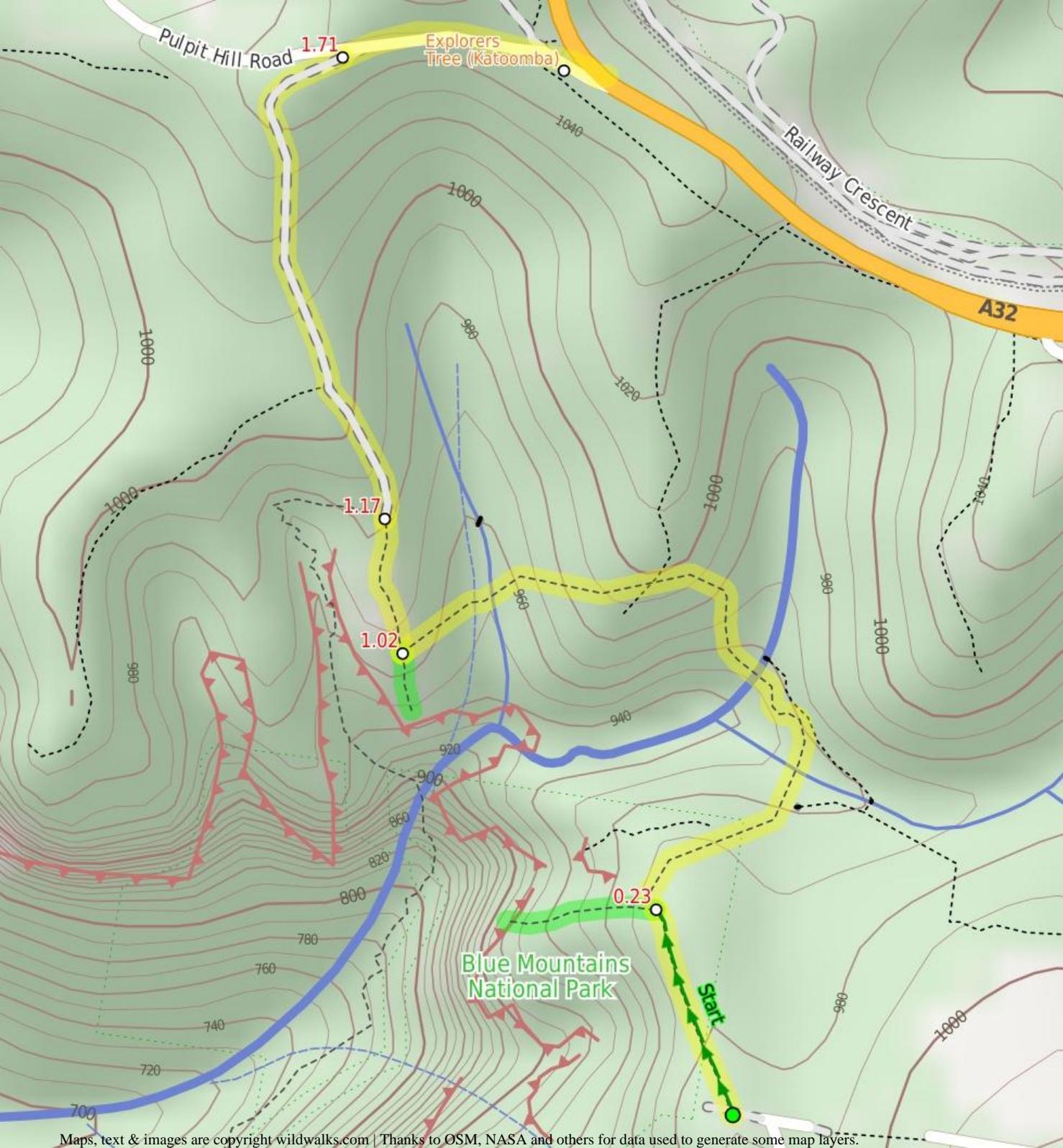
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This short walk takes you from the western end of Katoomba, initially following the cliff line, then following Pulpit Hill Road to the Explorers Tree. There are optional side trips to lookouts, providing great views across the Megalong Valley. In addition to the great views, the walk provides the opportunity to see a piece of Australian heritage.

950m

1052m

Blue Mountains LGA



### 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 walks 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 Int of Farnells Rd and Cliff Track (gps: -33.7138, 150.2925) 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/friet>

### 0 | Int of Farnells Rd and Cliff Track

(230 m 5 mins) From the intersection of Farnells Rd and the bush track marked by the signpost saying 'Cliff Track' (approximately 30m west of the end of Stuarts Rd), this walk heads north down the bush track until coming to an intersection with another bush track. This corner is marked by a large cairn and an orange banner wrapped around the tree on the corner.

### 0.23 | Optional sidetrip to Therabulat Lookout

(140 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads west along the bush track until coming to a lookout over the valley, which has great views to the south and south-west. Railings have been installed at this lookout. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

### 0.23 | Intersection of Cliff Track and Therabulat Lookout

(790 m 25 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east along the flat bush track. As the walk turns to the west and crosses a small creek using a bridge, the track begins to climb steadily around the side of the hill. This continues until reaching an intersection with a wide track, marked by a signpost saying 'Bonnie Doon Fauna Study Being Conducted at this Site'.

### 1.02 | Optional sidetrip to Norths Lookout

(60 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track downhill towards the open views. After about 50m the track comes to the fenced and signposted 'Norths Lookout' with great views over Nellie's Glen and into the valley. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 1.02 | Int of Cliff Track and Norths Lookout Trail

(150 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the clear track gently uphill, keeping the main views to your left. The track leads up a series of timber steps for just shy of 150m to then head through a gap in large metal gate. Here the track leads to

a clear three way intersection with a wide management trail marked with several 'Six Foot Track' signposts.

### 1.17 | Int of 6 Foot Track and Norths Lookout Trail

(550 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track' sign, uphill along the wide management trail. The walk continues up this trail, fairly steeply in places, for about 500m until the walk leads around a locked metal gate and flattens to find a dirt car park, shelter and the large 'Six Foot Track' information sign, on Nellies Glen Rd.

### 1.71 | Six Foot Track Info Shelter

(260 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, this walk follows the sealed 'Nellies Glen Rd' gently uphill and over the small rise. After just over 200m, this walk leads past another small car parking area and comes to the Explorers Tree, just before the intersection with the Great Western Hwy.

### 1.98 | Explorers Tree (Katoomba)

In 1813, the explorers Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson, on their historic crossing of the Blue Mountains, engraved their names not only into the history books, but also reportedly into this tree on the side of Pulpit Hill. The tree now long dead was caged in 1884 in an attempt to preserve the engravings. The engravings are no longer visible and there is even debate over the last 100+ years as to the authenticity of the engravings.

