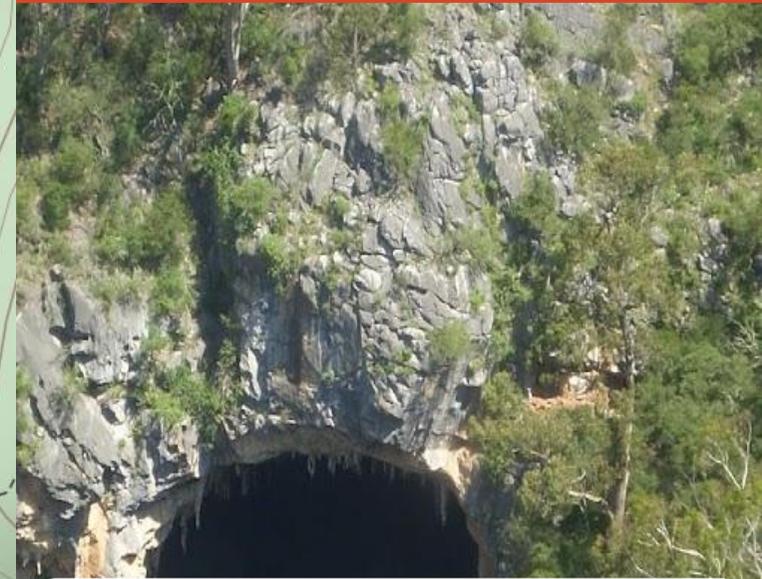




McKeowns Valley Lookdown Walk



1 hr 9 mins

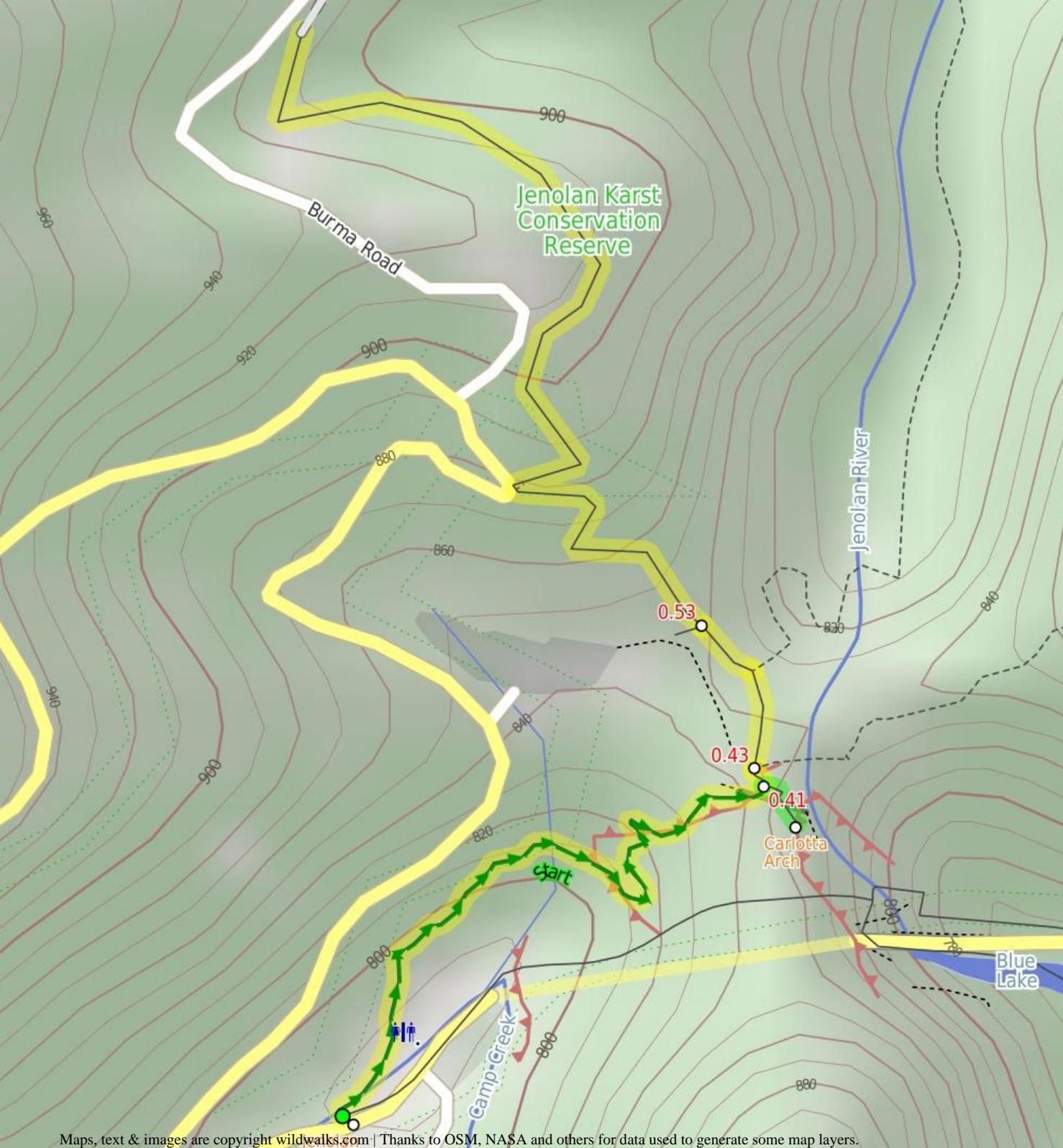
Moderate track



2.2 km Return

↑ 220m

Following the ridge above the Jenolan River, this walk enjoys great views of the valley along its course. From the various lookouts along the way, it is possible to see the Six Foot Track across the valley. Caves House is a great spot to start and end the walk with a relaxing hot drink or snack.



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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Caves House (gps: -33.8203, 150.0212). 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/mvlw>

0 | Jenolan Caves House

Jenolan Caves House, built in 1898, is a heritage-listed building which houses dining, a variety of accommodation options, and other services for visitors to the caves. Jenolan has two licensed restaurants: Trails Bistro is open from breakfast onwards and closes early evening. Trails serves a range of light meals including sandwiches, salads and hot food. Chisholm's Restaurant is open each morning for breakfast and each evening for dinner from 6.00pm. Essential items and beautiful souvenirs may be purchased from Things Jenolan, located on the ground floor of Caves House. Don't forget to explore one of the many caves to explore in the area. For more information, call Jenolan Caves on 1300 76 33 11.

0 | Caves House

(410 m 12 mins) From the opposite side of the Jenolan Caves Road from Caves House, this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track' sign up the concrete steps. The walk then follows the stone footpath up the side of the valley for about 80m to pass the 'Southside Show Caves' information sign then just over 30m later to the 'Grand Arch' information sign (and view of the Arch). The walk continues fairly gently up the path for 100m (as it bends right) to find 'Caves House' information sign. The path soon starts leading much more steeply up as it begins to Zig Zag up past a seat and more views down to caves house for 150m beside the limestone cliffs. At the top of this climb the path leads over a small small rise then gently down to a fenced lookout beside 'Carlotta Arch'.

0.41 | Carlotta Arch

Carlotta Arch is a large and spectacular cave remnant overlooking Blue Lake. It is believed that the arch was named in honour of a daughter of a surveyor - General P.F. Adams. Adams

is credited with having taken some of the earliest photos at Jenolan.

0.41 | Optional sidetrip to Bottom of Carlotta Arch Steps

(30 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk goes down the stairs until coming to the entrance of the cave. On the way, this walk goes under the towering Carlotta's Arch. The lookout has great views of the valley and Blue Lake. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.41 | Carlotta Arch Lookout

(10 m) Continue straight: From the 'Carlotta Arch' lookout, this walk follows the gravel path (past the top of the steps) gently uphill (initially keeping the arch to your right) a short distance to an intersection with the sign posted 'Six Foot Track' (on your right), where another sign points back to 'Caves House'.

0.43 | Int of 6 ft track and Carlotta Arch Track

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the gravel footpath until coming to an intersection with a track signposted as the way to the 'Devil's Coachhouse'.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the gravel footpath, following the 'carpark no 2' sign. The walk soon passes by the entrance to a cave, before going slightly uphill to an intersection. (There is a large car park to the left).

0.53 | Carlotta Carpark Intersection

(600 m 19 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads up the footpath, zigzagging its way up the hill and, at one point, passing by Jenolan Caves Rd. Continuing up the hill, the walk soon comes to a great unofficial lookout over the valley and the Six Foot Track. The trail continues up the hill for about 20m before meeting up with Burma Rd, where there are several private dwellings. The track follows the 'McKeown's Valley' sign, heading to the right and winding around the hill, before zigzagging up the hill again and passing a sign pointing back towards 'Caves House'. At the top of the hill, the walk comes to an intersection with a dirt road, marked by another 'Caves House' sign.

