



Katoomba Falls to Echo Point via Prince Henry Cliff Walk



Moderate track

1.8 km One way 196m

This walk is a lovely clifftop walk above the Jamison Valley, with extensive views out to Mt Solitary. The Three Sisters make a wonderful highlight, along with great views from Echo Point Lookout. The walk takes in many additional lookouts along the way, each with its own unique view of the Blue Mountains.

950m

Katoomba Falls Kiosk

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Solitary Lookout

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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.

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.

Cliff View Lookout

This large, fenced wheelchair accessible lookout provides great mountain views of Mt Solitary, Kedumba Valley, Narrow Neck and across to Scenic World. There's a bench seat at the back of the lookout to enjoy the views from. The lookout fence is 1.2m high, the platform is 7.8x5.5m wide.

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.

Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an ejoyable and safer walk.

Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast (BOM Central Tablelands District)
- 2) Fire Dangers (<u>Greater Sydney Region</u>)
- 3) Park Alerts (Blue Mountains National Park)
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

 ${f T}$ Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.

 ${f R}$ Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.

E Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).

Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

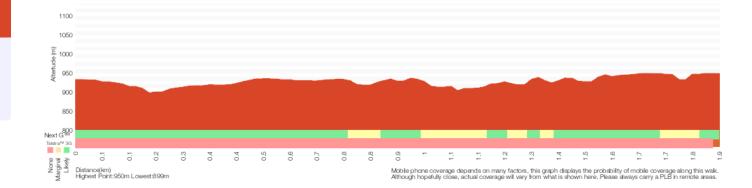
The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include:

1:50 000 Map Series:Six Foot Track 1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA 1:100 000 Map Series:8930 KATOOMBA

Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is dertermined by the highest classification along the whole track.

3	Grade 3/6 Moderate track		
Length	1.8 km One way		
Time	1 Hr		
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)		
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)		
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)		
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)		
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)		



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 Katoomba Falls Kiosk (gps: -33.7265, 150.304) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Echo Point Information Center (gps: -33.7321, 150.3124) by car or bus. Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/kftepvphcw

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(70 m 2 mins) 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 & Skyway'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Reids Plateau' sign down the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign. The walk continues down to the bottom of the stairs and to the intersection of the Katoomba Falls Walk and the Prince Henry Cliff Walk (unsignposted).

0.07 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Reids Plateau 1

(70 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signpost down the hardened footpath, winding down some wooden steps to the bottom of the hill, where it flattens out and continues through the forest for a short distance before coming to the intersection of Solitary Lookout track.

0.15 | Optional sidetrip to Solitary Lookout

(20 m 1 mins) Turn right: 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. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.15 | 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.

0.15 | Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cli

(60 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath down the gentle hill for a short distance and arrives at the Kedumba River lookout.

0.2 | Kedumba River lookout

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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.

0.2 | Kedumba River lookout

(180 m 4 mins) Veer left: From the lookout, this walk heads north along the bush track, winding along the left-hand side of the gully. The walk comes to the Kedumba River and follows it upstream through the forest, until the track bends down to the river crossing, just downstream of the cascades.

0.39 | 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.

0.39 | Katoomba Cascades

(130 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses to the eastern side of the creek and continues up the wooden steps, winding to the top of the hill. From here, the track bends to the right and continues along through the park for a short while until coming to the intersection of Cliff Drive.

0.51 | Katoomba Falls Park

(280 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the intersection (by the signposted mobility parking bay on Cliff Drive, about 120m from Katoomba Falls Road), this walk follows the 'Cliff View Lookout 10 mins' sign gently uphill along the stenciled concrete path (with handrails on the right) for about 60m. This walk then meanders along the path gently downhill for about 45m to come to a start of the second handrail(on the left) and this walk becomes a bit steeper downhill. After about 60m this walk flattens and continues gently uphill for about 80m to come to a 3-way intersection with the 'Skyway East Station' staircase (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the stenciled concrete path keeping the handrails on the right, almost immediately passing under the cables of the 'Skyway' cable car. This walk continues for about 40m and goes up and over a gentle rise to come to a concrete platform marked by the 'Cliff View Lookout' sign on the fence.

0.79 | Cliff View Lookout

This large, fenced wheelchair accessible lookout provides great mountain views of Mt Solitary, Kedumba Valley, Narrow Neck and across to Scenic World. There's a bench seat at the back of the lookout to enjoy the views from. The lookout fence is 1.2m high, the platform is 7.8x5.5m wide.

0.79 | Cliff View Lookout

(240 m 8 mins) Turn left: Keeping the lookout and the valley to the right, the walk follows the bush track heading up and away from the cliffs, winding through the thick scrub until it passes a picnic bench, and continues along for a short while to Wollumai Lookout.

1.03 | 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.

1.03 | Wollumai Lookout

(100 m 3 mins) Continue straight: With the lookout and the valley to the

right, the walk follows the bush track as it winds along the side of the hill through thick scrub for a short distance, before heading down some concrete steps and continuing through a patch of tall gum trees, until it comes to the Allambie Lookout.

1.12 | 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.

1.12 | Allambie Lookout

(140 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From Allambie Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading east, keeping the lookout and the valley to the right. The walk winds down a few wooden steps and continues along the bottom of a short rock cliff. The track then comes to base of a long set of wooden steps which it climbs to the top, coming to a short metal staircase which leads up to the Lady Darley Lookout.

1.27 | 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.

1.27 | Lady Darley Lookout

(200 m 8 mins) Veer right: From the lookout, this walk follows the 'Grand Cliff Top Track' sign towards Echo Point, heading down the wooden steps and along the side of the hill. After a short while, the track joins onto a concrete footpath, coming to the Kedumba View at the information sign a short distance later.

1.47 | Optional sidetrip to Queen Elizabeth Lookout

 $(280 \text{ m} \ 9 \text{ mins})$ Turn left: Keeping the Kedumba View to the right, the walk follows the footpath along the side of the hill, winding through the bush until coming to the intersection of the Echo Point and the Queen Elizabeth Lookout paths.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the lower of the two footpaths, heading south down to the large lookout underneath Echo Point. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

1.47 | Queen Elizabeth Lookout

Queen Elizabeth Lookout offers a breathtaking outlook, directly over the Three Sisters rock formation, and into the Jamison Valley. One of a number of viewing platforms at Echo Point, this platform is slightly lower than the more popular road-side area, however it is wheelchair-accessible, also offering some shade and seating. The platform was officially named in 1955, after a visit from Queen Elizabeth II the preceding year.

1.47 | Int of Echo Point and Queen Elizabeth Lookout trac

(70 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the concrete ramp, climbing up the gentle hill to Echo Point.

1.54 | Echo Point

Echo Point is the Blue Mountains' most famous and popular 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 many great walks in the area. The lookout is well fenced, has information signs and stunning views across the valley to the Three Sisters and Mount

Solitary. There are mounted binoculars and seats nearby.

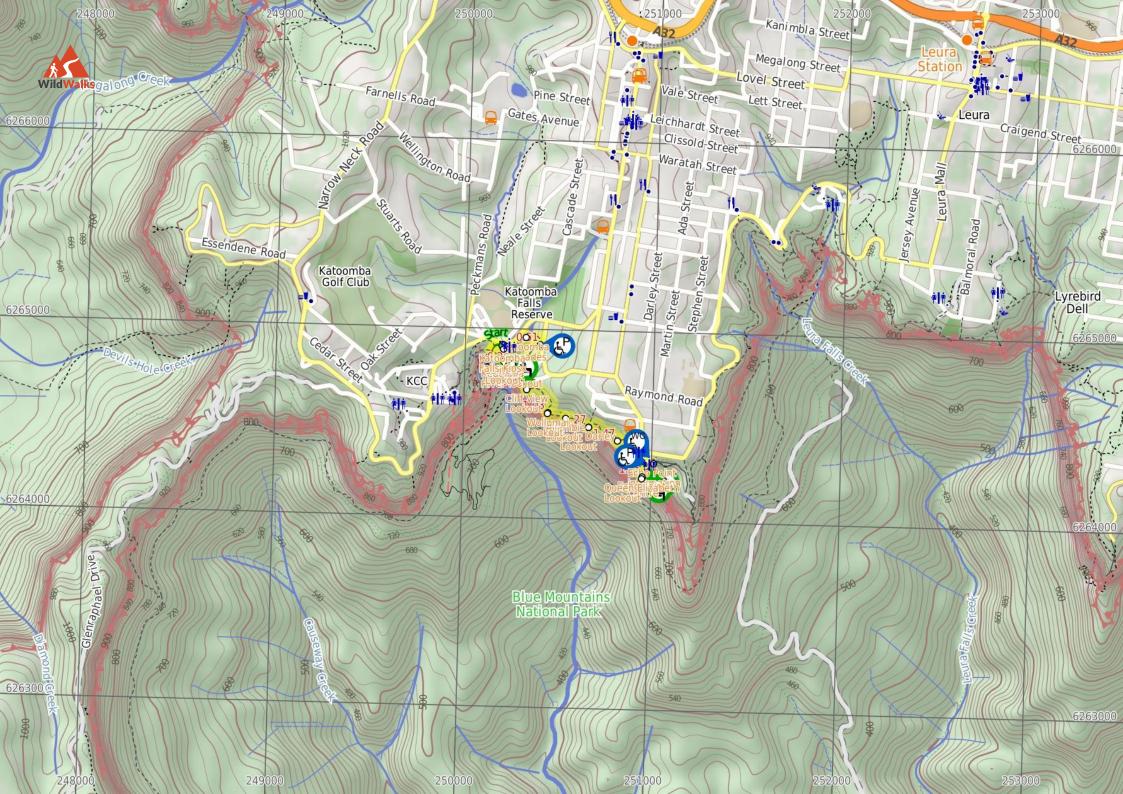
1.54 | Echo Point

(90 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the formal Echo Point Lookout, this walk heads away from the view, uphill across the wideopen concrete area. After 30m the walk passes a large concrete seat (on the right), where the walk continues for another 20m to pass a similar seat (also on the right). The walk continues up to the the front of the visitor center (on the right) and the mobility parking area (on the left).

1.62 | Echo Point 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, and mobility parking opposite. For more information, phone 1300 653 408. More info.





Summary navigation sheet for the Katoomba Falls to Echo Point via Prince Henry Cliff Walk

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km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks		
Start	Katoomba Falls Kiosk -33.7265,150.304 (GR Katoomba, 502649)	0 -7	70 m 2 mins	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 infor		
0.07	Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Reids Plateau loop -33.7267,150.3034 (GR Katoomba, 501649)	1 -13	70 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signpost down the hardened footpath, winding down some wooden steps to the bottom of the hill, where it flattens out and continues th		
0.15	Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk -33.727,150.304 (GR Katoomba, 502648)	0 -10	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Solitary Lookout. Turn right: 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.		
0.15	Int of Solitary Lookout track and Prince Henry Cliff Walk -33.727,150.304 (GR Katoomba, 502648)	3 -18	60 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the footpath down the gentle hill for a short distance and arrives at the Kedumba River lookout.		
0.20	Kedumba River lookout -33.7273,150.3045 (GR Katoomba, 503648)	22 -4	180 m 4 mins	Veer left: From the lookout, this walk heads north along the bush track, winding along the left-hand side of the gully.		
0.39	Katoomba Cascades -33.726,150.3053 (GR Katoomba, 503650)	18 -1	130 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses to the eastern side of the creek and continues up the wooden steps, winding to the top of the hill.		
0.51	Katoomba Falls Park -33.7264,150.3061 (GR Katoomba, 504649)	10 -28	280 m 7 mins	Turn right: From the intersection (by the signposted mobility parking bay on Cliff Drive, about 120m from Katoomba Falls Road), this walk follows the 'Cliff View Lookout 10 mins' sign gently uphill along the stencil		
0.79	Cliff View Lookout -33.7285,150.3054 (GR Katoomba, 503647)	25 -29	240 m 8 mins	Turn left: Keeping the lookout and the valley to the right, the walk follows the bush track heading up and away from the cliffs, winding through the thick scrub until it passes a picnic bench, and continues along fo		
1.03	Wollumai Lookout -33.7296,150.3066 (GR Katoomba, 504646)	10 -13	100 m 3 mins	Continue straight: With the lookout and the valley to the right, the walk follows the bush track as it winds along the side of the hill through thick scrub for a short distance, before heading down some concrete ste		
1.12	Allambie Lookout -33.7299,150.3076 (GR Katoomba, 505645)	19 -11	140 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From Allambie Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading east, keeping the lookout and the valley to the right.		
1.27	Lady Darley Lookout -33.7303,150.3089 (GR Katoomba, 507645)	36 -27	200 m 8 mins	Veer right: From the lookout, this walk follows the 'Grand Cliff Top Track' sign towards Echo Point, heading down the wooden steps and along the side of the hill.		
1.47	Kedumba View -33.731,150.3105 (GR Katoomba, 508644)	29 -34	280 m 9 mins	Optional sidetrip to Queen Elizabeth Lookout. Turn left: Keeping the Kedumba View to the right, the walk follows the footpath along the side of the hill, winding through the bush until coming to the intersection of the Echo Point and the Queen Elizabeth Lookout		
1.47	Int of Echo Point and Queen Elizabeth Lookout tracks -33.7322,150.3118 (GR Katoomba, 509643)	1 -19	70 m 3 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the concrete ramp, climbing up the gentle hill to Echo Point.		
1.54	Echo Point -33.7327,150.312 (GR Katoomba, 510642)	22 -3	90 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the formal Echo Point Lookout, this walk heads away from the view, uphill across the wideopen concrete area.		