

## McKeowns Valley Walk



1 hr 30 mins

Hard track

4

3.1 km Return

224m

Exploring the Jenolan River, this track makes for one of the more beautiful walks in the Jenolan area as it winds its way along the creek bed. High cliffs on either side form an amazing valley, and there are views of the caves as well as a great spot to break at the campsite.

Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve

Burma Road

Carlotta Arch

Jenolan River

### 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/mvv>

### 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 | 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

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 | Carlotta Arch Lookout

*(80 m 1 mins)* 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'.

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'.

### 0.49 | Int of Carlotta and Mckeowns Valley Tracks

*(190 m 7 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads off the gravel footpath and goes down the stairs, zigzagging down the hill. The walk then crosses a bridge over the Jenolan River and comes to intersection with a bush track, marked by a 'Devil's Coachhouse' sign.

### 0.68 | Int of Mckeowns Valley Bushtrack and Devils Coachh

*(840 m 19 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads alongside the Jenolan River (left of the track). The track crosses the river at several points using metal bridges. (Watch out for stinging nettles along this part of the track.) Continuing north along the gravel footpath, the walk slowly winds to reach an electric fence, then heads through the grass clearings signposted as the 'Old Playing Field'. The walk comes to a group of buildings and an intersection with a management trail (which crosses the Jenolan River).

