

# WildWalks

## Overcliff-Undercliff Track

## 2 hrs14 km Circuit1

774m

## Moderate track

3

893m

Following the edge of the cliffs south of Wentworth Falls, this great walk features fantastic views of the cliffs and Jamison Valley. The walk visits some great lookouts, sandstone caves and the majestic Wentworth Falls. The Falls Picnic Area and Conservation Hut both make good spots to take a break. Make sure you duck your head passing through the caves on the Undercliff Track.

## Blue Mountains National Park

## **Conservation Hut**

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## Lyrebird Lookout

Lyrebird Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout on the Overcliff Walk, south of the Conservation Hut in the Blue Mountains National Park. The lookout hosts a great view of Sublime Point (right) and Mount Solitary (centre). A welcome gap in the trees reveals this great view.

## **Breakfast Point Lookout**

Breakfast Point Lookout is on the Overcliff Walk, west of Den Fenella Creek. The lookout has a short stone wall and great views across the Jamison Valley. The center piece of the view is out to Mount Solitary and beyond, there are also good views to Kings Tableland (left). This is a good spot to stop and enjoy the sweeping views of the majestic valley.

## **Den Fenella Lookout**

The Den Fenella Lookout is a small fenced lookout on a cliff ledge, near where Den Fenella Creek falls into the Jamison Valley. The lookout is at the end of the track and has a tall cliff above and below. There is a small tree on the ledge adding to the sense of depth. From here, there are great views to Mount Solitary (middle), Kings Tableland (left), Narrow Neck Plateau (far right) and Sublime Point (right). This is a great spot, well worth a visit.

## **Fletchers Lookout**

Fletchers Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout off the side of the Undercliff Walk, just north of the Wentworth Falls. The lookout provides a fairly close view of the top of Wentworth Falls and a great view into the Jamison Valley. There is a good distant view of Mount Solitary and Narrow Neck, and also great views of the surrounding escarpments.

## **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 (Greater Sydney Region)
- 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:

- **T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- **R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when vou expect to return.
- Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with E
- significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile). **K** 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;

1:25 000 Map Series:89301S KATOOMBA 1:100 000 Map Series:8930 KATOOMBA



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.



Grade 3/6 **Moderate track** 

Length	4 km Circuit			
Time	2 hrs			
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)			
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)			
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)			
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)			
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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Conservation Hut (gps: -33.7202, 150.3629). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/ouc">http://wild.tl/ouc</a>

#### 0 | Conservation Hut

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#### 0 | Conservation Hut

(40 m 1 mins) From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters. The track soon leads to the signposted intersection with the 'Short Cut Track' (still in view of the Conservation Hut).

#### 0.04 | Int of Valley of the Waters Track and Shortcut Tra

(170 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down the steps, passing an information sign. After the handrail and more signs, the track passes a couple of faint tracks (on the left, leading to an old picnic area). Further down the steps, the walk comes the end of another handrail and a three-way intersection (signposted 'Overcliff Track' and 'National Pass').

#### 0.21 | Int of Valley of the Waters and Overcliff Tracks

(160 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east along the flat, but occasionally rough, track. This goes down slightly, coming to an unmarked intersection with another bush track.

#### 0.37 | Int of Lyrebird Cliff Track and Overcliff Tracks

(60 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east gently downhill, keeping the valley view to the right. After crossing a section of track that is often muddy, the walk comes to a handrail that leads to the signposted 'Lyrebird Lookout'.

#### 0.43 | Lyrebird Lookout

Lyrebird Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout on the Overcliff Walk, south of the Conservation Hut in the Blue Mountains National Park. The lookout hosts a great view of Sublime Point (right) and Mount Solitary (centre). A welcome gap in the trees reveals this great view.

#### 0.43 | Lyrebird Lookout

(640 m 21 mins) Continue straight: From Lyrebird Lookout, this walk heads up the hill away from the lookout and follows the right-hand track. Soon the track passes a section that is often muddy and then moves into the thicker bushland. The track soon passes an informal track (on the right) then heads down a set of steps with a handrail. The walk follows a large rock wall (on the left) for a short time before passing another informal track (on the right). Soon the track comes to a three-way intersection at the unsignposted Breakfast Point Lookout.

#### 1.07 | Breakfast Point Lookout

Breakfast Point Lookout is on the Overcliff Walk, west of Den Fenella Creek. The lookout has a short stone wall and great views across the Jamison Valley. The center piece of the view is out to Mount Solitary and beyond, there are also good views to Kings Tableland (left). This is a good spot to stop and enjoy the sweeping views of the majestic valley.

#### 1.07 | Breakfast Point Lookout

(230 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From Breakfast Point Lookout, this walk follows the old 'Undercliff walk' sign east, keeping the main valley view to the right. The track meanders for a little while before heading down some steps (around some large boulders) before coming to an intersection where the walk turns left. (The right-hand track heads down to the Lady Sees lookout with a fence in disrepair, currently closed). About 100m later, the clear track leads down to a signposted intersection with the 'Den Fenella' track just before the footbridge.

#### 1.29 | Optional sidetrip to Den Fenella Lookout

(70 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Den Fenella' sign along the lower track, keeping the creek to the left. The track soon begins to go down very steeply (can be slippery) between the handrails and rock wall. The track then crosses the creek at the stepping stones below the cascades (the creek may be impassable after rain). On the other side of the creek, the walk heads down the steps to come to a bridge below the bigger Den Fenella Fall. From the Den Fenella Fall, this walk crosses the metal bridge and continues along the cliff edge along the fence-lined track. After heading down some steps, the track ends at a fenced point with great views across the valley. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

#### 1.29 | Den Fenella Lookout

The Den Fenella Lookout is a small fenced lookout on a cliff ledge, near where Den Fenella Creek falls into the Jamison Valley. The lookout is at the end of the track and has a tall cliff above and below. There is a small tree on the ledge adding to the sense of depth. From here, there are great views to Mount Solitary (middle), Kings Tableland (left), Narrow Neck Plateau (far right) and Sublime Point (right). This is a great spot, well worth a visit.

#### 1.29 | Int of Overcliff and Denfenella Lookout Track

(460 m 13 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk crosses over Den Fenella Creek using the bridge and comes to an intersection with the 'Undercliff Walk'.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Undercliff Walk' sign, initially following the creek on the right, downstream. The track heads up a small set of steps and then tends left (revealing valley views on the right). Soon after passing a rock wall (on the left), the track goes through a muddy section and continues, passing some more large boulders. Soon the track passes another great rock wall (on the left) with fantastic valley views and an old wire fence. The walk then crosses a small metal bridge and comes to an overhang with a constructed stone wall. From this overhang, the walk continues around the valley to soon come to a fenced (unnamed) lookout with great views. From the lookout, this walk heads back into the bush, across a small metal bridge and then soon comes to a three-way intersection with 'Princes Rock' track on the left (and a sign pointing back to the 'Valley of the Waters').

#### 1.75 | Int of Undercliff and Princes Rock Tracks

(470 m 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' sign along the 'Undercliff Walk'. The track is initially flat, then soon heads down some steps and passes under a large overhang. After the overhang, the walk heads down some steps, turns left and comes to an intersection (with a track on the right) at the start of another large overhang. (The lower right-hand track heads down to Eagles Nest Lookout.) From the intersection, this walk heads under the overhang (keeping the rock face on the left). At the other end of the overhang, the track turns left and then passes along another rock wall before coming to a large dead tree and some great valley views. From this view, keeping the rock face on the left, this walk heads under three significant and low overhangs (be sure to duck), each with wide sweeping right-hand bends. The last overhang has timber blocks on the floor. Soon after the last overhang, the track comes to a four-way intersection, with 'Fletchers Lookout' a short distance to the right.

#### 2.22 | Optional sidetrip to Fletchers Lookout

(20 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fletcher Lookout' sign down the steps. The fenced and signposted lookout has three main bays, two on the left (with views of Wentworth Falls) and a third down the steps, looking into the valley. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

#### 2.22 | Fletchers Lookout

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#### 2.22 | Optional sidetrip to Top of Wentworth Falls

(90 m 2 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' and 'to National Pass' signs down the gentle steps (with the main valley view to the right). The track soon comes to a three-way intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Undercliff Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' and 'Wentworth Pass' signs down the steps. The track soon comes to a nice view of Jamison Creek, where it continues to wind down the hill and open up at a fenced rock platform at the top of Wentworth Falls. Here the walk crosses Jamison Creek using the stepping stones, to reveal a lovely waterhole and Queen's Cascades(the creek may be impassable after rain). This is the top of the Wentworth Falls. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

#### 2.22 | Queen's Cascades

Queen's Cascades are a lovely set of falls on the Jamison Creek at the top of Wentworth Falls. The creek heads down the wide, two-stage cascades into a sandy pool. From the pool, the water flows between the stepping stones, under the fence and down the very tall Wentworth Falls. There are also great views to Sublime Point across the valley.

#### 2.22 | Int of Undercliff and Fletchers Lookout Tracks

(60 m 2 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls Picnic area' sign up the steps, away from 'Fletchers Lookout'. Soon the track comes to a 'T' intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Wentworth Falls'.

#### 2.28 | Int of Wentworth Falls and Weeping Rock Tracks (Nt

(180 m 4 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls Picnic Area' sign up the log steps. The track soon passes some views to the left and then comes to an intersection (at a sharp right-

hand bend), with a track closed at the time of writing. Here there is a sign pointing back to 'Wentworth Falls - National Pass'.

#### 2.45 | Int with old Lookout track

(150 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steps, following 'Wentworth Falls Picnic Area' signs. The walk soon heads through a sharp left bend, then continues up the hill, passing several information signs. At the top of the steps, the track breaks out to Wentworth Falls Lookout on Sir H. Burrell Drive.

#### 2.61 | Wentworth Falls Lookout

Wentworth Falls Lookout, in the Blue Mountains National Park, is beside Sir H Burrell Drive. The lookout is fenced and has a large information sign about the area. There are some bench seats and great vistas. There is a view to Wentworth Falls (in the valley to the left), but the most captivating view is across the Jamison Valley to Mount Solitary. There are also great views of the Kings Tableland (left), Sublime Point (right) and Narrow Neck (far right) escarpments. This is a great place to enjoy the scope of this World Heritage listed area.

#### 2.61 | Wentworth Falls Lookout

(140 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the lookout, this walk crosses Sir H Burrell Dr and heads straight up the log steps. The track soon starts to flatten out but continues gently uphill. The track then opens up to a clearing and an old picnic shelter at the intersection of Falls Rd and Burrell Dr, Wentworth Falls. This is just at the entrance to Wentworth Falls Lookout Picnic Area.

#### 2.75 | Wentworth Falls Lookout Picnic Area

(120 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the main entrance to Wentworth Falls Picnic Area (at the intersection of Falls Rd and Sir H Burrell Dr), this walk follows the small 'Pedestrian access to picnic area' sign (keeping the road up to the right). The track soon passes a sandstone pillar marking an old lookout (still has some views). The track continues down the hill to open up into the Wentworth Falls Picnic Area.

#### 2.86 | The Falls Picnic Area

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From Wentworth Falls Picnic Area, this walk heads past the toilets and then down the steps, coming to the car park on Sir H. Burrell Dr.

#### 2.97 | Wentworth Falls Picnic Area

The Wentworth Falls Picnic Area is in the Blue Mountains National Park on Sir H Burrell Drive (Wentworth Falls). The picnic area is host to a couple of wonderful lookouts and some good facilities. A large car park, toilets (wheelchair accessible), picnic tables, free electric BBQs, town water and information signs. This is a great spot to relax between walks in the area.

#### 2.97 | Sir H. Burrell Drive Carpark (Nth)

(620 m 13 mins) Veer right: From the 'Short Cut Track' sign in the Sir H. Burell Drive car park, this walk follows the sign to 'Conservation Hut'. The wide track soon turns left and winds through the bush, tending to the left - there are a number of anti-erosion systems in place to step over. In time, the track comes to a four-way intersection intersection, signposted as the ways to 'Conservation Hut', 'Breakfast Pt LO' or up 'to Murphys Lane.

#### 3.58 | Int of Shortcut and Breakfast Point Lookout Tracks

(*110 m 2 mins*) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads northwest along the flat bush track following the signs to Conservation Hut. Soon the track comes to an intersection with another track (on the left).

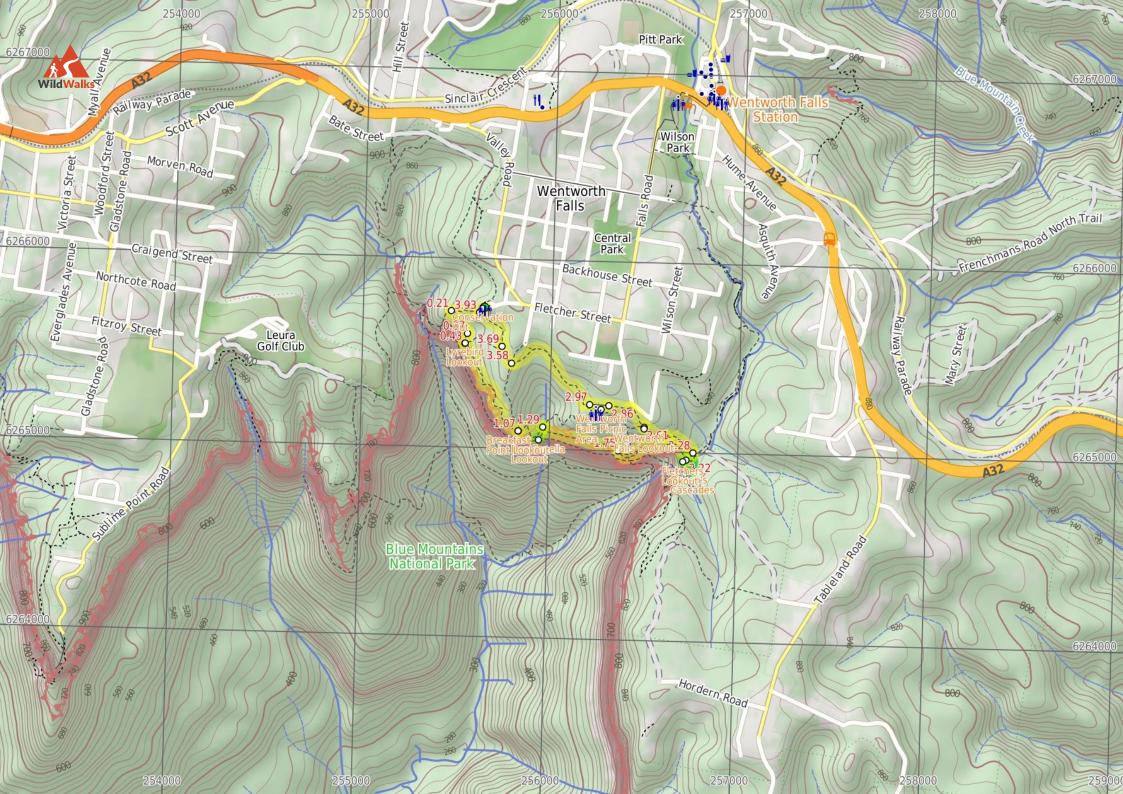
#### 3.69 | Int of Shortcut and Lyrebird Lookout Tracks

(250 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north

along the 'Shortcut' track, heading away from Wentworth Falls picnic area. Soon the track turns left and crosses a small creek using a bridge. From the creek, the track gradually heads up the hill via log steps. Soon the walk comes to a 'T' intersection where there are several signs, including one pointing up towards 'Conservation Hut' and another down to the 'Valley of the Waters'.

#### 3.93 | Int of Valley of the Waters Track and Shortcut Tra

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steps towards the building. The walk passes a couple of picnic shelters (on the right) before coming to the road and the front of the 'Conservation Hut'.



## Summary navigation sheet for the Overcliff-Undercliff Track

km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks
Start	Conservation Hut -33.7202,150.3629 (GR Katoomba, 556657)	0 -6	40 m 1 mins	From Conservation Hut, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down some timber and dirt steps passing a couple of picnic shelters.
0.04	Int of Valley of the Waters Track and Shortcut Track -33.7204,150.3626 (GR Katoomba, 556657)	2 -27	170 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Valley of the Waters' sign down the steps, passing an information sign.
0.21	Int of Valley of the Waters and Overcliff Tracks -33.7204,150.361 (GR Katoomba, 555657)	1 -23	160 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east along the flat, but occasionally rough, track.
0.37	Int of Lyrebird Cliff Track and Overcliff Tracks -33.7215,150.3619 (GR Katoomba, 556656)	0 -11	60 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east gently downhill, keeping the valley view to the right.
0.43	Lyrebird Lookout -33.7219,150.3618 (GR Katoomba, 555655)	78 -75	640 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From Lyrebird Lookout, this walk heads up the hill away from the lookout and follows the right-hand track.
1.07	Breakfast Point Lookout -33.7261,150.3648 (GR Katoomba, 558651)	34 -74	230 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From Breakfast Point Lookout, this walk follows the old 'Undercliff walk' sign east, keeping the main valley view to the right.
1.29	Int of Overcliff and Den Fenella Lookout Track -33.7259,150.3662 (GR Katoomba, 560651)	8 -51	70 m 4 mins	Optional sidetrip to Den Fenella Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Den Fenella' sign along the lower track, keeping the creek to the left.
1.29	Int of Overcliff and Denfenella Lookout Track -33.7259,150.3662 (GR Katoomba, 560651)	52 -32	460 m 13 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk crosses over Den Fenella Creek using the bridge and comes to an intersection with the 'Undercliff Walk'.
1.75	Int of Undercliff and Princes Rock Tracks -33.7271,150.3705 (GR Katoomba, 564650)	89 -104	470 m 22 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' sign along the 'Undercliff Walk'.
2.22	Int of Undercliff and Fletchers Lookout Tracks -33.7275,150.3744 (GR Katoomba, 567650)	0 -7	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Fletchers Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fletcher Lookout' sign down the steps.
2.22	Int of Undercliff and Fletchers Lookout Tracks -33.7275,150.3744 (GR Katoomba, 567650)	3 -3	90 m 2 mins	Optional sidetrip to Top of Wentworth Falls. Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls' and 'to National Pass' signs down the gentle steps (with the main valley view to the right).
2.22	Int of Undercliff and Fletchers Lookout Tracks -33.7275,150.3744 (GR Katoomba, 567650)	11 0	60 m 2 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls Picnic area' sign up the steps, away from 'Fletchers Lookout'.
2.28	Int of Wentworth Falls and Weeping Rock Tracks (Nth) -33.7272,150.3748 (GR Katoomba, 568650)	23 -4	180 m 4 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Wentworth Falls Picnic Area' sign up the log steps.
2.45	Int with old Lookout track -33.7264,150.3733 (GR Katoomba, 566651)	29 0	150 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steps, following 'Wentworth Falls Picnic Area' signs.
2.61	Wentworth Falls Lookout -33.7259,150.372 (GR Katoomba, 565651)	16 -1	140 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the lookout, this walk crosses Sir H Burrell Dr and heads straight up the log steps.
2.75	Wentworth Falls Lookout Picnic Area -33.725,150.3712 (GR Katoomba, 564652)	2 0	120 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the main entrance to Wentworth Falls Picnic Area (at the intersection of Falls Rd and Sir H Burrell Dr), this walk follows the small 'Pedestrian access to picnic area' sign (keeping the road up to th
2.86	The Falls Picnic Area -33.7249,150.37 (GR Katoomba, 563652)	0 -7	100 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From Wentworth Falls Picnic Area, this walk heads past the toilets and then down the steps, coming to the car park on Sir H.
2.97	Sir H. Burrell Drive Carpark (Nth) -33.7249,150.3689 (GR Katoomba, 562652)	38 -22	620 m 13 mins	Veer right: From the 'Short Cut Track' sign in the Sir H.

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t of Shortcut and Lyrebird Lookout Tracks 3.7221,150.3639 (GR Katoomba, 557655)	15 -11	250 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads north along the 'Shortcut' track, heading away from Wentworth Falls picnic area.
t of Valley of the Waters Track and Shortcut ack 3.7205,150.3626 (GR Katoomba, 556657)	6 0	40 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the steps towards the building.
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