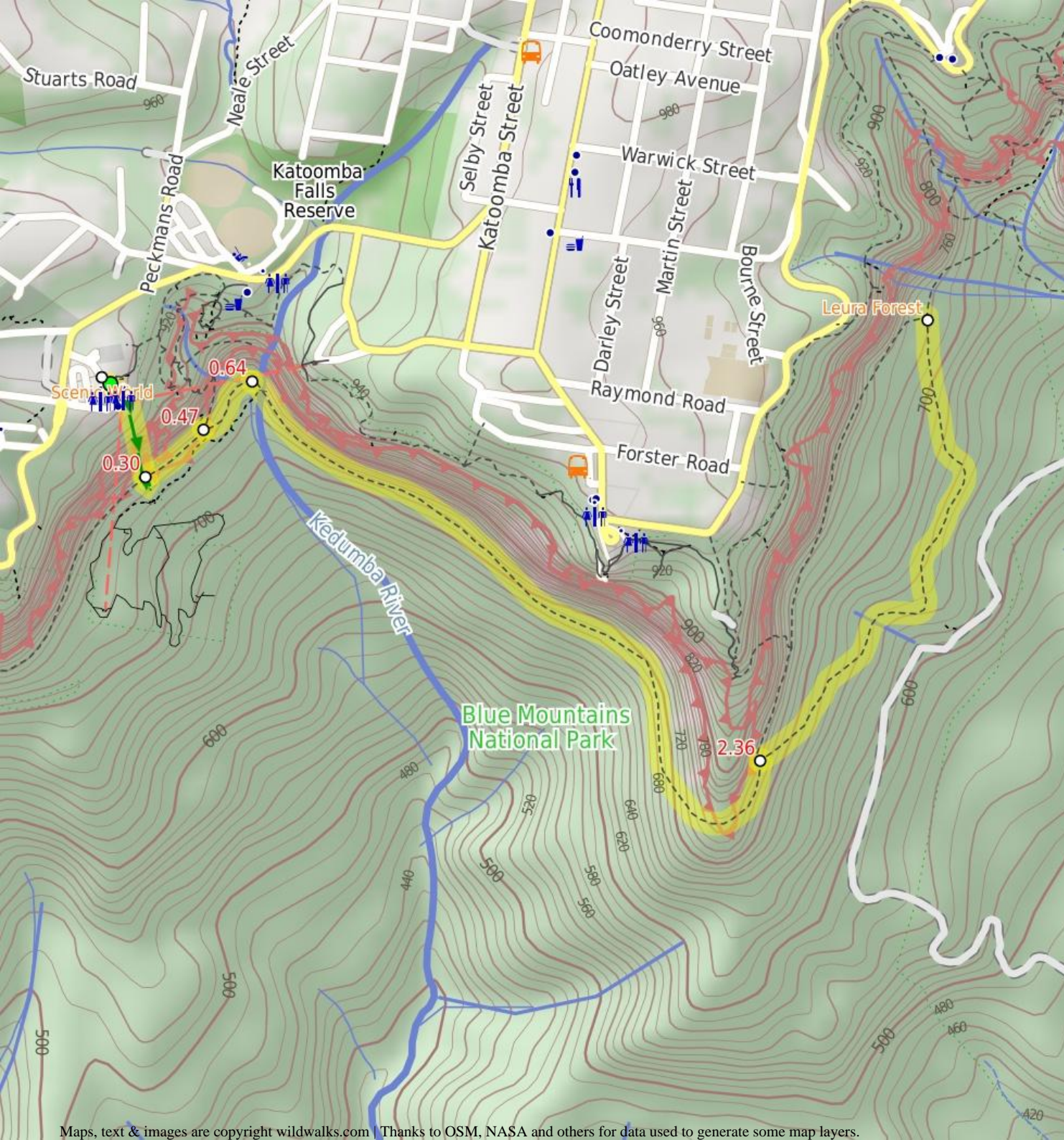


Scenic Railway to Leura Forest



4 hrs 30 mins

Moderate track

3

6.7 km Return

↑ 622m

Any walk that begins with a trip on the world's steepest railway is bound to be exciting, but its the tranquility of Leura Forest that makes this walk extra special. From the bottom of the Scenic Railway, this walk goes through the cool forest at the base of the cliffs, until reaching Leura Forest. This is a great spot to relax and enjoy the serenity of a day in the bush before returning back along the bush track.

642m

952m

Blue Mountains National Park

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 Scenic World (gps: -33.7286, 150.301) 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/sr1f>

0 | Scenic World

Scenic World is one of the most renowned tourist attractions of Katoomba and the Blue Mountains. Located on the cliffs of the Jamison Valley, visitors can enjoy a ride on the Scenic Railway (the world's steepest incline railway) or the Scenic Cableway, into the Jamison Valley, and explore the Scenic Walkway from the base. Alternatively, the Scenic Skyway offers a bird's eye view over the valley, with a glass floor to enhance the experience. Scenic World also features a revolving restaurant, a cafe and a kiosk, in addition to the documentary theatre and souvenir shop. Rides can be purchased, starting from \$16 for adults and \$10 for children, and combination or family passes are available. [More info.](#)

0 | Scenic World

(300 m 26 mins) From Scenic World, this walk goes down the cliffs using the Scenic Railway. Hang on tight! This 415m-long journey is the world's steepest railway. At the bottom, the track comes to a great viewing platform of the valley. Use of the railway costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children one-way. Last train normally at 4:45pm (opens at 9am) [More info.](#)

0.3 | Scenic Railway (Bottom Platform)

(170 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the Scenic Railway Platform, this walk heads north-east (keeping the valley on the right), soon passing through the gate signposted 'Blue Mountains National Park', and then along the bush track. This goes along the flat, next to the cliffs, until reaching the bottom of a set of stairs on the left, signposted as the 'Furber Steps'.

0.47 | Int of Furber Steps and Scenic Railway Track

(170 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the bottom of Furber steps, this walk follows the sign to 'Katoomba Falls View' keeping the handrail on the right. The walk goes along the flat and very well-managed bush track and passes a signposted 'Turpentine Tree' on the right. Soon after the Turpentine Tree, the track comes to the base of Katoomba Falls, at a place known as 'Cooks Crossing'.

There is a metal bridge that crosses the falls just past the picnic table.

0.64 | Cooks Crossing

(1.7 km 52 mins) Continue straight: From the base of Katoomba Falls, the walk crosses the creek along the metal footbridge and joins up with the track on the other side. The track starts to turn to the right, winding along Federal Pass walking track, under the cliffs. At several points, the walk passes some notable rock formations and caves embedded in the cliffs. In addition, there are occasional good views that are not shrouded by the trees. The track continues in this manner for some time, and then passes 'under the (three) sisters' (clearly signposted). After passing under this rock formation, the track turns to the left and climbs slightly up to a seat and an intersection signposted with 'Dardanelles Pass' and 'Federal Pass' signs.

2.36 | Int of Federal Pass, Scenic Railway and Dardenelle

(1.3 km 36 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Federal Pass' - 'Leura Forest' sign (the lower track), keeping the main cliff face on the left. This track heads steadily downhill until flattening out and continuing generally north-east. The environment surrounding the bush track at this point is quite dense and, while very pretty, it is difficult to see views of the surrounding area, although there are occasional glimpses of the Sublime Point Service Trail on the right. Soon before Leura Forest, the track is flat and passes over a small creek. Leura Forest is a shaded picnic area with several tables and a large pergola.

3.64 | Leura Forest

Leura Forest is a great picnic area in the Jamison Valley at the junction of the Federal Pass and Dardanelles Tracks. This place was home to a popular tea house (also known as 'Lady Carrington Dining Hall') from the late 1800's. Today walkers can still enjoy the historic rotunda and the foundations of the original tea house. The picnic area provides a great rest spot under the shade of the lilli pilli and coachwood forest.

