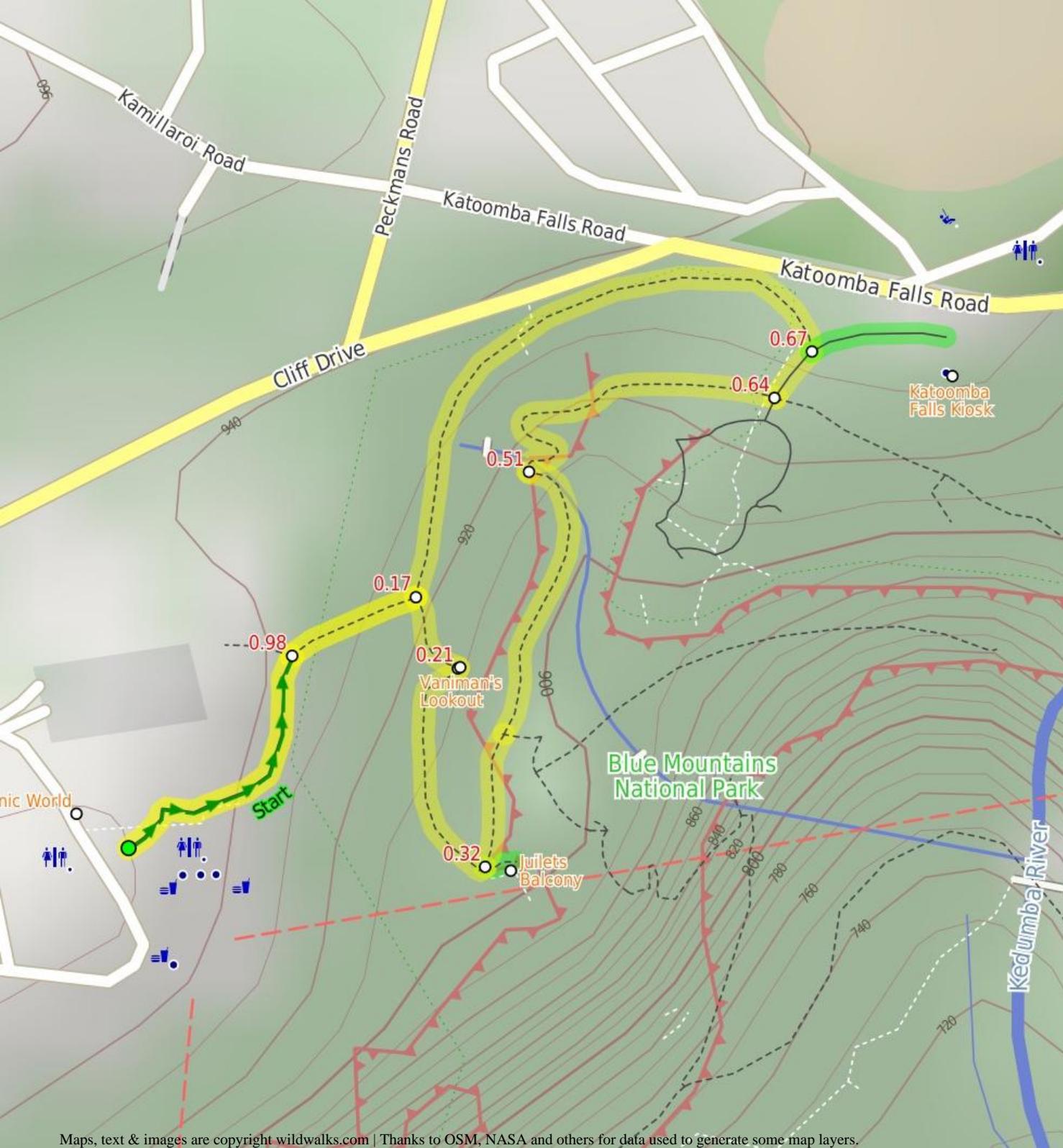


Witches Leap Circuit



2 hrs

1.1 km Circuit

Hard track

↑ 89m

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A great circuit walk near Scenic World, Katoomba. This walk heads into a temperate rain forest, following a shrouded trail through Witches Leap, a small creek crossing, before emerging near Katoomba Kiosk. The kiosk is a good spot to stop for a coffee before heading back along the flat trail to Scenic World. Special features of this walk include the great views from Juliet's Balcony.

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 bus is the only practical way to get to Scenic World (gps: -33.7286, 150.301). This is a circuit, 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/wlc>

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

(170 m 4 mins) From the Scenic World main entrance, this walk follows the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' signs down the concrete steps and around to the back of the building, where it comes to a wooden footbridge that curves around behind the main car park. At the end of the footbridge, this walk comes to an intersection with the Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track down the gentle hill, winding down some wooden steps as the track bends around to the right. It then arrives at the signposted intersection of the 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' and the track to the base of the Scenic Railway.

0.17 | Int of Prince Henry Cliff Walk and Katoomba Falls

(40 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steep wooden steps, following the signs to the bottom of the Scenic Railway. The walk comes to the intersection of Vanimans Lookout at the bottom of the steps.

0.21 | Vaniman's Lookout

Vaniman's Lookout is a fenced, long and narrow lookout on the cliff edge, opposite Reids Plateau. The view looks directly over the Three Sisters across the Kedumba Valley, under the Scenic Skyway. The lookout was considered one of the finest views on the Three Sisters in the 1900's. The lookout was named after Chester Melvin Vaniman in 1905, a well-know adventurer and artist from the USA, who visited the Blue Mountains in 1903. [More info.](#)

0.21 | Vanimans Lookout

(110 m 3 mins) Turn right: From Vanimans Lookout, this walk follows the bush track heading away from the bottom of the wooden steps. The track winds around the side of the hill and down the steep metal stairs. At the bottom, the walk comes to the intersection of the Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balcony track (unsignposted).

0.32 | Optional sidetrip to Juliets Balcony

(10 m) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the short set of wooden steps, winding up to the raised rock platform, and along the bush track to the edge of the fenced-off rock shelf. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.32 | Juilets Balcony

Juilets Balcony is a spectacular lookout, perched on top of a rock buttress near Orphan Rock, under the Scenic Skyway. The lookout provides sweeping views of the start of the Kedumba Valley, from Katoomba Falls to the Three Sisters. The lookout is accessed by a staircase, off the Furber Steps track. The fenceline continues along the lookout, forming a long, fenced balcony.

0.32 | Int of Katoomba Falls Round Walk and Juliets Balco

(200 m 4 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the long set of wooden steps winding down the side of the hill. After this, the walk flattens out for a short distance then continues up a short set wooden steps to the intersection of the Round Walk and the Furber Steps track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Caravan Park' sign along the hardened path and up the wooden steps, continuing to wind up the side of the hill as the track climbs up a few more sets of wooden steps. This walk Witches Leap Creek at the small wooden bridge, winding up the wooden steps that zigzag up through the gully, to the intersection of the Witches Leap Lookout.

0.51 | Witches Leap

(130 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the Witches Leap Lookout, this walk heads up the wooden steps and up the hardened path that winds up through the gulley, climbing past a small rest area at a large rock overhang. The walk heads to the top of the hill, coming to the intersection of the Prince Henry Cliff Walk and the Reids Plateau loop walk.

0.64 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Loop and Witches Leap Track

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: With the Katoomba Falls track to the left and the picnic bench to the right, this walk heads north up the concrete stairs, passing a 'Greenspace Project' sign. The walk comes to the top of the stairs, to the signposted intersection of 'Round Walk' at the back of the small park near the Katoomba Kiosk.

0.67 | Optional sidetrip to Katoomba Falls Kiosk

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses through the park, passing the large information signs and the water fountain, arriving at the Katoomba Kiosk. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.67 | Katoomba Falls Kiosk

The Katoomba Falls Kiosk serves a variety of light and healthy meals

including breakfast, lunch and Devonshire teas. A drink enjoyed here will add to the experience of any local bushwalk. For more information, phone (02) 4782-4868. [More info.](#)

0.67 | Int of Katoomba Kiosk Track and Prince Henry Cliff

(310 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Scenic Railway' sign along the hardened bush track, winding along the side of the hill as the track heads through the forest, to the signposted intersection of the Round Walk and the Prince Henry Cliff Walk.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the only unsignposted bush track up the gentle hill. It winds up the wooden steps, bending around to the left until it flattens out at the intersection with the Scenic World footbridge.

0.98 | End of wooden footbridge

(120 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the wooden footbridge that winds around the back of the Scenic World multi-story car park, to the concrete footpath. The walk continues around the main building, climbing up some concrete steps to the main entrance of Scenic World.