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 Gibbergunyah Bushcare groups & friends who
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THE GULLY WALK KATOOMBA

1 KM - EASY GRADE
 15 MINS RETURN

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The Gully Traditional Owners



Stronger Families
 Alliance



Bush Trackers
 explore the bush
 with guides for kids by kids



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WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

- a bottle of water •
- plenty of snacks •
- a raincoat •
- warm clothes in winter •
- small plastic bag for rubbish •
- small torch •
- camera •
- pencils for drawing •
- wear a hat, sunscreen and •
- enclosed walking shoes •
- a small first aid kit could be useful •

BUSH TRACKER SAFETY

Safe Bush Trackers are prepared and

- know your track and take your map
- ask permission from an adult and let them know where you are walking and when you return
- don't go near cliff edges and stay behind safety fences.

MINIMAL IMPACT BUSH TRACKING

means you try to do no damage at all to the environment so that someone following you could not tell you had been there.

Take nothing but photos, leave nothing behind:

- always keep to the track and tread softly and quietly
- don't pick the flowers or plants in the bush
- be gentle and careful if you touch things (don't touch snakes and spiders!)
- carry your rubbish out with you
- Bush Trackers walk in small groups (4-15 people)

The Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association and The Gully Traditional Owners, with the help of Garang Landcare, Garguree Swampcare, Gibbergunyah Bushcare groups and the Blue Mountains City Council, shared The Gully Walk with a group of friends, encouraging the kids to share their experience through words, poems, drawings and photos. PerformingDesign used these to create the map and guide to encourage other kids and families to safely enjoy the bush.

The Bushtrackers project helps create a child friendly community in the Blue Mountains and grew from support of the Stronger Families Alliance and is coordinated by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service with help from kids, parents, teachers and community.

For more information and tips go to: www.bushtrackers.com.au; www.wildwalks.com or www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nationalparks

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Gully.

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The Gully Walk Length 1 km - Easy Grade - Allow 15 - 30 mins
 You are invited to share a special Cultural journey along the Gully Walk - a 1km, hard surfaced loop walk across the racetrack pavement into the heart of The Gully. Bring a picnic and take time to soak in the peace, explore further around the old Catalina racetrack, meet some of the enthusiastic Garguree Swampcare team.
 Everyone who walks this path is invited to learn from the history of The Gully, to enjoy and respect its natural environment, and to remember that you are in a place that will always be home to Aboriginal peoples.
 The Gully Walk is a partnership project between The Gully Traditional Owners and Blue Mountains City Council.



Look
 can you find these
 flowers or seed pods?



Write words that
 describe what you
 see, hear or feel
 (adjectives)

Listen
 how many different bird
 calls can you hear?



Can you guess who lives here?
 Answer: Antechinus
 - a marsupial mouse

Look
 If you are quiet and
 look carefully you
 might see some
 creatures.

Feel the sandstone,
 is it warm or cool?



Touch
 bark, water, leaves,
 moss, rocks
 Things not to touch
 snake holes, fungi, spiders,
 insects.



Find these and
 tick the box



that made people feel safe and happy - it was the chosen place - the place where everything was slowly
 place - it has lots of native plants - Aboriginal people used to live there - a very important place
 animals to spot - kangaroo with joey in pouch - lizards - birds - insects - wombat
 they'd just stay with us in the trees - I was a person of the bush - playing in the trees
 there with us, the currawongs and cockatoos

it is now slowly coming back - it was the place where people grew up and where people died
 just free - I had a horse too - Peter was his name
 I never wore shoes - always barefoot
 best friend Danny in the Gully - we would play, swim, the best time of my life
 the little creek - the Aboriginal people of the Gully have always known the sacredness of the water of the little creek are living systems - They've known that the shrub and sedge swamps that feed and supply the little creek are living systems
 flock, we do
 bush regeneration