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MINNEHAHA FALLS & YOSEMITE CREEK WALK

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0.9 km to LOOKOUT- Easy grade
2.5 km to POOL below FALLS -
90 mins return - short section
of steep steps down to pool

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Bush Trackers
explore the bush
with guides for kids by kids



MINNEHAHA FALLS WALK • 2.5 km to pool below Falls • 90mins return
short section of steep steps down to pool from lookout • 0.9km & easy grade to lookout

WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

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

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 & tread softly & 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 Bush Trackers program helps engage children and families in nature. Bush Trackers helps create a child friendly community and grew from support of the Stronger Families Alliance (www.strongerfamilies.co). The Bush Trackers team work with local councils and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers to guide school kids aged 8-10 years old on a local bushwalk, enjoying nature play, learning about natural and cultural heritage and encouraging the kids to share their experience through words, poems, drawings and photos. PerformingDesign use these to create the map and guide to encourage other kids and families to safely enjoy the bush.

For more information, tips and maps go to: www.bushtrackers.com.au; www.wildwalks.com; www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.
We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this place.

Beneath the blue water there are lots of different things, pebbles, rocks and glass. I made a dam with my friends.

Minnehaha Falls and Yosemite Creek Walk - Easy to medium Grade with a short section of steep steps near the end. - 1 hour 30 minutes return - 2.5 km return

Come along on a magical walk beside the beautiful Yosemite Creek down to an ancient waterhole at the bottom of Minnehaha Falls. Minnehaha means "waterfall" in Native American. Start and finish your return walk at Minnehaha Reserve at the end of Minni Ha Ha Road in North Katoomba. The walking track you follow was built over 120 years ago.

On your walk, can you see the scribbly gums and many different kinds of low growing plants? Can you see the hanging swamp? Blue Mountains Swamps are full of nectar rich plants which provides food for lots of different animals especially insects and birds. This swamp is home to rare and threatened species such as the Giant Dragonfly, one of the largest dragonflies in the world! It is also home for the Blue Mountains Water Skink and the beautiful Red Belly Black Snake.

Remember to watch your step. Also remember to stop and look up - you might see a wedge tailed eagle!

As you get closer to Minnehaha Falls, the track becomes steep and close to the cliff edge so be very careful as you make your way down to the pool at the bottom. Relax and enjoy this special place before returning back up the track the way you came.

Some animals live in trees like birds. They eat bugs and worms.

The foaming water is like Santa's beard it gushes down onto slippery rocks then it rolls into a creek.

Look can you find these plants?



Did you know that Yosemite Creek is named after Yosemite National Park in California, USA which is now a sister park with the Blue Mountains National Park?



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?

Look - If you are quiet you might see some animals



What does the SQID do?



Touch bark, leaves, rocks, moss, rushes and sedges. Hug a tree

Things not to touch

snake holes, fungi, spiders, insects



Find these and tick the box

Walking we heard the squawk of a Raven from high above - I looked up



underneath the wing of the Eagle - we found Geebung

Instead I saw not only a Raven but a wedge tailed eagle