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ECHO POINT TO SCENIC RAILWAY VIA GIANT STAIRWAY

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4.7 KM ONE WAY - HARD GRADE
VERY STEEP. MANY STEPS
2-3 hours



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
- pencils for drawing
- warm clothes in winter
- small 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)

To help us find out about your experiences of the Bush Trackers Guide please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/BushTrackers. The survey should take you around 5 mins & will help us evaluate the impact of the program.

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.net.au). Bush Trackers is currently funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. The Bush Trackers team worked with 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; www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au or www.scenicworld.com.au
We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this place.

Echo Point to Scenic World via Giant Staircase • 4.7km one-way • Hard Grade, many steep steps • 2 to 3 hrs

After gazing on the famous views at Echo Point Lookout, take the world-class tourist trail to the top of the Three Sisters. Keep an eye out for some sculptured local creatures on the way. Descending the very steep Giant Staircase, marvel at how the steps were built! On the first 'sister', visit Honeymoon Cave. The Three Sisters are a place of spiritual significance to Aboriginal People, known as the Seven Sisters. Can you see more than three sister rock formations? At the base of the Giant Staircase, head to the Federal Pass and you may hear the chimes of bell birds. Looking up, you may see the die back in the Eucalyptus trees these birds cause. Although a native species, they are out of balance in this ecosystem. Passing Cooks Crossing, with the pummelling of Katoomba Falls, you are close to Scenic World and the old coal mines. For a fitness challenge, climb up the Furber Steps, otherwise catch the Scenic Railway back up the valley. Walk through the streets or catch the bus back to Echo Point.

• NB. The last departure for the Scenic Railway is at 4:50pm daily. You will be required to purchase a ticket, check the Scenic World website before hand for best value unlimited family passes. www.scenicworld.com.au



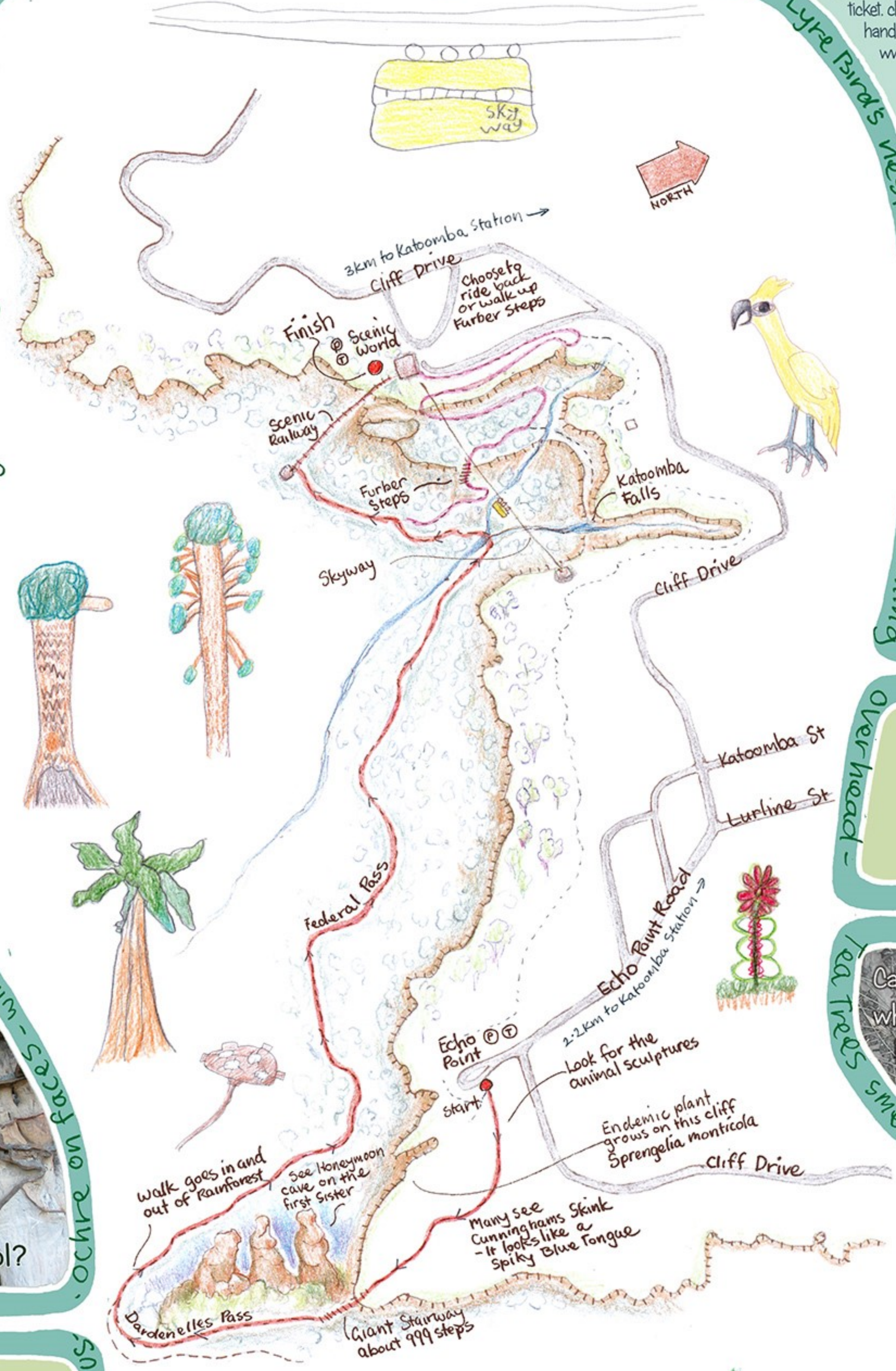
As we come down, down, down the big steps we see a Lyre Bird's nest



Look can you find these plants?



blowing the trees-water tumbling - glistening rocks -



Listen to birds calling

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

overhead -

Listen, how many different bird calls can you hear?

Tree trunks

Can you guess who lives here?

very nice - we

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

ochre on faces - wind

Feel the stone. Is it warm or cool?

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

Things not to touch spider & snake holes, fungi, spiders, insects



Voices echo back to us

call coo-ee from the lookout and hear our

Find these and tick the box