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FURBER STEPS TO SCENIC WORLD

KATOOMBA

2.4 KM ONE WAY - MEDIUM GRADE
MANY STEEP STEPS

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Bush Trackers
explore the bush
with guides for kids by kids



FURBER STEPS TO SCENIC WORLD • 2.4 km one way • Medium grade

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; or www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au; or www.scenicworld.com.au/
We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this place.

Furber Steps - Scenic Railway walking Track • Grade - medium • many steep steps • 2.4km one-way
 Walk down into sheltered lush rainforest, and take a step back into geological time when Australia was cooler and wetter, and when dinosaurs roamed. You could try counting the number of stairs down although, you may get distracted by the scenery. Pass waterfalls at Witches Leap and Katoomba Falls, with an optional side-track ending close to the mid section of Katoomba Falls. There are stunning views to the Three Sisters (a place of Aboriginal spiritual significance), Mount Solitary and the Jamison Valley. At Queen Victoria Lookout, try a "cooee" to the cliffs opposite at Echo Point. You will pass shallow caves and down to such ancient rock bed that coal (a fossil fuel) was once mined here. Return the way you came (a steep climb!) or take the old coal train back out of the valley on the world famous Scenic Railway.

• 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 beforehand for best value unlimited family passes. www.scenicworld.com.au



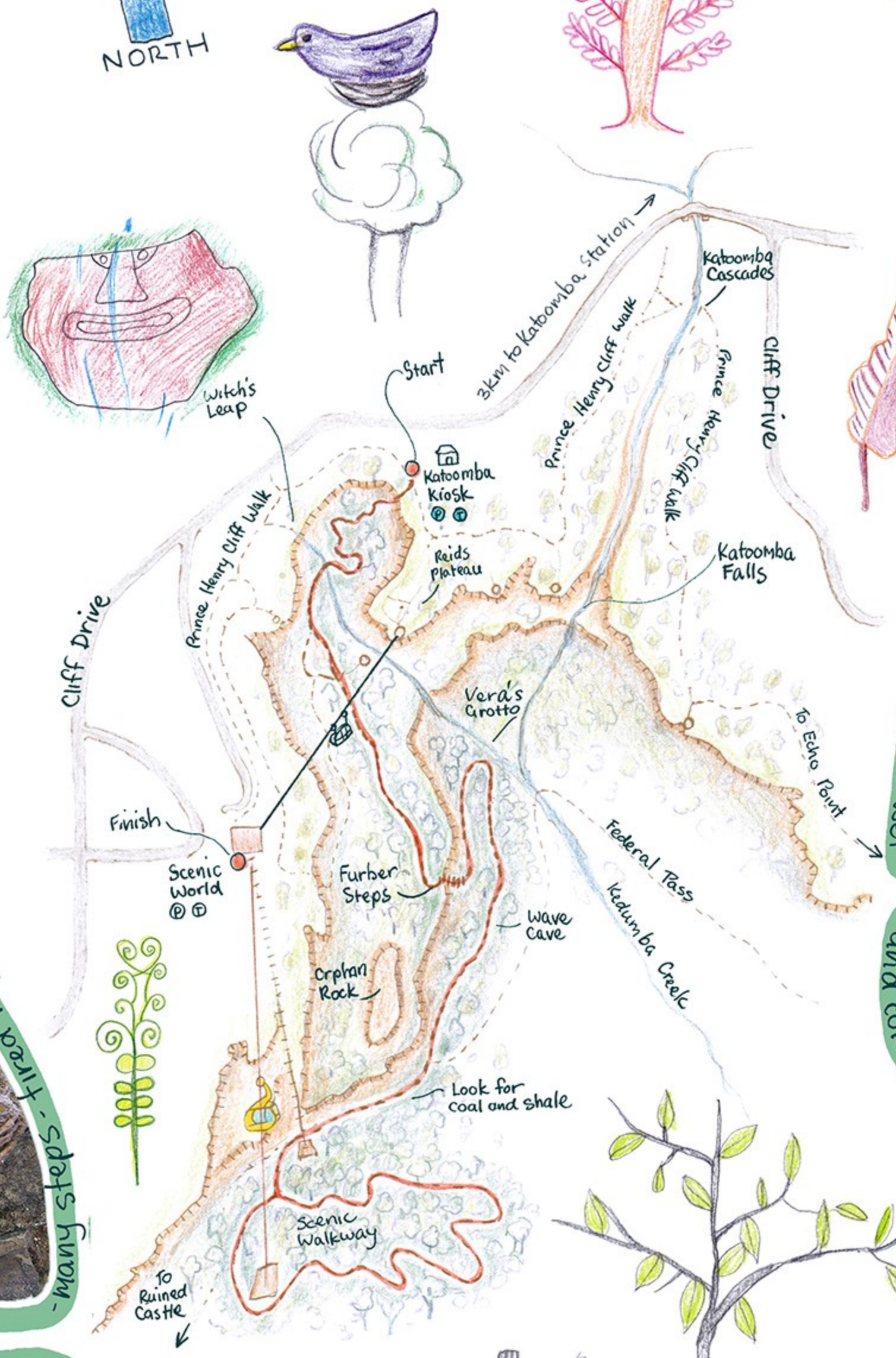
I knew that I was walking on ancient ground - I could imagine Aboriginal people walking here



Look
 can you find
 these plants?



- tall trees - the chirping of a silver eye - beautiful place -



When this rainforest was younger -
 Write words that describe what you see, hear or feel (adjectives)

Today it is wet -
 Listen, how many different bird calls can you hear?

And cold - the
 Can you guess who lives here?

Water is sparkling -
 Look
 If you are quiet & look carefully you might see some creatures.



Feel the stone, is it warm or cool?
 - many steps - tired legs -

Touch
 bark, leaves, rocks, moss, rushes and sedges. Hug a tree
 Things not to touch
 spider & snake holes, fungi, spiders, insects



leaves are rustling -

solashes on slippery mosses - wind is blowing -
 Find these and tick the box

