



COURSE NOTES LEG 2 – CHECKPOINT ONE TO CHECKPOINT TWO KATOOMBA OVAL TO QUEEN VIC HOSPITAL

Distance: 21.5 km
 Description: Another very scenic leg. From Checkpoint One the Cliff Top Walk to Echo Point and the Three Sisters passes many famous viewing points. The Giant Staircase descends to Federal Pass and Leura Forest. A wide fire trail leads across the Jamison Valley to Kedumba Pass and the Queen Victoria Hospital.

Point	Description	Kms (leg)	Kms (total)
1	START at Checkpoint One - Katoomba Oval. Head back out the same way you came in - back across the road and through the small picnic area	0.00	26.50
2	Continue, straight down the stairs to the 4-way track junction with tree stump in the middle. TURN LEFT at this 4-way junction to Katoomba Cascades – signposted 'Katoomba Cascades. Echo Point via cliff top walk'	0.10	26.60
3	Continue straight ahead on the track. IGNORE minor track on your right	0.20	26.70
4	TURN LEFT at T-intersection	0.25	26.75
5	Cross the creek with a small waterfall on your left and continue up the stairs. IGNORE the stairs on your left just before the creek crossing	0.43	26.93
6	TAKE RIGHT FORK to Echo Point at the top of the stairs – signposted 'Echo Point Lookout 40 minutes. Cliff View Lookout 10 minutes'	0.47	26.97
7	Continue following the concrete footpath around to the right and away from the road	0.50	27.00
8	Continue along track under the Scenic Skyway cables and past Cliff View Lookout	0.80	27.30
9	Continue straight ahead past Allambie Lookout	1.20	27.70
10	TAKE RIGHT FORK at top of stairs near Lady Darley Lookout – signposted 'Grand Clifftop Track, Echo Point, Leura'. IGNORE the track to your left	1.41	27.91
11	TAKE LEFT FORK in path to go up to Echo Point main lookout	1.86	28.36
12	TURN LEFT at the main lookout and head towards the Visitors Information Centre (right hand side of the small car park and toilets)	1.88	28.38
13	TURN RIGHT around far side of the Visitors Information Centre following signs to the Giant Stairway – signposted 'Three Sisters Walk, Prince Henry Cliff Walk, Giant Stairway, Federal Pass'	1.97	28.47
14	Continue straight ahead on main concrete pathway under stone archway – signposted 'TO: Three Sisters 10 mins, Giant Stairway, Federal Pass'. IGNORE path to your right immediately after passing under stone archway	2.00	28.50
15	Continue straight ahead on main concrete pathway. IGNORE path back to your right	2.10	28.60
16	TAKE RIGHT FORK in track towards Giant Stairway – signposted 'Three Sisters Track, Three Sisters 10 mins, Giant Stairway 10 mins'	2.30	28.80
17	Continue straight ahead to the stone archway. IGNORE the stone steps going up to your left. Immediately after passing the archway, turn left to go down the Giant Stairway. This is a long descent down steep and narrow stairs. Be careful and be courteous to other walkers on the stairs. GIVE WAY TO PEOPLE COMING UP THE STAIRS AND PLEASE DO NOT PUSH ANYONE OUT OF THE WAY	2.45	28.95



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18	TURN SHARP LEFT and continue down the stone stairs. IGNORE the bridge which leads to a small cave / overhang	2.55	29.05
19	TURN LEFT onto the track – signposted 'Dardanelles Pass. Leura Forest 1km' - at the bottom of the stairs heading towards Leura Forest	2.94	29.44
20	TURN LEFT onto Federal Pass towards Fern Bower immediately after passing rotunda in Leura Forest picnic area – signposted 'Fern Bower 750m'. Then continue over a bridge and past a picnic table.	4.08	30.58
21	TURN RIGHT immediately after crossing a second bridge onto a track that is hidden behind a Federal Pass sign. DO NOT go up the stairs at this point (signposted 'to Prince Henry Cliff Walk')	4.36	30.86
22	TURN SHARP RIGHT onto wider track and head downhill to cross a creek. IGNORE the track to your left which goes uphill to a concrete pipe	4.41	30.91
23	Continue straight ahead on track. IGNORE track to your right	4.76	31.26
24	Reach open grassed area. Continue down the grassy track which takes you around the left hand edge of the clearing	4.98	31.48
25	Continue on the main firetrail up a gradual hill and back into the forest. IGNORE the track off to your left. The firetrail climbs initially, then undulates and then loses over 300m in elevation. Remain on this firetrail until track point 31	5.2	31.70
26	The firetrail passes through a large clearing in a saddle	8.2	34.70
27	Cross Leura Falls Creek (signposted) at causeway	9.3	35.80
28	Cross Jamison Creek (signposted) at causeway. You will gain 600m of elevation over the next 5km	13.2	39.70
29	IGNORE the rock cairn and walking track to the right. Remain on main firetrail	16.4	42.90
30	TURN SHARP LEFT onto firetrail and head uphill. IGNORE track going straight ahead	16.8	43.30
31	Go through the gate and continue uphill through a big road cutting on Kedumba Pass. If you open the gate, make sure you close it again	17.4	43.90
32	Go around locked gate on either side and continue straight ahead	19.8	46.30
33	Continue straight ahead on main firetrail. IGNORE track to your left	20.9	47.40
34	Continue straight ahead on main firetrail. IGNORE tracks to your left and right	21.1	47.60
35	CHECKPOINT TWO - Queen Victoria Hospital	21.5	48.00

