



ULTRA-TRAIL AUSTRALIA UTA22

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND COURSE NOTES

KCC Oval (Start) to Scenic World (Finish)

Course Description: From the start on KCC Oval, travel across Violet St and turn right onto Cliff Drive. Continue on Cliff Drive for 1km to Glenraphael Drive. Turn left onto Glenraphael Drive and travel 3.1km to a turnaround point. On the way to the turnaround point, you will pass the top of the Golden Stairs and a locked gate (open on race day). Return past the locked gate to the top of Golden Stairs and turn right onto the 'Golden Stairs' to 'Federal Pass 800m 30min'. Turn right onto the 'Golden Stairs' to 'Federal Pass 800m 30min'. Descend 200m in elevation to the base of the Golden Stairs and turn left onto 'Federal Pass' to 'Katoomba, Scenic World 3.4km' ignoring the track to the right to 'Ruined Castle / Mount Solitary'. Continue on Federal Pass to the Landslide. The track is rough for 300 meters through the landslide and then continue on Federal Pass towards Scenic World. Take the left fork onto the Scenic World boardwalks ignoring the boardwalks back to the right which go to the Scenic Cableway lower station. Continue straight ahead past the Scenic World mining displays, over the top of the Scenic Railway station and through the Scenic World swing gate exit towards Furber Steps. Approximately 100m after the Scenic World exit and immediately after crossing a metal bridge, continue straight ahead on 'Federal Pass' to 'Leura Forest 3.9km' ignoring the stairs up to the left to 'Furber Steps – Katoomba, Cliff Drive 45 min'. After another 2km on Federal Pass, continue straight ahead on Federal Pass ignoring 'Dardanelles Pass' to the left. After another 1.7km on Federal Pass you will arrive at Leura Forest. Continue straight ahead on Federal Pass towards Fern Bower ignoring the rotunda in the Leura Forest picnic area to the left and ignoring Dardanelles Pass also to the left and on the far side of the rotunda. Continue over a bridge and past a picnic table. 250m after this bridge you will cross another bridge at Marguerite Cascades. Then continue straight ahead up the stairs on 'Fern Bower Track' 'To Prince Henry Cliff Walk'. Continue up many flights of stairs past Linda Falls and Lila Falls. At the top of a long straight metal and plastic staircase, turn left towards 'Cliff Drive & Katoomba via Fern Bower & Prince Henry Cliff Walk' ignoring the track to the right to 'Leura Cascades / Bridal Veil Falls via Amphitheatre Track'. Continue up the stairs past 'Fern Bower' and at the top, turn right on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' towards 'Leura Cascades' ignoring the track to the left to 'Echo Point' then turn left up a short flight of stairs and turn right onto the footpath beside Cliff Drive on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' to 'Leura Cascades / Gordon Falls Reserve'. Solitary Restaurant is on the opposite side of Cliff Drive. After 70m on this footpath, turn right down a flight of stairs to remain on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' to 'Leura Cascades' and 'Gordon Falls Reserve'. Continue straight ahead ignoring tracks to the right to 'Copelands Lookout' and 'Bridal Veil Lookout'. Continue straight ahead on 'Leura Cascades Round Walk' to 'Leura Cascades Picnic Area via Leura Falls Lookout' ignoring 'Amphitheatre Track' to the right. Continue straight ahead towards Leura Cascades ignoring the track to the right to an unnamed lookout. After descending some stairs you arrive at the top of Bridal Veil Falls and Leura Cascades. Cross over the first bridge and ignore the second bridge which goes to a cave. Continue up the stairs and turn left and across a bridge to Leura Cascades Picnic Area and toilets, ignoring the track to the right to 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Gordon Falls Cliff Top Lookouts'.

The 16km water point is located near the toilet block in Leura Cascades Picnic Area. Turn left onto Chelmsford Drive and continue through the Leura Cascades Picnic Area. Prior to reaching Cliff Drive, turn left onto a footpath which leads more directly through to Cliff Drive again and Solitary Restaurant. After passing Solitary Restaurant on your right, turn left down a short flight of stairs and immediately turn right on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Echo Point'. Continue straight ahead to Echo Point ignoring the track to the left to Fern Bower signposted 'Federal Pass - To Leura Forest'. Turn left and continue on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' ignoring the track to the right which goes to Cliff Drive. Keep following Prince Henry Cliff Walk

towards Echo Point ignoring all tracks to lookouts of which some are signposted and some are not signposted (Burrabaroo Lookout, Lomandra Lookout, Honeymoon Point, Banksia Lookout, Millamurra Lookout, Tallawalla Lookout and Lady Carrington Lookout) and ignoring all tracks heading up to Cliff Drive. 300m after Lady Carrington Lookout, take the middle track which veers right to remain on 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk' to 'Echo Point 350m' ignoring the track going straight ahead to 'Three Sisters, Giant Stairway & Honeymoon Bridge 100m' and ignoring the track going sharply right to 'Cliff Drive, Katoomba'. Turn right onto the concrete path 'Three Sisters Walk' to 'Echo Point 250m' ignoring the path going downhill to the left to 'Three Sisters, Giant Stairway & Honeymoon Bridge 200m'. Continue under the stone archway and veer left around the front of the Visitor Information Centre. Continue out to the main Echo Point Lookout. Turn right at the main Echo Point Lookout onto the walking path. Go down the path and continue straight ahead at the first track junction ignoring the walking path back to the left. Take the left fork on Grand Cliff Top Track and down the stairs at Lady Darley Lookout to 'Grand Cliff Top Track, Katoomba Falls, Scenic Skyway' ignoring the track to the right which goes up to Panorama Drive. Continue straight ahead past Allambie Lookout. Continue past Cliff View Lookout and under the Scenic Skyway cable car cables. Turn left to remain on the path and pass a picnic table without going onto the road. Turn left down the stairs to Katoomba Cascades ignoring the footpath straight ahead which goes to a larger section of the Katoomba Cascades park. Cross the bridge over the cascades and immediately turn left on the timber walkway ignoring the track to the right which goes back up to Cliff Drive. Follow the walkway to a lookout and then head uphill on track to a 4-way track junction with a tree stump in the middle. Continue straight ahead at this 4-way junction onto Furber Steps ignoring stairs to the right which go to Cliff Drive and stairs to the left which go to a lookout. Continue down Furber Steps to the first track junction where you continue straight ahead on 'Katoomba Falls Round Walk' to 'Scenic World car park via Prince Henry Cliff Walk 15 min' ignoring the stairs down to the left to Rainforest Lookout and Furber Steps. Continue up the stairs past two side lookouts and when you finally reach the top, turn left to Scenic World ignoring the track to the right marked 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk to Echo Point'. Continue to the finish line at Scenic World

Highlights: The multiple views from Cliff Drive and Glenraphael Drive, the expanse of the rugged landslide section, the mining displays through Scenic World, Federal Pass walking track with rainforest and waterfalls, Leura Forest, Linda Falls, Fern Bower, Bridal Veil Falls, Leura Cascades, the view from Echo Point, the beautiful rainforest, waterfalls and cliff views seen from Furber Steps and finishing ULTRA-TRAIL AUSTRALIA 22.