

Environmental Management

Land and Water

Discovery International Student Tours Blue Mountains National Park



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TRUE BLUE MOUNTAINS: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT—LAND AND WATER (SCENICWORLD OPTION)

(Echo Point – Katoomba Falls Scenicworld option) This tour begins with an easy paced two hour bushwalk starting at Echo Point following the cliff top track along to Katoomba Falls. Management of threats, impacts, conservation of habitat and climate change will be on the agenda as your National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Ranger guides your academic group on an extended walking tour of the southern escarpment. Discuss the challenges of balancing recreation, tourism and economics with conservation. Discover

the high-level conservation values of this World Heritage park. After lunch walk the magical Katoomba Falls Round Walk track, through lush rainforest with sensational views of the Three Sisters and the park’s majestic cliffs. Ascent is via the Secnic Railway (seperate fare applies). At the end of the tour, students gather for a half hour Q&A with the Ranger.

HIGHLIGHTS

- National Parks Discovery Rangers with expert local knowledge
- Sensational views of Jamison Valley and Three Sisters
- Diverse ecosystems and fauna habitats
- Abundant birdlife
- Unique geology and spectacular rock formations
- Views of Three Sisters and Katoomba Falls
- Scenicworld train ride is the steepest in the southern hemisphere.

LOCATION

Echo Point is located at Katoomba, with sweeping views across the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

ACTIVITY PLAN

Groups arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to start time for recess and toilets.

Discovery Rangers provide students with an introduction to the Blue Mountains environment, a safety briefing and hold a minimal impact discussion.

Students are divided into walking groups: We aim for a maximum of 20 students per walking group, with one group leader and one Discovery Ranger.

On the walk, students are encouraged to observe, question and discuss content that is relevant to your course of study and draw conclusions about the values of National Parks and reserve systems.

QUICK INFORMATION

When: Mondays to Fridays

Times: As required 7am- 7pm

Location: Katoomba

Cost: \$60 per student incl. GST

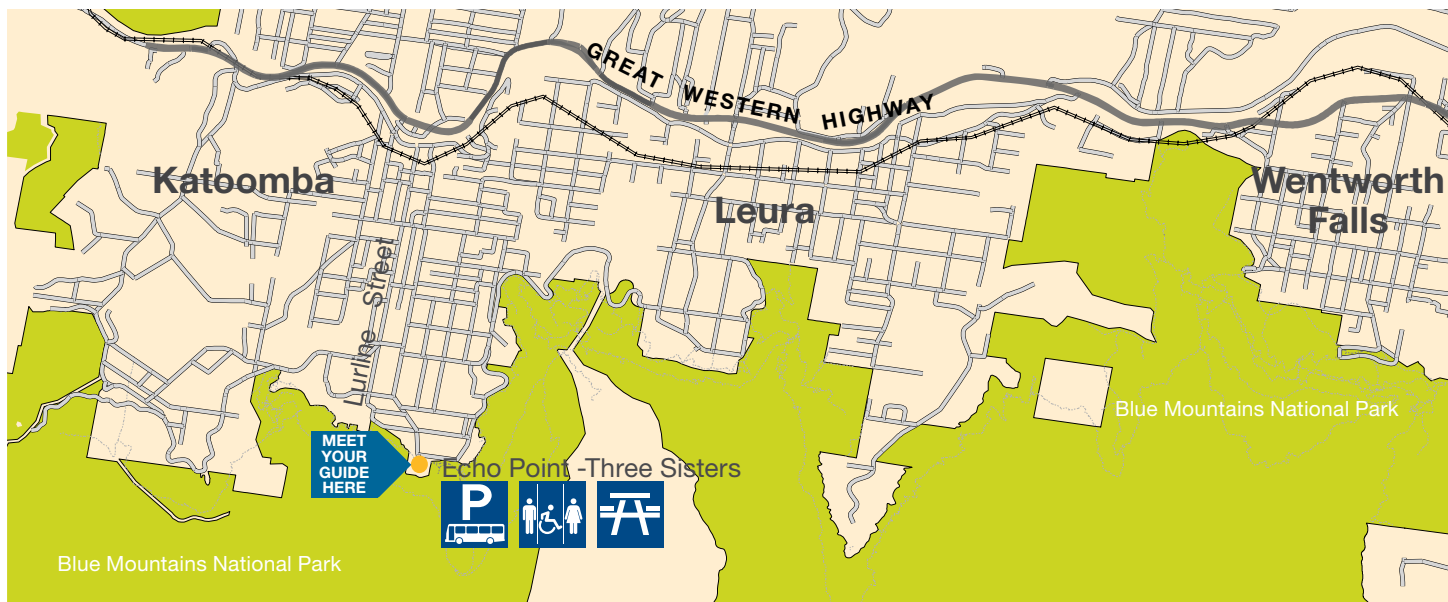
Minimum group size 12 pax

Difficulty: Easy/Medium

Duration: 5 hrs

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COST

Inbound Students \$60 per head
(Accompanying staff and escorts FOC – limits apply) . Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm.

Additional charges apply for Scenic World rides. To book your group for a one-way ride for the end time of your activity go to <http://www.scenicworld.com.au/plan-your-visit/group-bookings/>

All prices quoted include GST and valid until 1st April 2014.

GROUP SIZES

Minimum booking for group rates is 15 students and maximum of 90 students. Groups are to provide 1 teacher (or authorized adult) for every 20 students. (Supervising adults not required on university groups)

HOW TO GET THERE

Its easy to get to our tours:

It takes 2 hours to travel by train from Sydney Central to Katoomba. We meet at Echo Point, Cliff Drive Katoomba. From Katoomba Station catch the Explorer Bus or Trolley Bus to Echo Point.

By car or coach drive west of Sydney for 100 kilometres to Katoomba. Follow the signs to the Echo Point.



Katoomba Falls, Blue Mountains National Park, S. Alton OEH 2012

WHAT TO BRING:

Minimum 1 litre of water

Snacks and/or lunch

A raincoat & a rubbish bag

Beanie, gloves & a warm jumper (April-Oct)

A camera (optional)

Personal medications e.g. Asthma puffer, epipen.

PLEASE WEAR:

Enclosed walking shoes

A hat & sun screen

A warm jacket (April –October)

Please do not wear ugg boots or sandals



BLUE MOUNTAINS DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

PROVIDER:

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
Discovery Program,
Blue Mountains Region

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Locations: Blue Mountains National Park
and BMCC reserves: including Glenbrook,
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