



Katoomba to Megalong Valley

(Gandangara Country)

2 h 30 min to 4 h
30 min to 1 h 15 min

7.9 km
One way

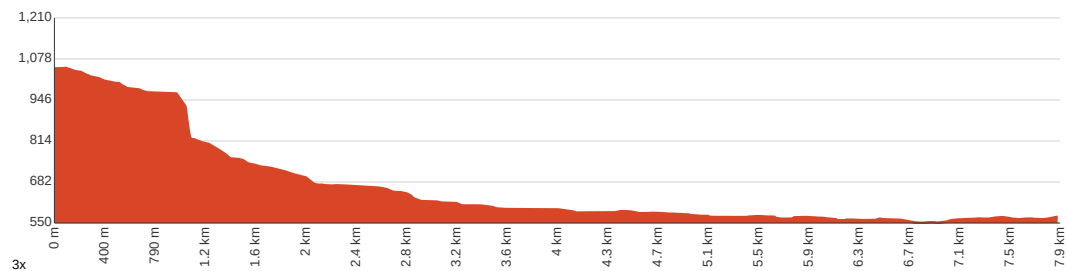
↑ 57 m
↓ 534 m

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Hard track



Starting from near the 'Explorers Tree' Katoomba, this is the traditional first section of the famous Six Foot Track. Early in the walk, there is an optional side trip to North Lookout before walking down through the steep but magical canyon 'Nellies Glen' with large fern trees and a small waterfall. At the bottom of Nellies Glen, you will follow a series of dirt roads and narrow tracks mostly parallel to Megalong Creek. You will cross several smaller creeks among a series of farms and native forests. About 4km into the walk, you will pass the historic 'Megalong Village' (now an open horse paddock) that was once a bustling small township in the late 1800's. This walk finishes at the intersection with Megalong Valley Road, where you can continue along the Six Foot Track or organise a lift to pick you up. Alternatively, you can follow the side trip to Old Ford Reserve camping and picnic area, where you can spend the night. Let us begin by acknowledging the Gandangara people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Full journey: [Six Foot Track](#)



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From , Katoomba.

Before you start any journey ensure you;

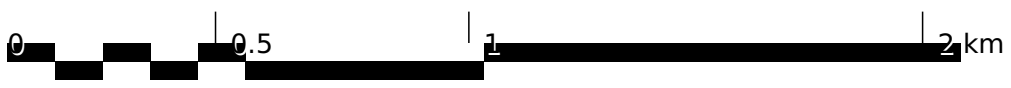
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

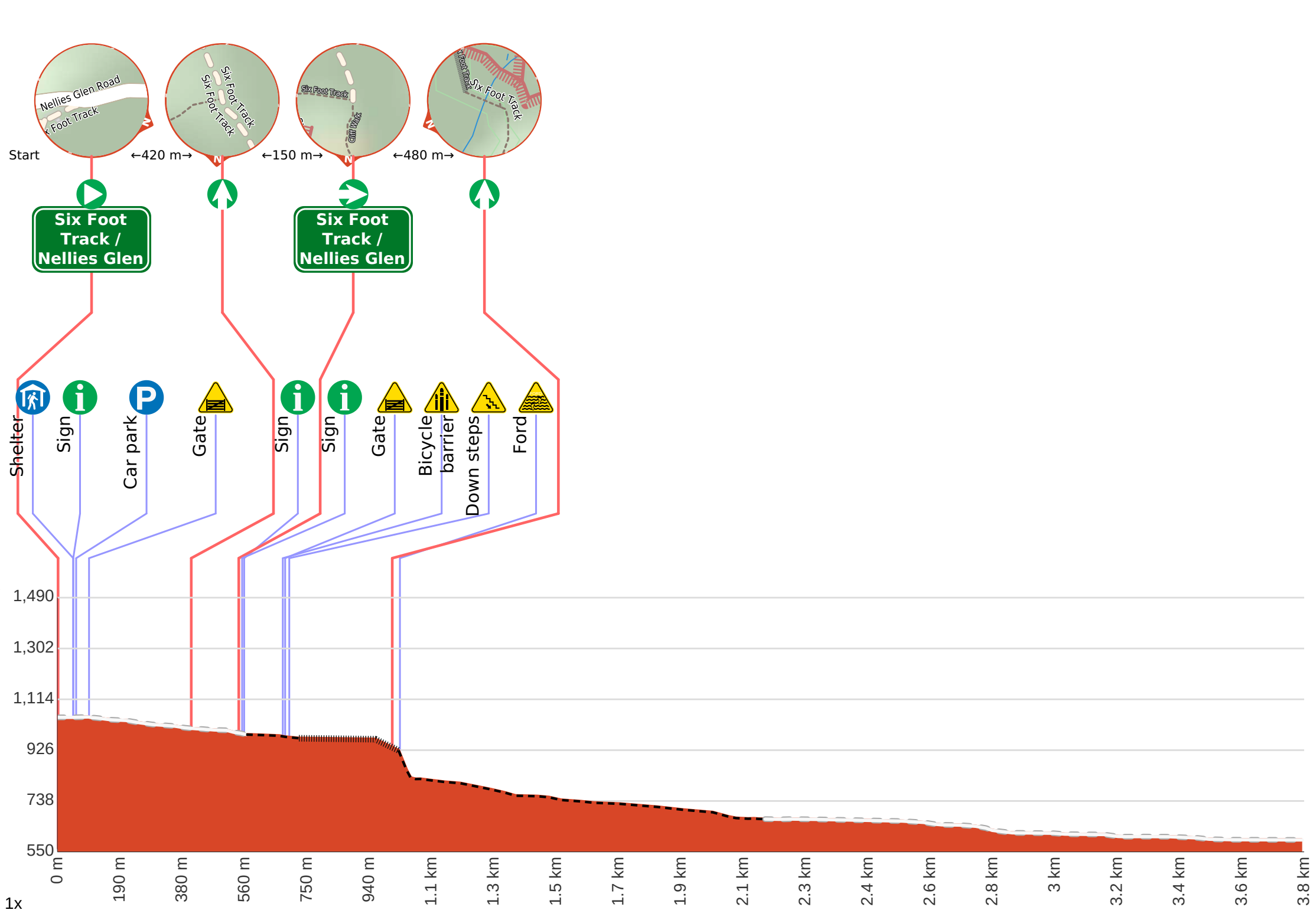
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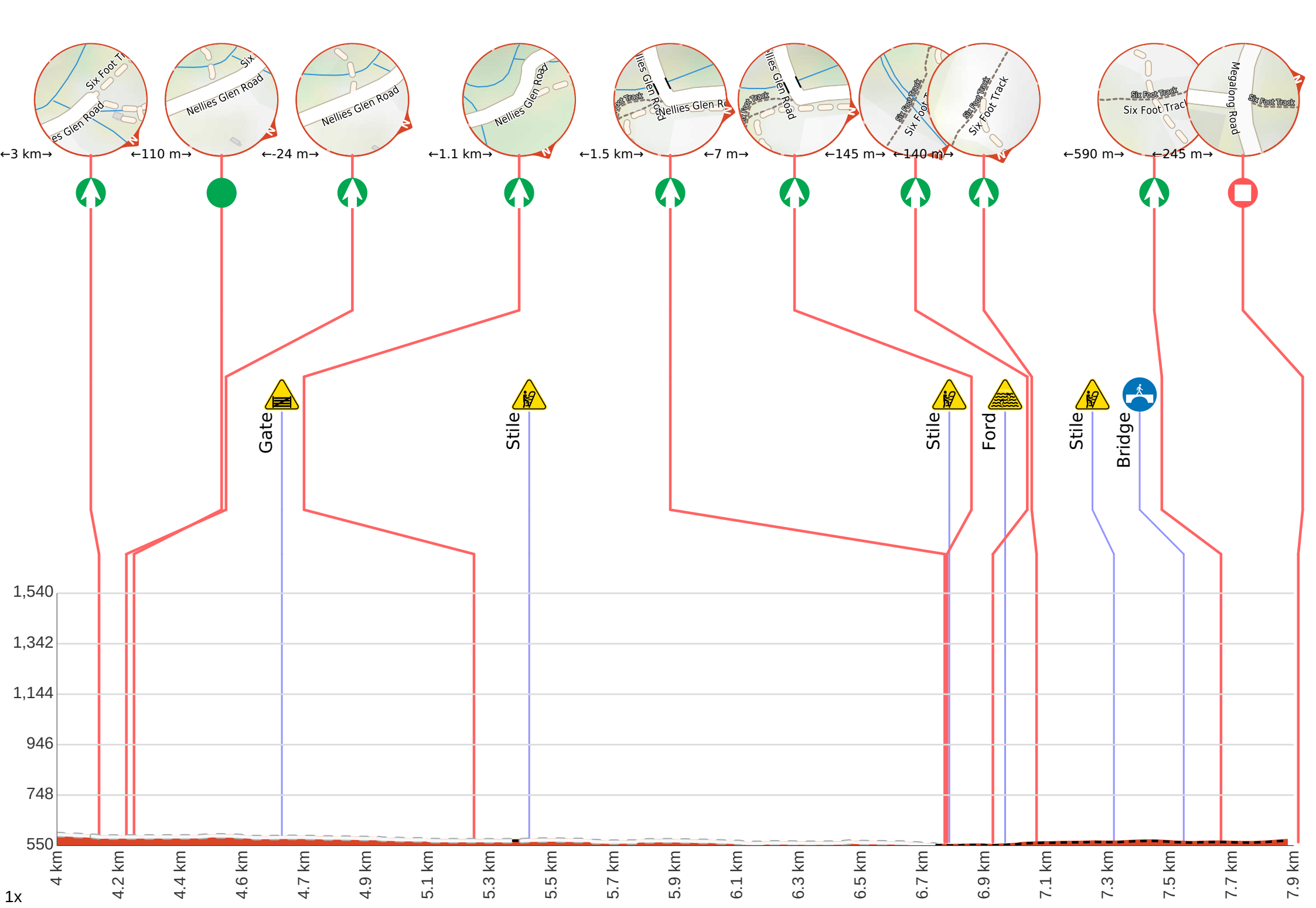




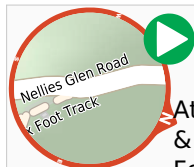








Getting started: From the signposted intersection of Nellies Glen Rd & Pulpit Hill Rd, Katoomba, follow the 'Six Foot Track' sign along the dirt trail into the car park. Check out the information signs in the shelter then continue through the car park, around the locked gate and continue to follow the wide trail downhill.



Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen

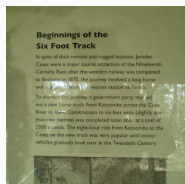
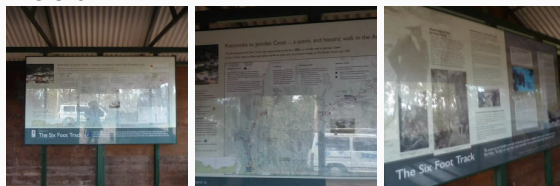
At the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Pulpit Hill Road by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **Start** heading along *Nellies Glen Road* (a vehicle track).



Find the Six Foot Track Information Shelter at the start.



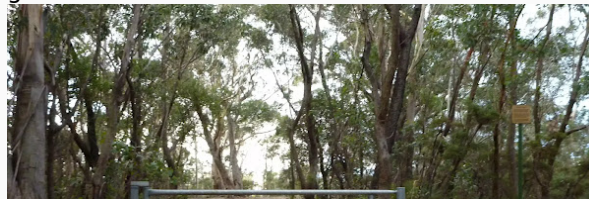
Find the Six Foot Track Information Shelter at the start.



Find the car park at the start.



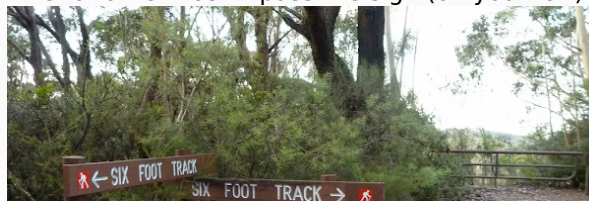
After another 40 m head through/around the gate.



After another 320 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 165 m pass the sign (on your left).



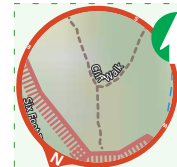
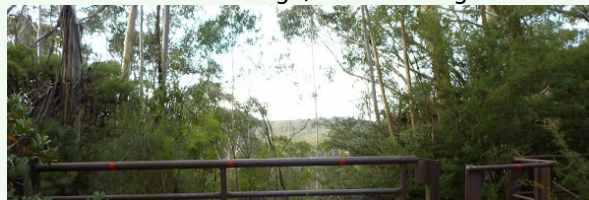
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Norths Lookout with beautiful views over the valley and Megalong Creek and Bonnie Doon Falls.



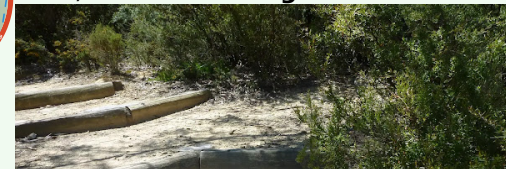
To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Cliff Walk & Six Foot Track **Start** heading along *Cliff Walk* (a walking track).



After 20 m head through/around the gate.



After another 125 m (from the Cliff Walk) **continue straight**.



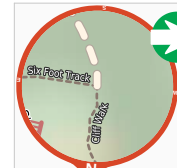
After another 65 m come to "Norths Lookout".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.

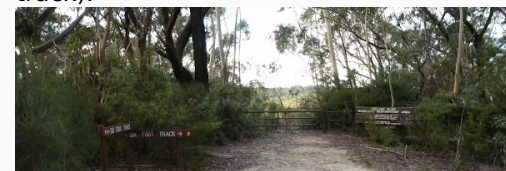


Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 570 m waypoint.



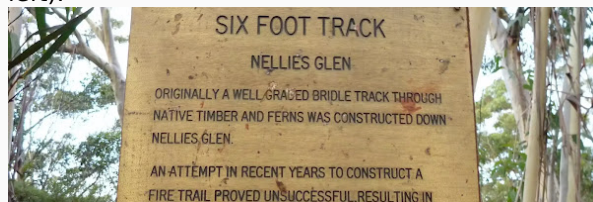
Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen

At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Cliff Walk by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **turn right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).





After another 10 m pass the sign (4 m on your left).



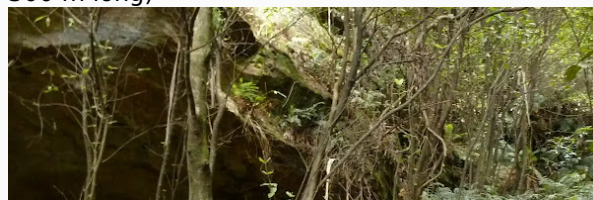
After another 135 m head through/around the gate.



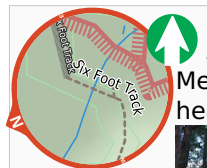
Then head through the bicycle barrier.



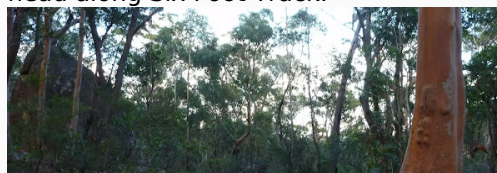
After another 20 m head down the steps (about 300 m long)



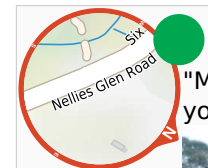
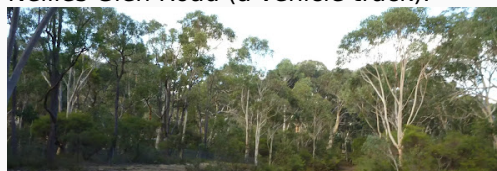
After another 50 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Megalong Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 3 km (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Water Board Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road (a vehicle track).



After another 110 m find the "Megalong Village (Historic)" (15 m on your left).



In 1870, kerosene shale was discovered in the area surrounding the upper end of Megalong and Diamond Creeks so in 1885, Mr J. B. North started to mine the resource. The mine continued for nearly 10 years. During the life of the mine, the Megalong Village grew to a small town with a hotel, butchery, bakery, public hall and around about 40 families. When the mines were closed in 1904, the best buildings were demolished and rebuilt in Katoomba. In the December of 1904, a huge bushfire ripped up through the valley destroying what buildings were left. Now the area is private land with a horse paddock with a view of the escarpment behind. A small bronze sign marks the site .





From the Nellies Glen Road **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 490 m head through/around the gate.



After another 40 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 35 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 275 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



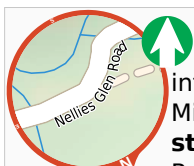
After another 175 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 125 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



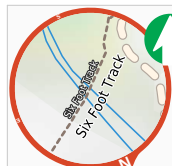
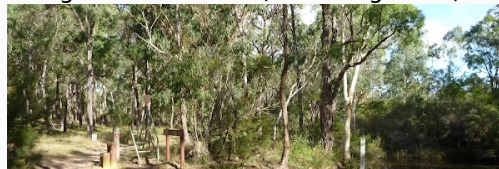
After another 185 m cross the ford.



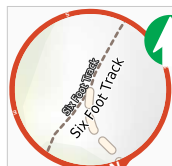
After another 610 m (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Mitchells Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 105 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track & Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Mitchells Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 140 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 245 m climb over the stile.



After another 175 m climb over the stile.



After another 115 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 15 m climb over the stile.



From the Six Foot Track **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



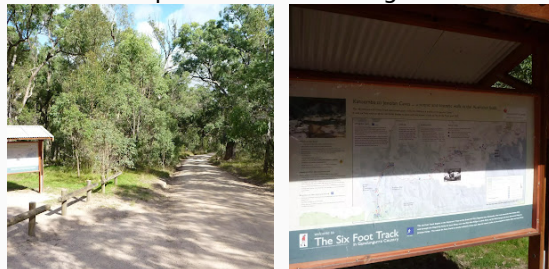
After another 440 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 220 m cross the McLennan Bridge (about 10 m long)



About 30 m past the end is a sign.



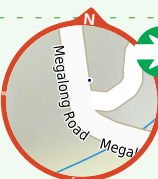
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Old Ford Reserve camping and picnic area where you can spend the night.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Megalong Road & Six Foot Track **Start** heading along *Megalong Road* (a highway|tertiary).



After another 410 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



After another 45 m (from the Megalong Road) **turn right** (a service road).



After another 10 m pass the toilet (65 m on your left).

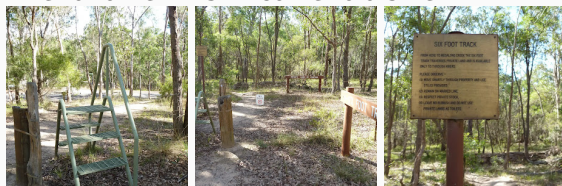
This toilet is wheelchair accessible., equipped with a hand-washing basin.



After another 10 m come to a car park.



After another 245 m come to a stile.



About 20 m past the end is a car park.





About 35 m past the end is "Old Ford Reserve".



Old Ford Reserve campsite is a few meters north of the Megalong Rd bridge over Megalong Creek. The campsite is accessible by car, has a (wheelchair accessible) toilet, and plenty of flat space to pitch a tent. Some nice groupings of trees and access to the creek makes this an OK place to stay. Been on the side of the road this campsite does attract some load campers at times. The campsite is about 500m north of the Six Foot Track crossing point at Megalong Rd.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 510 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 7.9 km waypoint.



Continue another 0 m to find at the intersection of Megalong Road & Six Foot Track at the end.