



**ULTRA-TRAIL AUSTRALIA UTA11**  
**16 May 2019**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND COURSE NOTES**

**Fairmont Resort (Start) to Scenic World (Finish)**

**Course Description:** From the start, at the pony stables of Fairmont Resort, travel along the grass verge beside the resort and then on the bitumen service road which runs on the South or back side of Fairmont Resort. Turn left into Fairmont Place and at the top, turn left into Sublime Point Rd. 10m after passing Watkins Rd, cross over Sublime Point Rd and cross into the edge of Leura Golf Course. Continue along the grass and dirt tracks on edge of the golf course through to Cliff View Rd. Turn right into Cliff View Rd and continue straight ahead across Gladstone Rd and down an unnamed bitumen road to a dead-end and the start of Pool of Siloam Track. (*The Leura Golf course section should not be run in training during daylight hours as there is a risk of being hit by golf balls and interrupting golfers. Instead you should start your training run at Cliff View Rd*). Continue down Pool of Siloam Track to Golf Links Lookout. Turn right immediately before Golf Links Lookout towards Pool of Siloam ignoring the track to the left to 'Grand Cliff Top Track'. Cross the bridge at Pool of Siloam and continue up the stairs. At the next junction turn left towards Gordon Falls Reserve ignoring the track to the right signposted 'Lyrebird Dell, 500m'. Continue up to Gordon Falls Reserve which is an open grassy area with picnic tables, some picnic caves and a toilet block. Continue along the left hand edge of the open grassy area to a track at the other side of the open area. This track veers right to a 4-way junction. Continue straight ahead at the 4-way junction to 'Prince Henry Cliff Walk / to Leura Cascades' ignoring the stairs up to Olympian Parade and ignoring the track to the left to 'Gordon Falls Lookout'. Continue straight ahead on Prince Henry Cliff Walk past Elysian Rock ignoring the track to the right which goes up to Olympian Parade. Cross the bridge and continue straight ahead past Olympian Rock ignoring another track to the right which also goes up to Olympian Parade. Continue along Prince Henry Cliff Walk towards 'Leura Cascades' ignoring tracks to lookouts and tracks to Cliff Drive. After approximately 1.3km from Olympian Rock, turn hard left down stairs towards Leura Cascades ignoring the bridge straight ahead that goes across Leura Falls Creek to Leura Cascades Reserve and toilets. Descend to Leura Cascades and cross the downstream bridge (there are two bridges close together). Climb the stairs and turn left onto the Amphitheatre Track signposted 'Cliff Drive via Fern Bower' ignoring the track straight ahead to 'Echo Point'. Follow the Amphitheatre Track down a few steep sections of metal stairs (be careful) to the base of a big waterfall (Bridal Veil Falls). Continue up and down along Amphitheatre Track through to a junction with Fern Bower Track / Federal Pass. At this junction, turn hard left down the long flight of stairs ignoring the track straight ahead. Continue down many flights of stairs past Marguerite Cascades and Lila Falls to where the track finally flattens out and crosses a bridge. This is Federal Pass. 100 meters after crossing this bridge you will come to the start of Leura Forest. Continue on Federal Pass past the Leura Forest picnic area and remain on Federal Pass following signs to Scenic Railway. 1.7km after Leura Forest, continue straight ahead on Federal Pass ignoring 'Dardanelles Pass' to the right. After another 2km on Federal Pass, turn hard right up Furber Steps, signposted 'Furber Steps – Katoomba Cliff Drive 45 min' ignoring metal bridge straight ahead to 'Federal Pass – Scenic World Valley Station 100m'. If you reach Scenic World lower train station, turn around and go back 100m to the Furber Steps. Furber Steps will take you to the top of the cliffs. This climb has 951 stairs and about 220m of elevation gain. On the ascent keep following signs to 'Katoomba –Cliff Drive' ignoring all side tracks (Vera's Grotto, Furber Lookout, Lyne's Point, Queen Victoria Lookout, Underfall Walk and Rainforest Lookout). Just after Rainforest Lookout, turn left onto 'Katoomba Falls Round Walk' to 'Scenic World car park via Prince Henry Cliff Walk 15 min.' 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:** Fairmont Resort grounds, Golf Links Lookout, the Pool of Siloam, the bridge at Elysian Rock, the numerous lookouts along Prince Henry Cliff walk, Leura Cascades, Bridal Veil Falls, Amphitheatre Track, Lila Falls, Leura Forest, Federal Pass walking track with rainforest and waterfalls, the spectacular views of the cliffs from many locations on Furber Steps and finishing UTA11.

