

Transport & Accommodation

Six Foot Track · 25–27 September 2026

Details in this document will be confirmed and updated closer to the event. All [TO BE CONFIRMED] fields will be filled in by the organiser.

Getting to Katoomba (Thursday 24 September)

By Train (Recommended - from Sydney)

- **Departure time:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - Blue Mountains Line from Central Station to Katoomba
- **Journey time:** Approximately 2 hours from Central Station to Katoomba Station
- **Group meeting point:** [TO BE CONFIRMED]
- **Tickets:** Purchase an Opal card or use contactless payment. Adult return fare is approximately \$9.40 with Opal

Trains from Central run regularly. Check transportnsw.info for current timetables.

By Car

- **Drive time:** Approximately 1.5 hours from Sydney CBD via the Western Motorway (M4/A32)
- **Return from finish:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - a shuttle will be arranged from Jenolan Caves back to Katoomba on Sunday afternoon
- **Parking at start:** Street parking available near Katoomba town centre and the Explorer Tree starting point

If driving to Katoomba and leaving your car there, confirm parking duration with Katoomba Council. Some areas have 24-hour limits.

Accommodation - Thursday Night (24 September)

We will stay in Katoomba the night before the hike to allow an early morning start. This removes the need for a very early morning drive or train from Sydney on Day 1.

Group Accommodation

- **Accommodation:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - Name, address, and booking reference to be added here
- **Check-in time:** [TO BE CONFIRMED]
- **Cost per person:** [TO BE CONFIRMED]
- **Group dinner Thursday:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - Venue / restaurant name and address

Options in Katoomba include YHA Katoomba (backpacker/group friendly), various Airbnb houses, and hotels along Katoomba Street.

Hike Start - Friday 25 September

- **Meeting point:** Explorer Tree, Bathurst Road, Katoomba NSW 2780
- **Meeting time:** 7:00am sharp - we start at 7:00am
- **Getting there:** 5 min walk from Katoomba town centre / 10 min walk from Katoomba Station
- **Parking:** Small carpark adjacent to the Explorer Tree; also street parking on Bathurst Road

The Explorer Tree marks the spot where explorers Blaxland, Wentworth, and Lawson carved their names in 1813 after crossing the Blue Mountains. It's a significant historical starting point.

Return Transport - Sunday 27 September

Jenolan Caves is a remote location. There is no regular public transport. Return transport must be pre-arranged.

Shuttle Bus (Recommended)

- **Provider:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - Shuttle company name and booking reference
- **Departure time:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] - approximately 3:00–3:30pm from Jenolan Caves car park
- **Route:** Jenolan Caves to Katoomba Station (for train) OR direct to Sydney CBD
- **Cost:** [TO BE CONFIRMED] per person

Popular shuttle providers include Jenolan Caves Coaches and private hire. Dave will confirm and coordinate this booking for the group.

Self-Drive Option

- If driving from Jenolan Caves, return via Jenolan Caves Road to Oberon, then highway to Sydney (~2.5 hrs)
- Those driving can collect cars from Katoomba or arrange car-shuffle with the group

Key Contacts & Links

- **Hike organiser - Dave Padden:** dave@hikeforhearts.com.au
- **Trains:** transportnsw.info - Blue Mountains Line timetables
- **Jenolan Caves:** jenolancaves.org.au - cave tours and visitor information
- **Blue Mountains Police:** (02) 4724 8499
- **Emergency:** 000 (Police / Fire / Ambulance)