



From the locked gate on Glenraphael Dr, on Narrow Neck, this walk heads out to Castle Head lookout. From the Lookout, there are fantastic views over the Jamison Valley back to Katoomba and over to Mount Solitary. You get a birds eye view of Ruined Castle, and distant views of the Three Sisters. Much of the walk follows the western escarpment, giving views most of the way. The road out to the gate is dirt, and is generally well maintained.

**Length:** 4.2 km  
**Time:** 1 hr 45 mins  
**Climb:** 229 m  
**Style:** Return  
**Rating:** Track: Hard  
**Where:** 4.9 km SSW of Katoomba  
**Transport:** car



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### Locked gate to Int of Glenraphael Drive and northern Castle Head track 0.8km 15 mins

(From S) From the emergency access gate, this walk heads south along the management trail. After a while, it comes to the northern Castle Head track (on the left side of the trail), marked with two treated pine posts either side of the bush track. (For emergency access, keys to the National Park gate are available from the local council, police and National Parks services.)



### Int of Glenraphael Drive and northern Castle Head track to Int of northern and southern Castle Head tracks 0.3km 5 mins

(From 0.85 km) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads west, off the management trail and through the bush. The track steadily climbs up a hill until coming to an intersection with another track (linking the northern and southern Castle Head tracks).

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads south-east through the bush, where it climbs over a small hill then meets an intersection of the southern Castle Head track.



### Int of northern and southern Castle Head tracks to End of Castle Head 0.9km 20 mins

(From 1.17 km) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads east for a short distance, then turns towards the south nearer the cliffs, continuing along the bush track which runs parallel to the edge of the cliffs. A little while after, the track climbs steadily to the top of the ridge then proceeds down to the first abseil and lookout point of Castle Head.



## Castle Head

Castle Head has an old trig station and sits on a point on the eastern side of Narrow Neck plateau. From this lookout there are great views across the Jamison Valley, and especially good view across the Ruined Castle to Mt Solitary.

This is a 'Return' style walk - retrace your steps back to the beginning when you are ready.



## A list of paper topographical maps that cover this walk

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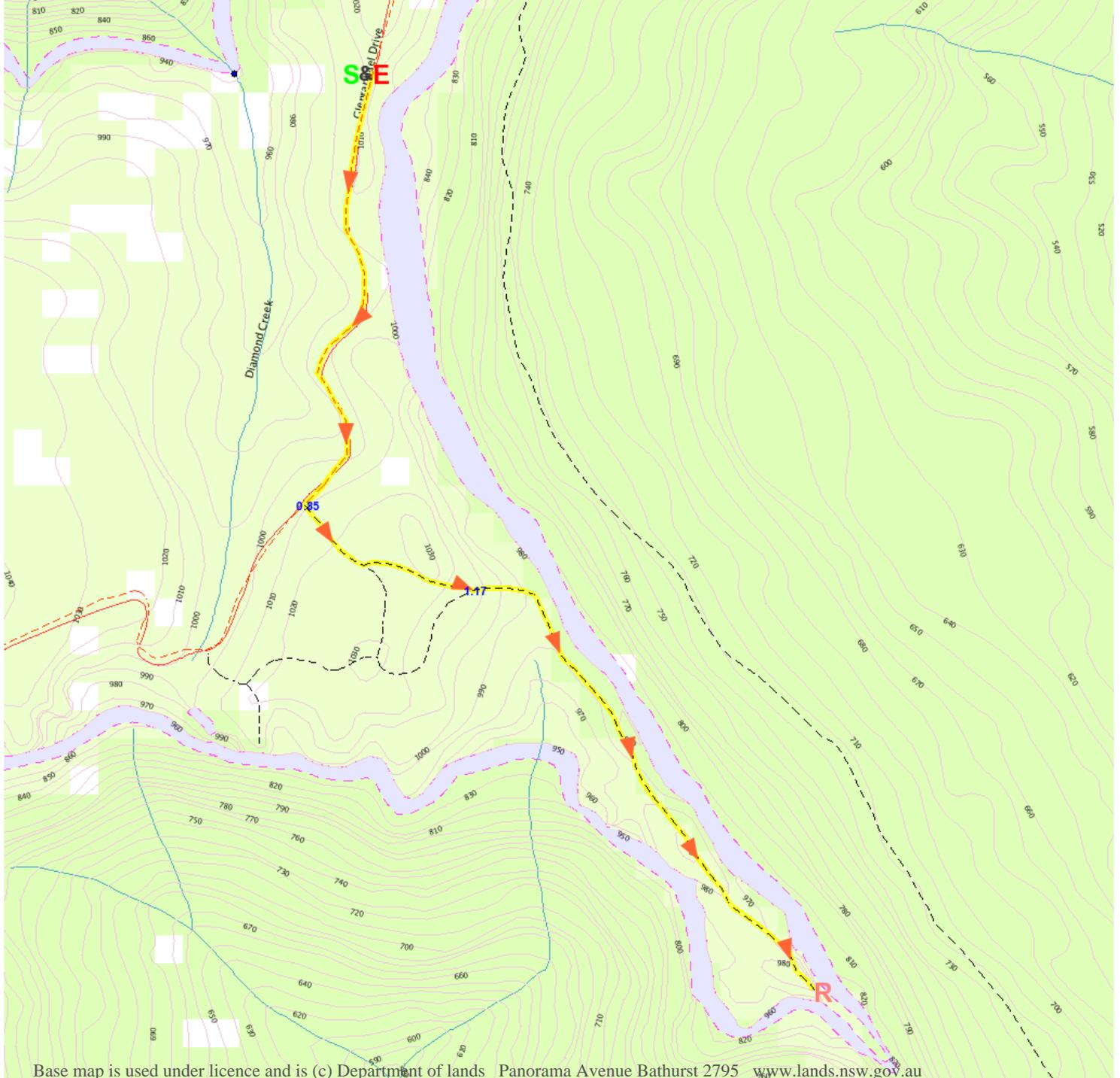
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