

The Three Sisters

Features: The Three Sisters. Lookouts: Spooners, Oreades, Lady Game, Honeymoon Cave.

Go through the stone arch beside the information centre and follow the second track on the right to Spooners Lookout. Eric Spooner, NSW Minister for Local Government and Assistant Treasurer, opened part of Prince Henry Cliff Walk in October 1934.

Take the lower track back to the main path, and continue past the Cliff Walk turnoff. Next is Oreades Lookout, named for the graceful white-trunked Blue Mountain Ash (*Eucalyptus oreades*) in the area.



*Lady Gwendolen
Margaret Game*

From the book *Dismissal of a Premier*, B Foott, Morgan Publications, Sydney, 1968

Lady Game Lookout, with a view down to Honeymoon Cave on the First Sister, is just inside the Giant Stairway archway. Lady Game's husband, Sir Philip Game, was Governor of NSW from May 1930 to January 1935. He is remembered for dismissing the Premier of NSW, John Lang, in 1932, after a protracted standoff over constitutional matters.

The Giant Stairway

Access: To go down: From Echo Point or Prince Henry Cliff Walk. *To go up: From Dardanelles Pass which can be accessed from the Leura end of the Federal Pass (via Fern Bower or Leura Cascades and The Amphitheatre) or from the Katoomba Falls end (via Furber Steps, Scenic Railway or Flyway, or Golden Stairs).*

Features: Historic path carved into cliffside, views, opportunity to exercise legs and lungs!

Length, Time & Rating: 540 metres, one way —

between 20 and 60 minutes depending on your level of fitness. Remember that it will probably take you twice as long coming up compared to going down; *911 steps; 32 steel staircases; medium down, hard up.* **WARNING!** The Giant Stairway is very steep. You need a good head for heights and a



Jim McKay, stairway creator
Harry Phillips, Blue Mountains City Library Local Studies Collection