Blue Mountains History Tours

Historical Tours and Research.

Est 1996.

Risk Management for Guided Walking Tours in the Blue Mountains.

Activity/program.

Guided Walking Tours at various locations within the Blue Mountains, on clearly marked walking tracks. These locations are at Mount York, Scenic World Katoomba, Corridor of Oaks Faulconbridge, and the Zig Zag at Lapstone. The guided walking tours involve an investigation of historical physical evidence, such as convict pick marks, monuments, plaques, mining artefacts; as well as investigation of the natural bushland, eg rainforest at Scenic World.

Guided walking tours do <u>not</u> take place through unmarked bushland, where navigation skills, rock climbing or abseiling would be required. There is no overnight camping.

Recommended age group/prerequisite skills/fitness levels.

All guided walking tours are recommended for any age, and require no prerequisite skills. Comfortable walking shoes and drink bottles are required.

Staff accreditation/competence.

All guided walking tours will be accompanied by an experienced, professional guide that holds a Certificate IV in Tour Guiding and holds a current First Aide Certificate. In the case of School Tours, all tours are additionally accompanied by School Staff.

Potential Risks.

The risk for all guided walking tours is 5-6. Unlikely of accident. Prior to any tour, students are given a safety brief, and during the tour, staff are placed amongst the students, with one member of staff acting as the 'Tail end Charlie' - making sure no students are dawdling behind. A First Aid kit is also carried on each tour. Tours can be cancelled if there is heavy rain, or strong winds.

Public Liability.

Sum insured is \$20.000.000 with Answar Insurance. A copy of the current Certificate of Currency can be supplied if required.

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