Echo Point, located on the edge of the township of Katoomba but within the centre of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage site, is without a shadow of doubt Australia’s most visited geosite. The grandeur of the Blue Mountains landscape as viewed across Jamison Valley is truly breathtaking and the geological formations as exemplified by the world famous ‘Three Sisters’ rock pillars invites considerable inquiry and interpretation.

A booklet published this year by Dr Paul Gorjan, an Australian geologist resident in the Blue Mountains township of Leura, tells the story of the Blue Mountains landscape and geology, the basis for visitor engagement, learning and enjoyment.

The reader is taken on a geologic tour of three linked locations: Echo Point, the Three Sisters Walk, and the Giant Stairway. Even though this is a limited area, the geology that is interpreted is representative of the wider Blue Mountains region so that the knowledge can be applied to any lookout (for example, Govetts Leap and Evans Lookouts accessed from Blackheath) in the Upper Blue Mountains region.

The recently-completed Three Sisters Walk, accessed from the Echo Point lookout area, is an easy, level track about 500 metres long on a cement pathway. The walk enables visitors to gain an appreciation of the trees and plants that grow over the sandstone outcrops and some small sculptures along the walkway illustrate some of the animals living in the bushland, thus adding to the totality of the geotourism experience.

The feature of this highly readable booklet is that the geological interpretation is communicated with descriptions that can easily be understood by visitors without any geological training.

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