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Scenic World steps up its support of new 2016 Furber Stairs run

In a first for Scenic World, it will join with Ultra-Trail Australia to support the new UTA951 Furber Stairs Time Trial as part of the 2016 Ultra-Trail Australia five-day trail running festival, 11-15 May.

Stepping up its assistance to the previously named North Face 100 and 50, Scenic World will continue to host the start and finish line of the Ultra-Trail Australia running festival and the finishers' lounge – complementing its new backing for the UTA951 challenge.

With unique transportation to the start of the timed stair trial (participants will travel from Scenic World down into the valley on the Scenic Railway), the UTA951 is named for the number of stairs runners will climb over the one kilometre course length, while gaining about 220m in elevation.

Scenic World's Manager Marketing and Events, Amanda Byrne, said the world-renowned tourist attraction is excited to back an event that showcases the beauty and accessibility of the Blue Mountains while providing activities for everyone – from beginners to seasoned runners.

"This is a running festival of unprecedented scope that will play host to over 4,000 athletes, spectators and support crew, all converging on Katoomba," Amanda said.

"Underpinned by the flagship 100 and 50 kilometre events, 2016 sees the addition of a 22 kilometre trail half marathon, a 2.5 kilometre dash through Katoomba town centre, a one kilometre kid's event and the Scenic World UTA951.

"With the start / finish area at Scenic World, the running courses showcase the very best of the Blue Mountains World Heritage area," Amanda said. "We're really excited to be a part of this major Australian sporting event."

The Scenic World UTA951 Stair Race will be a leg burning, heart pumping time trial up the iconic Furber Steps and with starts held over a one hour period on Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, the Scenic World UTA951 will have a running leader board that will see people heading back to the stairs for multiple cracks at the challenging climb.

"People wanting to enter the Scenic World UTA951 can elect a single race entry for which they need to select a race day during online entry, or they can opt for the three-entry option that will give one race entry to use each day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday," Amanda said.

With timeslots for the Scenic World UTA951 filling up and spots for the 100, 50 and 22 kilometre events also at a premium, people interested in taking part in the 2016 Ultra-Trail Australia five-day trail running festival are encouraged to enter sooner than later.

For more information about Ultra Trail Australia or to enter an event, check out their website <http://www.ultratrailaustralia.com.au/>

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