



# Sawpit Walk

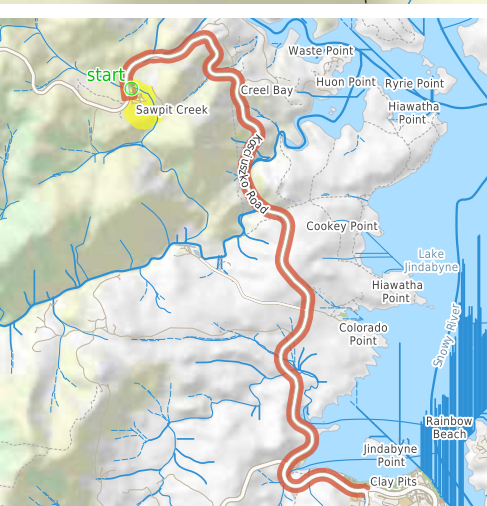
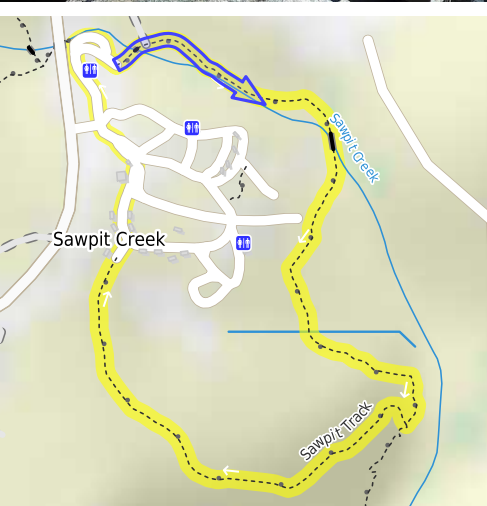
(Ngarigo Country)

 50 min to 1 h 30 min

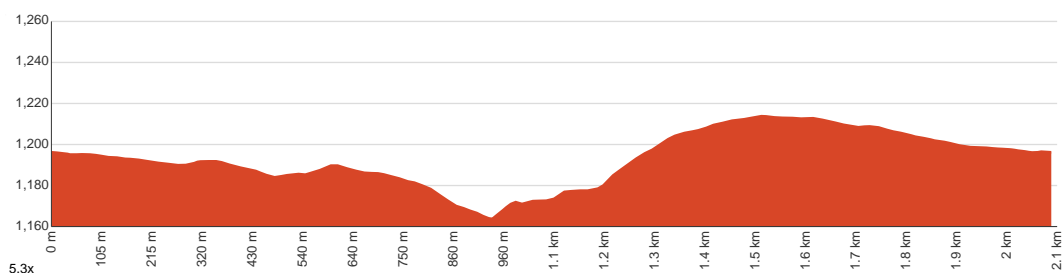
  
2.1 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 60 m  
↓ 60 m

  
Moderate track



This short but popular walking track offers a great way to explore the middle section of Sawpit Creek in the Kosciuszko National Park. Start near Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat (or alternatively you can start from Kosciuszko Education Centre), you will cross Sawpit Creek a couple of times and explore the valley environment. The track then leads you up through the more open forest of the ridge and loops back through Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat to Sawpit Creek Picnic Area. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 850 m
- Turn left and drive for another 45 m
- Turn left and drive for another 175 m

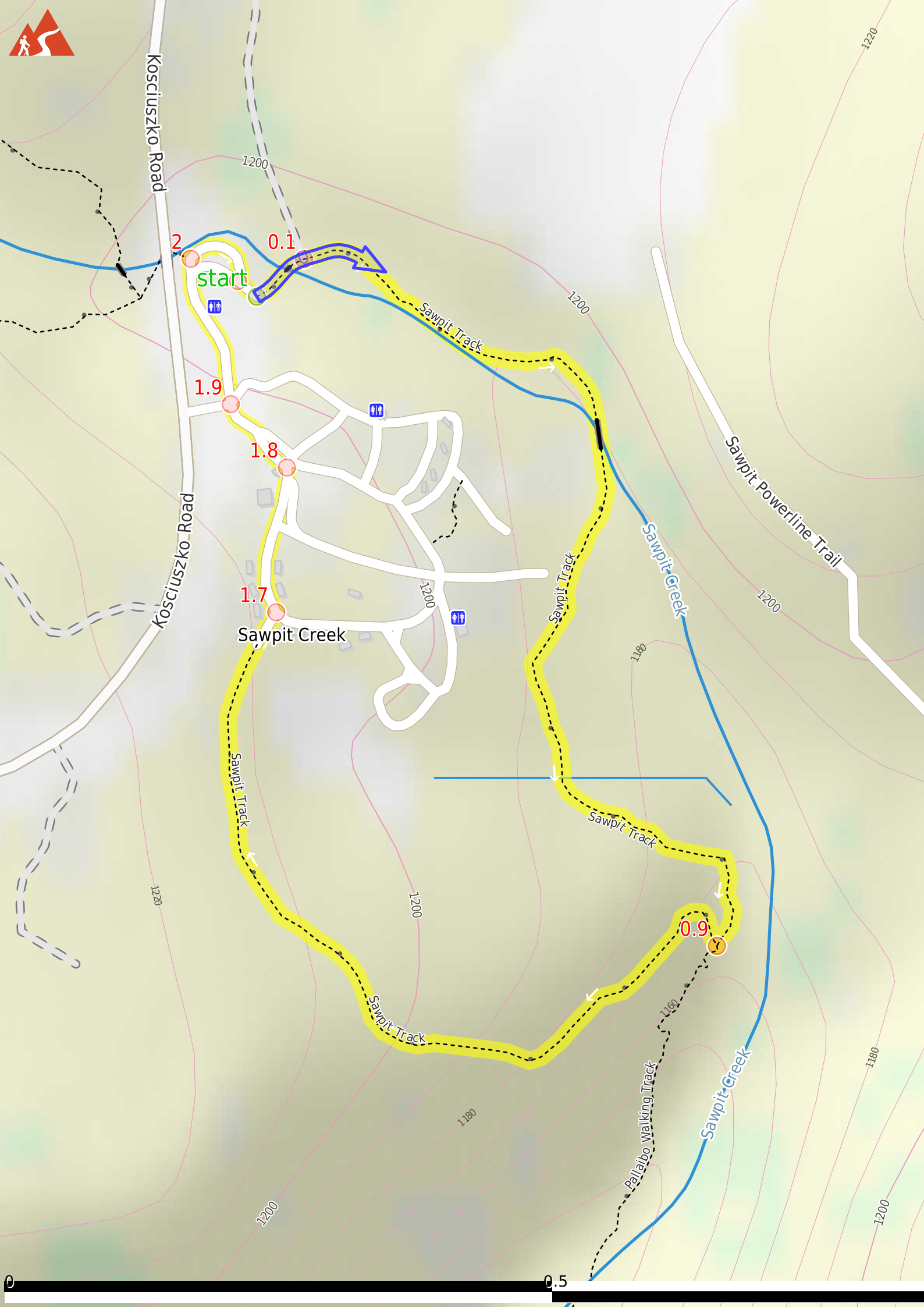
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

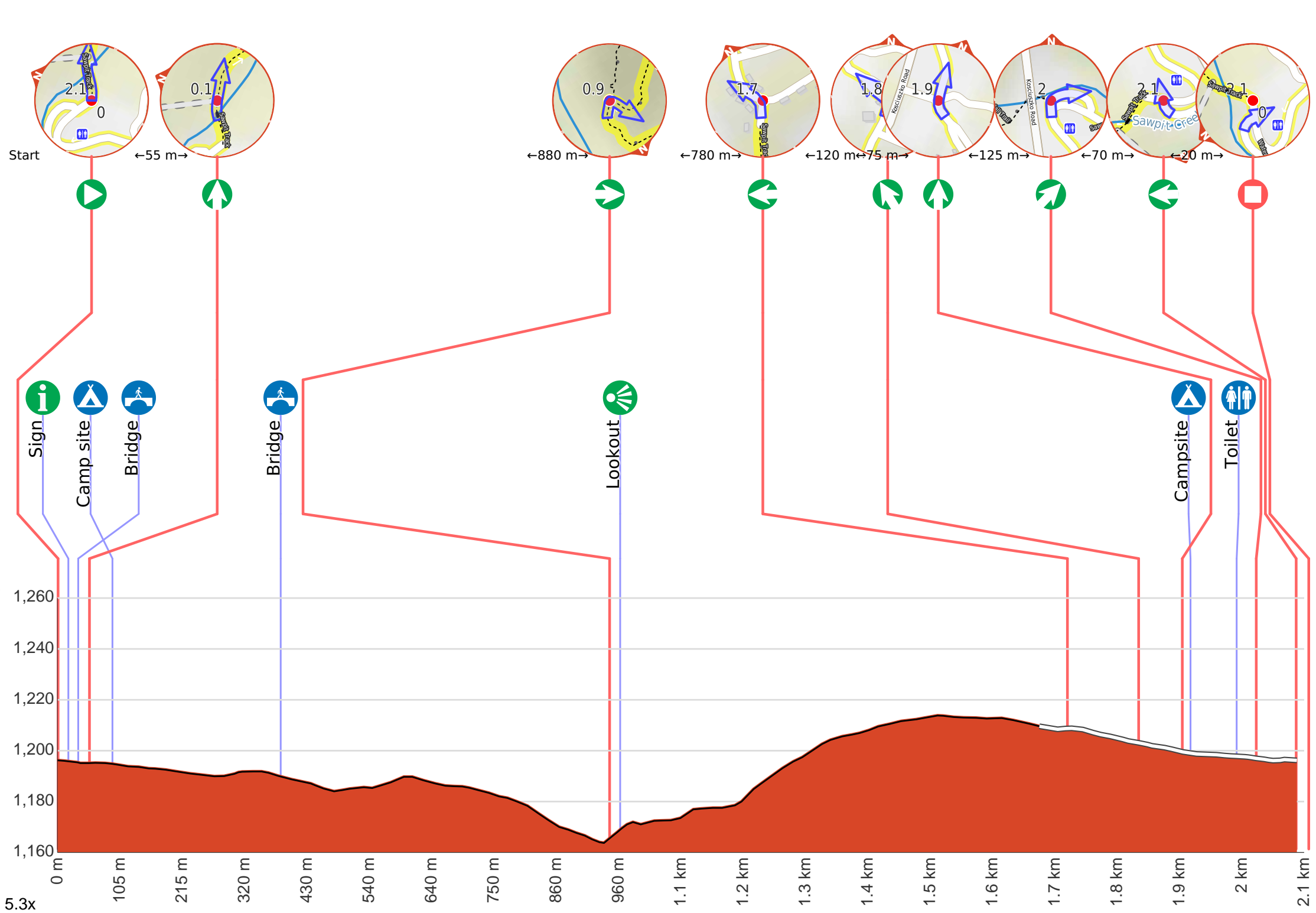
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

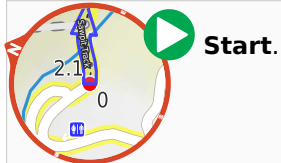
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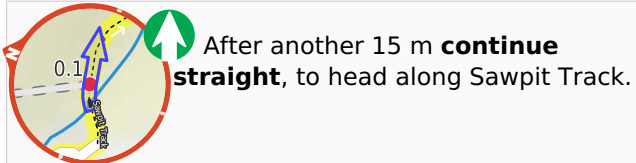
**Getting started:** From the large 'Sawpit Creek Picnic Area' information signs, this walk follows the paved footpath away from the road and across Sawpit Creek using the metal bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the walk comes to T-intersection marked with a 'Pallaibo track' sign.




 After 15 m pass the sign (on your right).

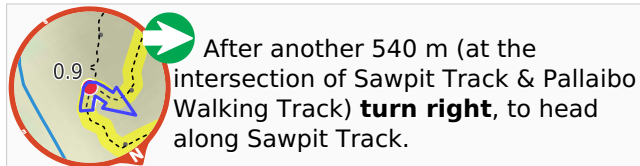
 After another 75 m come to the "Kosciuszko Tourist Park" (80 m on your right). There is a fee to use this campsite.

 Then cross the bridge (about 5 m long)




After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Sawpit Track.

 After another 325 m cross the bridge (about 25 m long)

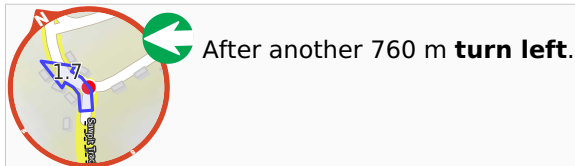


After another 540 m (at the intersection of Sawpit Track & Pallaibo Walking Track) **turn right**, to head along Sawpit Track.


 After another 20 m find the "Sawpit Valley View" (on your left).

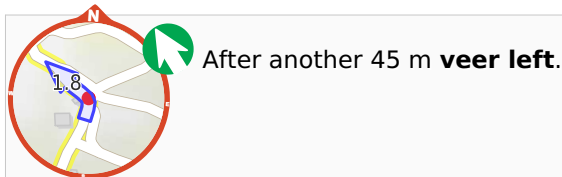


At the intersection about halfway around Sawpit Track (where it joins Pallaibo Track) is an unfenced view into the Sawpit Creek valley. From the rocky edge, walkers can look up and down the valley. Looking down the valley, there is a view of Bald Mountain (1300m) and a glimpse over the Thredbo River into the adjoining farmland.




After another 760 m **turn left**.

 After another 75 m **continue straight**.

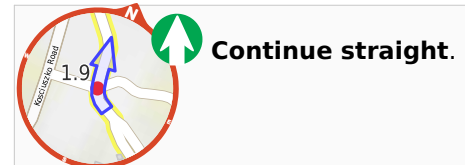


After another 45 m **veer left**.


 After another 90 m find the "Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat" (20 m on your right).

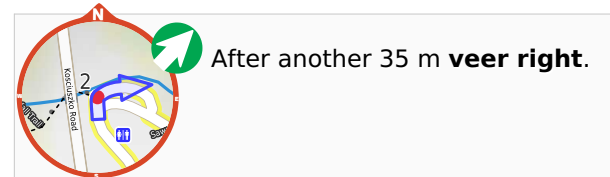


The 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' is a caravan park about 1km further into Kosciuszko NP from the paystation on Kosciuszko Rd. The retreat provides cabins and chalets as well as powered and un-powered camping sites. The retreat has a public phone, a small kiosk, drying room, laundry and kids playground. Dave and Gina welcome guests all year round, with many guest skiing in winter and walking in the warmer months.



**Continue straight.**

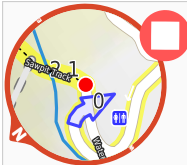
 After another 90 m pass the toilet (15 m on your right).



After another 35 m **veer right**.



After another 70 m **turn left**.



After another 20 m come to the end.



"Sawpit Creek Picnic Area".



Sawpit Creek Picnic Area is found beside Kosciuszko Rd, and is accessed through the 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' driveway. The picnic area is about 1km further into the park from the NPWS pay station. A great starting point for several popular walks, this is also a pleasant spot to just stop and rest. Sawpit Creek runs along the side of the open area and there are also several picnic tables, wood BBQs and a non-flush toilet. There are information signs about the area, explaining that the creek is named for the Alpine Ash that were milled in the area during the 1860s .