



Darri and Warrimoo Tracks to Mt Kuring-gai (Darug Country)

5 h 30 min to 6 h 30 min

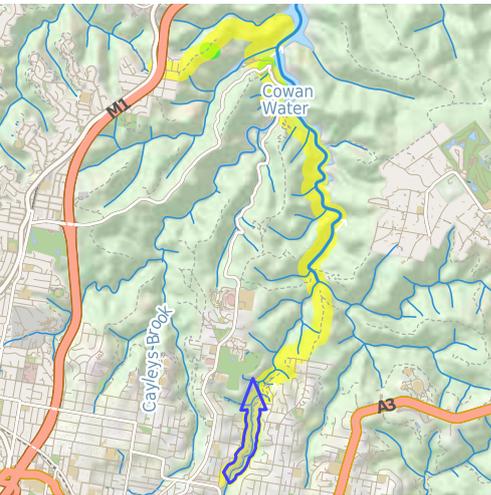
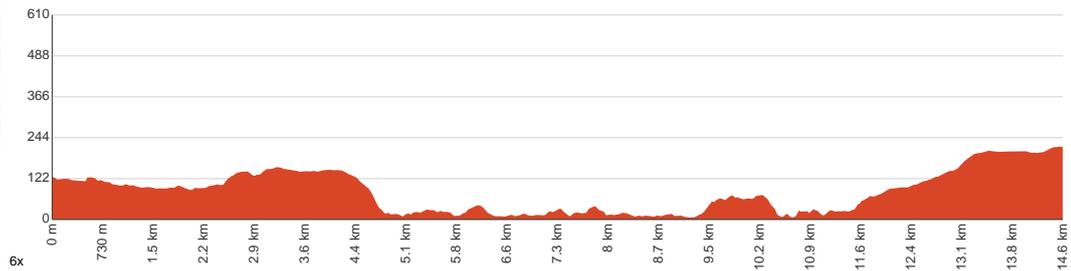
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One way

↑ 665 m
↓ 575 m

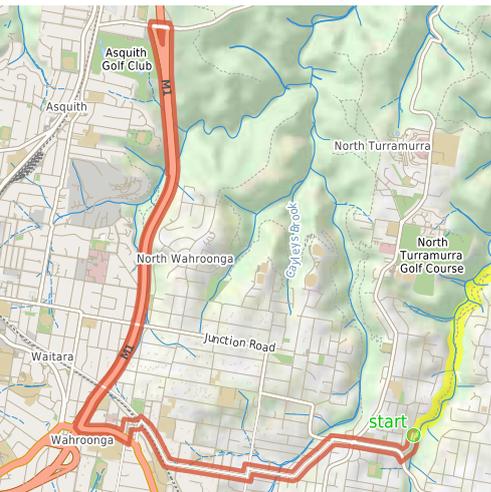
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Hard track



Starting in North Turramurra, this walk follows the Darri and Warrimoo Tracks through Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and down along the picturesque Cowan Creek. Bobbin Head makes a great spot to take a break and have some lunch at the cafe, kiosk or picnic area. From Bobbin Head, the track continues through Apple Tree Bay, following Cowan Creek for a little while before climbing up and out of the valley to Mt Kuring-gai station. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)



Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road Offramp then drive for 530 m
- Keep right onto Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road Offramp and drive for another 185 m
- Turn right onto Pacific Motorway Onramp and drive for another 4.4 km
- Keep left onto Pacific Motorway Offramp, M1 and drive for another 290 m
- Continue onto Pacific Motorway Offramp, M1 and drive for another 550 m
- Turn sharp left onto Coonanbarra Road and drive for another 155 m
- Turn right onto Railway Avenue and drive for another 110 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Redleaf Avenue and drive for another 70 m
- Turn sharp right onto Millewa Avenue and drive for another 650 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Bangalla Street and drive for another 790 m
- Turn left onto Eastern Road and drive for another 85 m
- Turn right onto The Chase Road and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn right onto Burns Road and drive for another 790 m
- Turn left onto Bedford Avenue and drive for another 30 m
- Turn slight right onto Bedford Avenue and drive for another 245 m
- Turn right onto Darri Track and drive for another 3 m

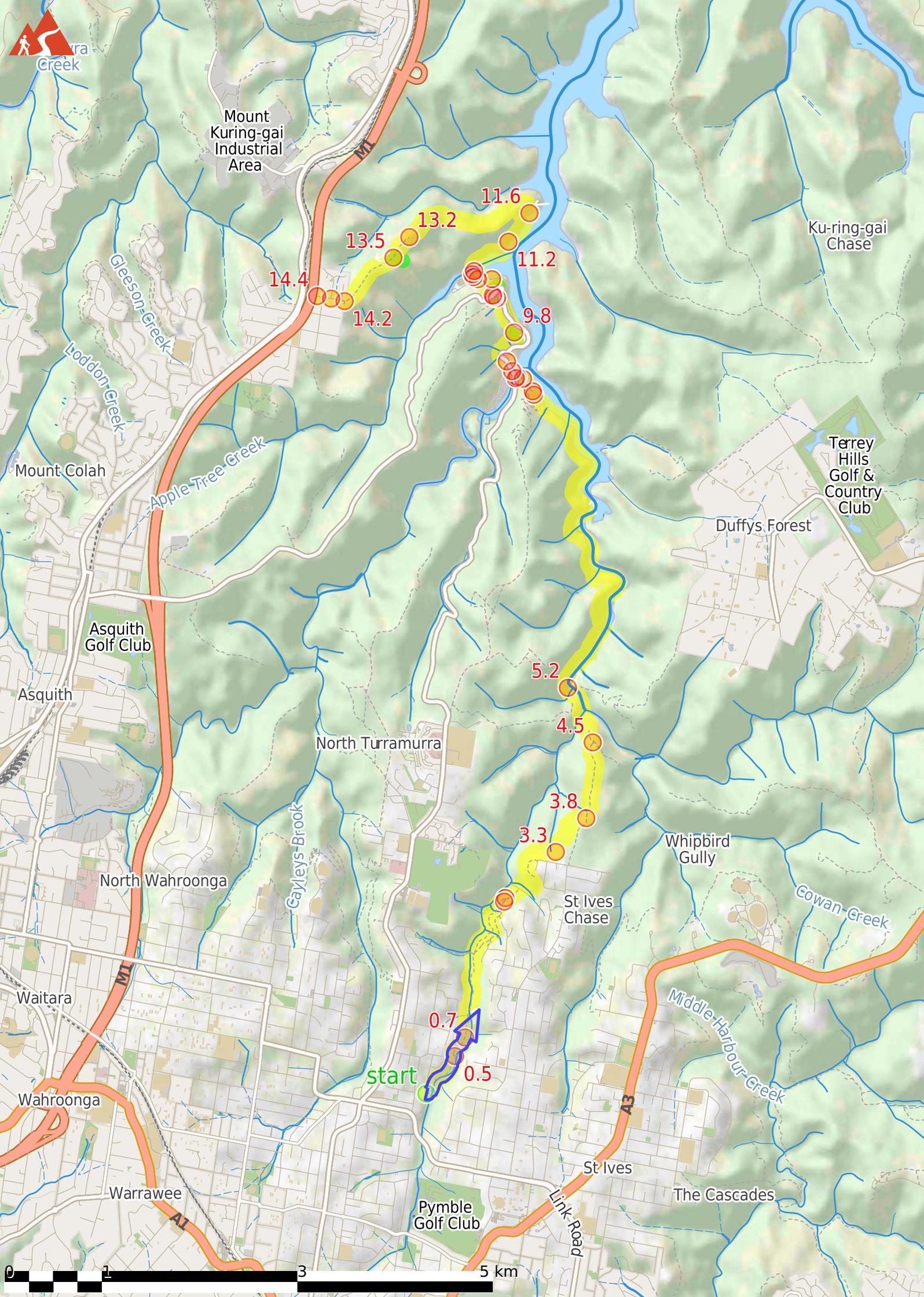
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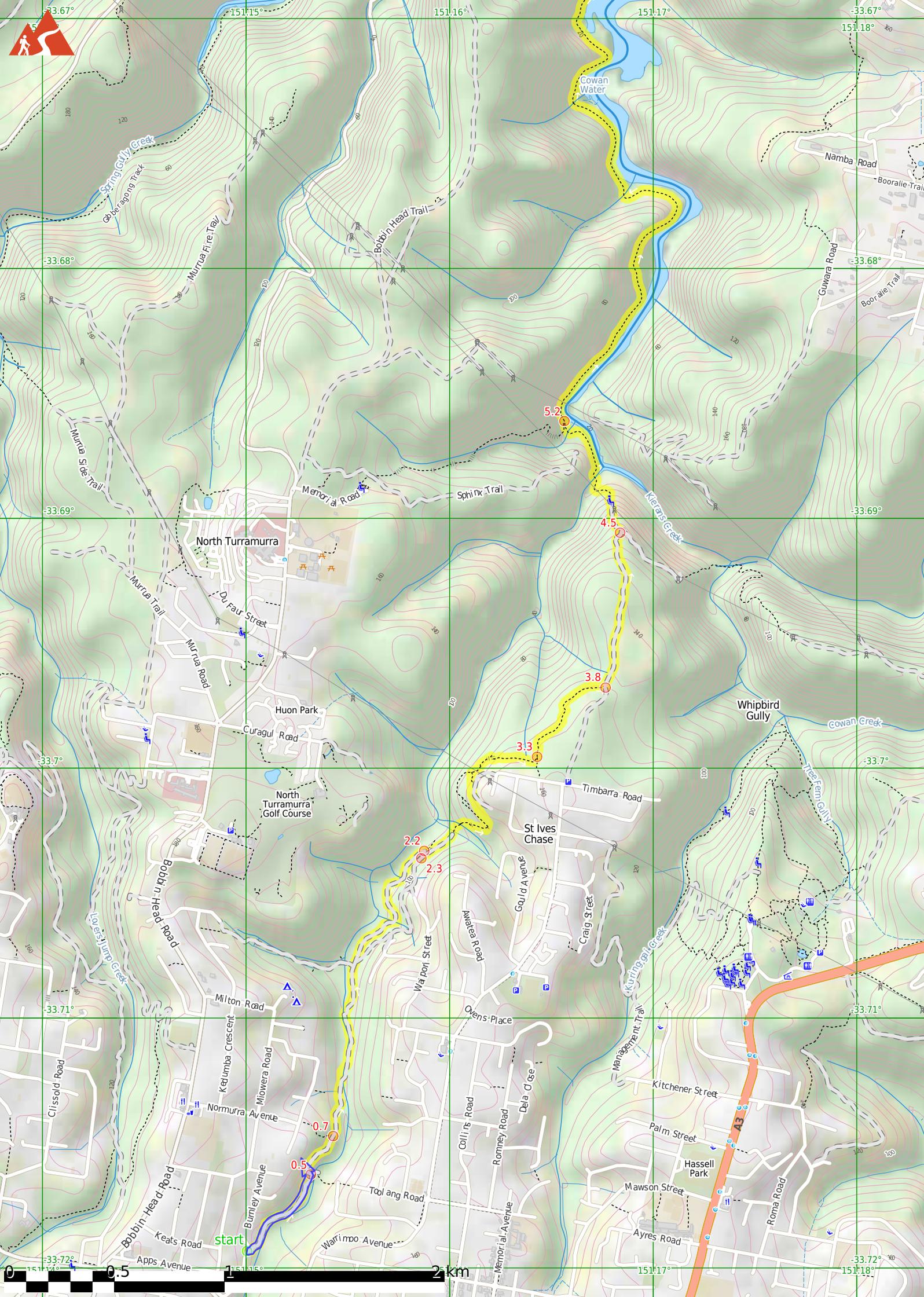
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

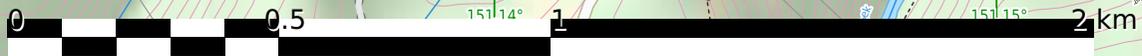
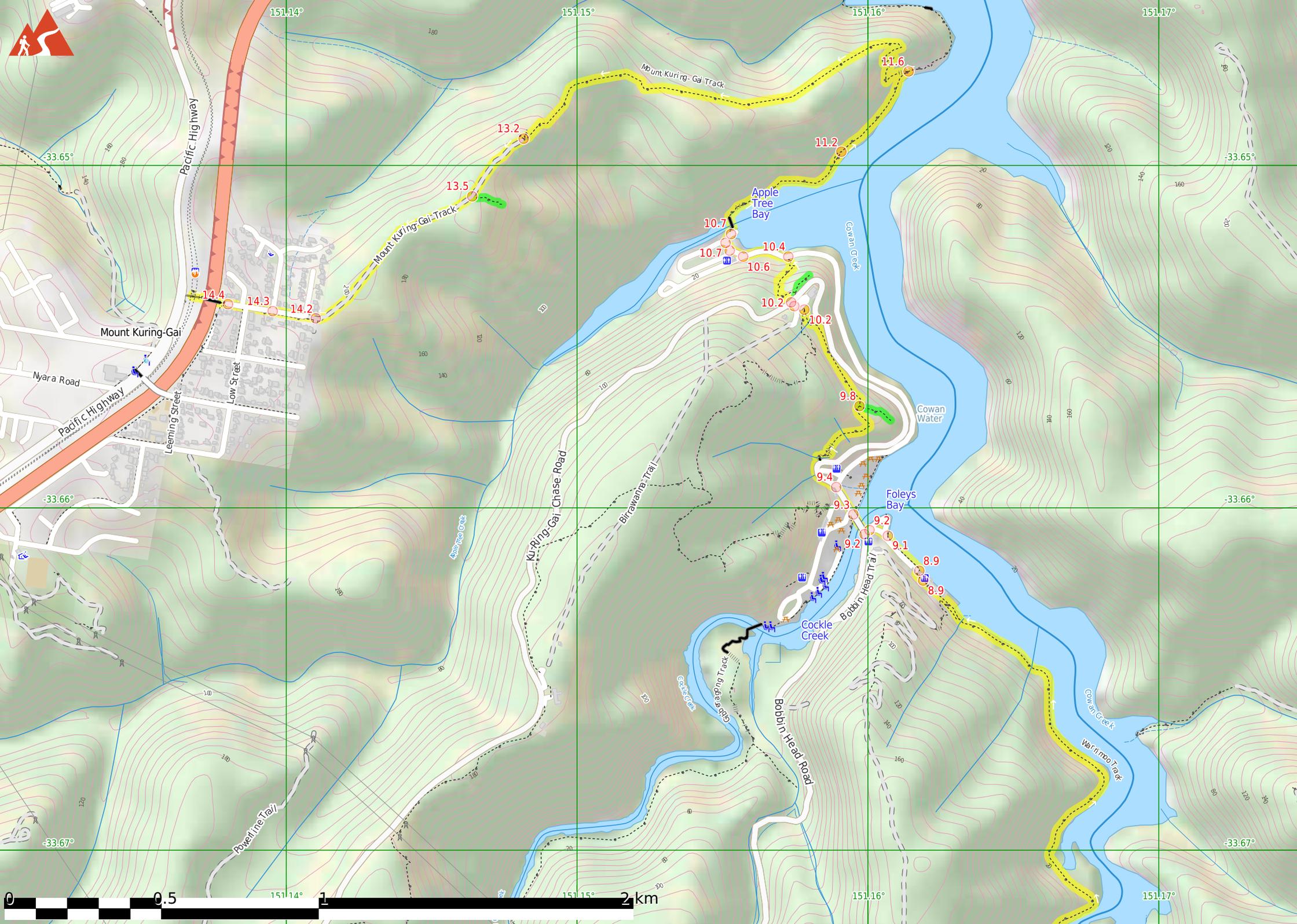
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

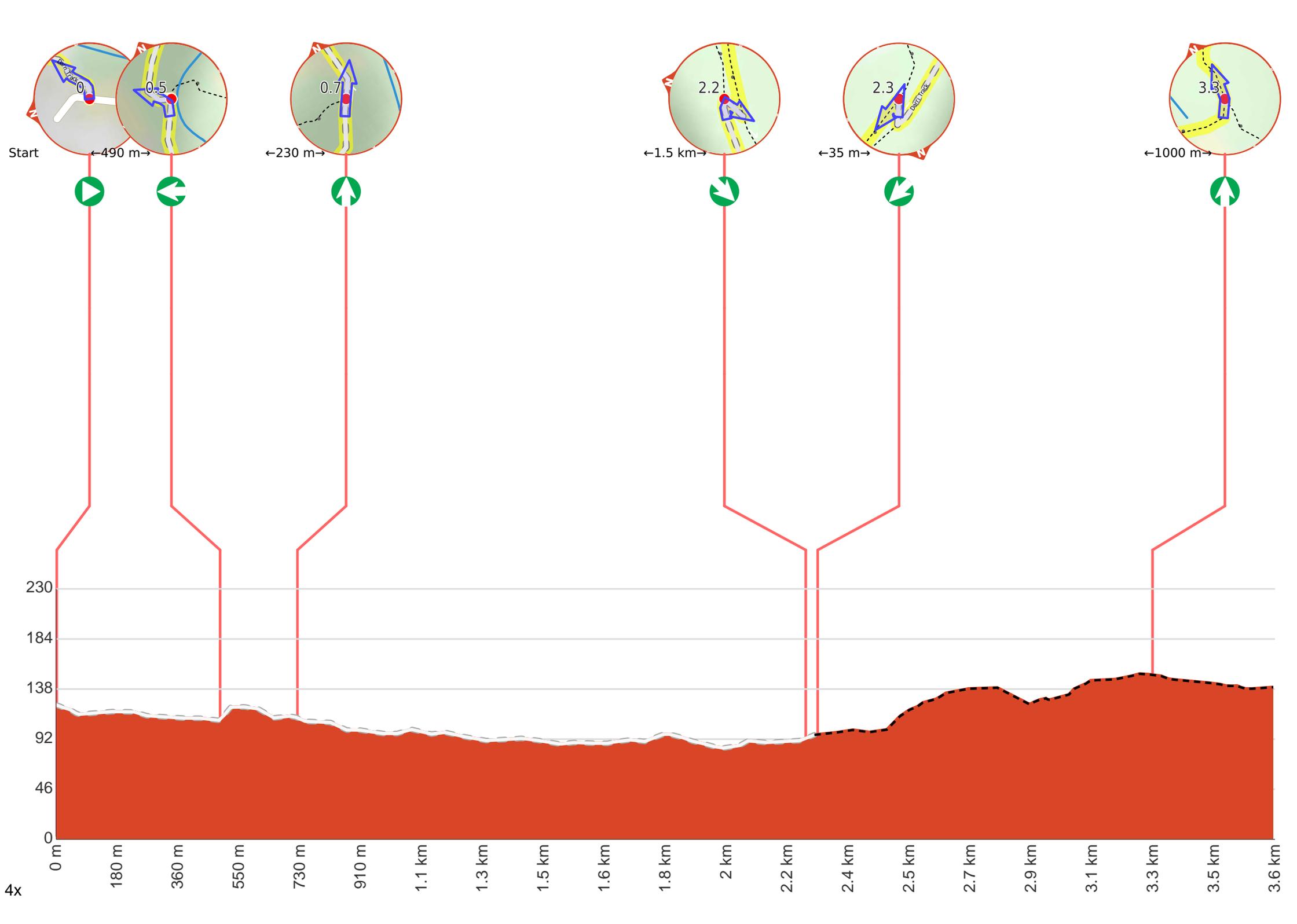
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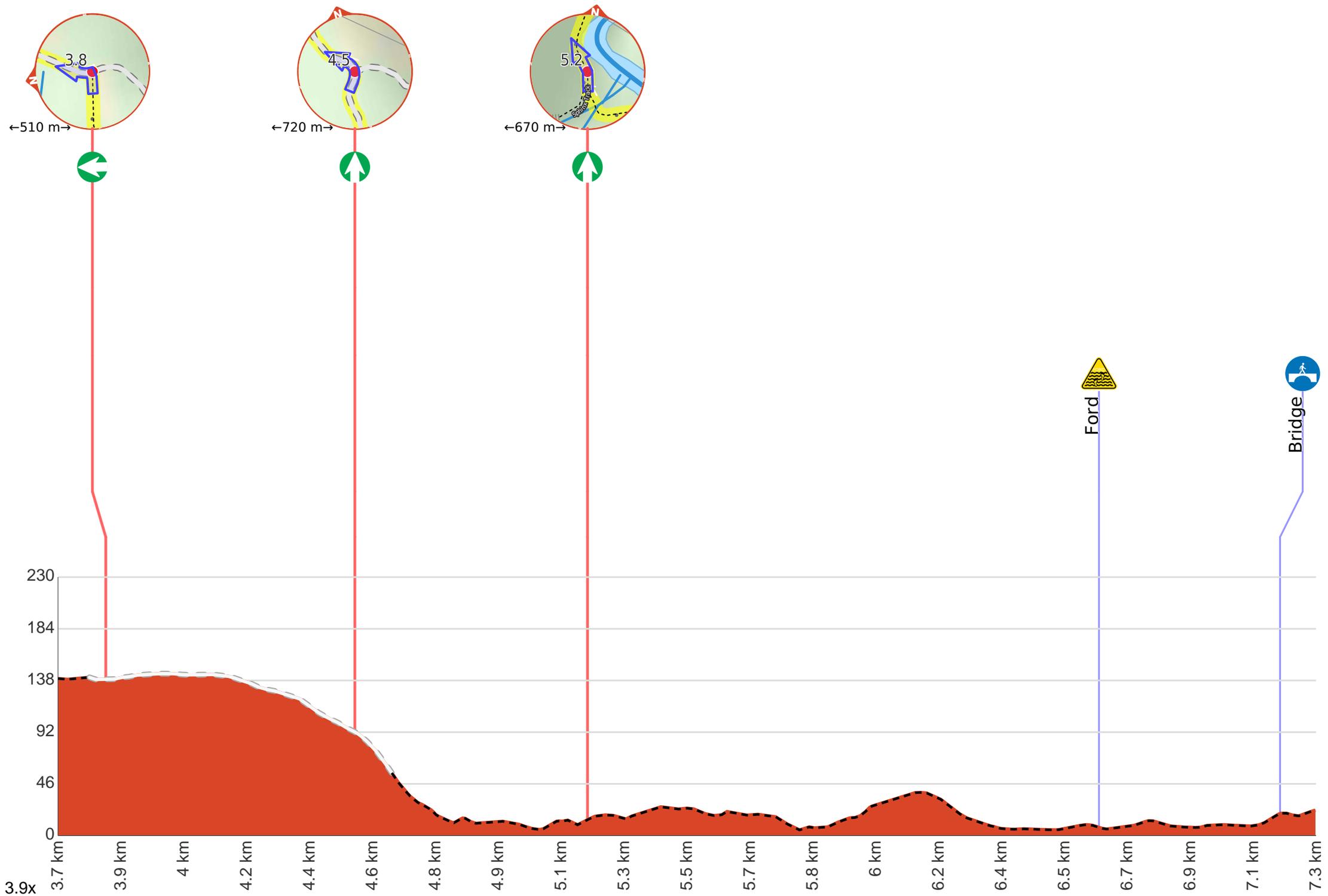


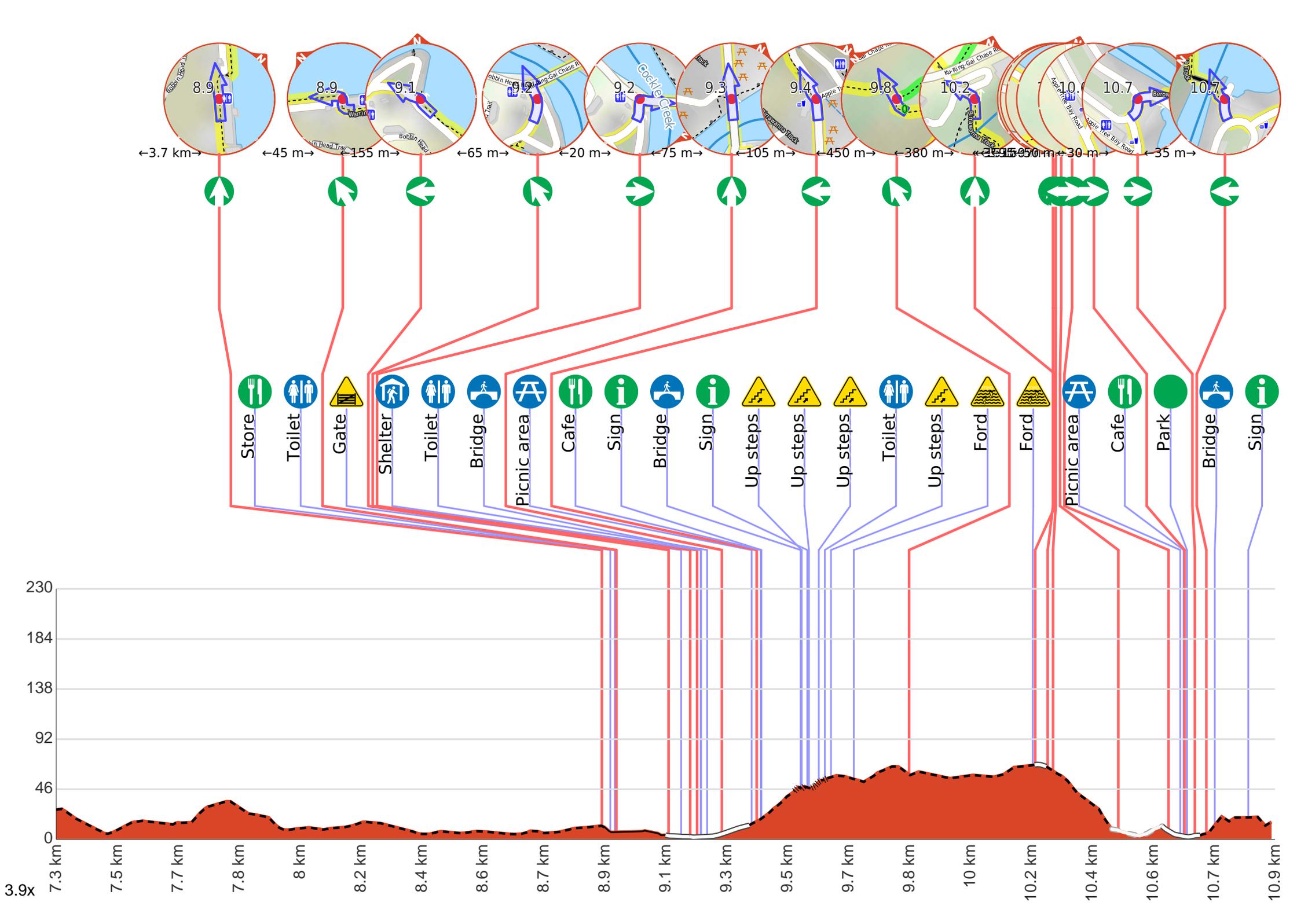


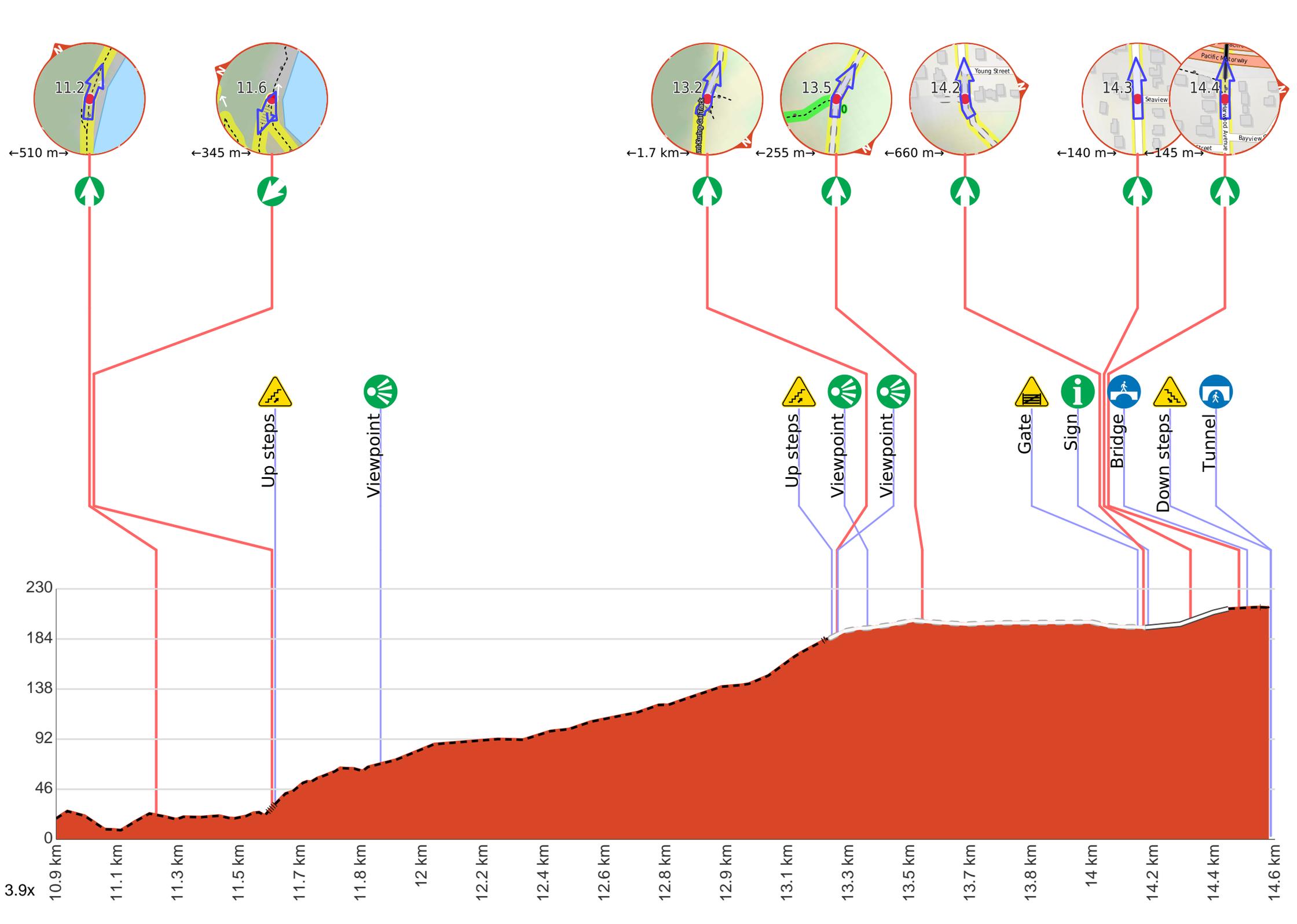








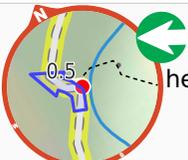




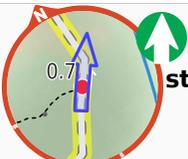
Getting started: From opposite 18 Bedford Ave, this walk follows the service trail around the metal gate and past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign, soon passing the information sign about the Darri Track. This wide track winds down the hill and crosses a small creek, and then follows Cowan Creek downstream. After passing through the dense bush, enjoying the occasional view of the small creek (and avoiding a small false track off to the right), this track comes to an intersection with a service trail coming in from the left, at the concrete ditch.



At the intersection of Bedford Avenue & Darri Track **Start** heading along *Darri Track* (a vehicle track).



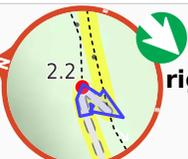
After another 490 m **turn left**, to head along Darri Track.



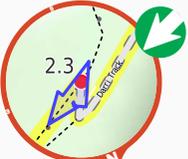
After another 230 m **continue straight**, to head along Darri Track.



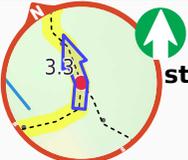
After another 790 m **continue straight**, to head along Darri Track.



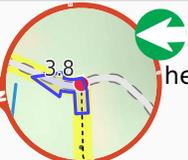
After another 720 m **turn sharp right**, to head along Darri Track.



After another 35 m **turn sharp left**.



After another 1000 m **continue straight**.



After another 510 m **turn left**, to head along Warrimoo Track.



After another 720 m **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.



After another 670 m (at the intersection of Warrimoo Track & Sphinx Track) **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.



After another 1.5 km cross the ford.



After another 520 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 1.3 km cross the ford.



After another 440 m **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.



After another 40 m find the "Empire Marina - Galley Foods cafe" (20 m on your right).



Empire Marina, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, provides facilities and services for people on boats and on foot. The marina is home to "Galley Foods" kiosk and restaurant. The kiosk provides a variety of food priced between \$4-\$16, and is open from 8:30am to 5pm seven days. The restaurant requires reservations, and is open for lunch Thurs-Mon, breakfast on the weekend, and in dinner on Fridays and Saturdays in summer. Phone 9457 0477



Then pass the toilet (10 m on your right).



After another 20 m **veer left**.



After another 195 m head through/around the gate.

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Turn left.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 50 m **veer left**.



After another 20 m **turn right**, to head along Bobbin Head Road.



After another 10 m pass the shelter (15 m on your left).



After another 20 m pass the toilet (30 m on your left).



Then cross the Bobbin Head Bridge (about 60 m long)



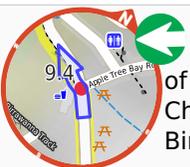
After another 5 m **continue straight**, to head along Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road.



After another 90 m find the "Bobbin Head" (25 m on your left).



Bobbin Head is a historic recreation area which is still popular today, suiting the needs of many people. At the center of the Bobbin Head area is the old 'Bobbin Inn', built in the 1930s - it is now the park information center and cafe. The area is popular with picnickers, boaters, walkers, canoeists, family groups and people who like to fish. Bobbin Head is roughly divided into three sections (north, south and east). Southern Bobbin Head is a popular picnic area for families and large groups. The area is surrounded by a car park and dotted with picnic tables, electric BBQs, shelters and a large playground. There are toilets nearby, and 'The Station' is a sheltered accessible area with BBQ and tables that can be booked NPWS. The northern Bobbin Head (Orchard Park) area is a more formal picnic area. There is a large picnic shelter, surrounded by 14 smaller octagonal shelters, each of these divided into 4 walled-off compartments, ideal for small groups. The eastern side of Bobbin Head is dominated by the Empire Marina and a public wharf. The marina is home to a nice restaurant and public toilets.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Apple Tree Bay Road & Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road) **turn left**, to head along Birrawanna Track (a walking track).



After another 10 m pass the "Bobbin Head Inn" (15 m on your left).



Then pass the "National Parks Information Centre" (10 m on your left).

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After another 115 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)



After another 15 m pass the "Birrawanna Loop Track" (6 m on your right).



Then head up the 30 steps (about 10 m long)



After another 10 m head up the 28 steps (about 7 m long)



After another 20 m head up the 60 steps (about 30 m long)



Then pass the toilet (60 m on your right).

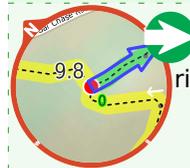


After another 20 m head up the 12 steps (about 10 m long)

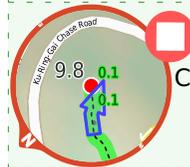


After another 60 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Cackle Creek Lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start.**



Continue another 115 m to find Cackle Creek Lookout at the end.



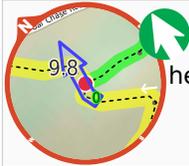
"Cackle Creek Lookout".



Cackle Creek Lookout is an informal lookout with no facilities, on the Birrawanna track in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park. The lookout provides Glimpses of Cackle and Cowan Creeks. The area is surrounded by some beautiful gum trees and rock boulders, making it a nice place to sit and reflect on the surroundings.

 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 115 m to the main route.

 Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 9.8 km waypoint.



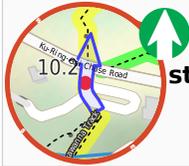
After another 165 m **veer left**, to head along Birrawanna Track.



After another 370 m cross the ford.



After another 7 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m **continue straight**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Apple Tree Flat Lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start** heading along *Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Road*.



After another 15 m **veer left**.

 After another 50 m find the "NPWS North Sydney Regional Office" (20 m on your right).



The NPWS North Sydney Regional Office is a lovely stone building on Bobbin Head Road at one of the trackheads for Birrawanna loop track. There is a car park and an open grassy area. On the opposite side of the road is the Apple Tree Flat Picnic Area with a few picnic tables. Other than this, there are no public facilities.



After another 45 m come to "Apple Tree Flat Picnic Area".



Apple Tree Flat Picnic Area is opposite the NPWS North Sydney Regional office on Bobbin Head Rd, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase national park. The small picnic area should not be confused with the more popular Apple Tree Bay Picnic Area and boat ramp further down the hill. The picnic area provides three bench platforms for sitting and dining. There is also a small, open grassy area and some large trees providing shade.



The end.



"Apple Tree Flat Lookout".



Apple Tree Flat Lookout is a small fenced lookout high up the hill overlooking Apple Tree Bay and Cowan creek. The view is filtered through the tall gum trees. Being perched on a rock platform, the views are great. The lookout is not far from Bobbin Head Rd, near the NPWS North Sydney Regional Office, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park.



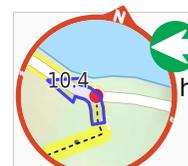
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 110 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 10.2 km waypoint.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 195 m **turn left**, to head along Apple Tree Bay Road.



After another 150 m **turn right**.

 After another 35 m find the "Apple Tree Bay" (20 m on your left).



Apple Tree Bay, in Ku-Ring-Gai Chase national park, has a popular boat ramp for accessing Cowan creek and plenty of parking. The area has kiosk, electric BBQ's, picnic benches, toilets, drinking water, garbage facilities, and shade provided by trees. If you are after a quiet spot, head to the western end (away from the boat ramp, past the BBQ's), just beyond the car park, to a lovely clearing by the water. The area is closed between sunset and sunrise. The kiosk/cafe is open on weekend and services hot and cold drinks, ice creams and some hot food.

 After another 10 m pass the cafe (20 m on your left).

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After another 3 m **turn right**.

 After another 7 m pass the park (7 m on your left).



After another 25 m **turn right**.



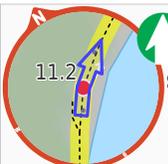
After another 35 m **turn left**, to head along Berowra Track.



After another 25 m cross the bridge (about 35 m long)



After another 65 m pass the sign.



After another 390 m **continue straight**, to head along Berowra Track.



After another 345 m (at the intersection of Berowra Track & Mount Kuring-Gai Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Mount Kuring-Gai Track.



After another 10 m head up the 19 steps (about 20 m long)



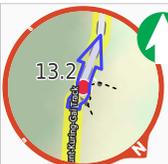
After another 290 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 1.3 km head up the 30 rock steps (about 10 m long)



After another 95 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your right).

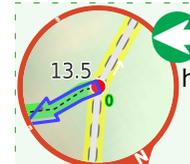


Continue straight, to head along Mount Kuring-Gai Track.

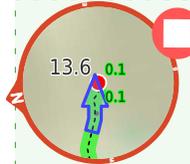


Then come to the "Firefighters Rest" (35 m on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Apple Tree Bay Viewpoint.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start**.



After another 105 m come to the end.



A viewpoint.



"Mt Ku-Ring-Gai Track Lookout".



This informal, unfenced lookout is perched on some rocks, not far from the Mt Ku-Ring-Gai Track. It provides views across the valley to Cowan Creek and over much of Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 105 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 13.5 km waypoint.



After another 250 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Kuring-Gai Track.



After another 640 m head through/around the gate.



After another 30 m pass the "Mount Ku-ring-gai Track" (5 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Mount Kuring-Gai Track.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Young Street & Mount Kuring-Gai Track) **continue straight**, to head along Harwood Avenue (a residential road).



After another 105 m (at the intersection of Seaview Street & Harwood Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Harwood Avenue.



After another 85 m (at the intersection of Harwood Avenue & Low Street) **continue straight**, to head along Harwood Avenue.



After another 60 m **continue straight**.



After another 25 m cross the bridge (about 50 m long)



After another 15 m head down the 5 concrete steps



Then head through the tunnel



After another 25 m come to the end.



Then head through the tunnel



About 90 m past the end is a toilet.