



Stringybark Ridge loop via Bellamy St

 1 h 30 min to 1 h 45 min

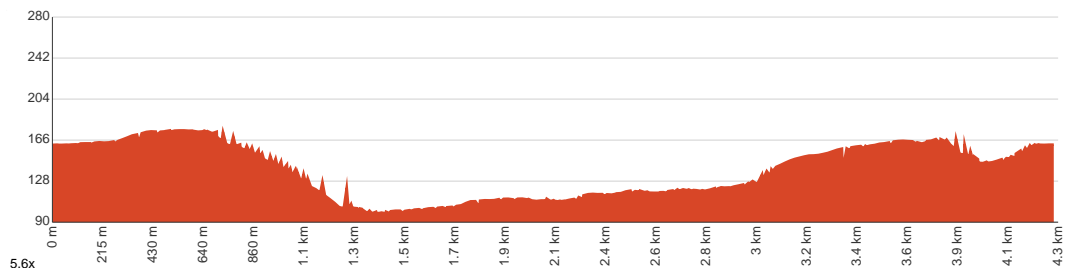

4.3 km
Circuit


↑ 113 m
↓ 113 m


Hard track



A really nice loop walk in a corner of Berowra Valley Regional Park. The walk starts and finishes at the end of Schofield Pde, Pennant Hills. The scenery includes nice forest while going down Stringybark ridge and beautiful scenes along Zig Zag creek, as well as an optional side trip to see the remnants of the historic Thornleigh Quarry and Zig Zag railway. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

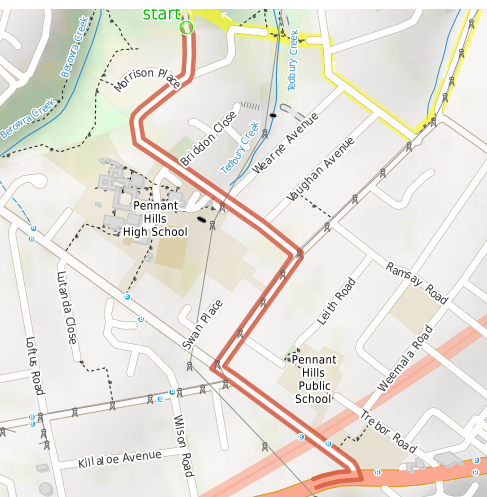


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
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 Pennant Hills Road, A28, Pennant Hills.

- Turn on to Boundary Road then drive for 440 m
- Turn right onto Bellamy Street and drive for another 335 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Laurence Street and drive for another 710 m
- Keep left onto Schofield Parade and drive for another 125 m



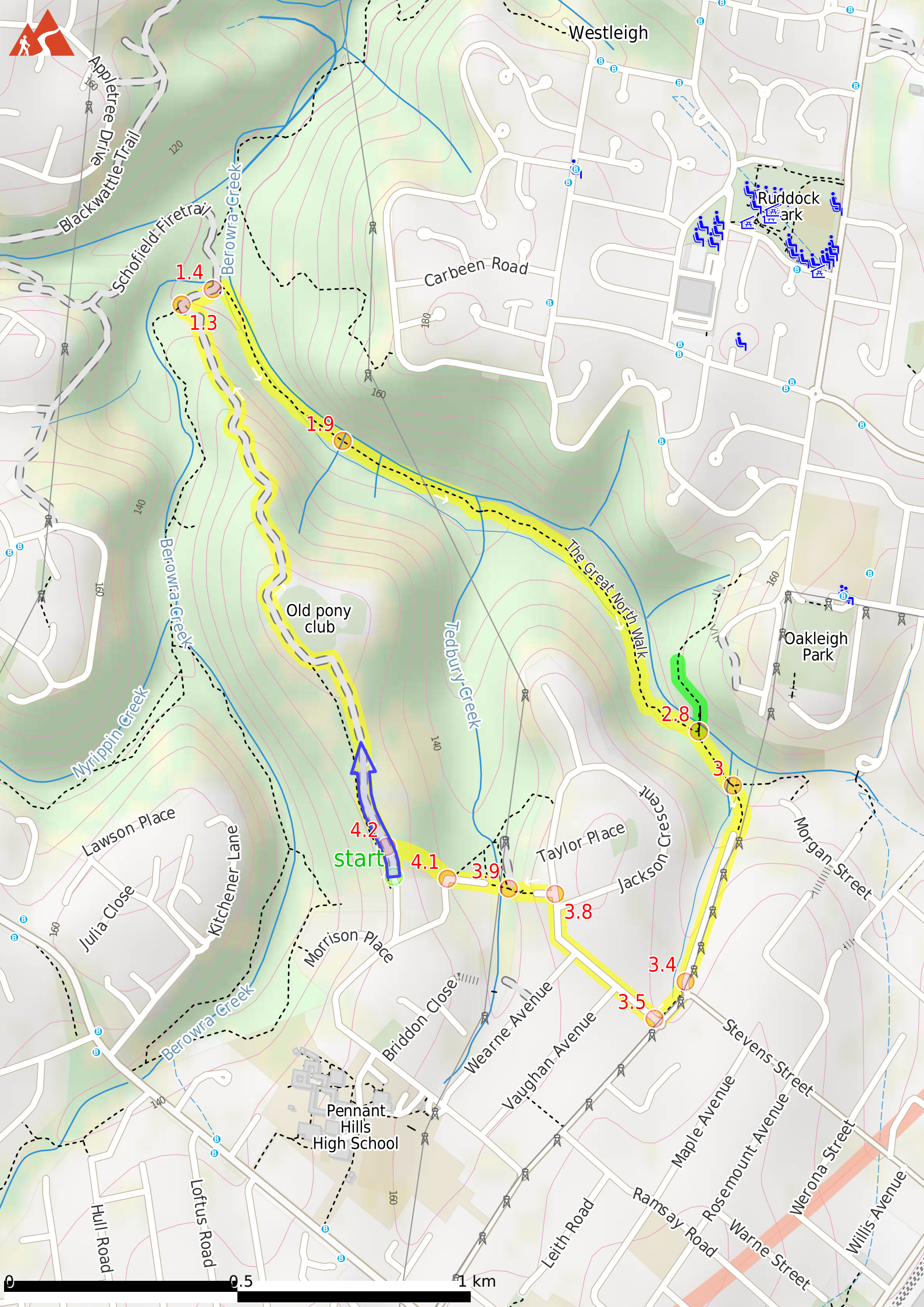
Before you start any journey ensure you;

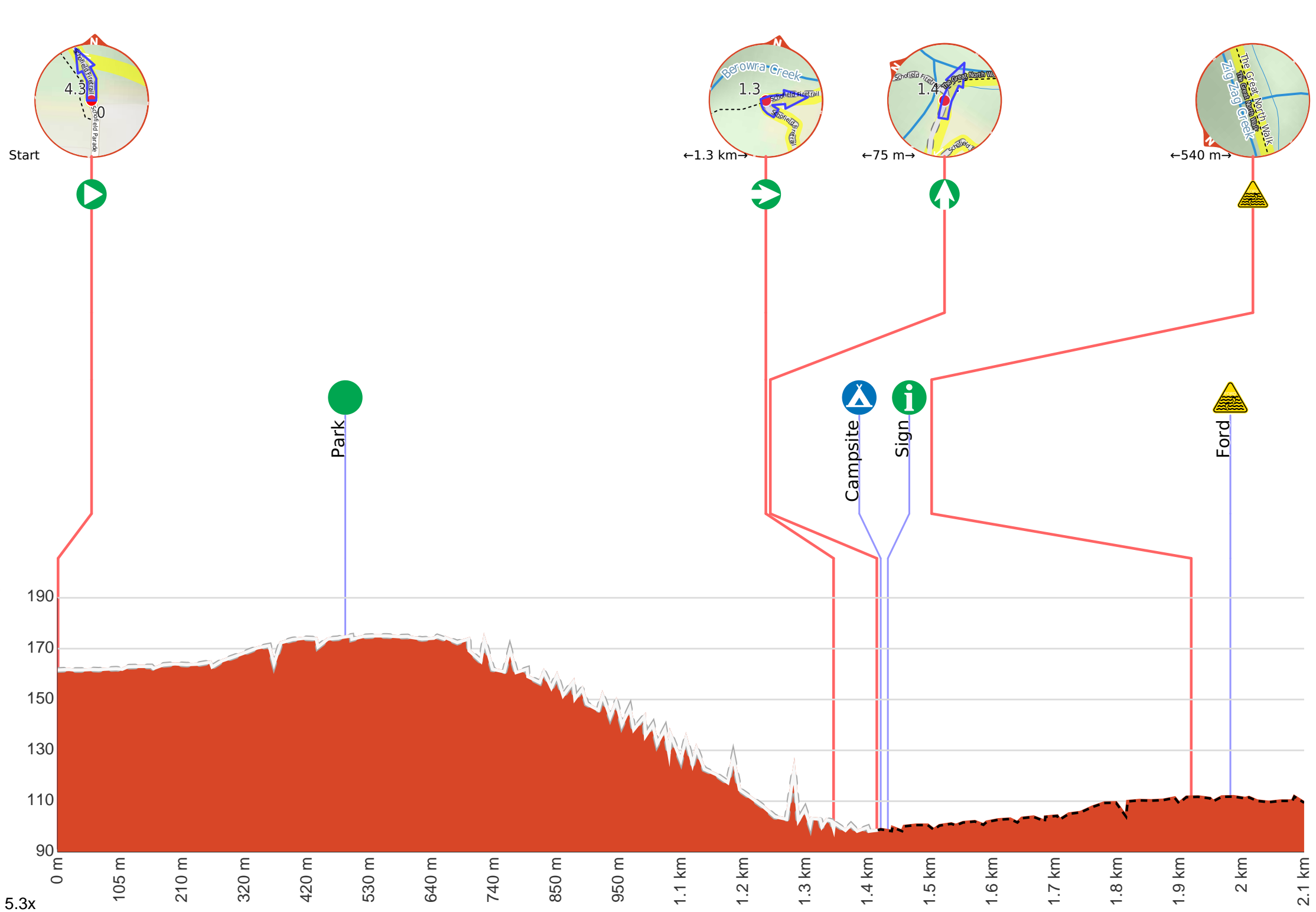
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

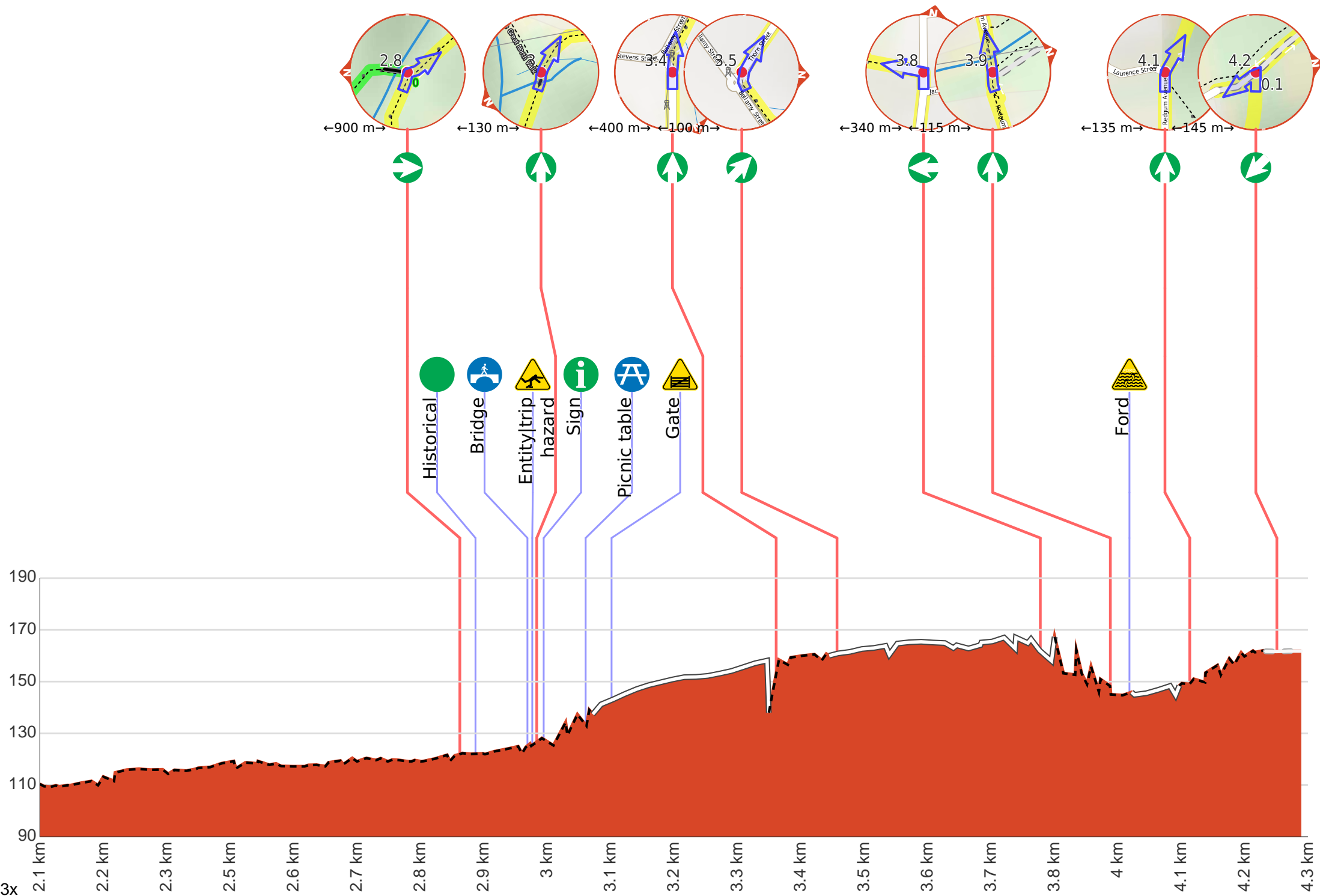
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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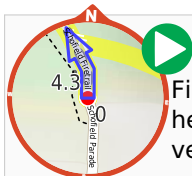




Getting started: From the end of Schofield Parade, the walk follows the 'Stringybark Ridge' management trail for a short distance to reach an intersection just before a locked gate.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk passes around a gate and follows the 'Stringybark Ridge' management trail. At the car park, beside the old pony club grounds, the walk bends to the left, passing around another gate, and continues around the cleared grounds (keeping them to the right). At the intersection behind the grounds (marked with a 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign), the walk turns left, following the management trail down the hill. The walk descends, steeply in places, and immediately after a steep concrete section, arrives at the intersection (red Great North Walk track marker at the bush track to the left).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, soon arriving at 'The Jungo'.



At the intersection of Schofield Firetrail & Schofield Parade **Start** heading along *Schofield Firetrail* (a vehicle track).



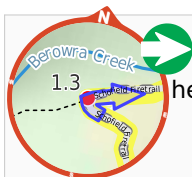
After another 60 m **continue straight**, to head along Schofield Firetrail.



After another 430 m pass the "Old pony club" (7 m on your right).



After another 10 m **continue straight**, to head along Schofield Firetrail.



After another 820 m **turn right**, to head along Schofield Firetrail.



After another 75 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Schofield Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).



After another 7 m find the "The Jungo" (5 m on your left).



The Jungo is a relatively small clearing and campsite near the junction of Berowra and ZigZag Creeks at a well signposted intersection. There is often water in the creeks (treat well before drinking) but there are no facilities. Speculation on the source of the name 'Jungo' includes the Aussie tendency to abbreviate words ('Junction' gets corrupted to 'jung-o' etc) as well as a possible derivation from one of a few similar sounding aboriginal words.



After another 10 m pass the sign (4 m on your right).



After another 520 m cross the ford.



Continue straight, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 180 m cross the ford.

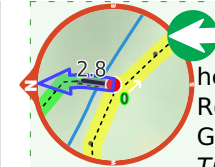


After another 145 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 680 m pass the sign (on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Thornleigh Quarry.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk **Start** heading along *Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway* (a walking track).



Find the Thornleigh zigzag railway at the start.



The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to a historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9



Then cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



After another 9 m **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



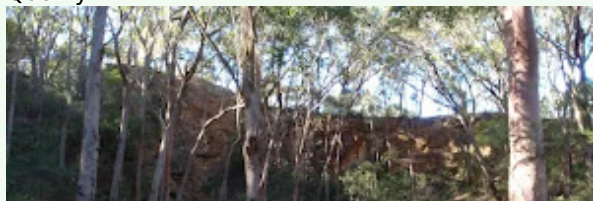
After another 75 m find the "Seat" (30 m on your right).



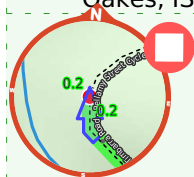
Nine timber log seats in old quarry. The seats are 3.7m wide and typically 50cm high. Access is over a flat dirt path 40m from the concrete trail.



After another 35 m come to "Old Thornleigh Quarry".



The old Thornleigh Quarry is located beside the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh, within Berowra Valley Regional Park. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. There is a firm, flat dirt track that leads about 40m from the concrete trail to the centre of the old quarry. You will find a series of log seats in this amphitheatre making this a pleasant spot to sit and enjoy the intriguing mix of nature and history. A book is available with some detail on this quarry and the associated zigzag railway: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9



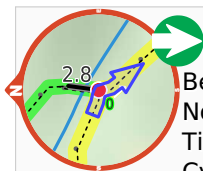
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 150 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 2.8 km waypoint.



At the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk **turn right**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 25 m find the "Thornleigh zigzag railway" (10 m on your left).



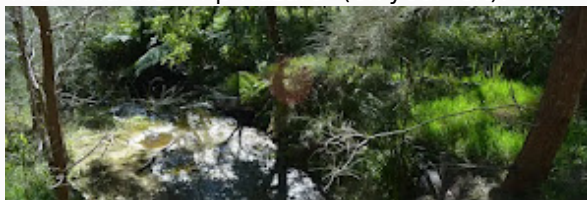
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After another 85 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



Then find the "Trip Hazard" (on your left).



Unfenced and unmarked edge with potential 80cm or higher fall into the creek. Keep clear of the culverts edge when crossing.



After another 8 m (at the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 10 m pass the sign (5 m on your left).



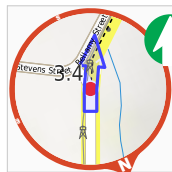
After another 70 m find the "Picnic Table" (on your right).



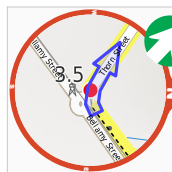
A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 80cm high, 71cm deep and 2.4m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.07m wide. On a 3x3m concrete slab about 7m walk over rough grass from the trail.



After another 45 m head through/around the gate.



After another 275 m **continue straight**.



After another 100 m **veer right**, to head along Thorn Street.



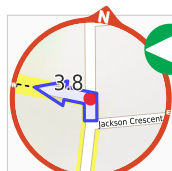
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Thorn Street & Vaughan Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Thorn Street.



After another 110 m (at the intersection of Thorn Street & Wearne Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Thorn Street.



After another 105 m (at the intersection of Thorn Street & Jackson Crescent) **continue straight**, to head along Thorn Street.



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Redgum Avenue & Thorn Street) **turn left**, to head along Redgum Avenue.



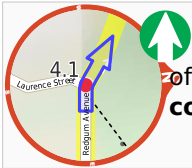
After another 115 m **continue straight**.



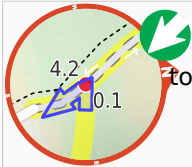
After another 30 m cross the ford.



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Redgum Avenue.



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Redgum Avenue & Laurence Street) **continue straight** (a walking track).



After another 145 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Schofield Firetrail.



Continue another 60 m to find at the intersection of Schofield Parade & Schofield Firetrail at the end.