



Uriarra Shepherd's Lookout Circuit

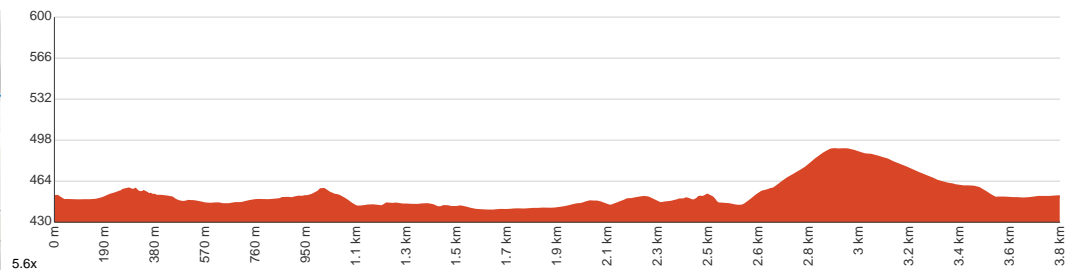
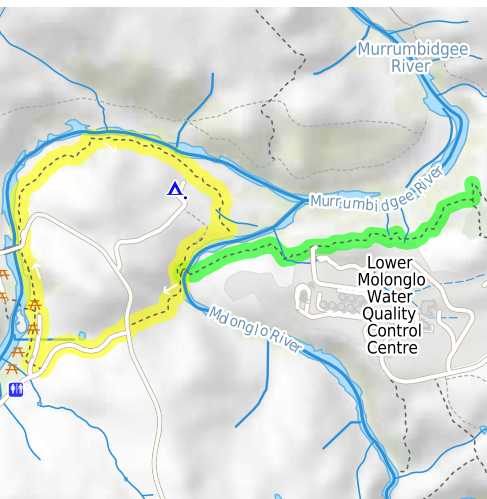
 1 h 30 min to 3 h


3.8 km
Circuit


↑ 104 m
↓ 104 m


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Hard track

Starting from the Uriarra East Recreation Area, ACT, this walk takes you to the riversides of Murrumbidgee and Molonglo Rivers. Visiting Shepherd's Lookout with a side trip, the track loops back to the start. The peaceful stroll skirting Murrumbidgee River will soothe your nerves as you listen to the burbling sound of water. It will also warm you up before the rewarding climb to the lookout. You'll come across plenty of viewpoints prior to the lookout, but the spectacular view from the top will truly be worth the effort. Throughout the walk, you may spot a kangaroo or two along with other wildlife. Snakes are pretty common in the area, try to cover your legs and feet properly. Keep in mind that the water level can rise quickly depending on how much and how long it rains, so check the forecast beforehand. Also look out for unforecasted downpours during the walk. 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Tuggeranong Parkway

- Turn on to Cotter Road Offramp then drive for 450 m
- Keep right onto Cotter Road Offramp and drive for another 70 m
- Turn right onto Cotter Road and drive for another 2.3 km
- Continue onto John Gorton Drive and drive for another 1.7 km
- Keep left and drive for another 60 m
- Turn left onto Opperman Avenue and drive for another 135 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Opperman Avenue and drive for another 325 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Uriarra Road and drive for another 730 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Uriarra Road and drive for another 9.8 km
- Turn left and drive for another 590 m
- Turn right and drive for another 305 m

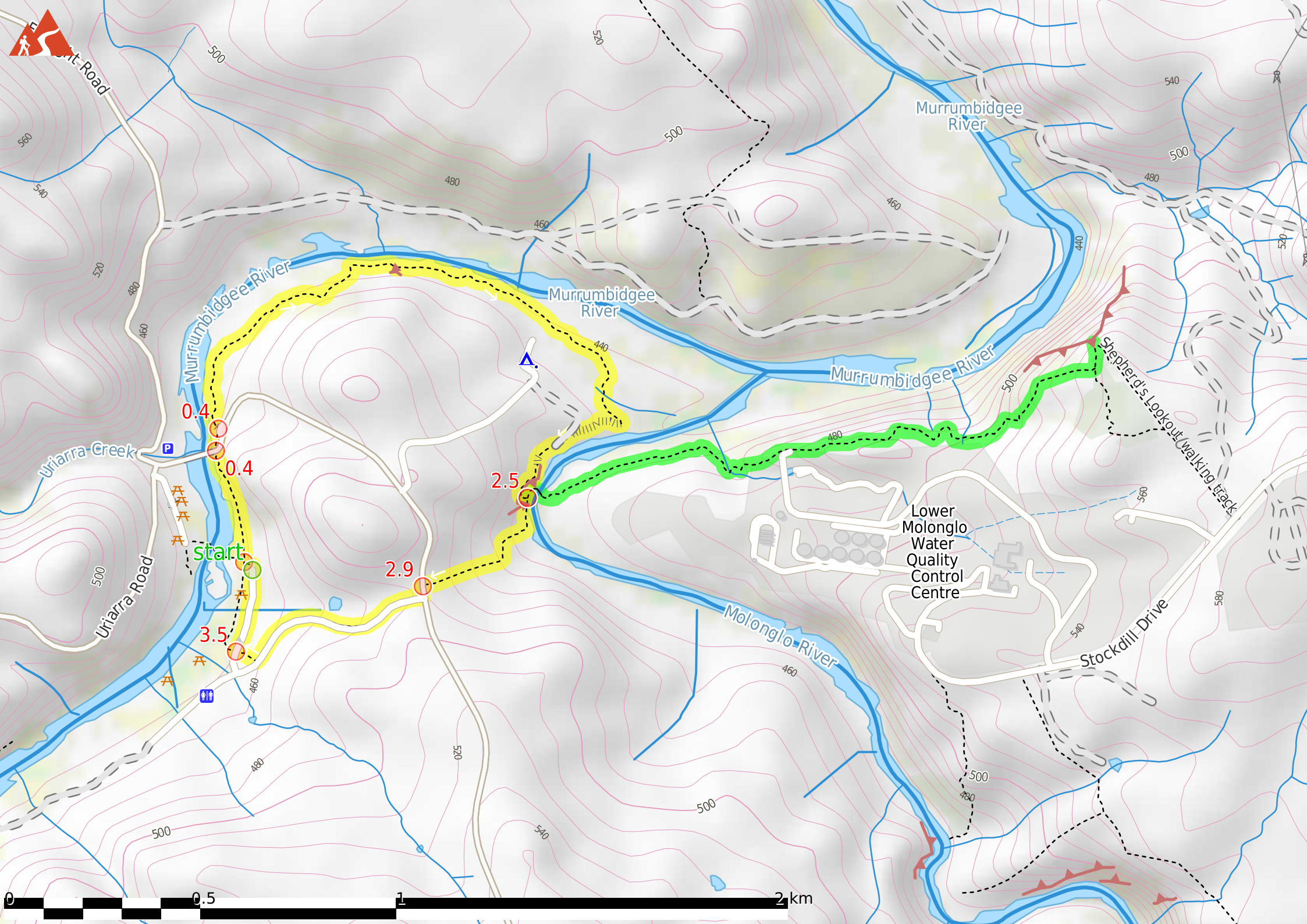
Before you start any journey ensure you;

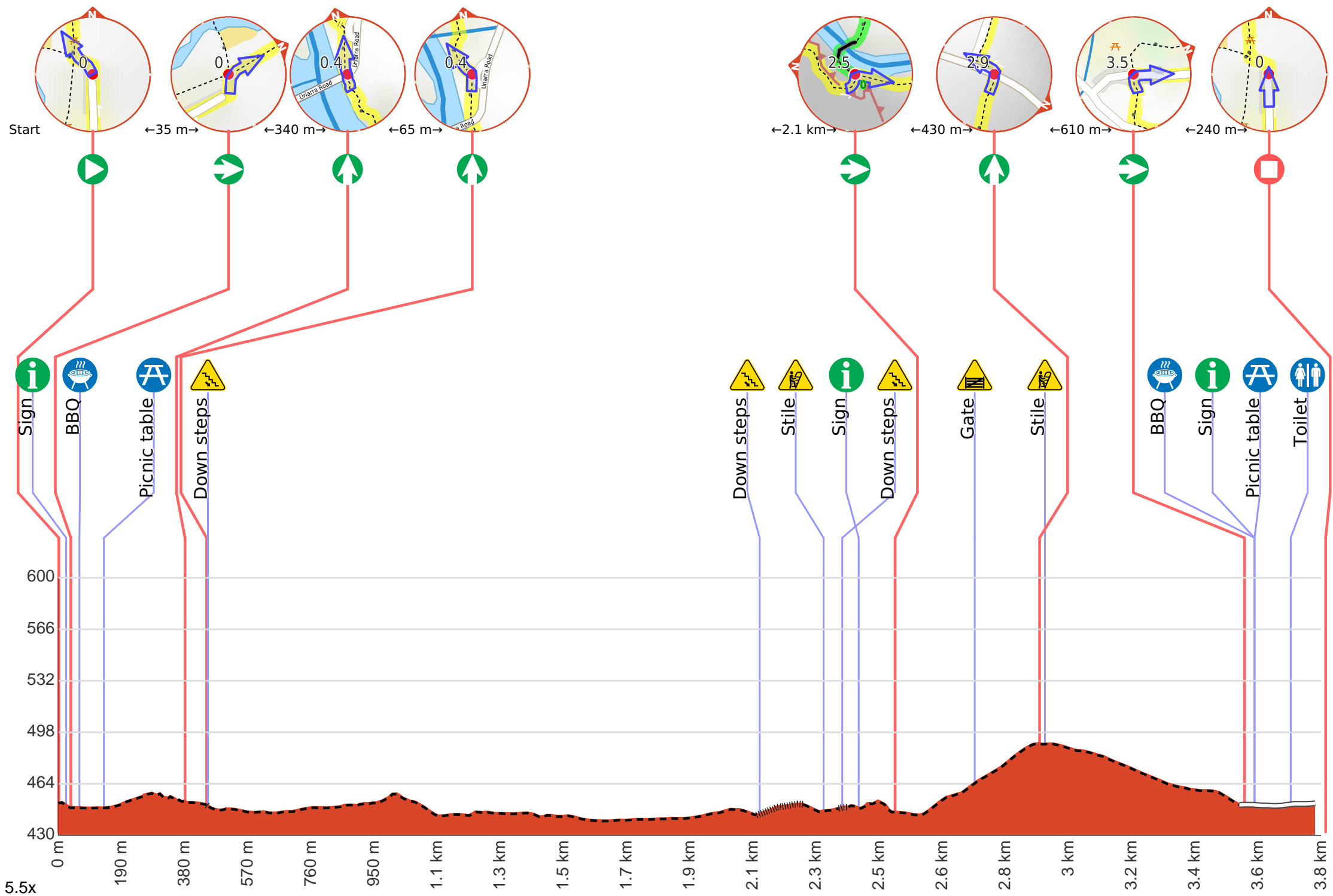
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

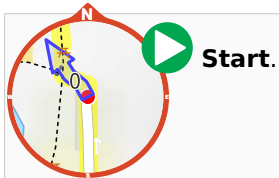
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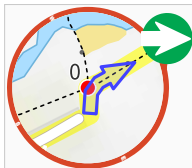




Getting started: Starting from the car park of Uriarra East Recreation Area, head towards the angled signpost at the trailhead, keeping the river to your left. Veer left as you follow the dirt path along the river, moving directly away from the car park. Cross the Uriarra Road with caution and keep following the riverside track to continue along Uriarra Shepherd's Lookout Circuit.



 After 20 m pass the sign.



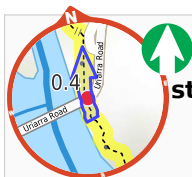
After another 15 m **turn right**.



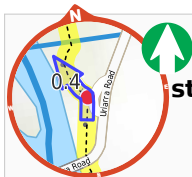
After another 25 m pass the BBQ (on your left).



After another 75 m pass the picnic table (on your right).



After another 240 m **continue straight**.



After another 65 m **continue straight**.



Then head down the steps (about 5 m long)



After another 1.6 km head down the steps (about 140 m long)



After another 50 m climb over the stile.



After another 5 m **continue straight**.

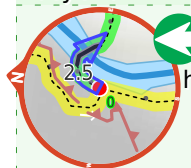


After another 100 m pass the sign (on your left).



Then head down the steps (about 30 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: This is the side trip to Shepherd's Lookout, which provides you with a remarkable view over Murrumbidgee River and beyond.



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



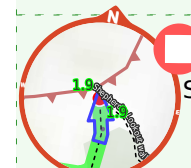
After another 35 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



After another 1.7 km **veer left**, to head along Shepherd's Lookout walking track.



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



Continue another 65 m to find Shepherd's Lookout at the end.



"Shepherd's Lookout".



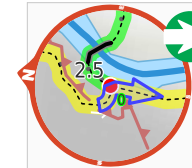
A sign.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.9 km to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 2.5 km waypoint.



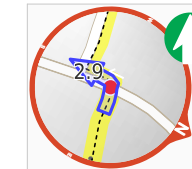
After another 130 m **turn right**.



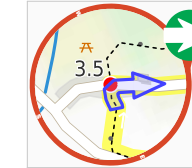
After another 235 m head through/around the gate.



After another 210 m climb over the stile.



Continue straight.



After another 610 m **turn right**.



After another 30 m pass the BBQ (55 m on your left).



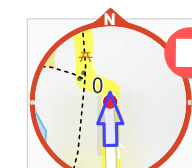
Then pass the sign (6 m on your left).



Then pass the picnic table (45 m on your left).



After another 110 m pass the toilet (on your left).



After another 105 m come to the end.