



Bundeena Drive to Marley

 3 h to 3 h 30 min

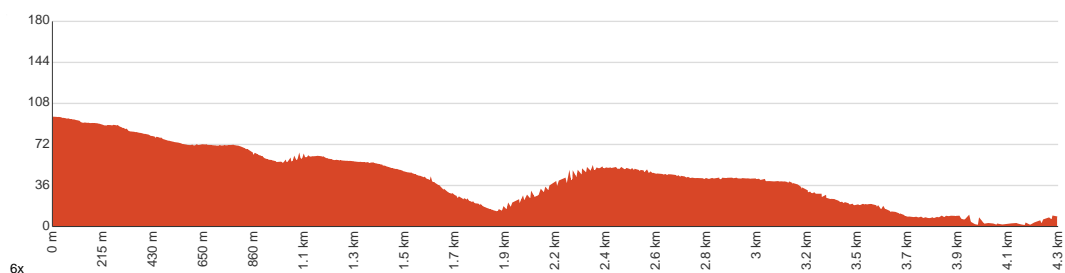

8.6 km
Return


↑ 213 m
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Hard track



This walk is the most direct route down to Big and Little Marley. The beaches are fantastic, secluded areas with Big Marley hosting a large sand dune and lagoon. The beaches are not patrolled and can have dangerous surf conditions, so take care. Deer Pool, and it's waterfall, is also a highlight on the walk in. 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.



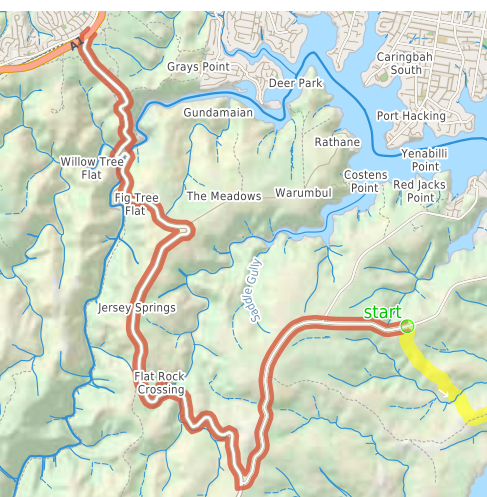
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1, Loftus.

- Turn on to Farnell Avenue then drive for 1.1 km
- Keep right onto Farnell Avenue and drive for another 11.9 km
- Turn left onto Bundeena Drive and drive for another 5.6 km



Before you start any journey ensure you;

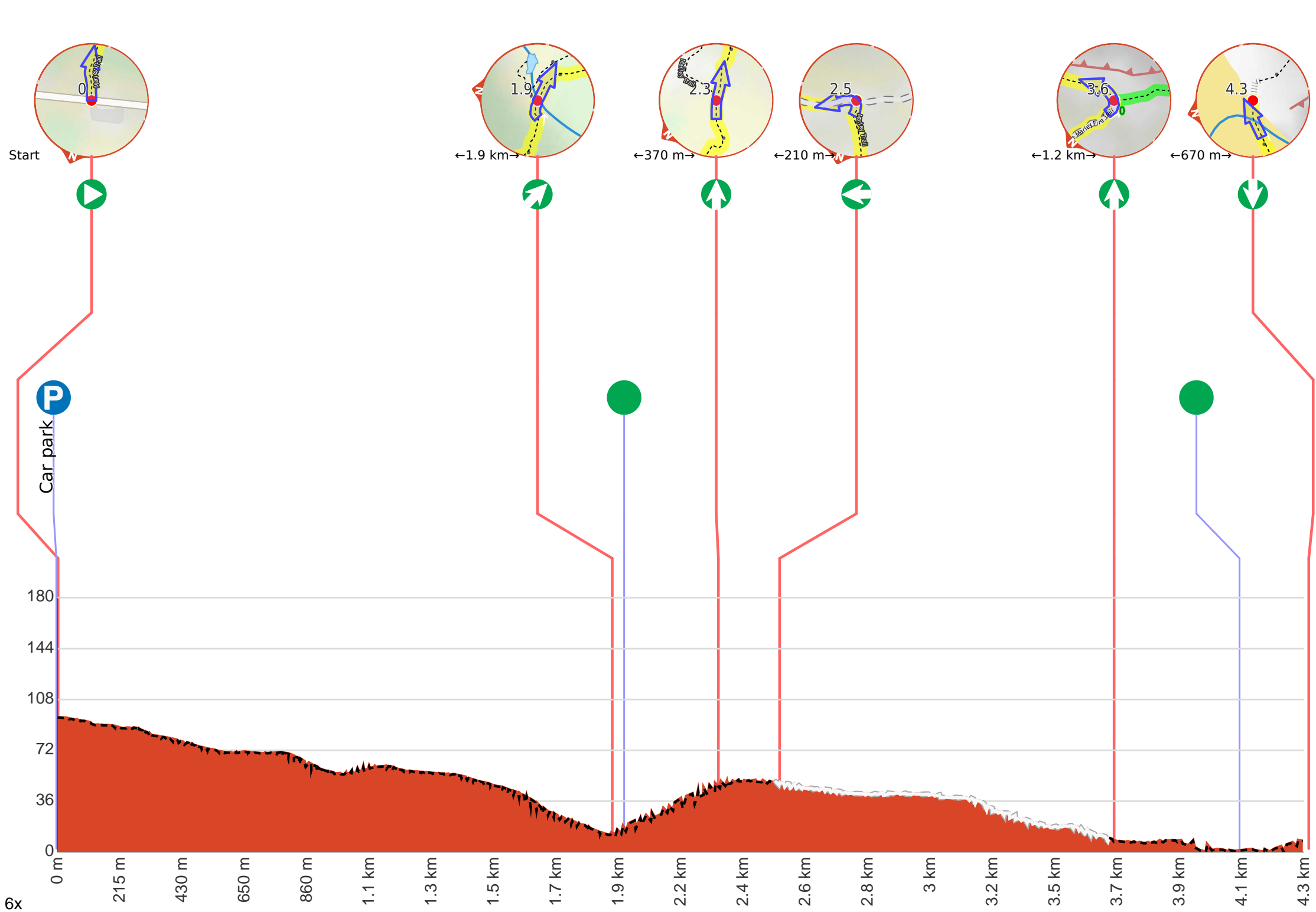
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

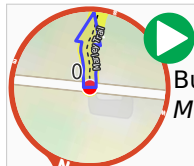
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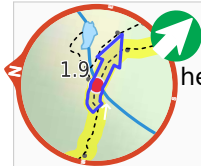
Getting started: From the car park on the northern side of Bundeena Drive (1.7km east of Mainbar Rd), this walk crosses the road and heads into the bush between the two posts, following the arrow. Soon the track pass the 'Marley Track' sign and starts to head downhill. The track continues past the old concrete pipe (with white spray-painted arrows). The track passes a couple of rock platforms, but generally the track is narrow as it winds down the hill. Near Deer Pools, there is a clearing on the left as the track tends right, towards the waterfall. The track passes over the top of the waterfall to head up to a clearing on the other side.



At the intersection of Marley Trail & Bundeena Drive **Start** heading along Marley Trail (a walking track).



There is a car park (about 6 m back from the start).



After another 1.9 km **veer right**, to head along Marley Trail.



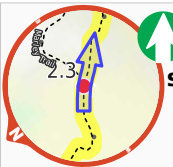
After another 40 m find the "Deer Pool" (40 m on your left).



Deer Pool, Royal National Park, is a small and picturesque set of falls that run into a pool with a sandy bank. The waterfall is fed by Marley Creek which continues its journey into Marley Lagoon, behind Big Marley Beach. Royal National Park was once home to many deer, who used to frequent these pools. This is a relaxing spot on a warm day, with the opportunity for a dip or a gentle massage in the cascade. Although a sign suggests camping is permitted by permit, permits are not issued for camping here.



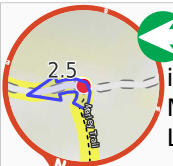
After another 50 m **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 275 m **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.

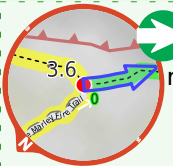


After another 100 m **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 110 m (at the intersection of Little Marley Fire Trail & Marley Trail) **turn left**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail (a vehicle track).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Little Marley Beach.



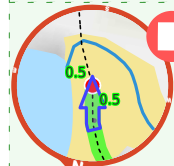
To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start**.



After 440 m find the "Little Marley Beach" (25 m on your right).



Little Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand beach, approximately 140m long. The narrow beach faces north-east and has a rock platform at either end. The beach is not patrolled and has no other services. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link below.



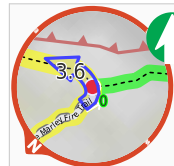
After another 25 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 470 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 3.6 km waypoint.



After another 1.2 km **continue straight**.



After another 430 m find the "Big Marley Beach" (5 m on your right).



Big Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand, crescent-shaped beach, approximately 400m in length. The beach has a large dune area, behind which Marley Lagoon is found. The lagoon is fed by Marley Creek and the surrounding catchment. The beach is not patrolled and there are no other facilities. The south-facing beach has a rockshelf at either end. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link.



After another 220 m come to "Shell Midden - Marley Beach".

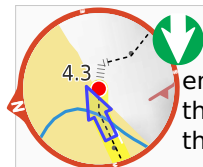
A shell midden (also known as a kitchen midden) left by the Dharawal people.



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Continue straight.



Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 4.3 km to get back to the start.