



# Larapinta Trail, S4: Standley Chasm to Birthday Waterhole

(Arrente Country)

8 h 30 min to 2 days

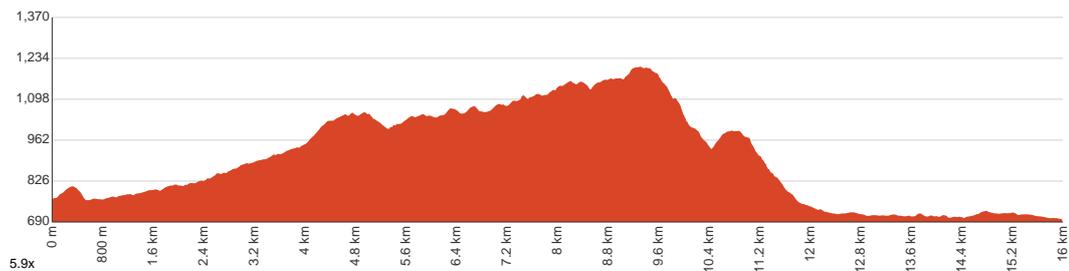
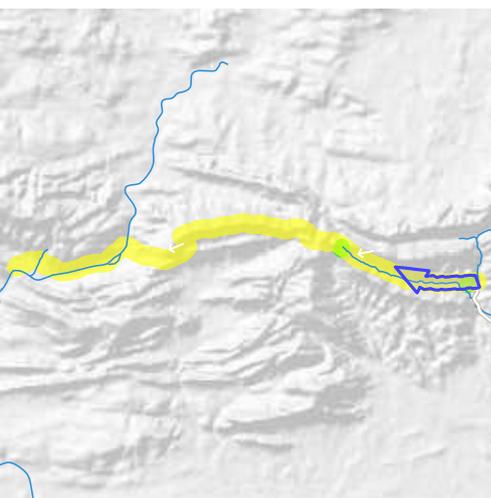
16 km  
One way

↑ 924 m  
↓ 990 m

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Very challenging

Starting from the kiosk at the end of Standley Chasm Road, Hugh, this walk takes you to the Birthday Waterhole via the Larapinta Trail (Section 4), visiting Bridle Path Lookout and Brinkley Bluff Summit along the way. This is the fourth section of the 223km long Larapinta Trail. The Brinkley Bluff will surely dazzle you with the breathtakingly picturesque views it offers, and that's when you'll know why the Larapinta is amongst the best hikes you can do in the whole world. Besides the eye-candy, the remoteness of the experience coupled with the challenge of steep ridges and the dry environment makes this hike an epic journey. Stuart's Pass (named after explorer John McDouall Stuart) features a soft and sandy campground that is located on a riverbed, yet you may want to consider camping at Brinkley Bluff just for the views and the general experience. Customize your journey and plan well to not be beaten by the quartzite ridges of Chewings Range. Keep in mind that you'll need a 4WD vehicle to access the Birthday Waterhole trailhead. For your information, the actual Birthday Waterhole is 900 metres down south of the said trailhead. Let us begin by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

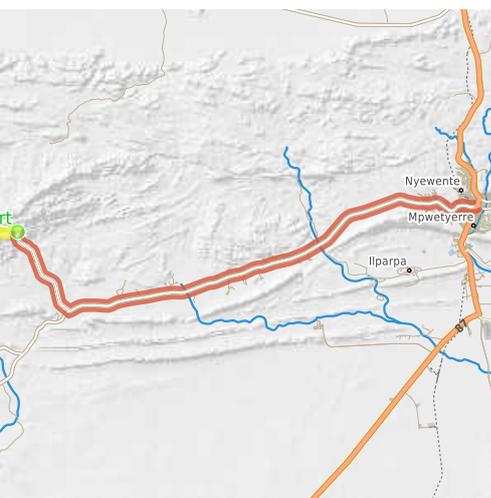
Full journey: [Larapinta Trail](#)



Class 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep and difficult rock scrambles (5/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Telegraph Terrace, 87

- Turn on to 6 then drive for 25 m
- Continue onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 850 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 880 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 38.1 km
- Turn right onto Standley Chasm Road and drive for another 9.3 km
- Turn left and drive for another 20 m



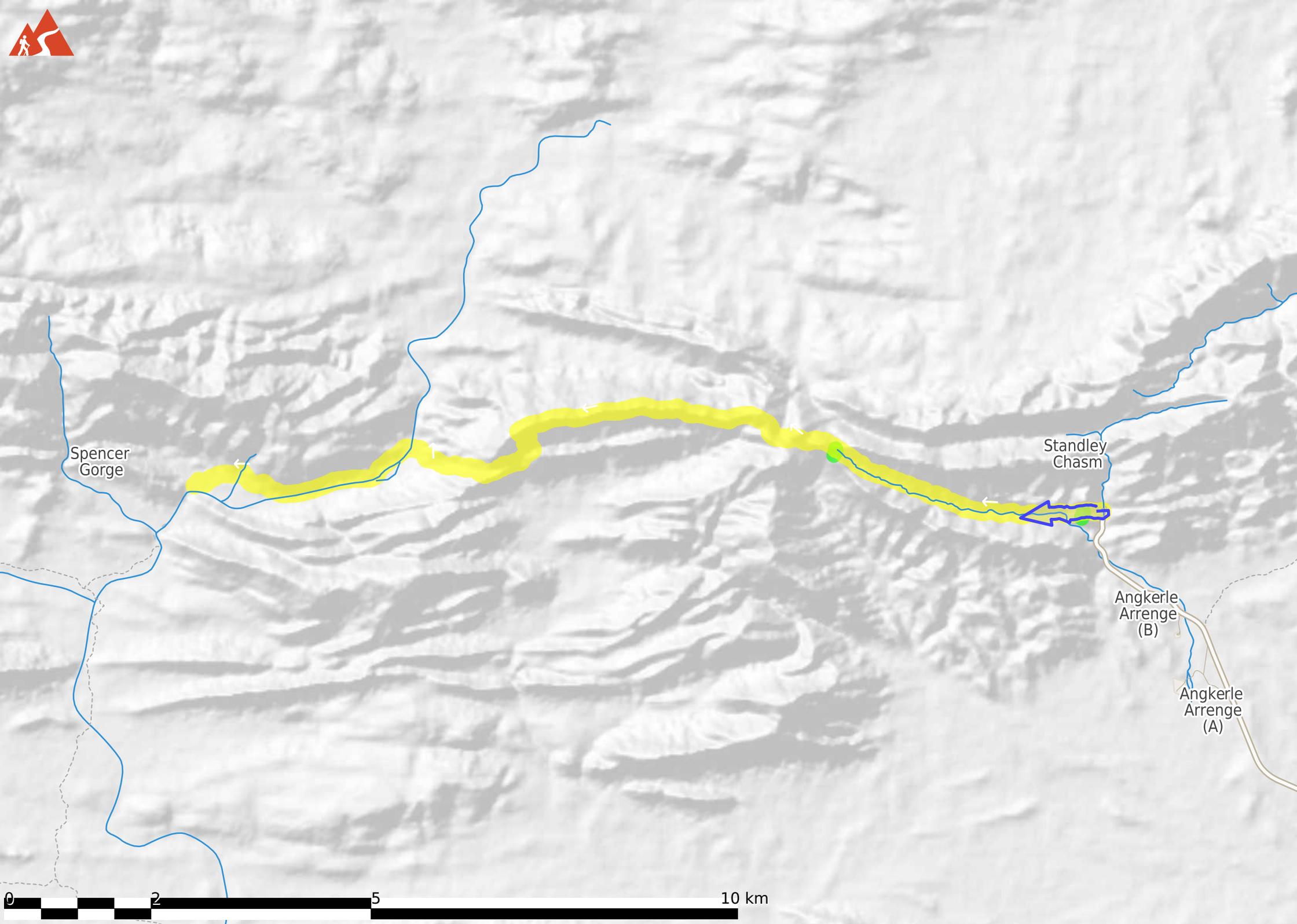
**Before you start any journey ensure you;**

- 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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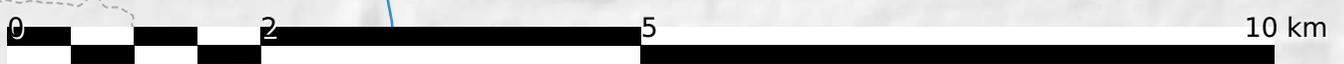


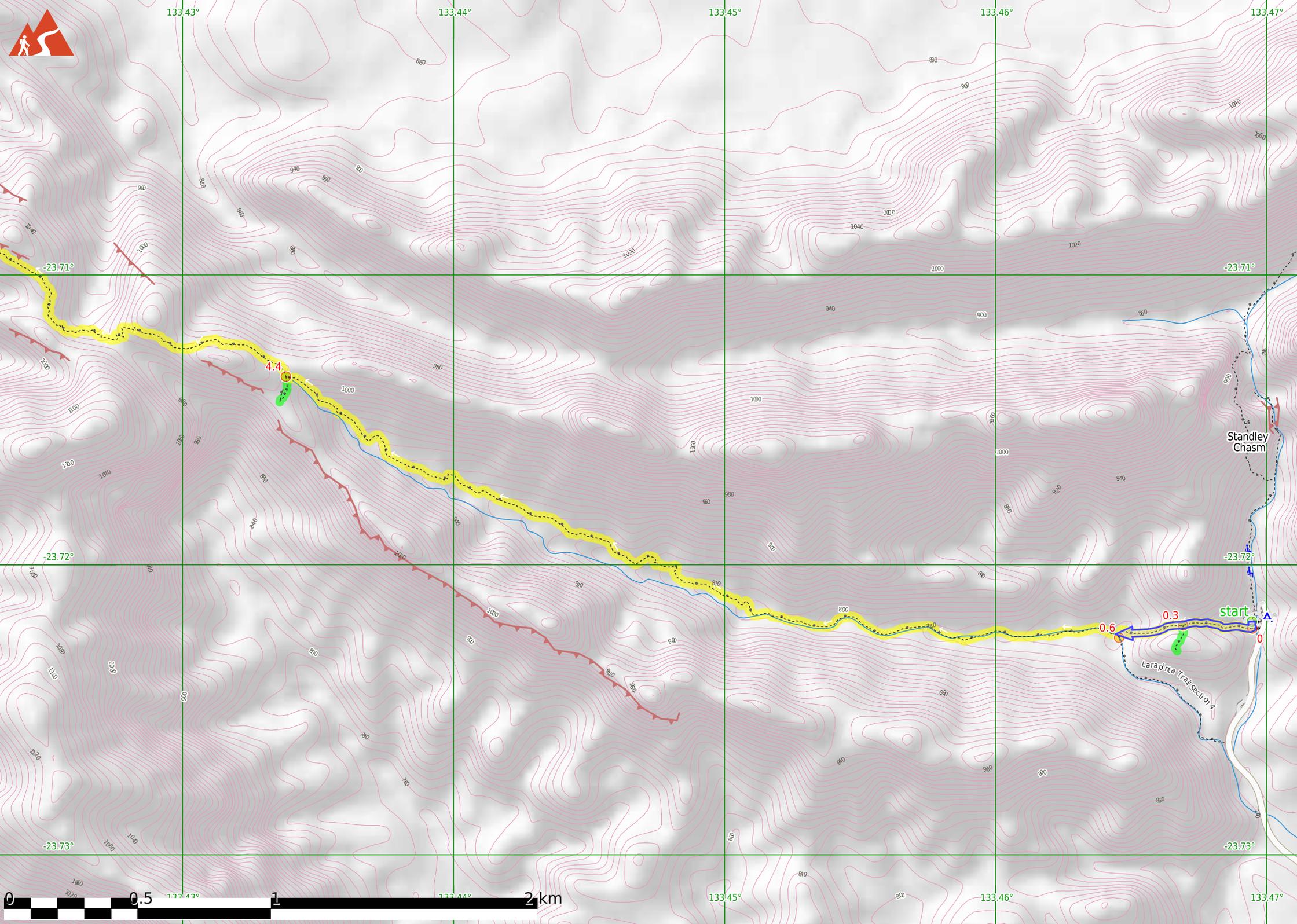
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Standley Chasm

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Angkerle Arrenge (A)





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133.44°

133.45°

133.46°

133.47°

-23.71°

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-23.72°

-23.72°

-23.73°

-23.73°

Standley Chasm

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start

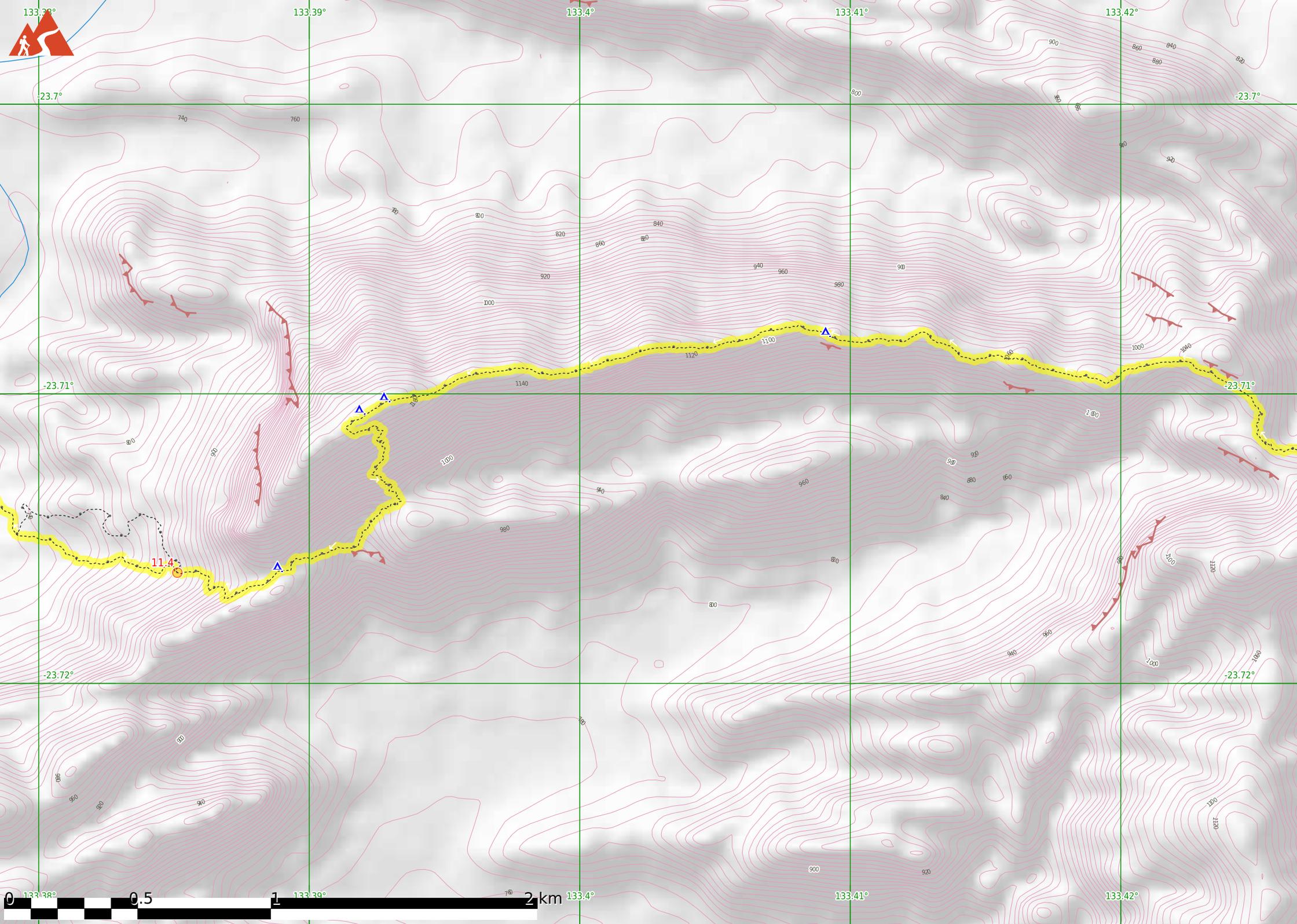
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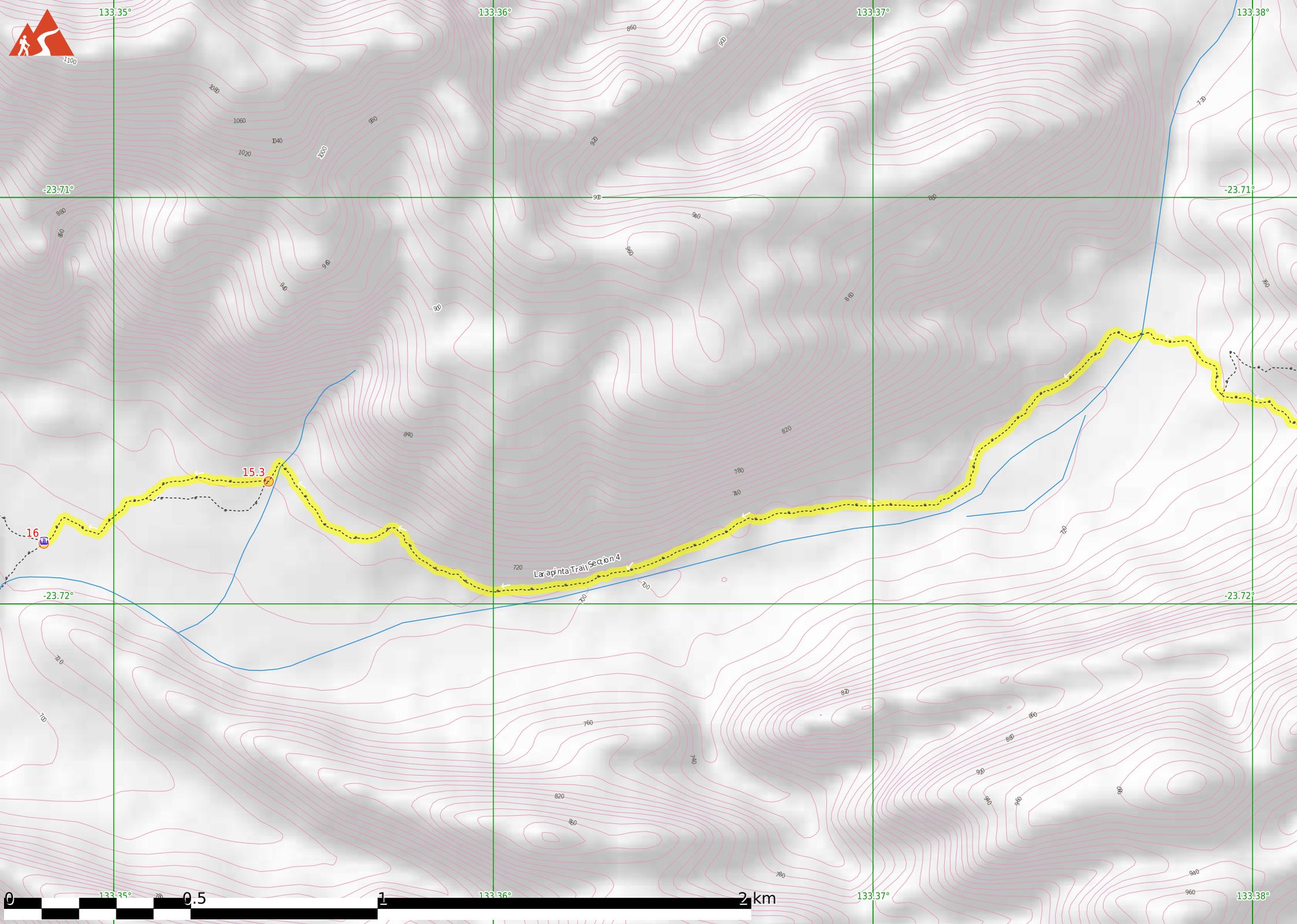
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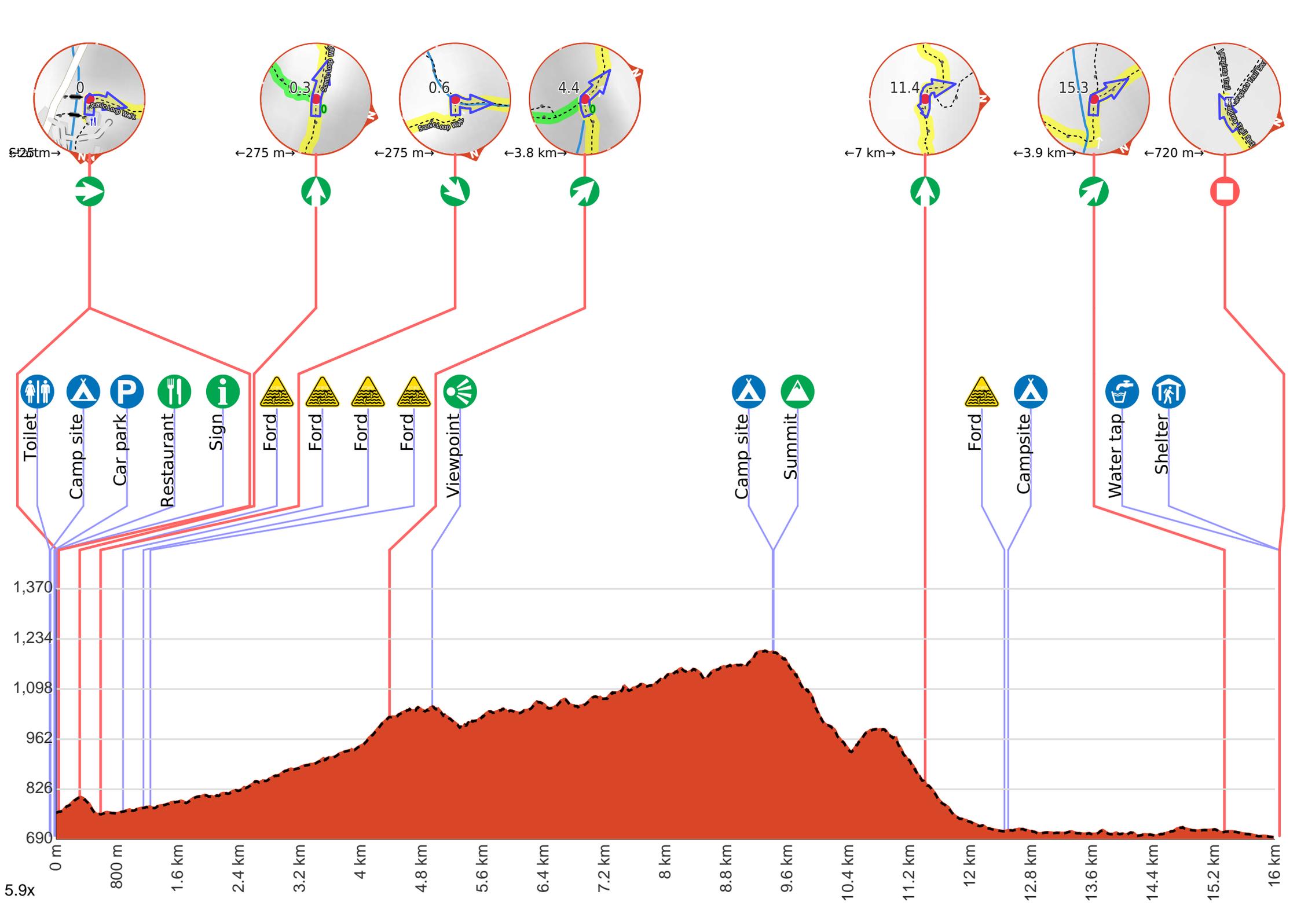


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15.3

Larapinta Trail Section 4





**Getting started:** From the Standley Chasm Kiosk, head south as you move away from the chasm, keeping the road to your left. Shortly after, turn right at the 3-way intersection. About 290 metres later, keep right at another 3-way intersection. Start following the creek bed in the distance as you stay on the marked track to continue along Larapinta Trail, S4: Standley Chasm to Birthday Waterhole.



There is a toilet (about 95 m back from the start).



Standley Chasm (about 80 m back from the start).  
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Standley Chasm (about 30 m back from the start).



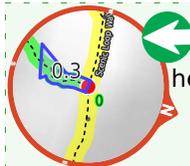
Find the Standley Chasm Kiosk at the start.  
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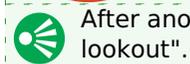
Find the Larapinta Trail Information at the start.



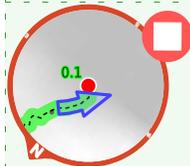
**Start of an optional side trip:** This little side trip takes you to a lookout where you can get great southerly views over the land. Expect 5 minutes of moving time out & back.



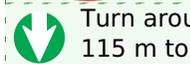
To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start.**



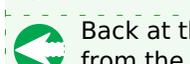
After another 115 m come to "Standley Chasm lookout".



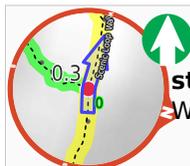
The end.



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



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 300 m waypoint.



After another 275 m **continue straight**, to head along Scenic Loop Walk.



After another 275 m cross the ford.



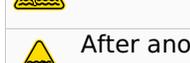
At the intersection of Larapinta Trail Section 4 & Scenic Loop Walk **turn sharp right**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4.



After another 295 m cross the ford.

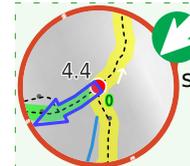


After another 265 m cross the ford.



After another 90 m cross the ford.

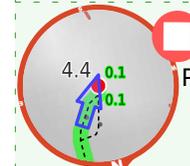
**Start of an optional side trip:** This optional but recommended side trip takes you to the Bridle Path Lookout. Expect impressive views of rockfaces and the valley below.



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



After another 110 m come to "Bridle Path Lookout".



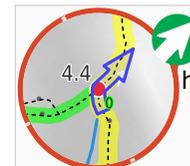
Continue another 0 m to find Bridle Path Lookout at the end.



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



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 4.4 km waypoint.



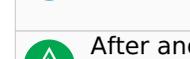
After another 3.1 km **veer right**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4.



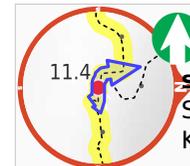
After another 560 m come to the "Reveal Saddle" (5 m on your left).



After another 4.5 km come to the camp site (5 m on your right).



After another 10 m pass the "Brinkley Bluff" (on your left).



After another 2 km **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4. Keep left.



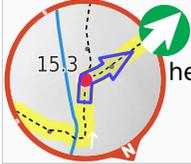
After another 730 m **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4.



After another 310 m cross the ford (about 35 m long)



After another 10 m find the "Stuart's Pass Campsite" (6 m on your left).  
 A basic campsite that offers you no amenities, so you need to be self-sufficient. The ground is soft and sandy as the campsite is along a riverbed. The place is named after John McDouall Stuart, who was an explorer that passed through here in 1860.



After another 2.8 km **veer right**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4.



After another 350 m **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 4.



After another 360 m pass the water tap (on your right).



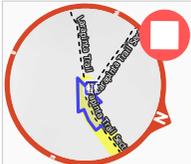
Then pass the shelter (on your right).



A toilet.



About 15 m past the end is "Section 4/5 Junction".



The end.