




# Martins Lookout Loop Walk

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 5 h 30 min to 6 h 30 min

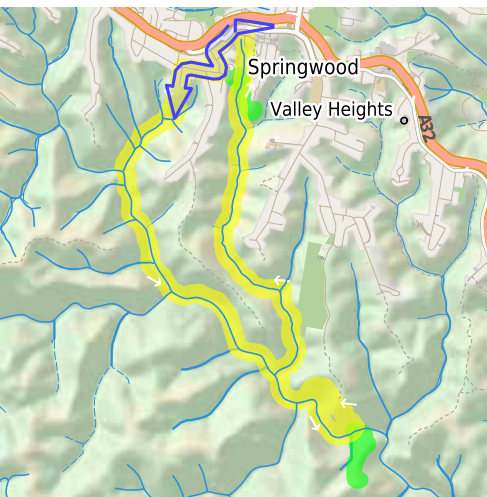
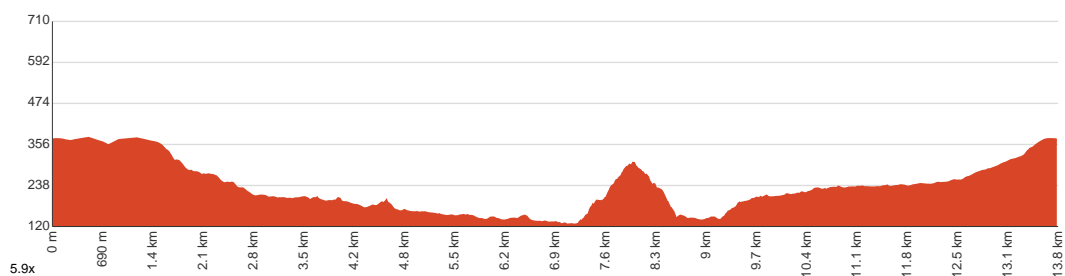
  
13.8 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 674 m  
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Hard track



This walk offers a magnificent way to explore the Sassafras Gully, enjoying the lush valleys and deep bushland, as well as the panoramic Martins Lookout. This walk has much to offer, with many views to impress before returning to Springwood Train Station. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



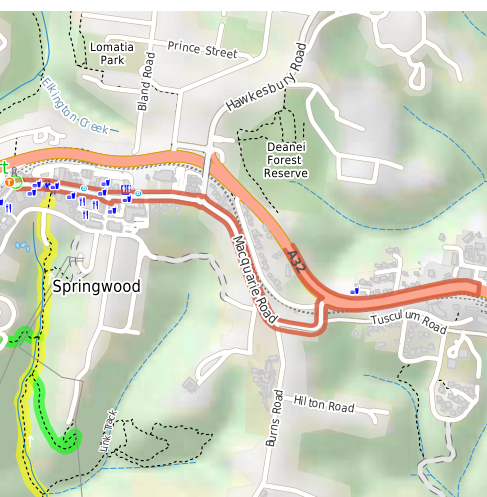
Class 4 of 6

Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Great Western Highway, A32 then drive for 440 m
- Keep left onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 105 m
- Turn slight left onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 750 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 330 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Macquarie Road and drive for another 335 m



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

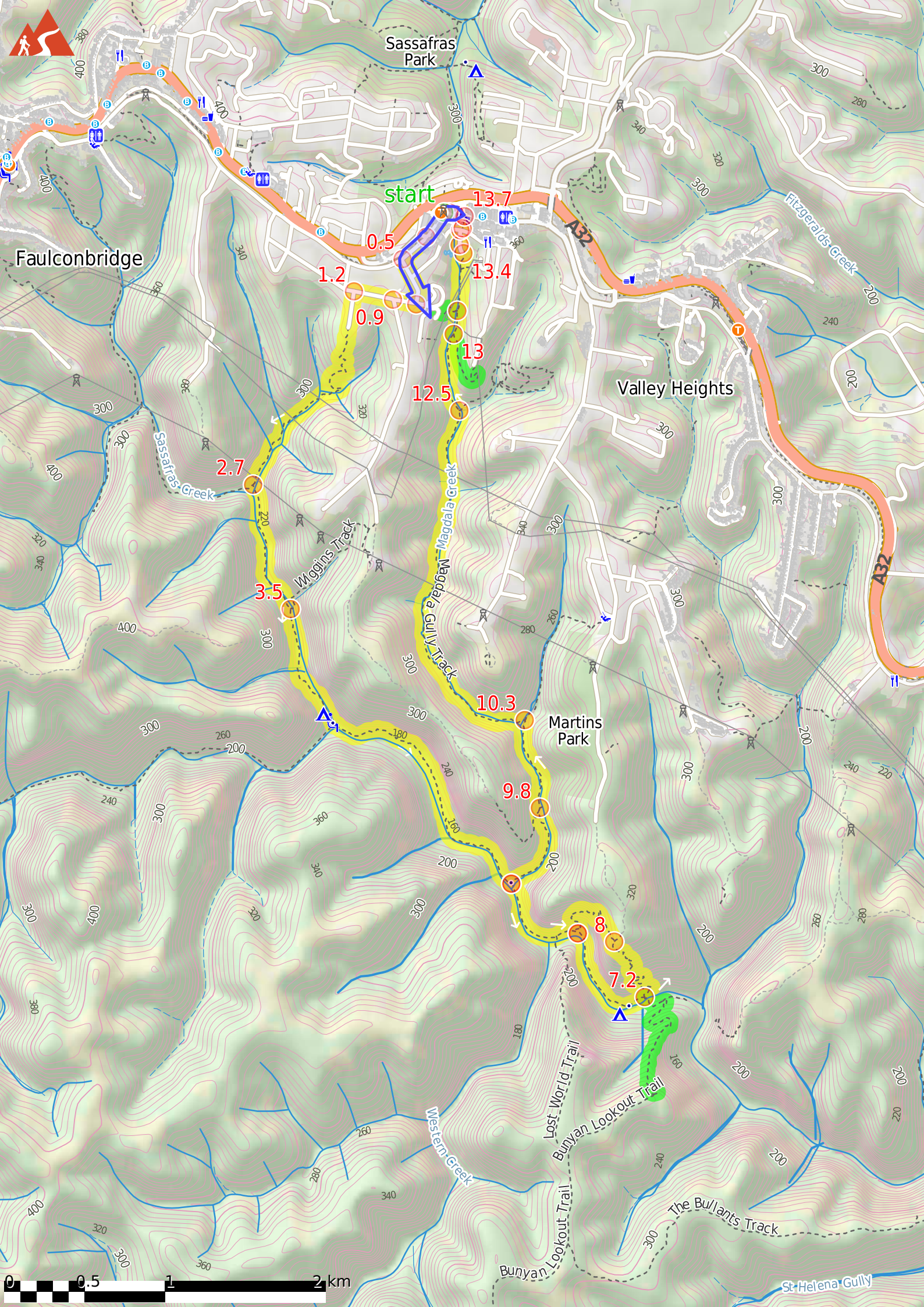
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

Sasasfras Park

Valley Heights

Martins Park

Fitzgeralds Creek

Sasasfras Creek

Wiggins Track

Magdala Creek

Western Creek

Lost World Trail

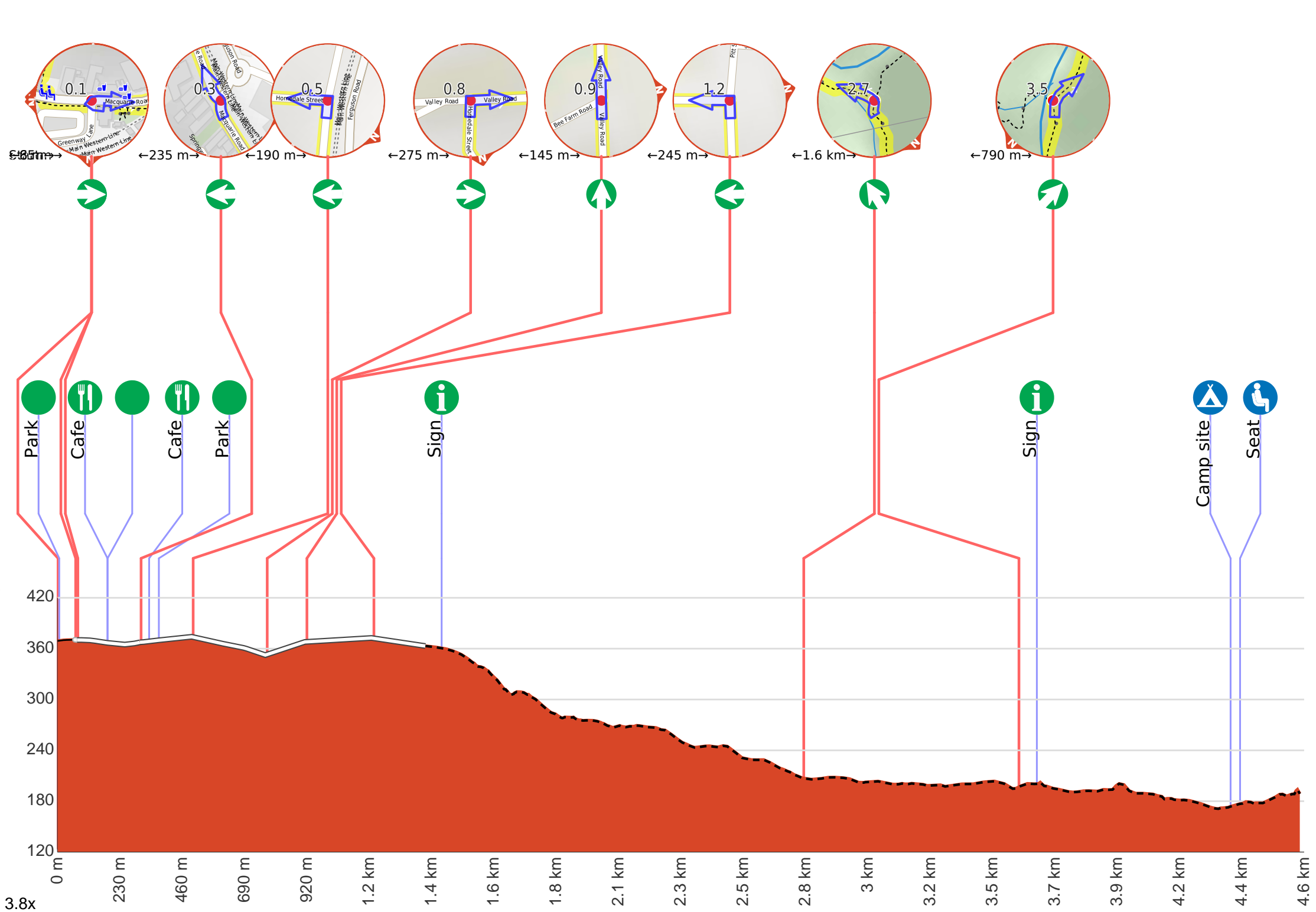
Bunyan Lookout Trail

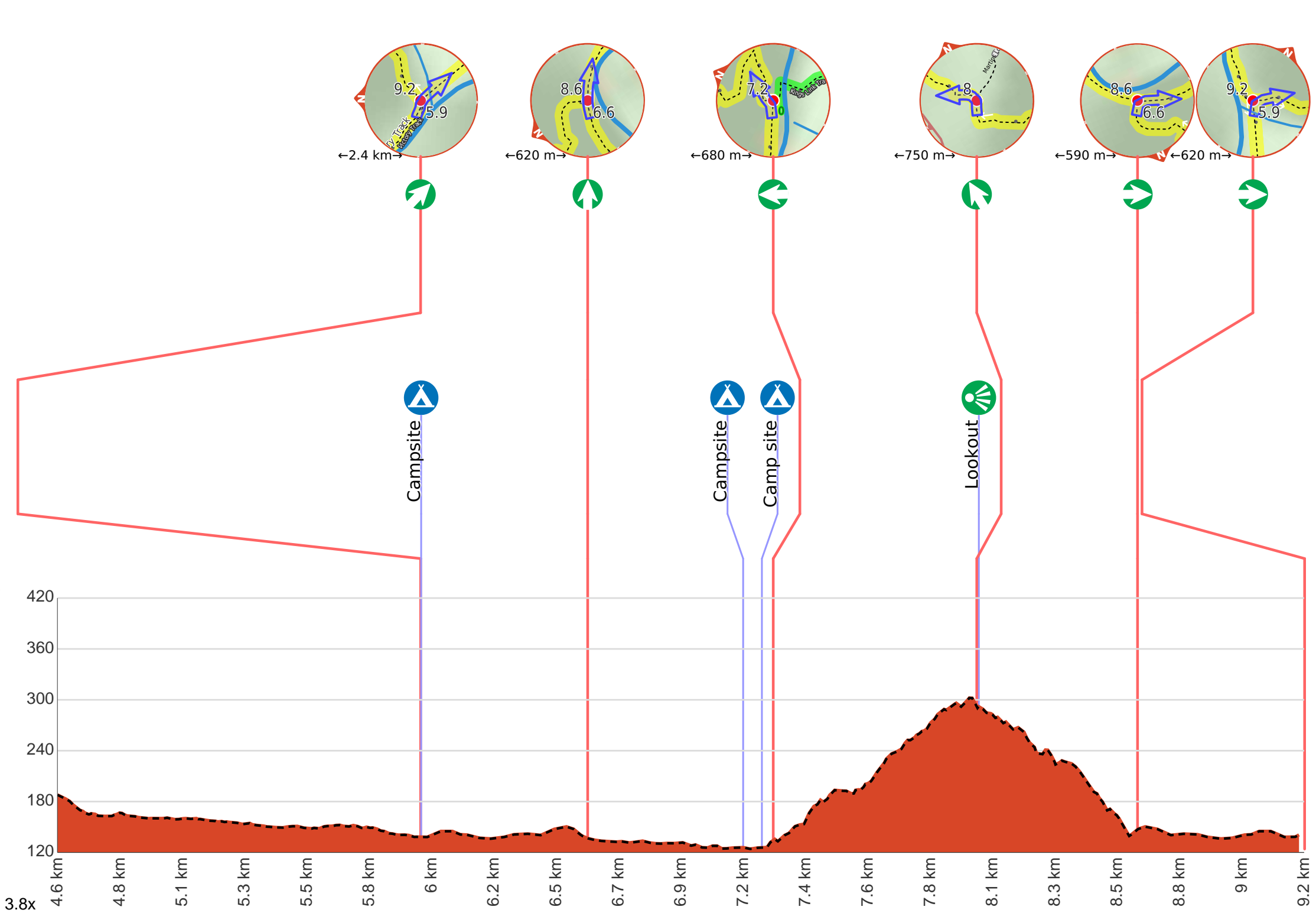
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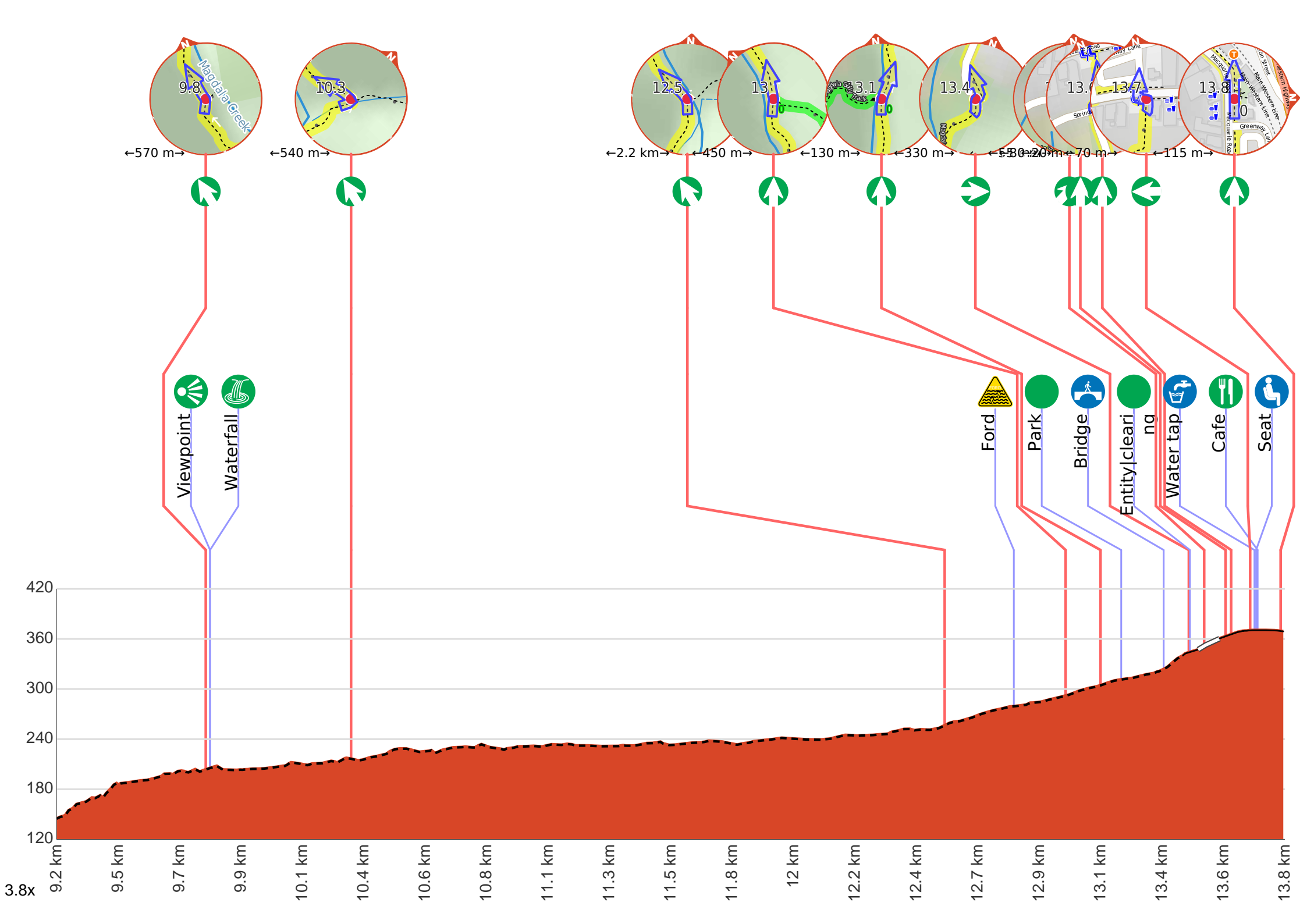
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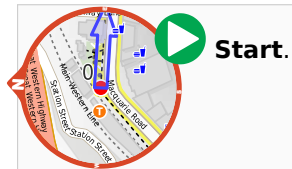




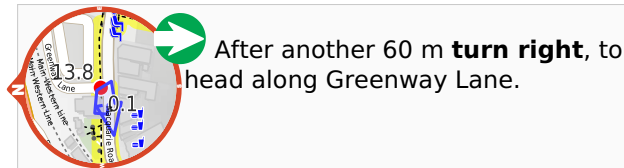




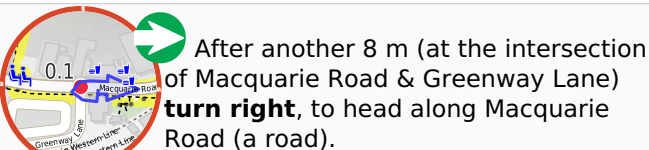
**Getting started:** From Springwood Station, the walk crosses the pedestrian crossing and turns right, passing the shop fronts. The walk continues along Macquarie Rd and turns left onto Homedale St. At the bottom of Homedale St, the walk turns right onto Valley Rd, and then left onto Sassafras Gully Rd. The walk continues to the bottom of Sassafras Gully Rd, in front of house number 18.



Find the Manners Park at the start.



After another 60 m **turn right**, to head along Greenway Lane.



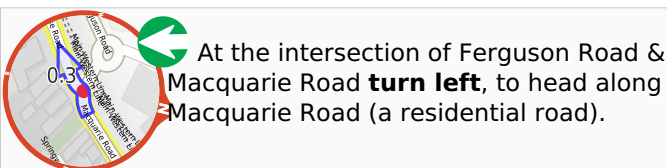
After another 8 m (at the intersection of Macquarie Road & Greenway Lane) **turn right**, to head along Macquarie Road (a road).

After another 110 m pass the "DHL Ristretto" (20 m on your left).

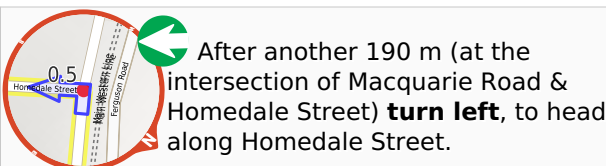
Then find the "Springwood" (10 m on your right).  
Springwood, along the Great Western Highway, is the second largest town in the Blue Mountains. Springwood also takes the title for the oldest railway station in the Blue Mountains. There are a variety of shops in Springwood, with quite a few cafes, bakeries and two historic hotels. Springwood was named by Governor Macquarie, when his wife and he stopped for water from a deep glen spring, in 1815. It seems aptly named, with many springs and creeks leading away from the ridge at Springwood, including Sassafras Gully, Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creek.

After another 155 m pass the "The Baker's Wife - Juicery & Salad Bar" (15 m on your left).

After another 35 m pass the "Rest Park" (10 m on your left).

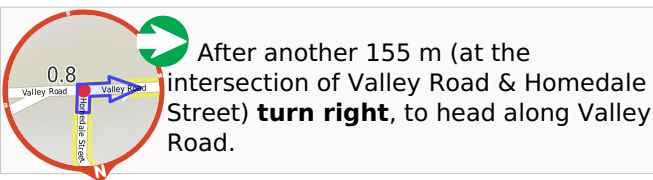


At the intersection of Ferguson Road & Macquarie Road **turn left**, to head along Macquarie Road (a residential road).

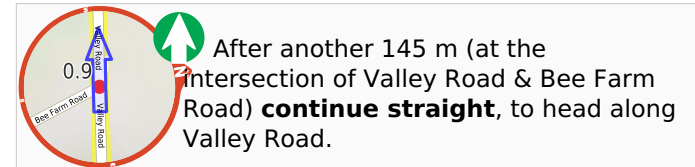


After another 190 m (at the intersection of Macquarie Road & Homedale Street) **turn left**, to head along Homedale Street.

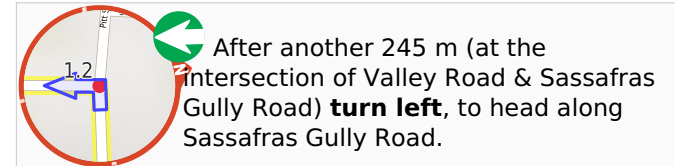
After another 115 m (at the intersection of Homedale Street & Springwood Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Homedale Street.



After another 155 m (at the intersection of Valley Road & Homedale Street) **turn right**, to head along Valley Road.

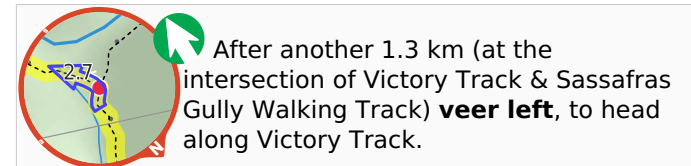


After another 145 m (at the intersection of Valley Road & Bee Farm Road) **continue straight**, to head along Valley Road.

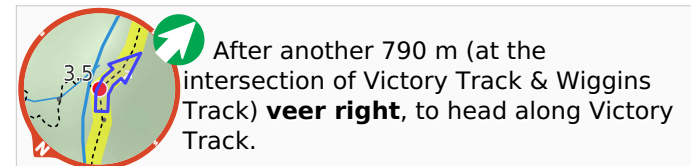


After another 245 m (at the intersection of Valley Road & Sassafras Gully Road) **turn left**, to head along Sassafras Gully Road.

After another 250 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 1.3 km (at the intersection of Victory Track & Sassafras Gully Walking Track) **veer left**, to head along Victory Track.

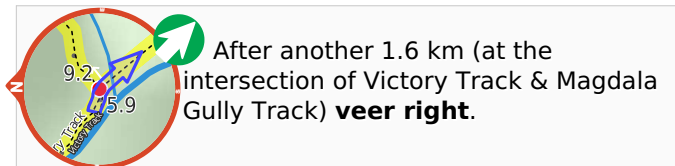


After another 790 m (at the intersection of Victory Track & Wiggins Track) **veer right**, to head along Victory Track.

After another 65 m pass the sign (6 m on your right).

After another 710 m come to the camp site.

After another 35 m find a seat.



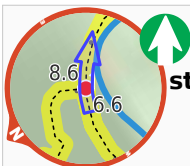
After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Victory Track & Magdala Gully Track) **veer right**.



Then come to the "Perch Ponds Campsite".



Perch Ponds is a lovely waterhole, with a clearing suitable to pitch a tent, located at the junction of Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Creeks. The meeting of the two creek provides a relaxing sound of rushing water and a cool spot to rest on warmer days. The campsite is a flat area above the pool marked with a fire scar. A great shady and quiet area for a camp. There are no facilities and water from the creek needs to be treated.



After another 610 m **continue straight**.



After another 570 m find the "Martins campsite" (5 m on your right).

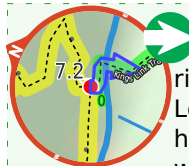


Martins campsite is an unofficial camping area beside Glenbrook Creek. The camping area is a sandy clearing, opposite cliffs on the other bank. The camping area is situated below Martins Lookout, with Bunyan Lookout up the ridge on the opposite hillside. A quiet and shaded location which can give a great night's sleep.

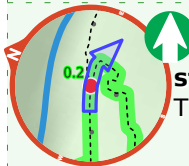


After another 70 m come to the camp site (on your right).

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Bunyan Lookout.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Martins Lookout Track & Kings Link Track **Start** heading along *Kings Link Track* (a walking track).



After another 165 m **continue straight**, to head along Kings Link Track.



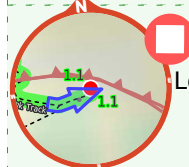
After another 910 m (at the intersection of Bunyan Lookout Trail & Kings Link Track) **veer left**.



After another 35 m come to "Bunyan Lookout".



Bunyan Lookout is an large, unfenced sandstone platform overlooking the Glenbrook Creek valley. Behind the lookout, there is a small sandy clearing, big enough for a few tents. The lookout spans across Glenbrook Creek and sandstone cliffs of the valley.



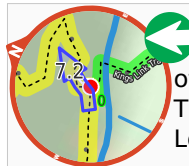
Continue another 0 m to find Bunyan Lookout at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.1 km to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 7.2 km waypoint.



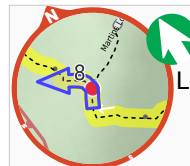
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Kings Link Track & Martins Lookout Track) **turn left**, to head along Martins Lookout Track.



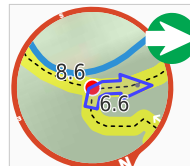
After another 760 m find the "Martins Lookout" (on your right).



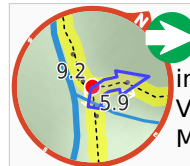
Martin's Lookout is an unfenced view on the rim of the plateau, south of Valley Heights. There are views across and up the Glenbrook Creek, and to the Lost Worlds lookout (on the opposite cliffs) which features a small white crucifix. This cross is in memory of Rev. Raymer who was an avid bushwalker in the area. The plaque in the rock at Martin's Lookout is directly opposite this cross.



**Veer left**, to head along Martins Lookout Track.



After another 590 m **turn right**.



After another 620 m (at the intersection of Magdala Gully Track & Victory Track) **turn right**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



After another 20 m come to the "Perch Ponds" (6 m on your left).





After another 345 m find the "Martins Falls" (6 m on your right).



Martins Falls are at a rock overhang on Magdala Creek, near Springwood, almost 400m upstream from the Glenbrook Creek junction. The water falls off a rock platform, over the overhang into a large pond. There is a faint track leading behind the falls, giving a different perspective of the pond and falls - extra care is required. This is a lovely area to enjoy the cool temperatures on warmer days, and is more spectacular after recent rain.



After another 205 m **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



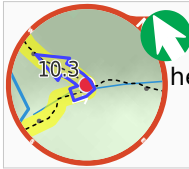
After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your right).



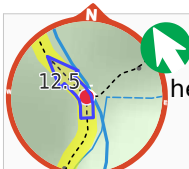
Then find the "Magdala Falls" (20 m on your right).



Magdala Falls is a disappointing set of falls. The view from the steep hillside doesn't show any of the falls, but instead lets you hear the water cascade into the pool below. A red-stained rock above the pool can be seen through the dense foliage of the trees.



After another 530 m **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.

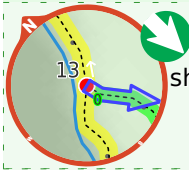


After another 2.2 km **veer left**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.

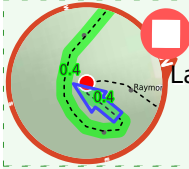


After another 260 m cross the ford.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Lawsons Lookout .



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



Continue another 430 m to find Lawsons Lookout at the end.



"Lawsons Lookout".



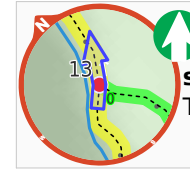
Lawsons Lookout, in Springwood, Blue Mountains, is an unfenced rockshelf overlooking the wonderful Magdala Creek valley. The lookout is most easily accessed from Raymond Rd.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 430 m to the main route.

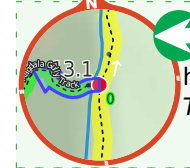


Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 13 km waypoint.



After another 195 m **continue straight**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.

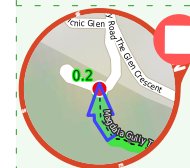
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Picnic Point.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start** heading along *Magdala Gully Track*.



Then cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 145 m come to the end.



About 15 m past the end is "Picnic Point".



Picnic Point, in Springwood, Blue Mountains, is a quiet, grassy clearing tucked behind the houses above Magdala Creek. The area has a gazebo, picnic table and water tank (water needs to be treated). The clearing has a track leading down to many popular walks, with Lawson's Lookout and Fairy Dell Reserves nearby.

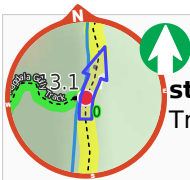


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 155 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 13.1 km waypoint.





After another 130 m **continue straight**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



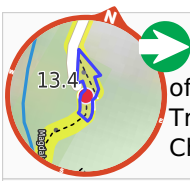
After another 80 m pass the "Fairy Dell Reserve" (5 m on your left).



After another 155 m **continue straight**, to head along Magdala Gully Track.



Then cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 90 m (at the intersection of Christine's Place & Magdala Gully Track) **turn right**, to head along Christine's Place (a footpath).



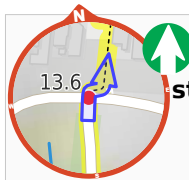
Then find the "Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area" (5 m on your left).



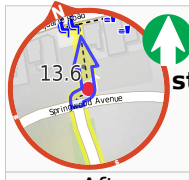
Fairy Dell Reserve picnic area is a quiet and shady terraced garden at the head of the Magdala Gully. Fairy Dell is situated just south of Springwood in the Lower Blue Mountains. The picnic area has numerous tables, parking and a grassy area for the kids to play. The Fairy Dell Reserve Picnic area is also the starting point for a number of walks down to Magdala Creek, Picnic Point and nearby Lawson Lookout.



After another 55 m **veer right**.



After another 80 m **continue straight**.



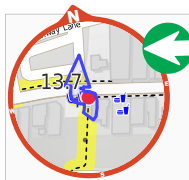
After another 20 m **continue straight**.



After another 85 m pass the water tap (6 m on your right).



After another 10 m pass the "2 Blondes Cafe" (30 m on your right).



**Turn left.**



After another 20 m pass a seat (on your right).



**Continue straight.**



After another 95 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m come to the end.