



Totadgin Rock Circuit

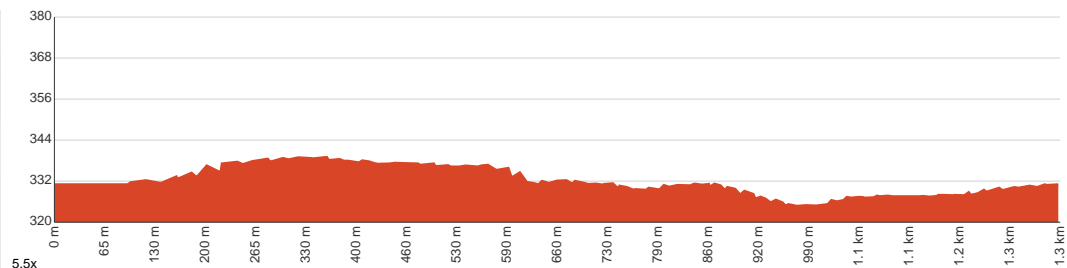
 20 min to 30 min


1.3 km
Circuit


↑ 19 m
↓ 19 m


Moderate track

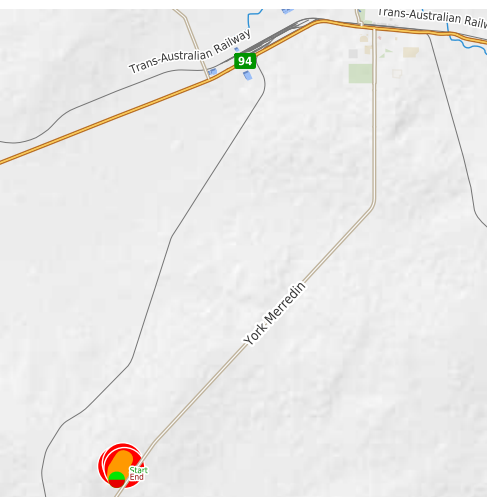
Starting from the car park in the Totadgin Conservation Park, this walk takes you on a circuit, visiting beautiful displays of rock formations and wildflowers. This walk is pretty informative and offers visitors chances to observe ancient rock formations and see wild birds. The woodlands in the area are home to a variety of resident, nomadic and migratory birds. Additionally, the enormous granite outcrop has interesting wave formations. There are shot steep sections and uneven surfaces throughout the walk, and the area can get extremely hot during summer. Some bushwalking experience is advised. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Eastern Highway, 94, Merredin.

- Turn on to York Merredin then drive for 12.5 km
- Turn right and drive for another 240 m



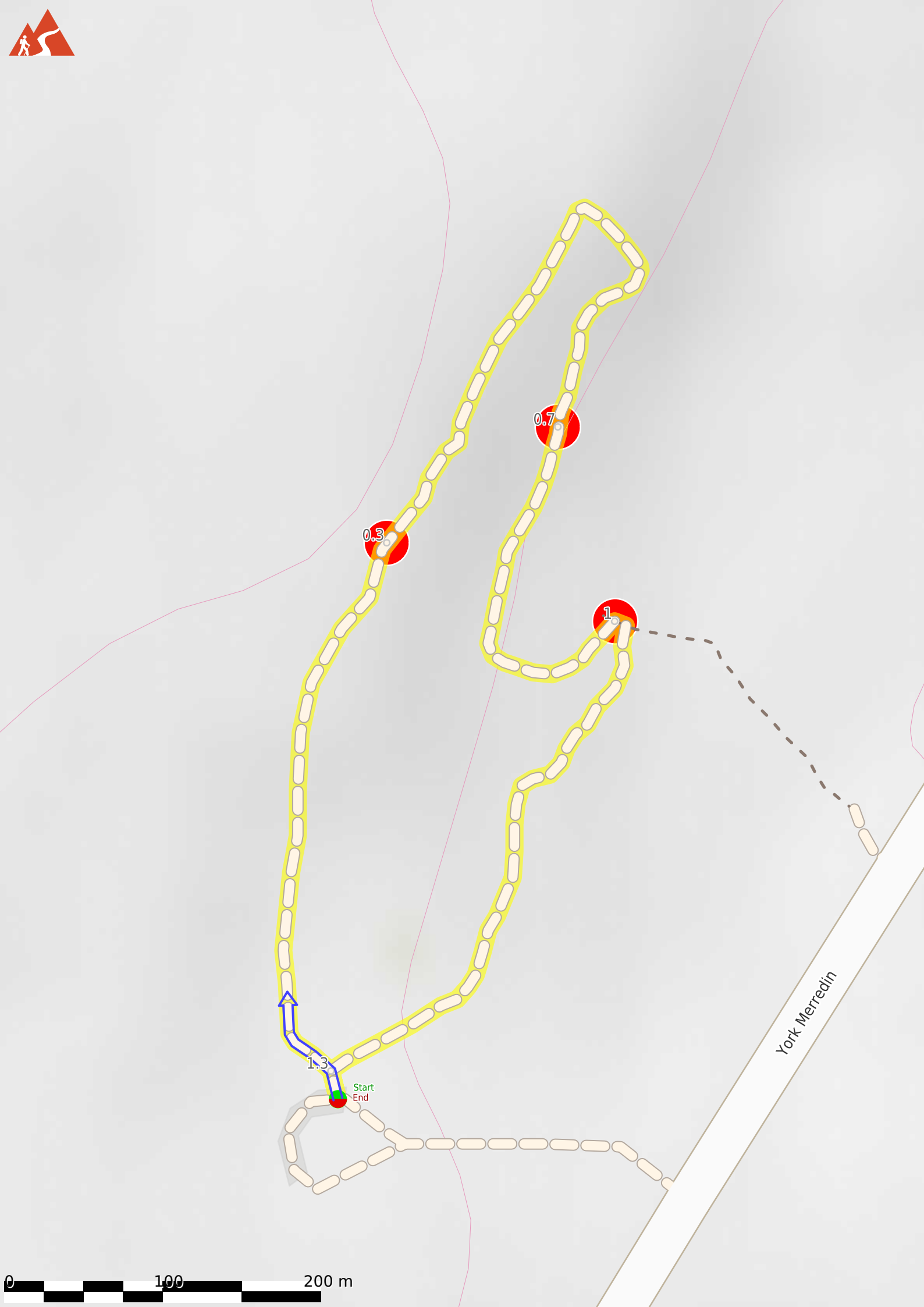
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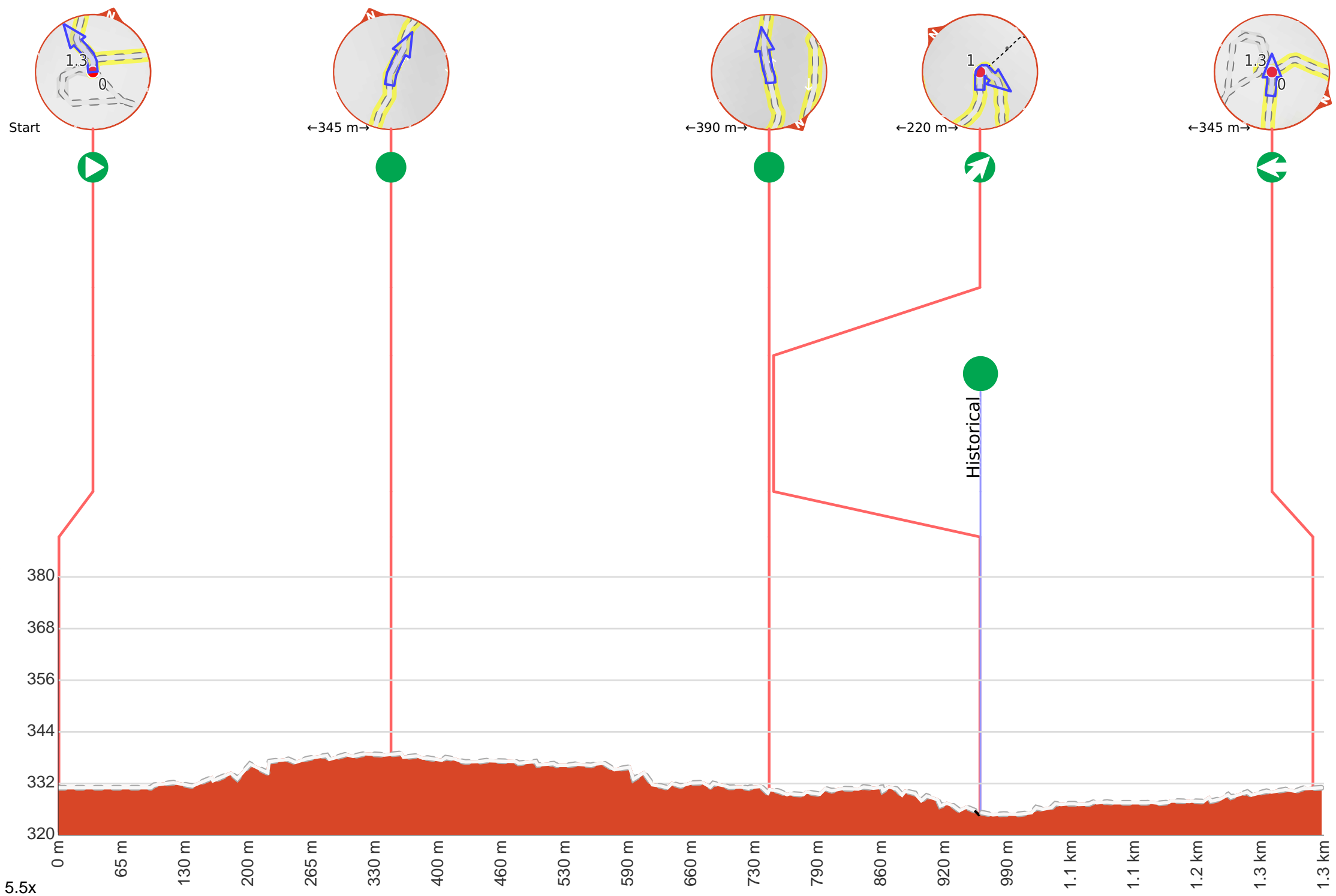
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

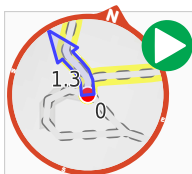
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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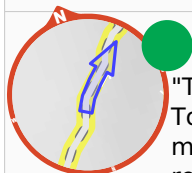




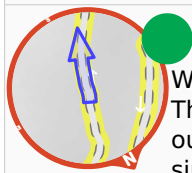
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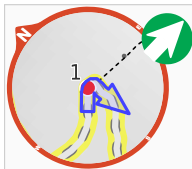
After another 15 m **veer left**.



After another 330 m find the "Totadgin Rock" (on your left). Totadgin Rock is an inselberg, or "island mountain", surrounded by a nature reserve comprising woodland and heathland. The reserve has a diverse range of flora that is endemic to the granite outcrops, salt lake country and sand plains around Merredin. Totadgin Rock is also home to bird species such as the Southern Boobook, White-eared Honeyeater, Weebill, Chestnut-rumped Thornbill, Blue-breasted Fairy-wren and Southern Scrub-robin.



After another 390 m find the "Mini Wave Rock" (on your right). The eastern side of the large granite outcrop features a wave formation similar to the more famous Wave Rock in Hyden, only less developed and much smaller. These wave-like formations are caused by the chemical weathering of bedrock by groundwater. Runoff from the rock provides a plentiful supply of water to the thick vegetation around its base.



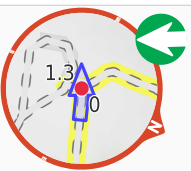
After another 220 m **veer right**.



Then find the "Hunt's Well" (on your left). The stone-lined Hunt's Well is one of a series of watering points developed by explorer and surveyor Charles Cooke Hunt throughout the area. Between 1864 and 1866, C.C. Hunt led expeditions east of York to discover, map and develop water sources that would ensure a reliable supply to as far as the Hampton Plains. Hunt recorded the name for this rock in October of 1864 during his second expedition, referring to it as Totadgin, an aboriginal word of unknown origin. In early 1865, his party of probation prisoners constructed a well at the base of the rock. The well was refurbished in 2016 and is in reasonably good condition, with protective fencing to ensure safety.



After another 7 m **turn right**.



After another 340 m **turn left**.



After another 15 m come to the end.