



# Girrakool Loop Track

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 30 min to 45 min

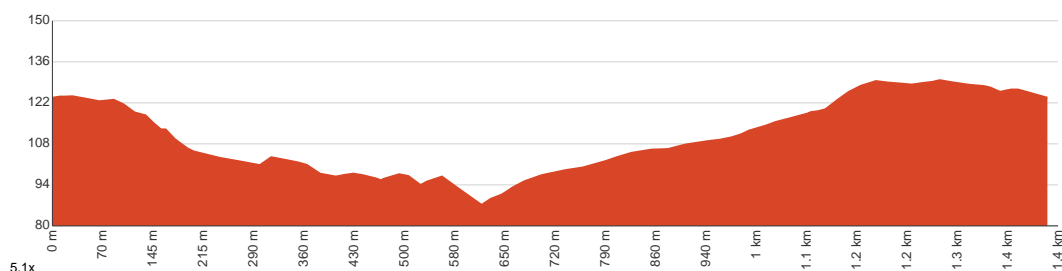
  
1.4 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 54 m  
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Moderate track



Starting at the well-established Girrakool picnic area, this walk visits four lookouts and an Aboriginal engravings site. The walk offers a couple of side trips, visiting some nice spots on Piles Creek. The views from each of the lookout are filtered through trees, but still worth the visit. The walk is especially nice in late winter and early spring, when the wildflowers are blooming. A good walk when picnicking at Girrakool. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

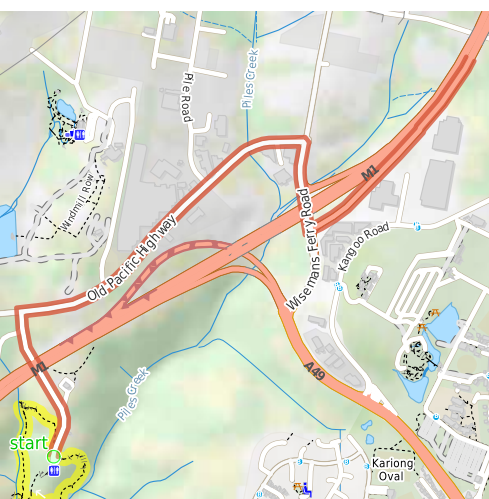


Class 3 of 6  
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Wisemans Ferry Road Offramp then drive for 630 m
- Continue onto Wisemans Ferry Road Offramp and drive for another 55 m
- Turn right onto Wisemans Ferry Road, B83 and drive for another 390 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Old Pacific Highway, B83 and drive for another 1.5 km
- Turn left onto Quarry Road and drive for another 75 m
- Keep left onto Girrakool Road and drive for another 630 m



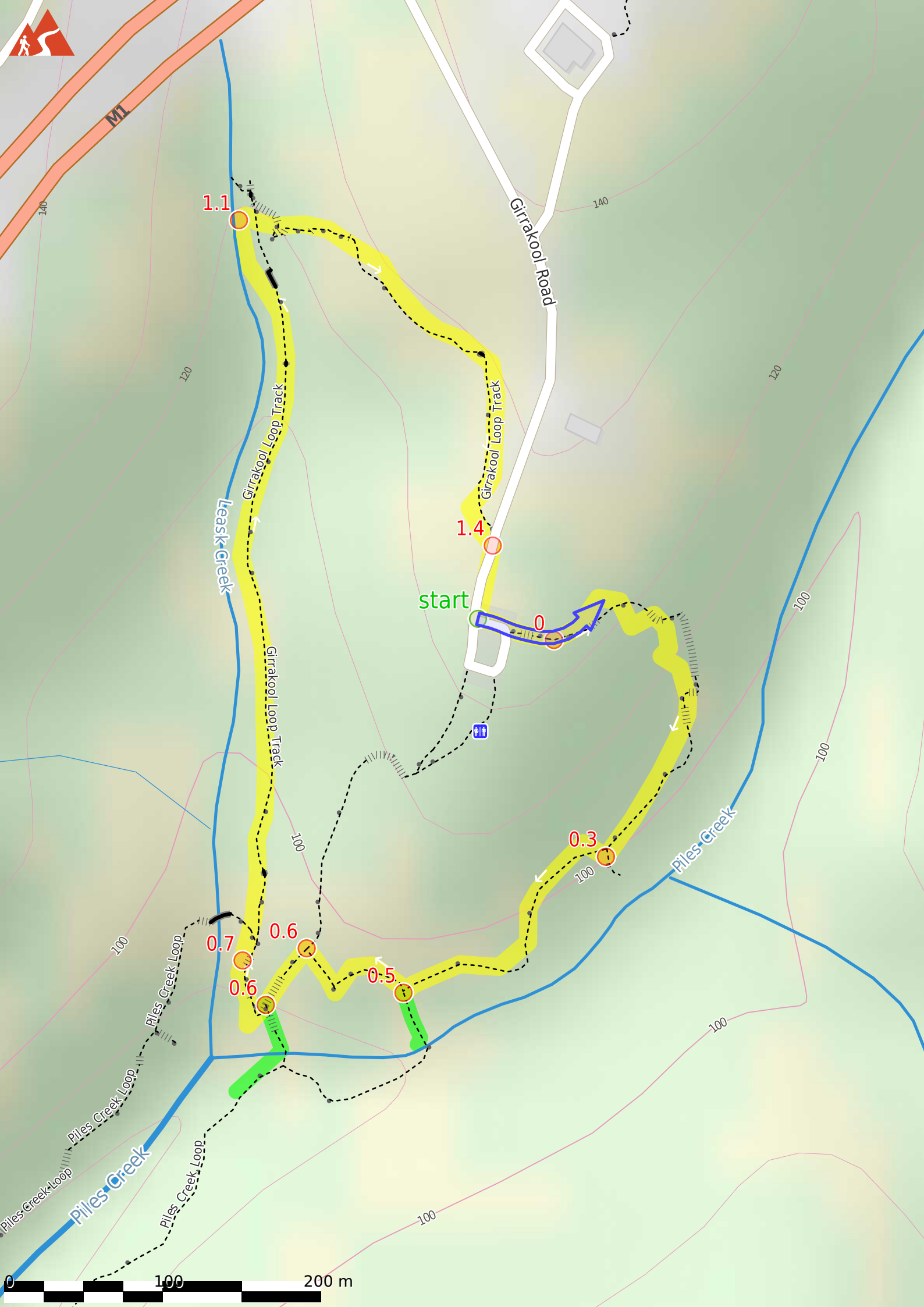
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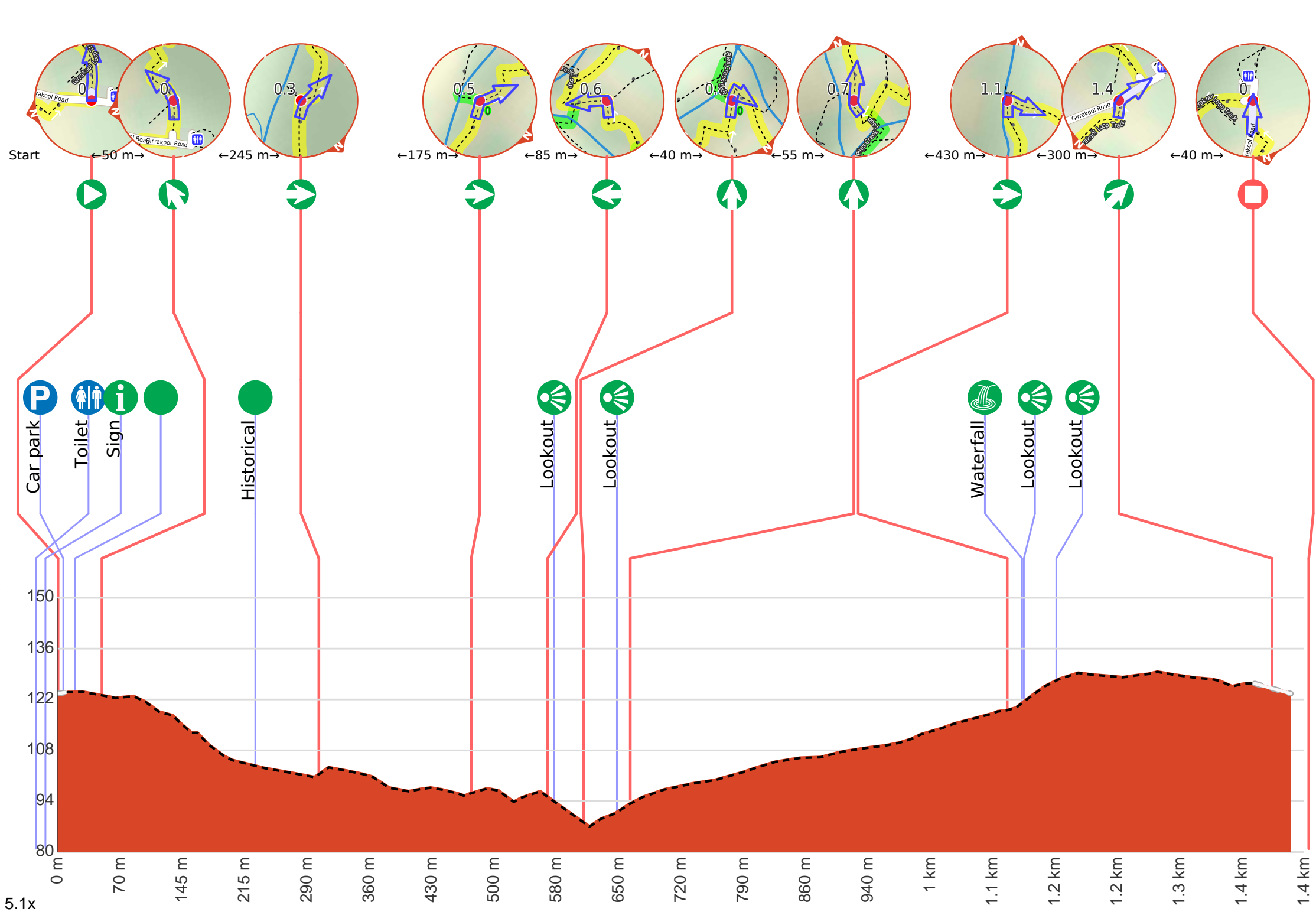
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

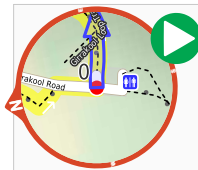
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**Getting started:** From the Girrorakool picnic area car park and information sign, this walk heads across the car park to the 'Girrorakool Loop 2km' signpost on the other side. The walk then follows this sign and track into the bush, leaving the freeway noise behind. The track crosses a rock platform then heads down a series of steps, to come to a large rock platform with a pine log and 'Aboriginal Site' sign. The cliff edge around the rock is unfenced.



**Start.**



Find the car park at the start.



Then pass the toilet (40 m on your right).



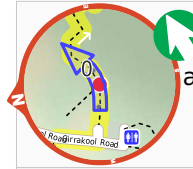
There is a sign (about 25 m back from the start).



After 35 m find the "Girrorakool Picnic Area" (10 m on your left).



Girrorakool picnic area is a wonderful family destination, just 5 minutes' drive from Kariong. The picnic area provides all the necessary facilities for a full day's activities, including barbecues, tables, shelters, water and toilets. National Park fees apply. The main picnic area is on the eastern side of the car park, and smaller, older picnic area is at the north-eastern corner of the car park. The southern Girrorakool picnic area is located near the toilets. The picnic area is dedicated to John 'Jack' Higgs, the first superintendent of Brisbane Water National Park, and Mrs Vera Murdoch, who provided the funds. 'Girrorakool' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'place of still waters'.



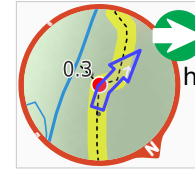
After another 30 m **veer left**, to head along Girrorakool Loop Track.



After another 175 m find the "Girrorakool Aboriginal Engravings site" (8 m on your left).

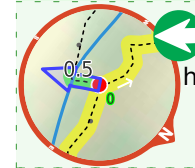


This rock platform has a log and 'Aboriginal Site' sign. Make an effort to not walk on the the engravings as this will only fade the engraving further. The engraving on this rock have faded but with a bit of effort you can make out a man and kangaroo.

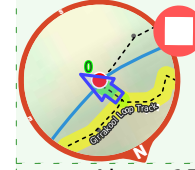


After another 70 m **turn right**, to head along Girrorakool Loop Track.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Piles Creek Cascades.



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



After another 30 m come to the end.



About 15 m past the end is "Piles Creek Cascades".



Piles Creek Cascades are an informally named set of cascades on a wide rock platform and Piles Creek, in Brisbane Water National Park. The creek, at this point, flows across a rock platform with many interesting sink holes, small water holes and cascades. this is a nice spot to explore. Care is needed as the rocks are slippery, with unfenced drops, and the area may not be passable after rain.

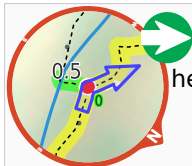


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 470 m waypoint.





After another 175 m **turn right**, to head along Girrakool Loop Track.



After another 95 m find the "Broula Lookout" (on your left).

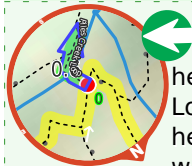


Broula Lookout is fenced and a fairly short walk down from the Girrakool picnic area. Over time, the trees in the area have grown, filtering what would otherwise be a great vantage point for the Piles Creek waterfall. Broula is an Aboriginal word referring to a place of trickling water.



**Turn left**, to head along Girrakool Loop Track.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Piles Creek Waterfall.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Girrakool Loop Track & Piles Creek Loop **Start** heading along *Piles Creek Loop* (a walking track).



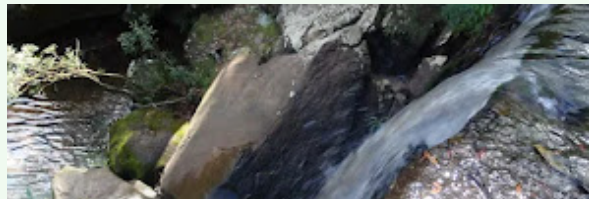
After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Piles Creek Loop.



After another 20 m come to the end.



"Piles Creek Waterfall".



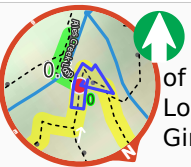
The large waterfall on Piles Creek is south of Girrakool Picnic Area in Brisbane Water National Park. At the Piles Creek Loop track crossing at the top of the falls, there is a large rock platform. The cliff edge is unfenced and would be dangerous to approach for the view. The water falls down the large drop, into a big pool below. The 'Bundilla Lookout' on the other side of the valley provides the only square view onto the falls, but even this only witnesses the top half.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.



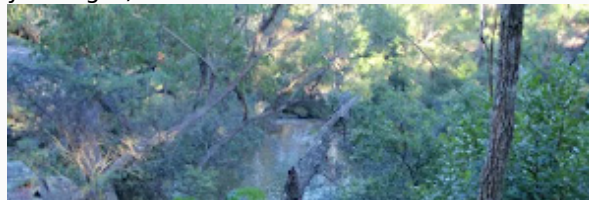
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 600 m waypoint.



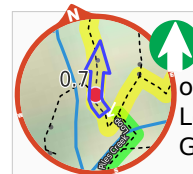
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Girrakool Loop Track & Piles Creek Loop) **continue straight**, to head along Girrakool Loop Track.



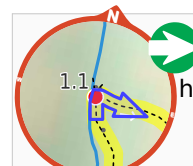
After another 40 m find the "Illoura Lookout" (on your right).



Illoura Lookout, Brisbane Water National Park, can be found a short walk south-west of the Girrakool picnic area, following the Great North Walk sign. This lookout provides a filtered view up and down the Leask and Piles Creek junction. There is a view of a waterfall from Piles Creek. Illoura is an Aboriginal word referring to a pleasant or peaceful place.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Girrakool Loop Track & Piles Creek Loop) **continue straight**, to head along Girrakool Loop Track.



After another 430 m **turn right**, to head along Girrakool Loop Track.



After another 15 m pass the waterfall (20 m on your left).



Then find the "Andamira Lookout" (on your left).



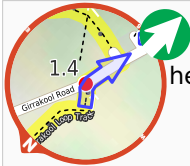
The fenced Andamira Lookout is on a platform, overlooking Leaskes Creek waterfall on the Girrakool Loop walk. The waterfall is in a sandstone and ferny amphitheatre with a sandy base. Prior to reaching the waterfall, this creek has just passed under the F3 freeway, which can be heard a short distance away. Trees have grown up over the years and the view of the water is filtered through the leaves.



After another 35 m find the "Boondi Lookout" (10 m on your right).



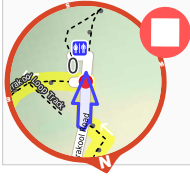
Boondi Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout on the Girrakool Loop track, in Brisbane Water National Park. The view is mostly of the trees in the valley, with some glimpses of Leaskes Creek to the right. 'Boondi' is a word used by the Darkinjung people meaning 'Club-headed weapon'.



After another 245 m **veer right**, to head along Girrakool Road.



After another 40 m come to a car park.



The end.