



The Settlers Loop

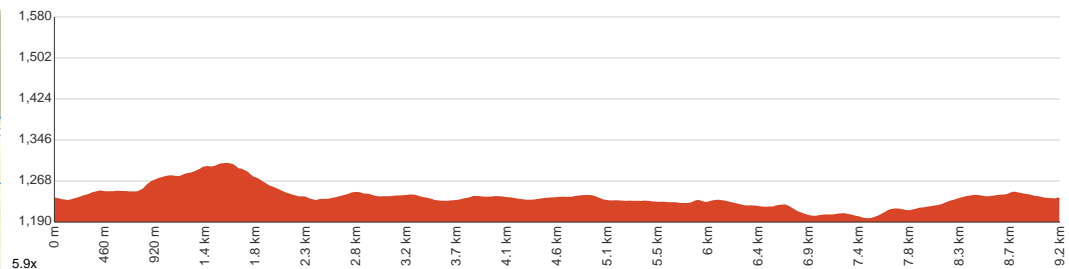
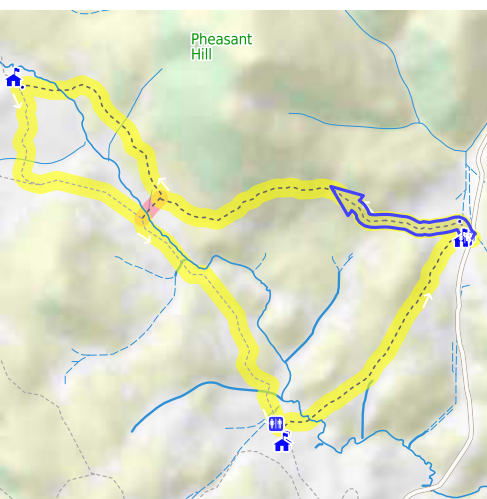
 2 h 30 min to 4 h


9.2 km
Circuit


↑ 179 m
↓ 179 m


Moderate track

Starting from the David Brayshaws Hut off Boboyan Road, Mount Clear, this walk takes you on a circuit near the southern border of Namadgi National Park, visiting 3 historic huts in the process. David Brayshaws Hut will be your first stop on this journey, which was built in 1903 by Edward Brayshaw for grazing purposes. It was the home of Davey Brayshaw, who lived here until the end of his life(1931). Shortly after came Henry and Iris Curtis, working timber and fibro in the early 1930s. The hut was comprehensively renovated in the late 1980s. After visiting the first hut on the journey, you'll leave the rural area and head into the eucalypt woodland along the track. You may come across kangaroos and wallabies throughout the hike, but you have to be stealthy to take close-up pictures as they're not used to walkers. As you make it out of the forest and past the creek, the historic Waterhole Hut will appear in the distance. It has some old sheep yards and horse stalls nearby for you to explore. From here, the track meanders along Grassy Creek towards the Westermans Homestead. Known for its nostalgic bargeboards and stone chimneys, this hut was built in 1916 by Bruce Jeffrey. Two family members of the Westermans are buried up the hill. Keep an eye out for the Octopus Stinkhorn, a fungus that looks like an upside-down octopus(hence the name) with red tentacles. As a 'plus', it smells like cow dung. If you decide to come here in summer, cover yourself well and bring an insect repellent to be protected from the relentless flies. In winter on the other hand, remember to check the forecast to be safe against storms and drastic temperature drops. Expect to get wet feet in some areas around the walk regardless of the season, so an extra pair of socks or waterproof boots may come in handy. 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.

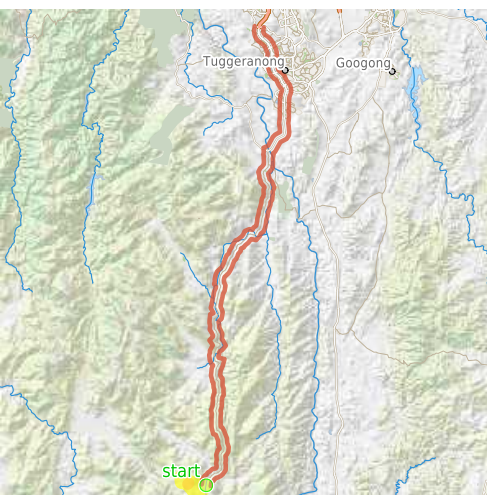


Class 3 of 6
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

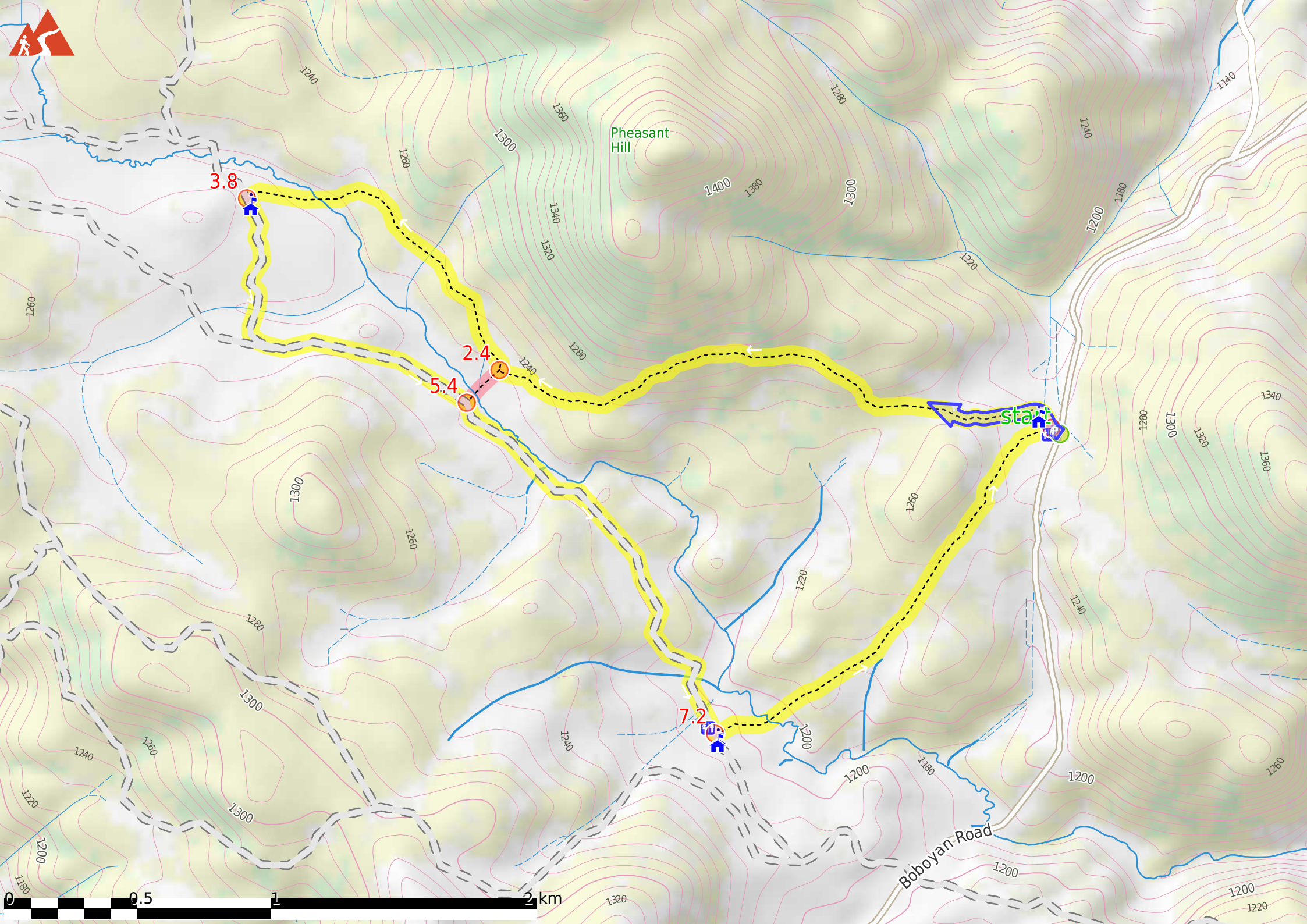
Getting to the start: From Tuggeranong Parkway

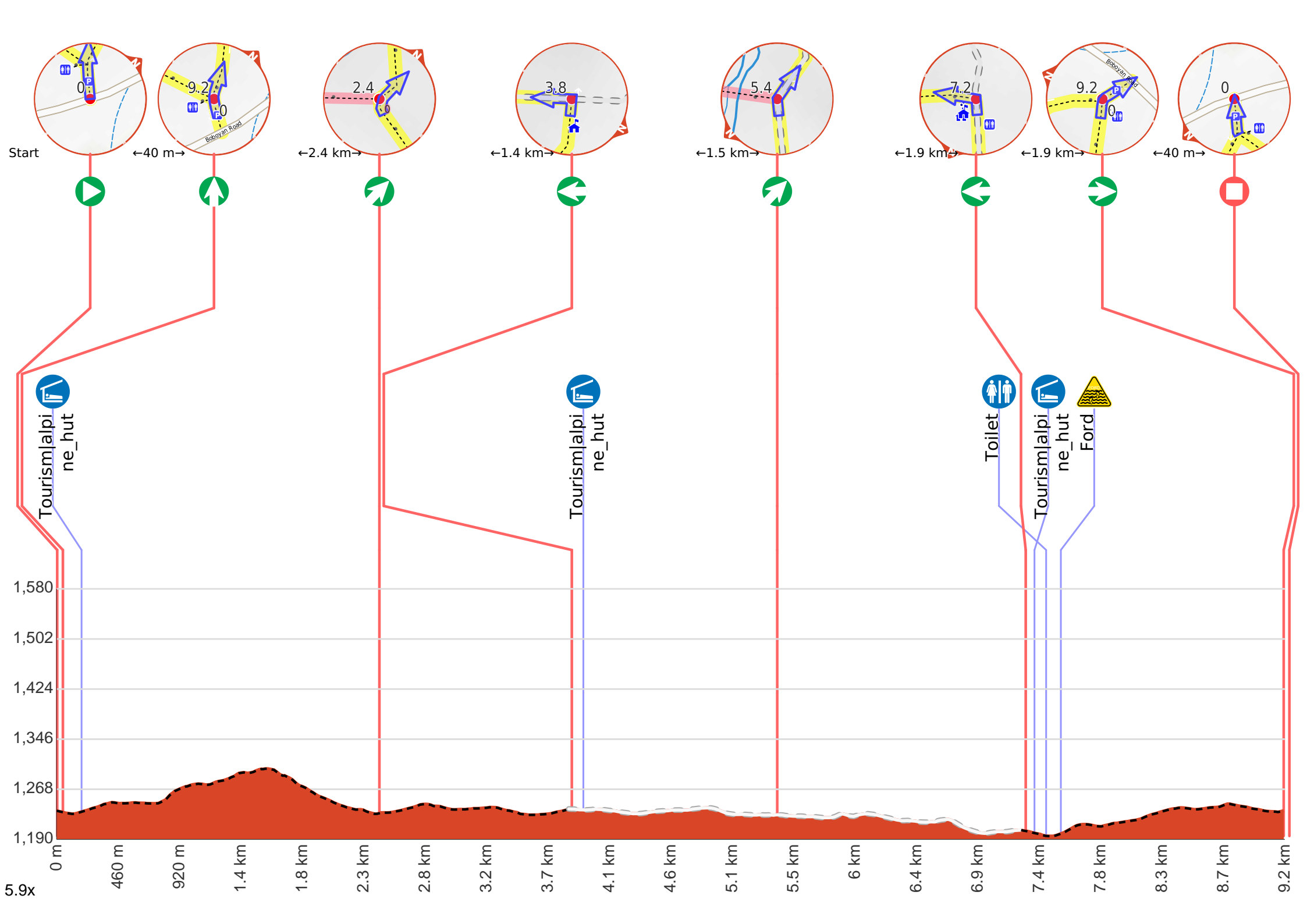
- Turn on to Drakeford Drive then drive for 2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Drakeford Drive and drive for another 700 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 950 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 540 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 890 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 5 km
- Turn slight left onto Naas Road and drive for another 48.3 km



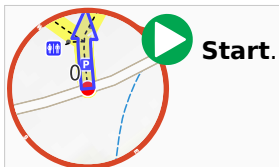
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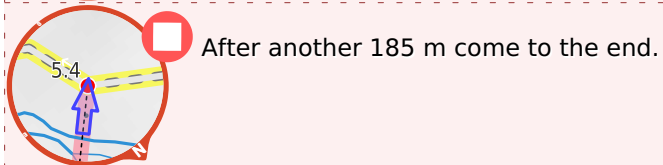
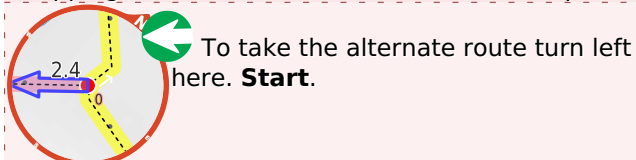


Getting started: From the car park on Boboyan Road (1.35 km northeast of the ACT-NSW border), pass through the bollard and the wooden fence with the red gate towards the slanted signpost. Pass by the said signpost to your left and head towards the David Brayshaws Hut along the walking track, then follow the track as it veers left towards the woodland to continue along The Settlers Loop (counterclockwise). This is the encouraged direction of travel.



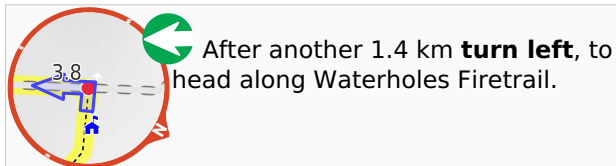
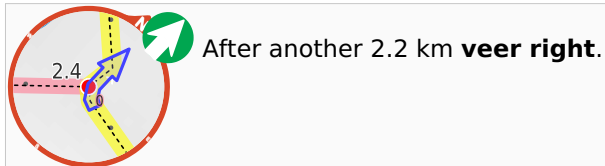
After another 140 m come to the "David Brayshaws Hut" (15 m on your right).

Start of an alternate route: An alternate route skipping the Waterhole Hut section of the loop.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.

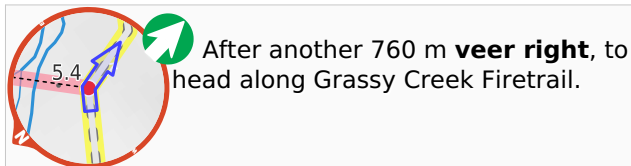
The alternate route finishes here. Veer left to rejoin the main route at the 5.4 km waypoint.



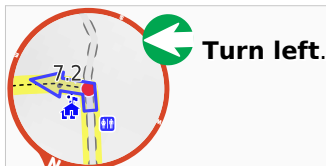
After another 85 m come to the "Waterhole Hut" (7 m on your right).

After another 680 m (at the intersection of Grassy Creek Firetrail & Waterholes Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Grassy Creek Firetrail.

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After another 2 km pass the toilet (15 m on your right).



After another 65 m come to the "Westermans Homestead" (9 m on your left).

After another 195 m cross the ford.

After another 1.7 km come to a toilet.

