



# Wilderness Ocean Walk Trail

4 h to 6 h



1 h 45 min to 3 h 15 min



14.8 km  
Return



↑ 350 m  
↓ 350 m



Moderate track

Starting from the car park on Ocean Beach Road, Ocean Beach, this walk takes you past the Denmark Community Windfarm and Back Beach to Lights Beach and back via the Wilderness Ocean Walk Trail. This trail traverses the pristine coastal environment of Wilson Head Reserve, linking the Denmark Community Windfarm at Ocean Beach with Back Beach and Lights Beach. Along the trail you will experience panoramic views of the the Southern Ocean, Wilson Inlet, Monkey Rock and surrounding farmland. The trail has lookouts, seating and interpretive signage along the way, with amenities at both Ocean Beach and Lights Beach. The rugged coastline has many separate beaches ending in ancient granite rocks, dune cliffs, or stretches of hills rolling into the ocean, giving each beach its own character. The stunning coastal scenery and exposure to ever-changing weather provide a range of photographic opportunities on any given day. Watch out for the delicate shapes, hues and textures of various plants, as well as colourful displays of wildflowers in spring. The trail is a shared-use bitumen path. Please be respectful of others by keeping left and adhering to signposted speed limits. Although the gradient is mostly undulating, it can be quite steep in places. To protect the plants and animals and also for your own safety, stay on the formed trail and wear appropriate footwear. While the water might look inviting, swimming is not advised as the Wilson Head Reserve coastline is treacherous, with large waves, rips and unpredictable swell. 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.



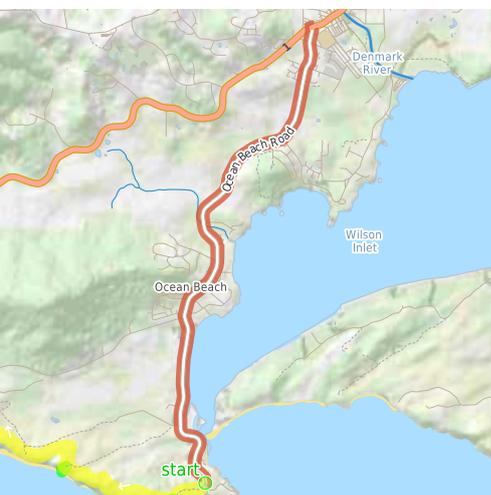
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Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

<b>Quality of track</b>	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (2/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

**Getting to the start:** From South Coast Highway, 1, Denmark.

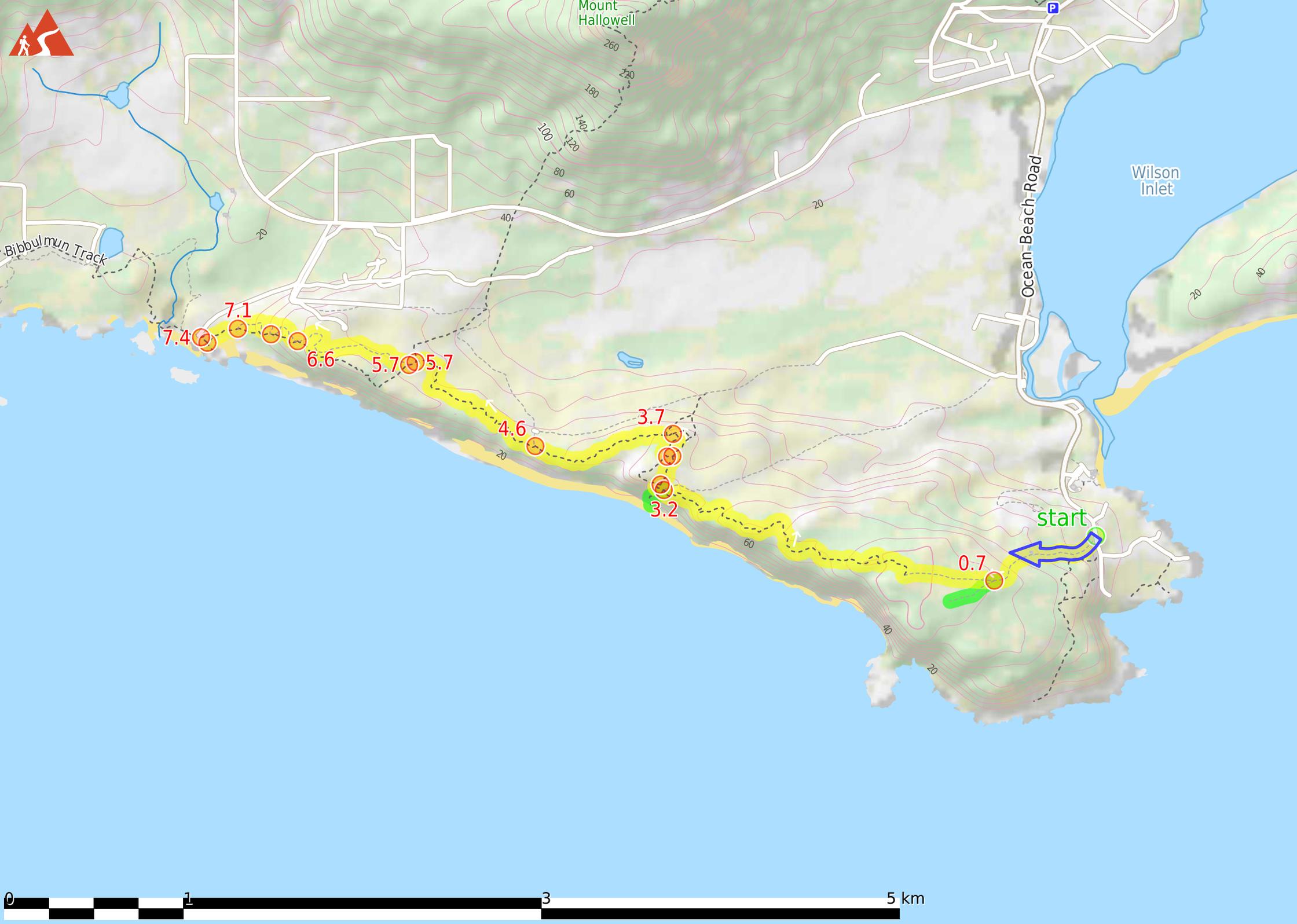
- Turn on to Ocean Beach Road then drive for 9.4 km
- Keep right and drive for another 6 m

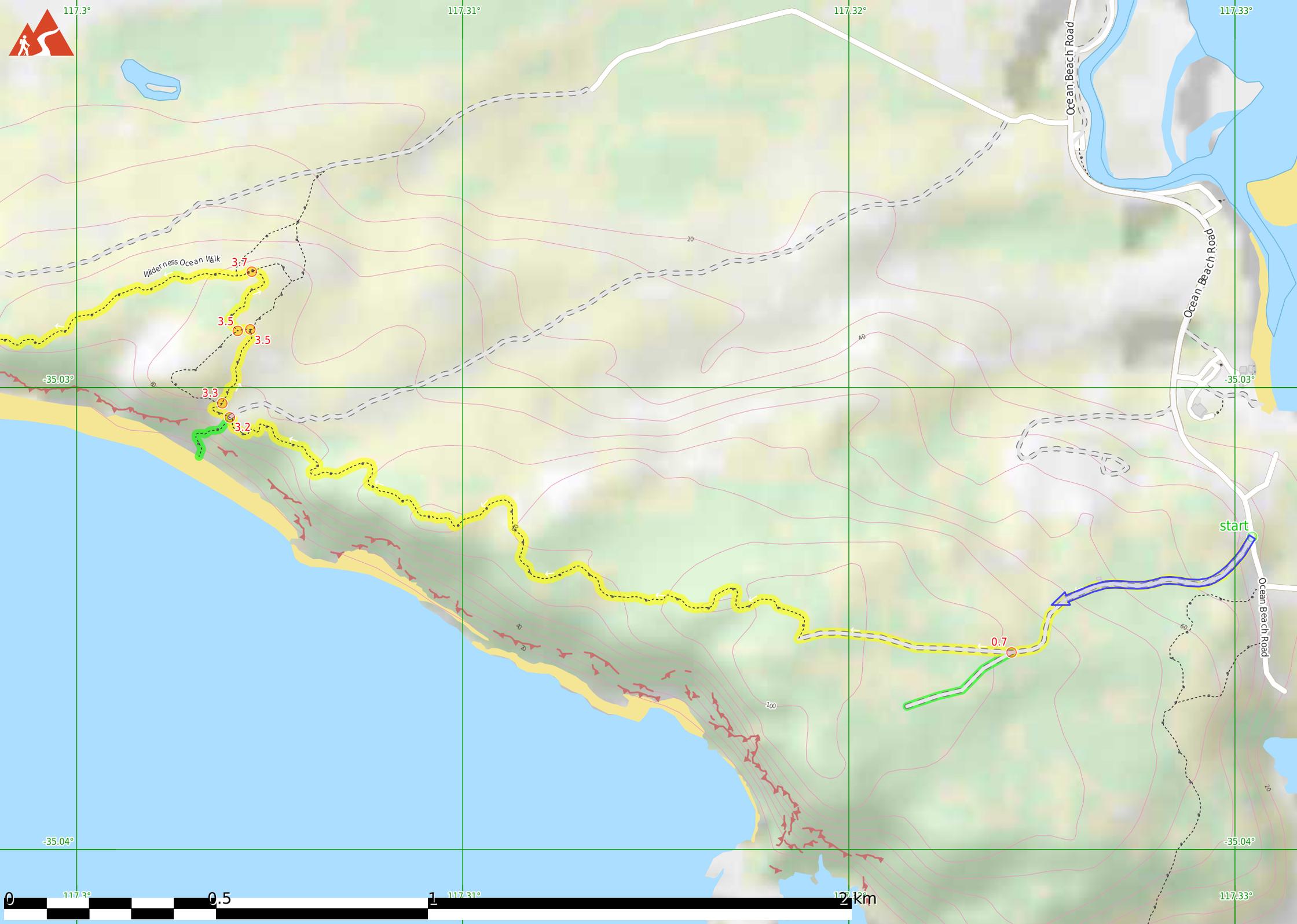


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start

Ocean Beach Road

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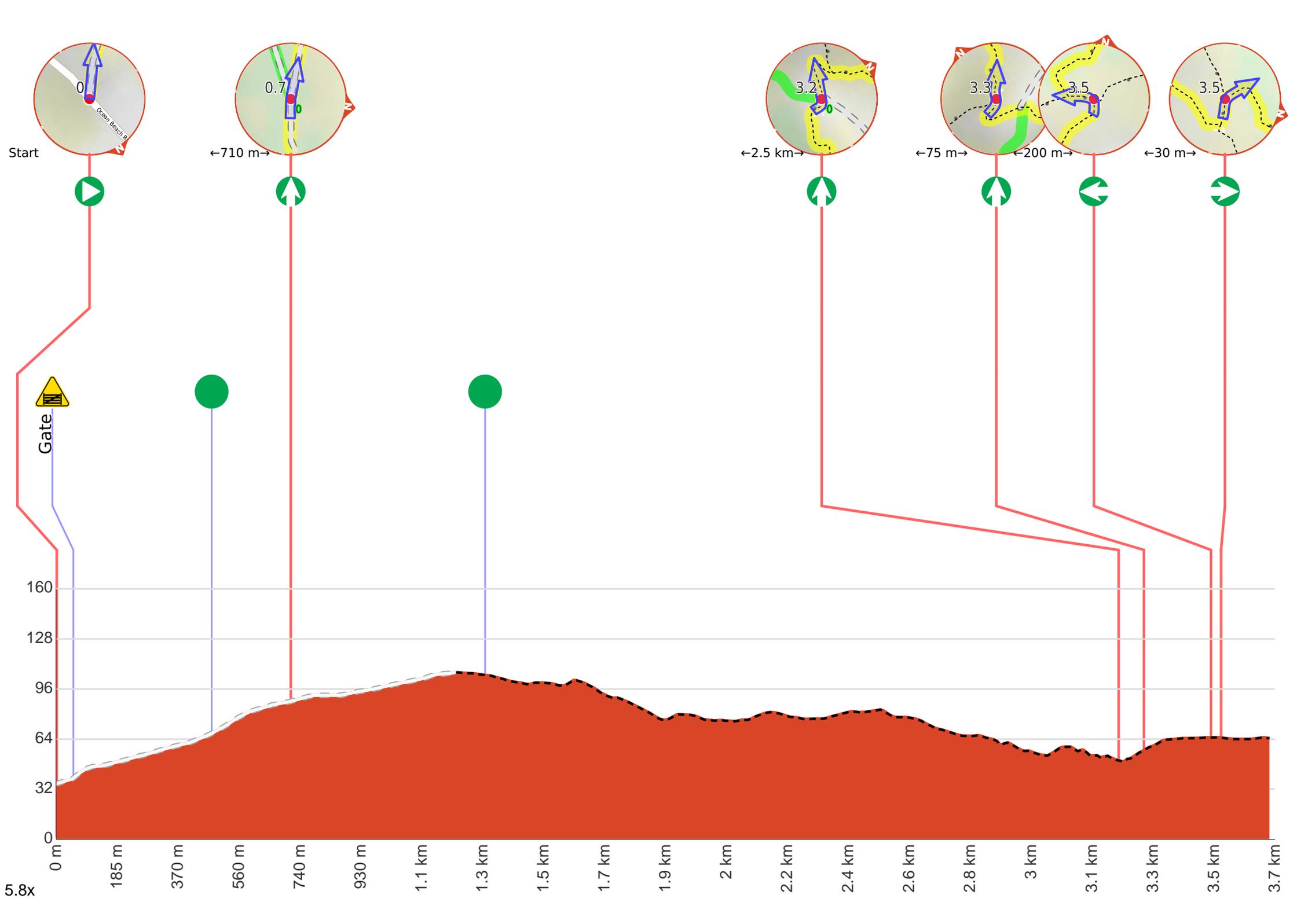
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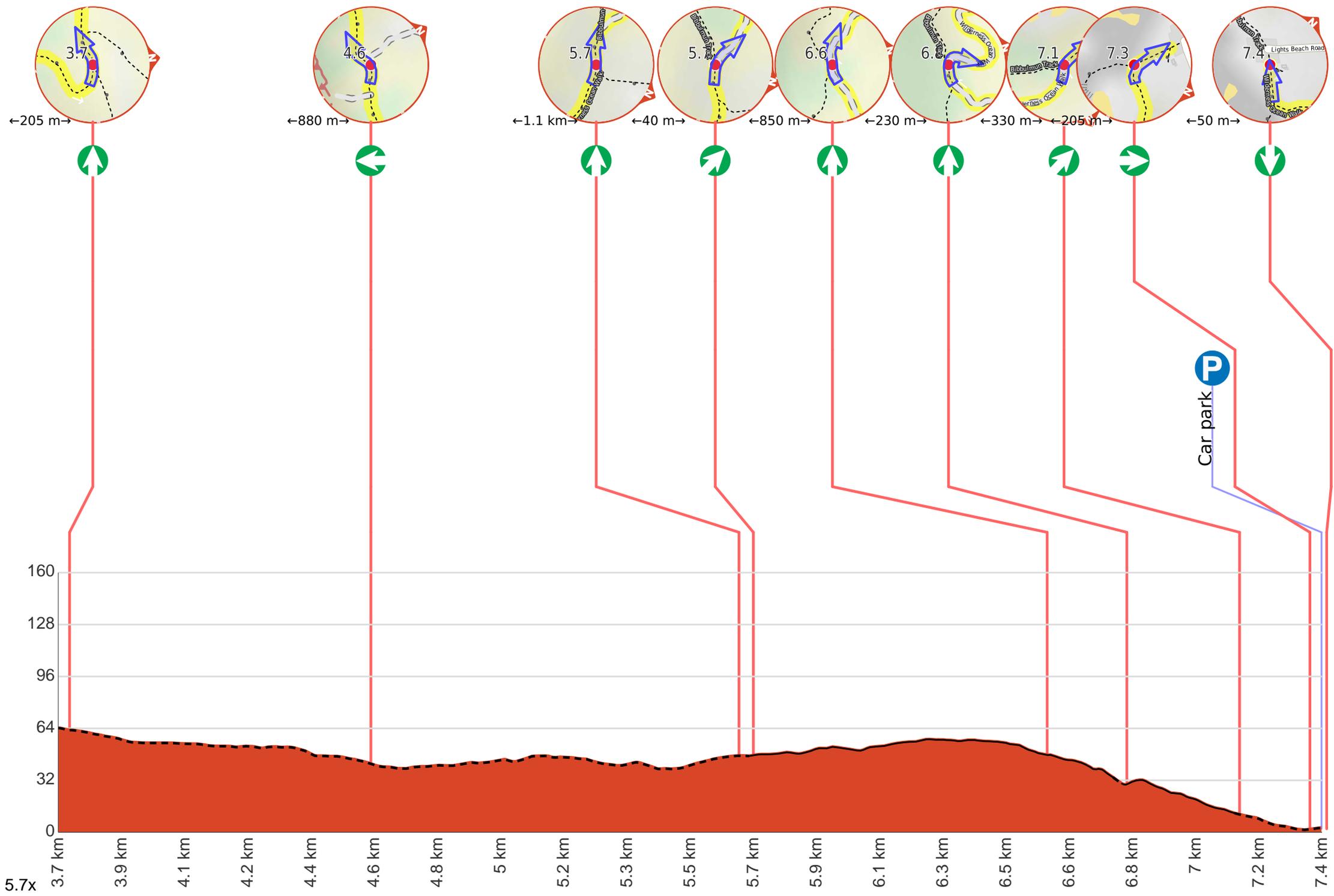
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**Getting started:** From Ocean Beach Road (370 metres north of Sinker Bay viewpoint), head southwest along the wide dirt trail as you move away from the road. After about 410 metres, pass by the Denmark Community Wind Farm building to your right to continue along Wilderness Ocean Walk Trail.



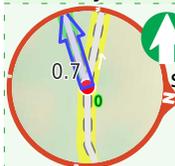
**Start.**



Find the gate at the start.

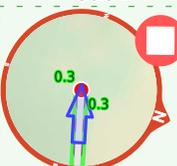
After another 420 m find the "Denmark Community Wind Farm" (20 m on your right). Situated atop Wilson Head, just a bit south-west of Ocean Beach and Wilson Inlet, this is a small, community scaled wind farm feeding into the regional power grid. The project began in 2003 as a local solution to reducing the community's carbon footprint and was Australia's first grid-connected community wind farm proposal. Since opening in 2013, it has been supplying about half of the demand for electricity by Denmark homes and businesses. Visitors to the wind farm can park at the bottom of the entrance near the gates and either walk or ride a bike up the hill.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This little side trip takes you to the eastern turbine generator and back.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**

After another 285 m come to "Denmark Community Wind Farm Turbine (eastern)". This is the eastern one of the two turbine generators that make use of the consistent winds along the coast, producing electricity for the Denmark area year-round. It can be seen from parts of William Bay National Park from the west and Ocean Beach and Nullaki from the east.



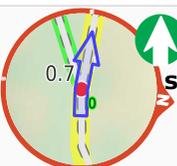
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 285 m to the main route.



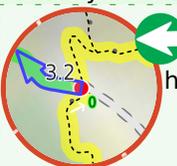
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 710 m waypoint.



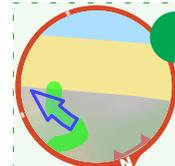
After another 240 m **continue straight.**

After another 590 m find the "Denmark Community Wind Farm Turbine (western)" (20 m on your left). This is the western one of the two turbine generators that make use of the consistent winds along the coast, producing electricity for the Denmark area year-round. It can be seen from parts of William Bay National Park from the west and Ocean Beach and Nullaki from the east.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This little side trip takes you to Back (Ocean) Beach.



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



After another 155 m come to "Back Beach".

Popular with the local fishermen and surfers, Back Beach is a pristine white sandy beach around 3km in length. A 4WD track reaches the top of the 50m high vegetated bluffs, with wooden steps providing foot access down to the beach. It has waves averaging about 2m and breaking across a 200-300m wide surf zone, including big beach rips. Beach and reef-controlled rips dominate the surf and a mixture of beach rock reefs and rocks are scattered along the beach and the inner surf zone. It gradually narrows to the west, terminating at a 200m long section of rocky bluffs.



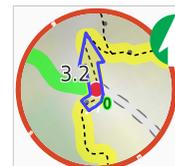
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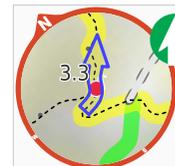
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 155 m to the main route.



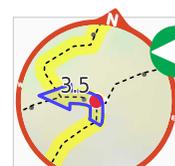
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 3.2 km waypoint.



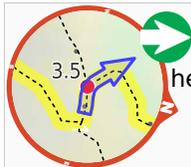
After another 1.9 km **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



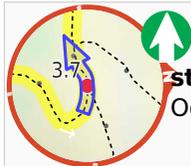
After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



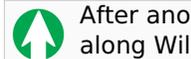
After another 200 m **turn left**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



After another 30 m **turn right**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



After another 205 m **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



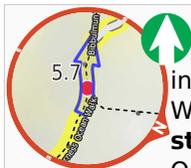
After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



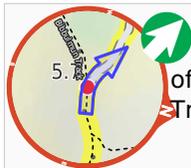
After another 800 m **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



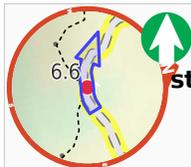
After another 35 m **turn left**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Bibbulmun Track & Wilderness Ocean Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



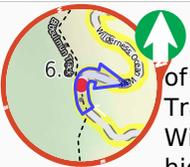
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Wilderness Ocean Walk & Bibbulmun Track) **veer right** (a highway|cycleway).



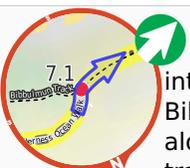
After another 850 m **continue straight**.



After another 205 m (at the intersection of Wilderness Ocean Walk & Bibbulmun Track) **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk (a walking track).



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Wilderness Ocean Walk & Bibbulmun Track) **continue straight**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk (a highway|cycleway).



After another 330 m (at the intersection of Wilderness Ocean Walk & Bibbulmun Track) **veer right**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk (a walking track).



After another 240 m pass the car park (65 m on your right).



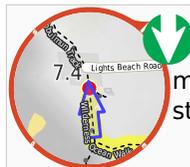
At the intersection of Wilderness Ocean Walk & Lights Beach access track **turn right**, to head along Wilderness Ocean Walk.



About 85 m past the end is "Lights Beach". One of the many beautiful beaches in the area, Lights Beach actually consists of three beaches accessible from one place. The eastern beach has a unique ocean waterfall with waves crashing into Princess Pool and cascading onto the beach. The middle beach has large waves and is not suitable for swimming, but provides a fantastic view of William Bay. The western beach has an offshore island and connects to William Bay National Park. Despite being a short drive from town and easily accessible, it is quite a secluded beach that not too many people visit. Recent upgrades to the beach include a new toilet block, lookout and universal access pathway, in addition to curbing and asphaltting work on the car park. The car park offers direct access to the lookout, which offers great views of the Denmark Coast. There are signs in the car park which warn you about rips, letting you know swimming in these places can be dangerous. Visitors are advised to exercise caution and not to swim out beyond the rocks.



About 55 m past the end is a viewpoint.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 7.4 km to get back to the start.