



Mushroom Rock Circuit

(Arrernte Country)

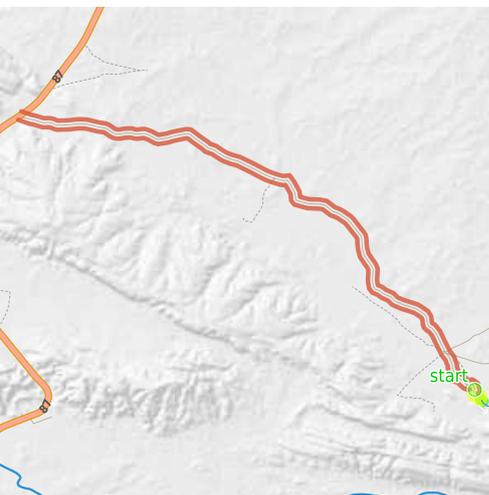
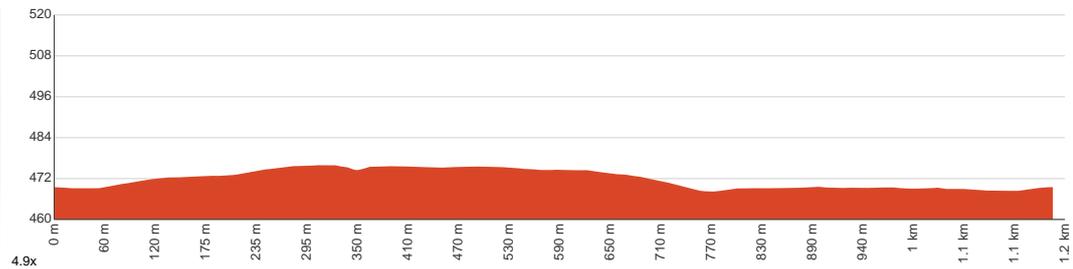
20 min to 30 min

1.2 km
Circuit

↑ 11 m
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Easy track

Starting from Rainbow Valley Access Campsite, Hugh, this circuit walk takes you to the Mushroom Rock and back, visiting Jack's Lookout along the way. An undemanding scenic journey in the desert, this track will let you get to know the ancient Mushroom Rock. For millions of years, this sandstone boulder was eroded by rain and wind leading to its unique shape now. Although it already provides a great frame for a photograph, the different angles of sunlight can really enhance the final product. Take your time and get the perfect picture, then make your way towards Jack's Lookout to experience one of the best sunsets in the area. A flynet and a hat is recommended. Let us begin by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Stuart Highway, 87

- Turn on to then drive for 23.6 km

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

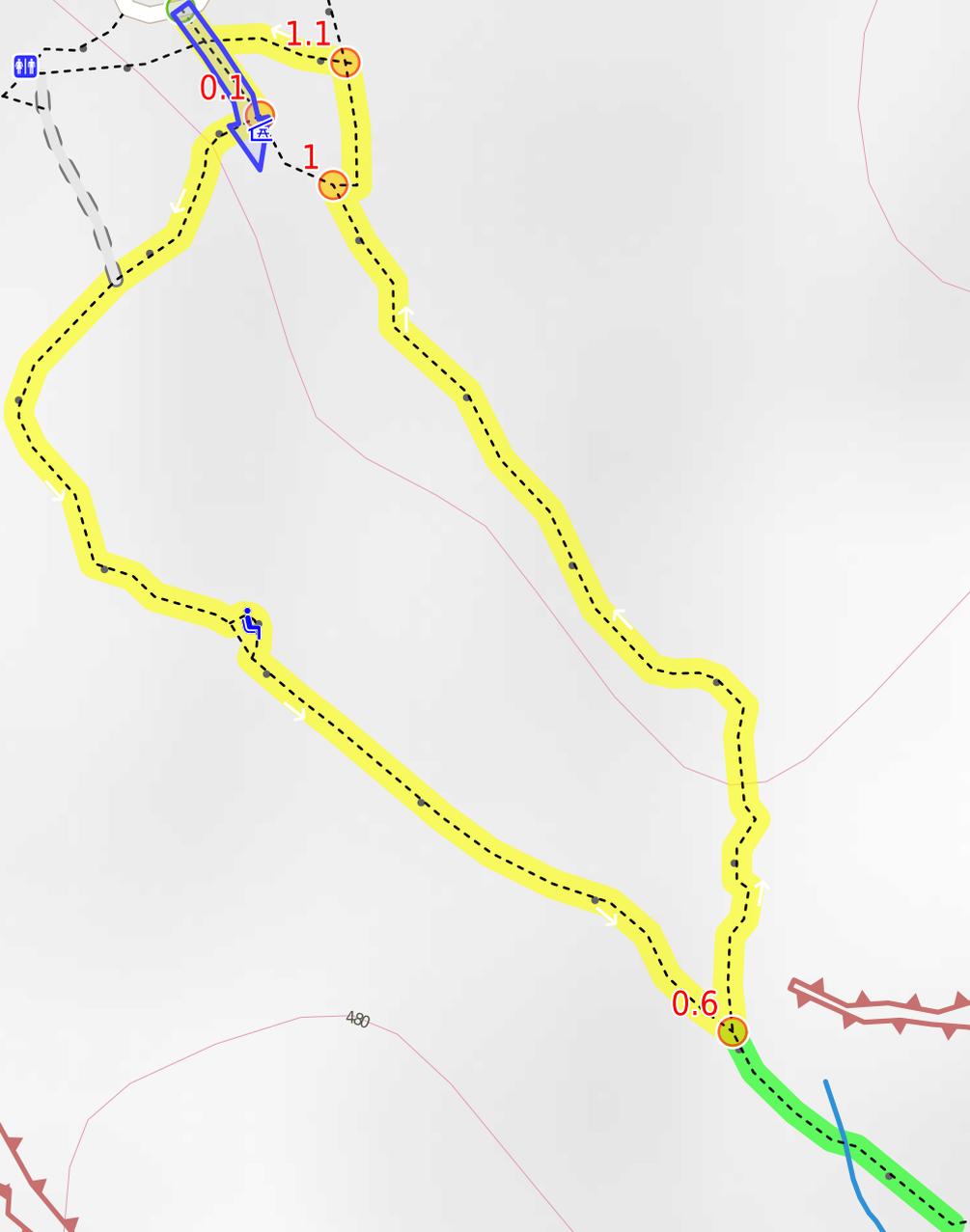
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

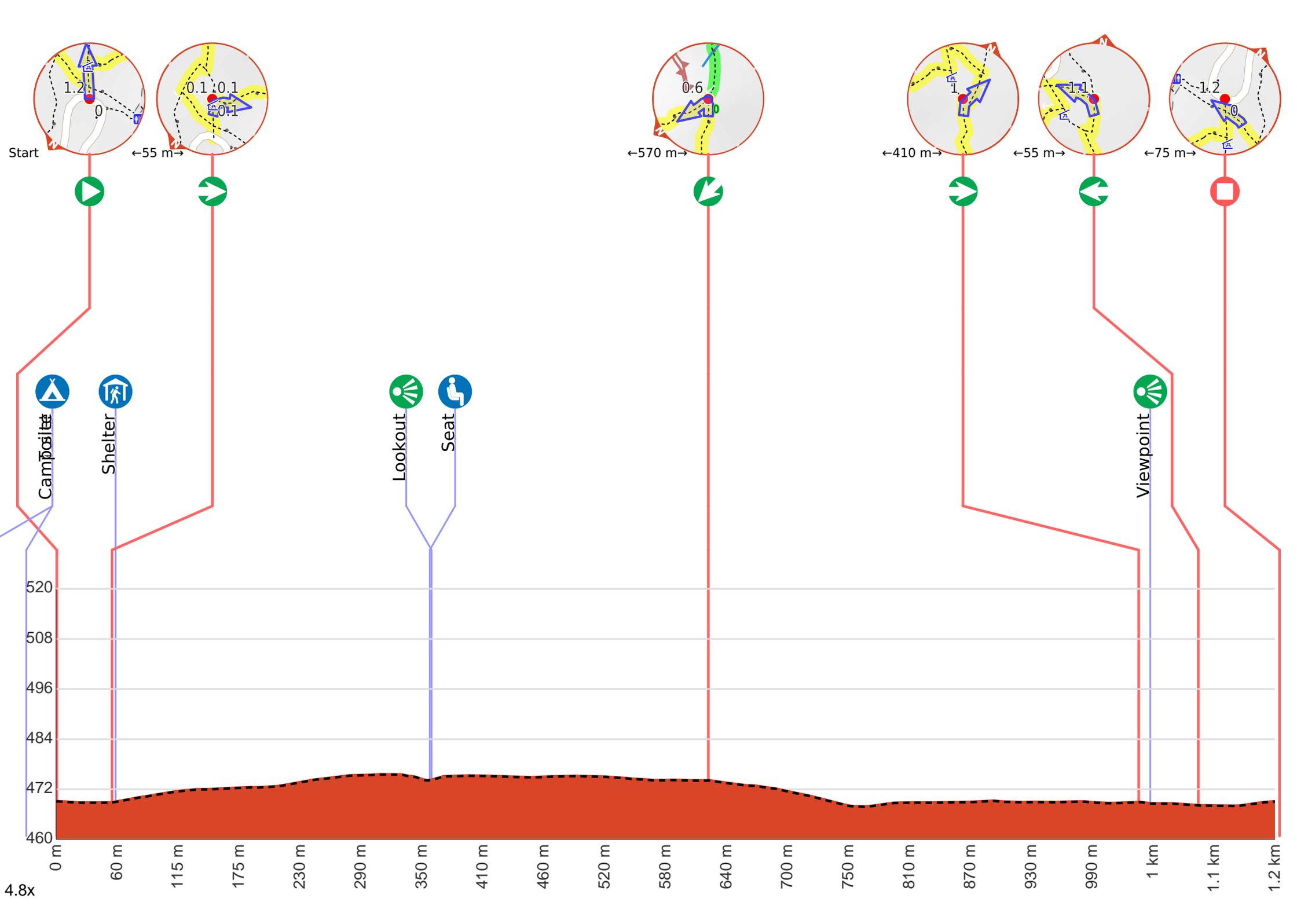
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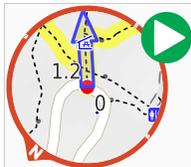


start





Getting started: From the car park at the end of Rainbow Valley Access Road, head towards the information shelter along the dirt track. Take a perpendicular right turn here and start moving away from the claypan. Keep left at the 3-way intersection in the distance to continue along Mushroom Rock Circuit (counterclockwise).



Start.



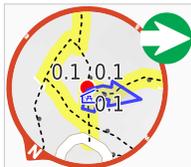
There is a toilet (about 75 m back from the start).



Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve (about 30 m back from the start).



After 85 m to find the shelter.



Turn right.



After another 95 m **continue straight.**

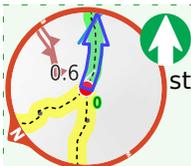


After another 210 m find the "Jack's Lookout" (on your left). Named after Jack Kenny (may he rest in peace), this lookout provides panoramic views over the surrounding land. There are seats for you to take the scenery in comfortably.

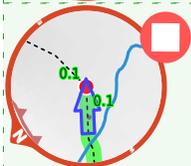


Then pass a seat (on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: This is the side trip that takes you to the ancient Mushroom Rock.



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



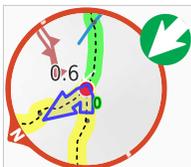
After another 120 m come to the end.



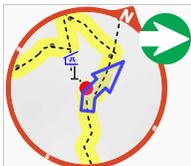
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 120 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 620 m waypoint.



After another 265 m **turn sharp left.**



After another 410 m **turn right.**



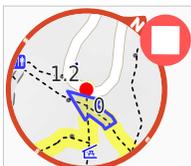
After another 10 m come to the "Rainbow Valley".



After another 45 m **turn left.**



After another 60 m **veer right.**



After another 15 m come to the end.