



Fairylands Loop Track

(Camaraigal Country)

2 h to 2 h 30 min

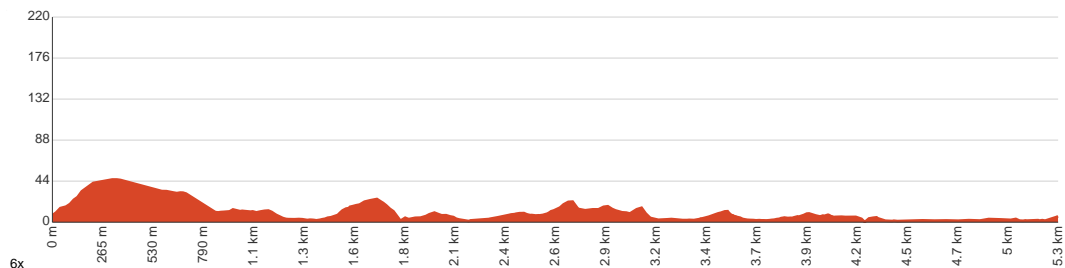
5.3 km
Circuit

↑ 150 m
↓ 151 m

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Hard track



This walk loops around a section of the Lane Cove River. Starting at Fullers Bridge, the walk follows the Great North walk through the historic site of Fairylands to Epping road before crossing the Lane Cove river and heading up the other bank of the river, passing through a variety of environments including a Golf Course. The walk then returns to Fullers Bridge. Let us begin by acknowledging the Camaraigal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

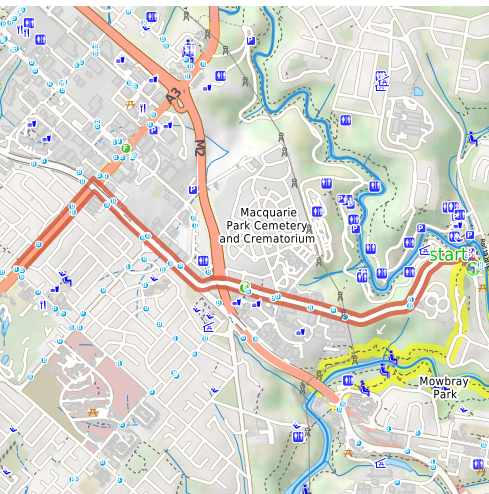


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Lane Cove Road, A3

- Turn on to Epping Road then drive for 1.1 km
- Keep left and drive for another 2.3 km
- Turn right onto River Avenue and drive for another 15 m



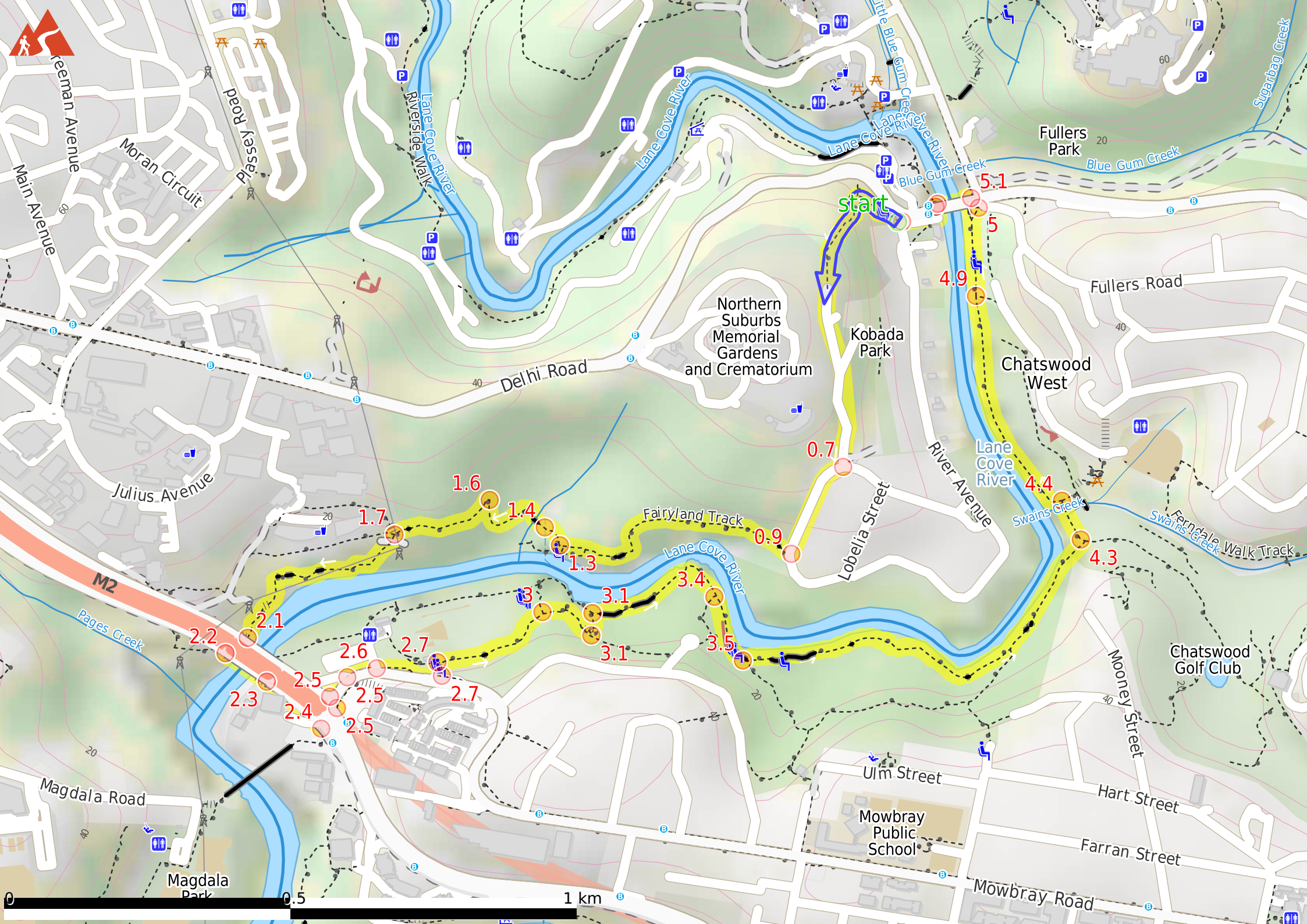
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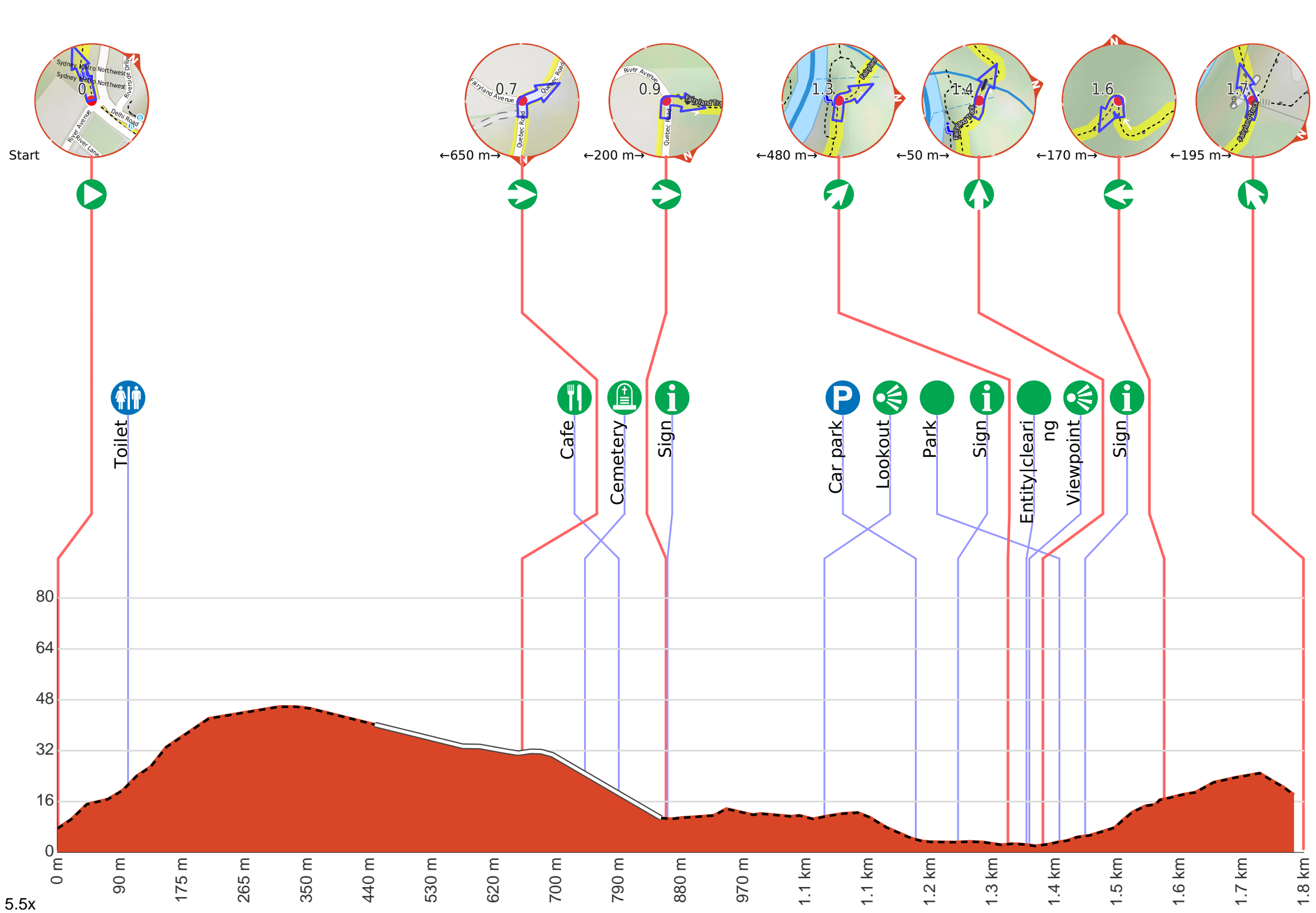
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

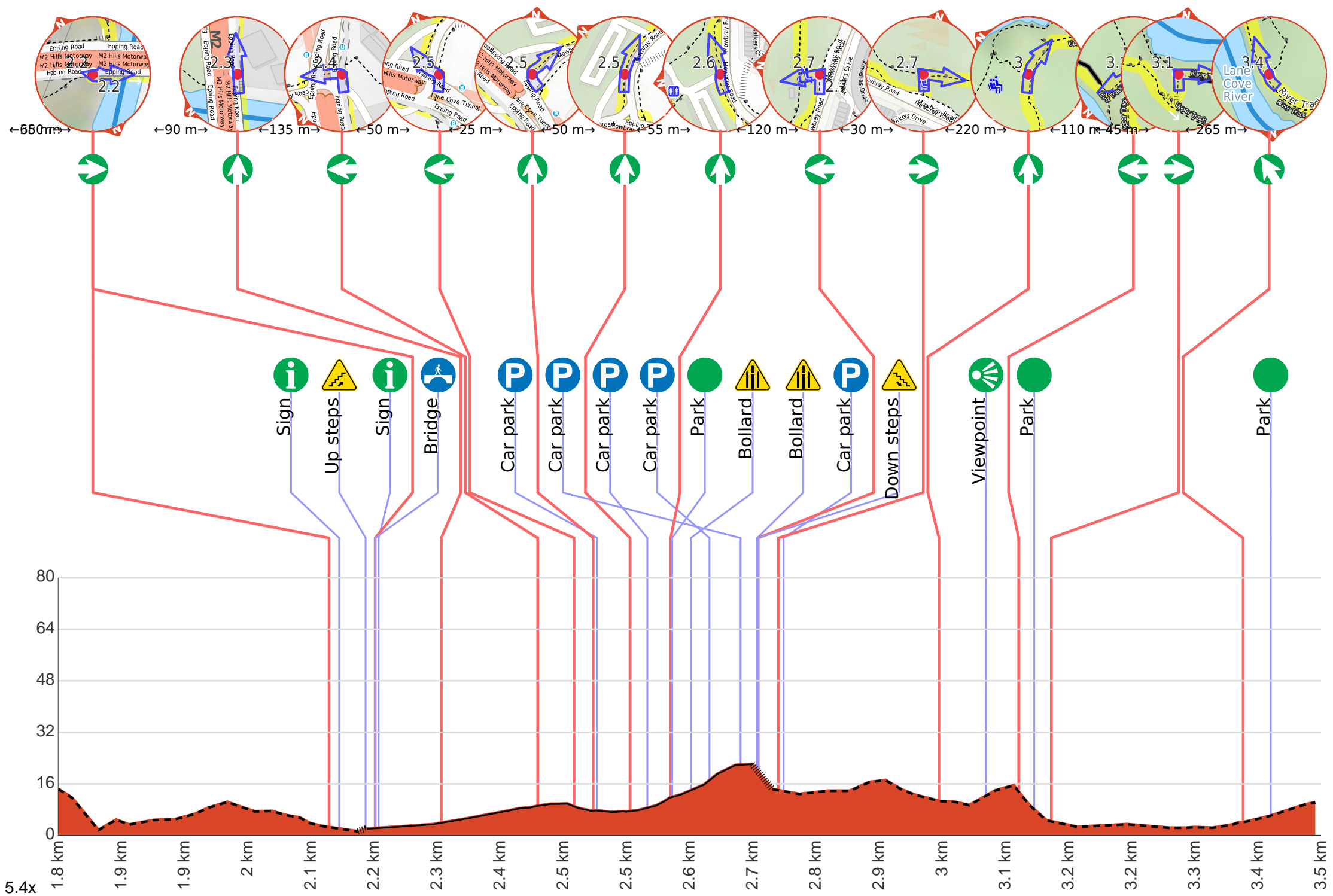
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

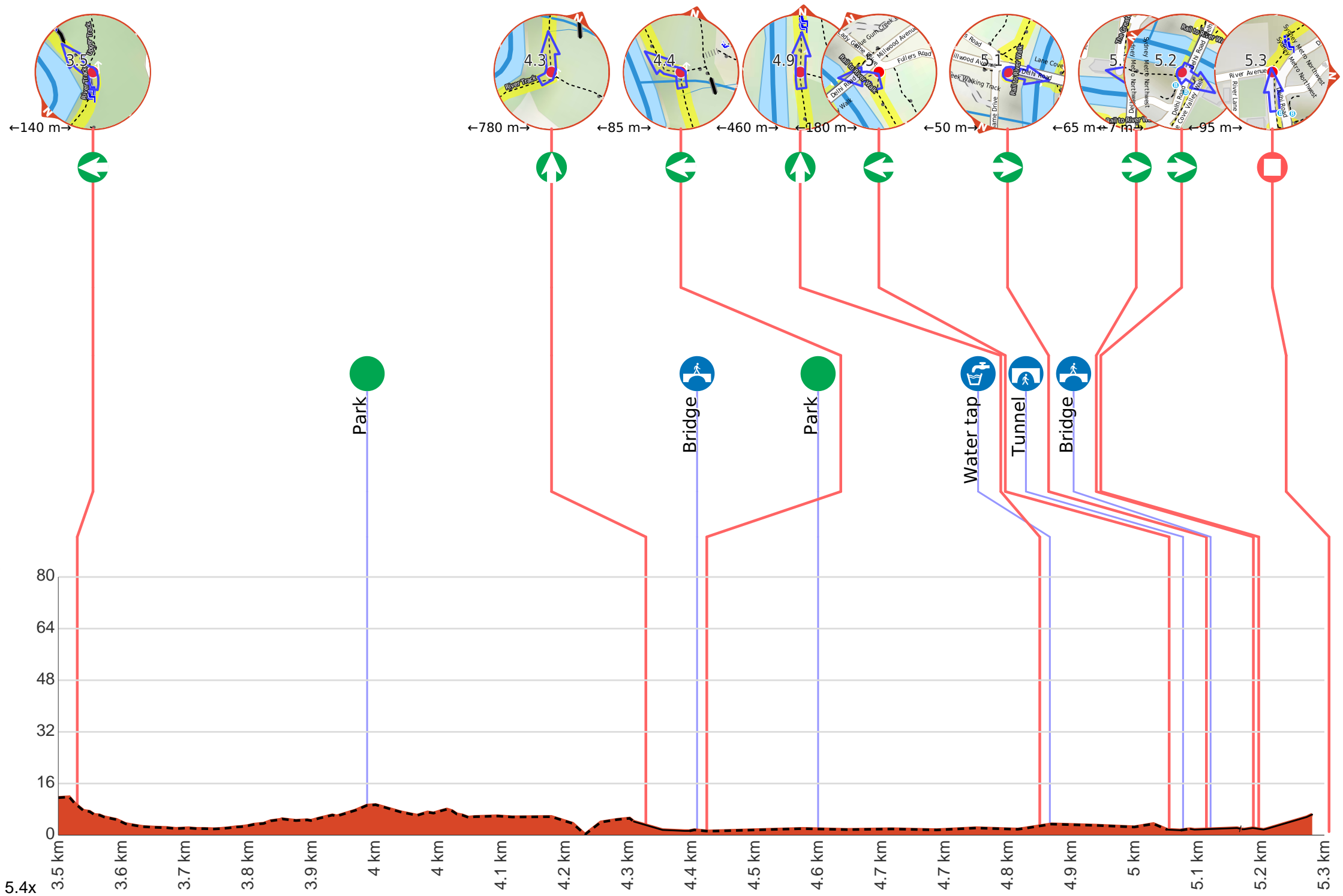
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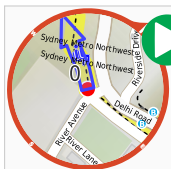






Getting started: From the intersection on River Ave (near Delhi Rd), this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Sydney Cove' sign up along the rocky track. The track soon leads up a steep rock staircase and past a small bench seat. The track continues to wind quite steeply up, passing a few GNW arrow posts and winding among some large boulders to climb up onto a large, flat rock platform. Here, the walk veers left and follows a mostly flat narrow track through the bush for about 170m, then heads around a locked gate to find the end of Quebec Rd.

From the locked gate, this walk follows the sealed Quebec Rd, keeping the fenced Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens on your right. The narrow road continues for about 300m passing a couple of driveways (to your left) to come to a T-intersection with Quebec Rd and Fairylands Ave. Here the walk turns right and follows the now wider Quebec Rd as it bends left and leads downhill. Just before the road bends left again (near the bottom of this hill) this walk comes to an intersection with a track (on your right), marked with a GNW arrow post.



Start.



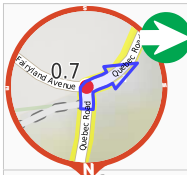
After 100 m pass the toilet (75 m on your right).



After another 690 m pass the "Crematorium Cafe" (90 m on your right).



Continue straight.



After another 15 m **turn right.**



After another 90 m pass the "Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium" (90 m on your right).



After another 115 m **turn right.**



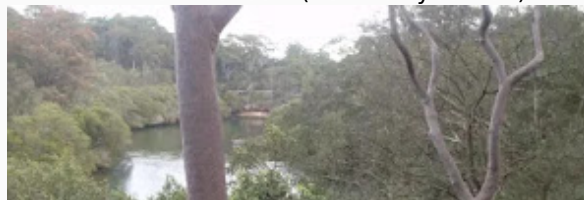
Then pass the "Lane Cove National Park" (on your right).



After another 350 m pass the car park (260 m on your right).



Then find the "Lookout" (25 m on your left).



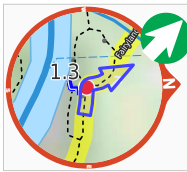
This small, informal and unfenced viewpoint is atop a large natural rock platform, between Fairyland and River Ave. There are a few in the area, but this is the most distinct. From here, there are nice views down the Lane Cove River. The area is unfenced and there is a significant drop off the side.



After another 330 m pass the park (210 m on your left).



Then pass the "Fairyland Pleasure Grounds Map" (8 m on your left).



After another 70 m **veer right.**



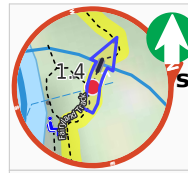
After another 25 m find the "Fairyland" (20 m on your left).



Once formally known as 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds', and casually as 'The Rest', this site was similar to several others in Sydney. The land was purchased by Robert Swan in 1896 and encompassed about 17 acres in total. Part of the land was cleared for a market garden, growing strawberries and melons. By the early 1900s, the market garden had closed and the area had become a popular picnic and play ground, for people arriving mostly by boat. This was a very popular spot to visit for a special day out. Today, the buildings have (mostly) gone and the cleared area has grown back, but it still can offer a relaxing picnic and lunch spot by the river.



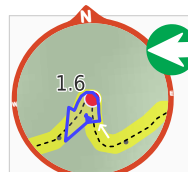
Then come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left).



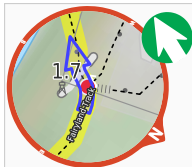
After another 20 m **continue straight.**



After another 60 m pass the "Fairyland Pleasure Grounds Board" (7 m on your left).



After another 110 m **turn left.**



After another 195 m **veer left**.

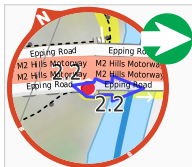


After another 380 m **continue straight**.

i After another 15 m pass the "Lane Cove National Park" (8 m on your right).

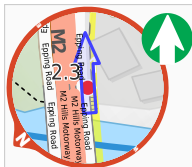
After another 35 m head up the steps (about 15 m long)

i Then pass the "The Great North Walk" (6 m on your right).

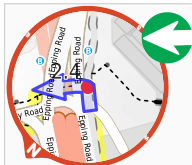


Turn right.

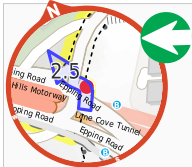
Then cross the bridge (about 95 m long)



Continue straight.

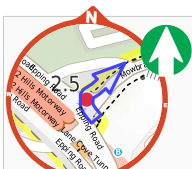


After another 135 m **turn left**.



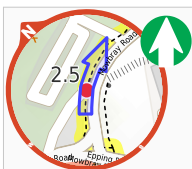
After another 50 m **turn left**.

P After another 30 m pass the car park (90 m on your right).



Continue straight.

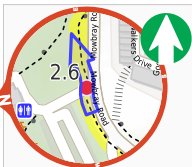
P After another 205 m pass the car park (205 m on your right).



Continue straight.

P After another 25 m pass the car park (25 m on your left).

P After another 85 m pass the car park (110 m on your right).



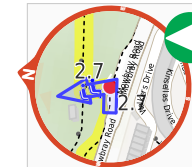
Continue straight.

Then pass the "Mowbray Park" (on your left).

After another 25 m head through the bollard.

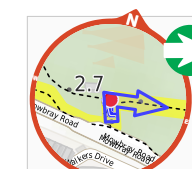
After another 90 m head through the bollard.

P After another 35 m pass the car park (150 m on your right).

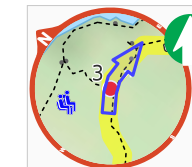


Turn left.

Then head down the steps (about 30 m long)

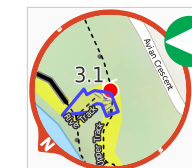


Turn right.



After another 220 m **continue straight**.

After another 65 m come to the viewpoint (25 m on your left).



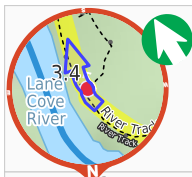
After another 45 m **turn left**.

After another 20 m head into the "Mowbray Park".



After another 25 m **turn right**.

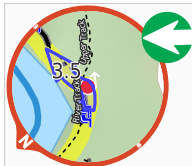
After another 305 m pass the park (75 m on your left).



Veer left.



After another 115 m come to the viewpoint (15 m on your right).



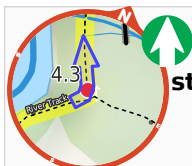
After another 25 m **turn left.**



After another 400 m pass the park (55 m on your left).



After another 130 m **continue straight.**



After another 255 m **continue straight.**



After another 70 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 160 m pass the "Mulhall Park" (165 m on your left).



Turn left.



After another 470 m pass the water tap (20 m on your right).



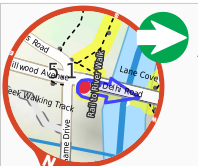
Continue straight.



After another 180 m **turn left.**



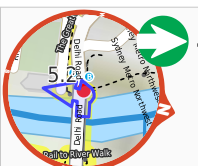
After another 20 m head through the tunnel (about 20 m long)



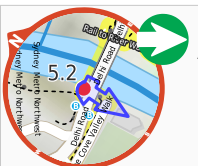
After another 15 m **turn right.**



After another 6 m cross the bridge (about 60 m long)



Turn right.



After another 7 m **turn right.**



About 260 m past the end is "Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium".



Then pass the park (20 m on your left).



After another 15 m pass the "Whitefire Grill and Bar" (15 m on your right).

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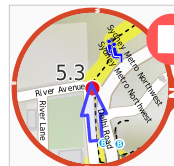
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Then find the "Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill" (20 m on your right).



The Riverside Cafe is found at the end of service road on the south-west corner of Fullers Bridge. The nicely renovated building looks over the Lane Cove River and is open 7 days, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food is cafe-style and meals are priced upwards from \$13. Ph: (02) 9412 3773.



After another 30 m come to the end.



"The Great North Walk".