



# Mount Stapylton and Hollow Mountain Circuit

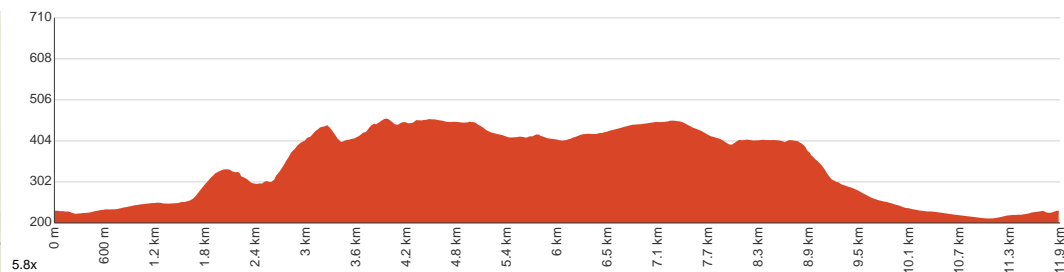
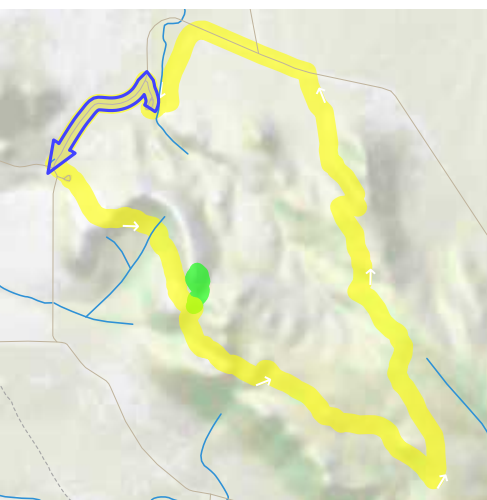
 4 h to 6 h 30 min

  
11.9 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 439 m  
↓ 439 m

  
Very challenging

This walk starts near the Hollow Mountain Carpark on Mount Zero Road, Grampians National Park, looping via the Mount Stapylton Loop Walk. Embark on a challenging hike in the northern Grampians, following the iconic ridgeline between Hollow Mountain and Mt Stapylton, through open forest and over rocky outcrops. You'll need to be able to endure the steepness of Flat Rock (ironically) and the gullies. Signs and track markers guide the way up the rock slope of Flat Rock to a splendid vantage point overlooking a natural amphitheatre. When you get to the top, be prepared to have your breath taken away by the exceptional views of the landscape. Not for the faint-hearted, this steep trek involves water crossings, slippery track surfaces, exposed rock scrambling, a jump across a void, and a short section scrambling up through the hollow mountain caves. This hike is best suited for fit, energetic and experienced walkers. 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 5 of 6  
Rough unclear track

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep and difficult rock scrambles (5/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	High level of bushwalking experience recommended (5/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Western Freeway, M8

- Turn on to Western Highway, A8 then drive for 17.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Western Highway, A8 and drive for another 70.5 km
- Turn left onto Wonwondah - Dadswells Bridge Road and drive for another 3 km
- Turn left onto Flat Rock Road and drive for another 2.9 km
- Turn sharp right onto Mt Zero Road and drive for another 1.4 km
- Turn left and drive for another 255 m

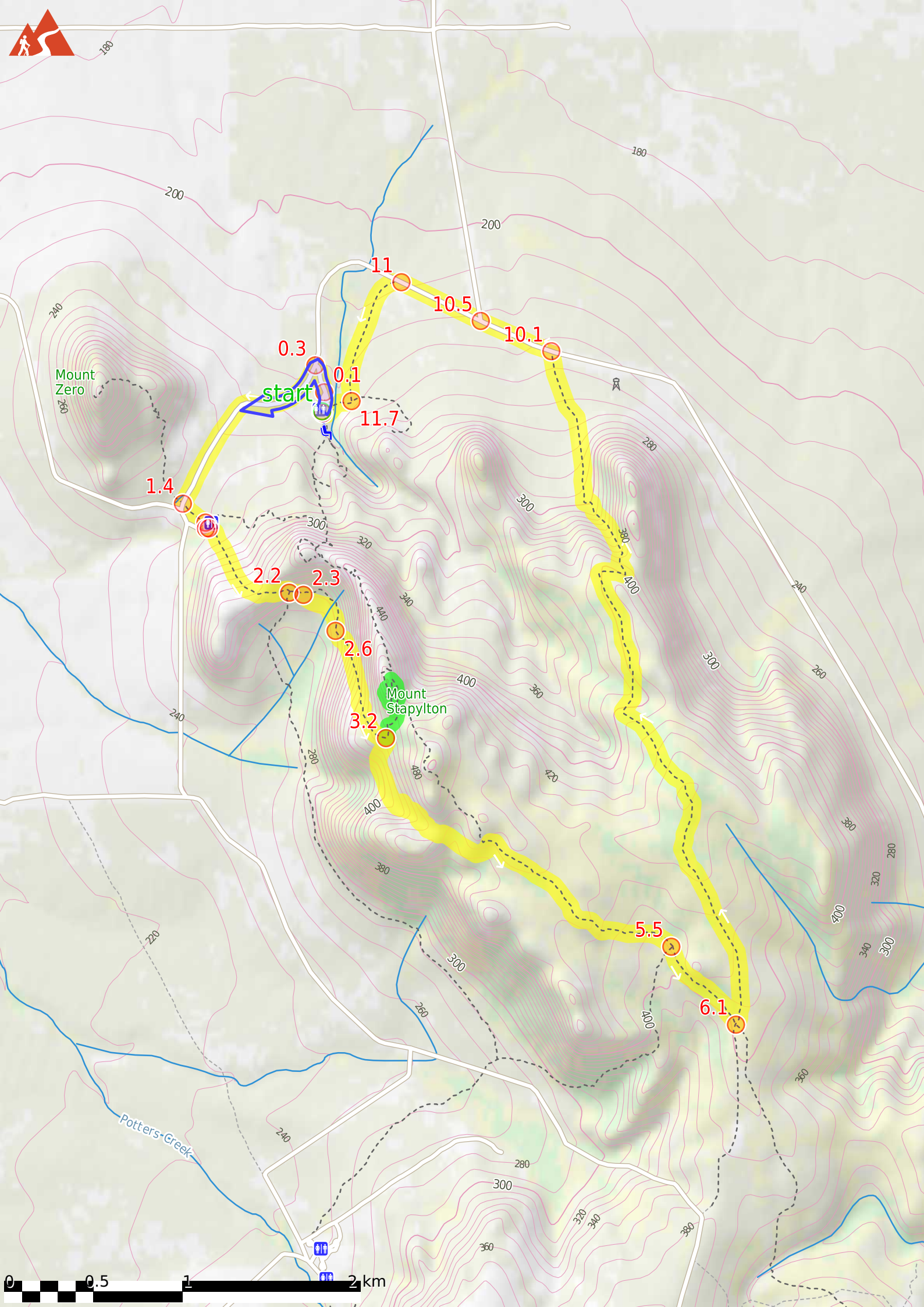
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

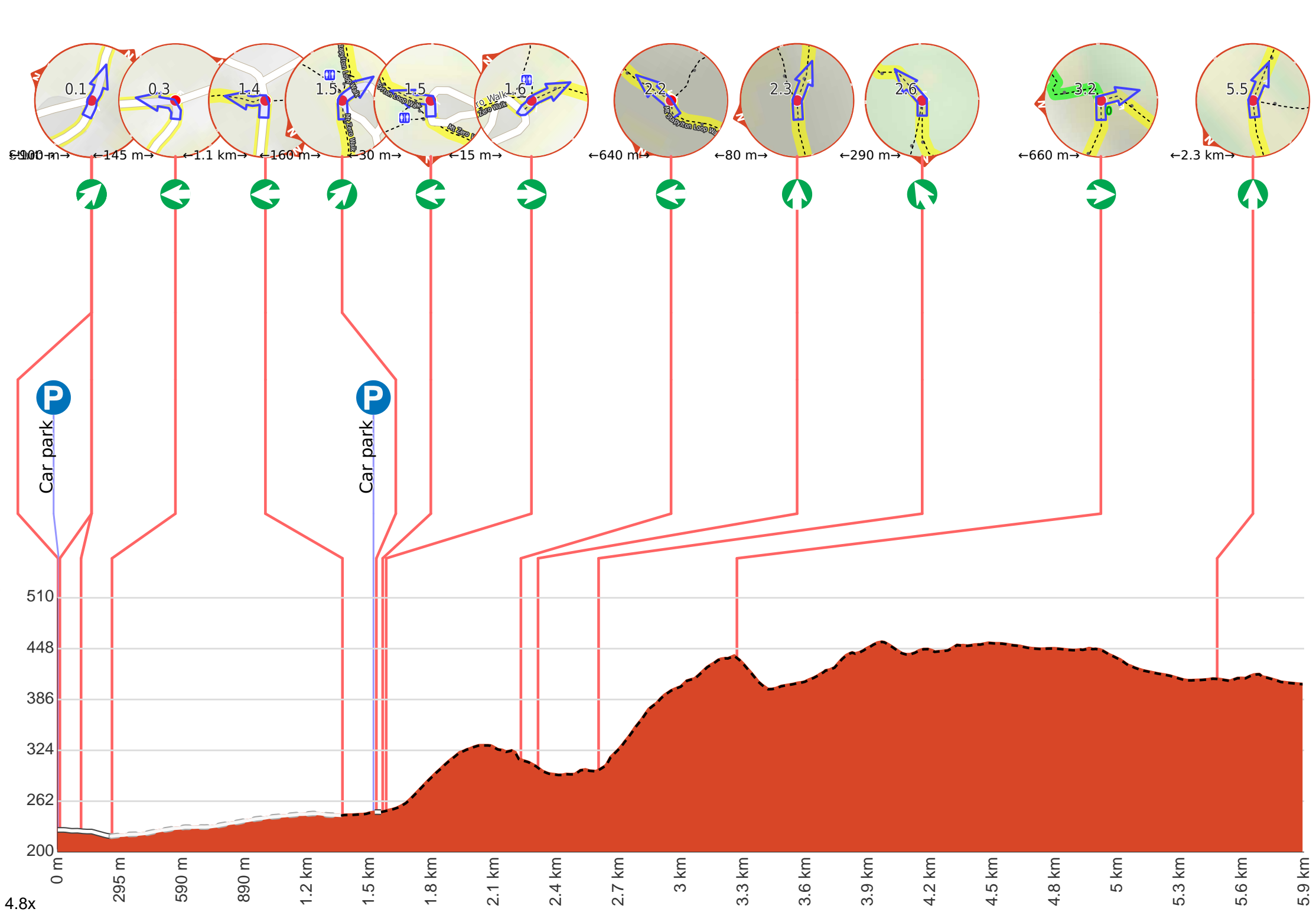
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

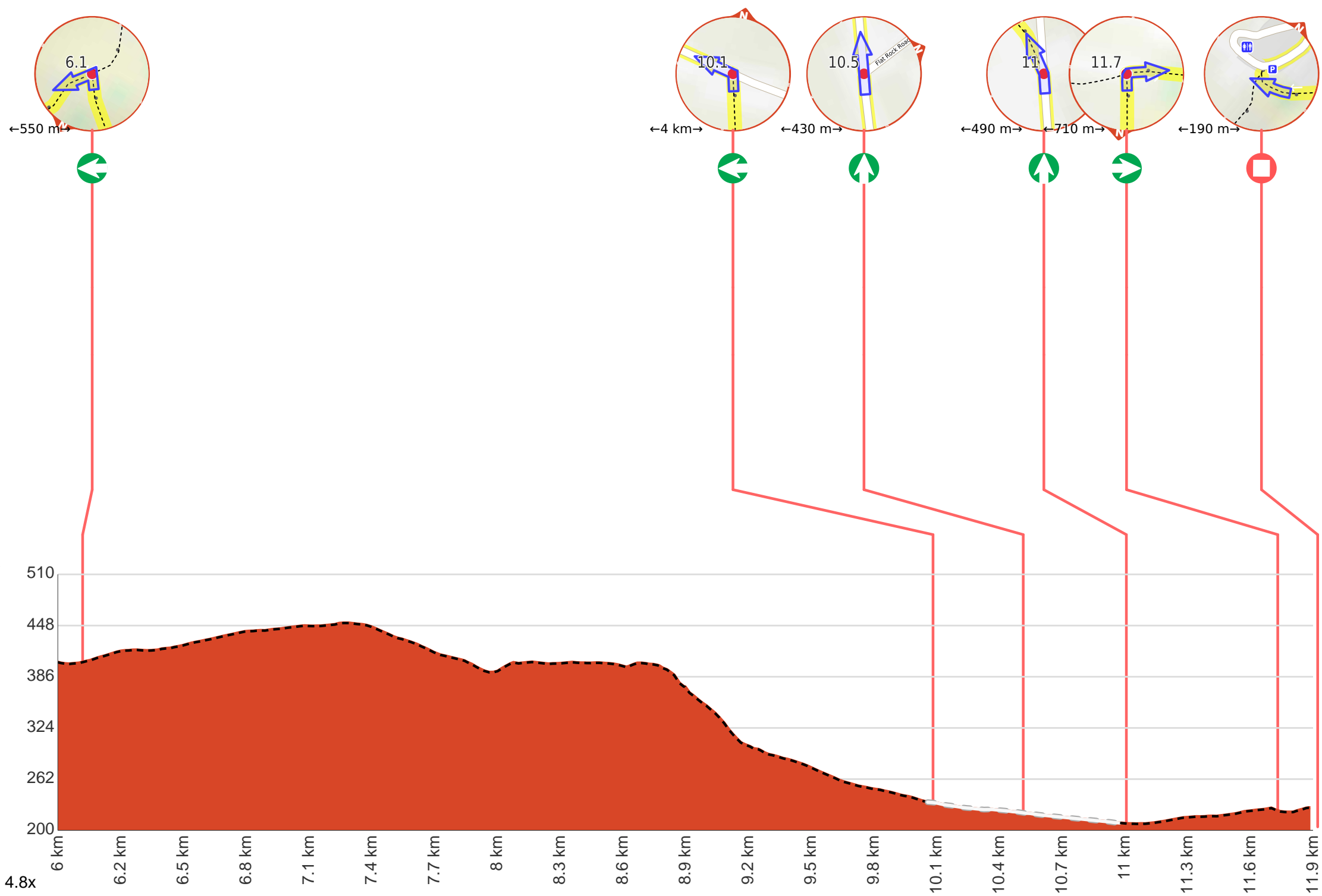
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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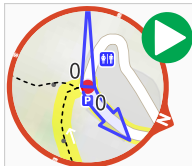








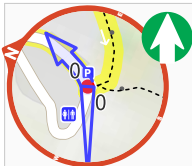




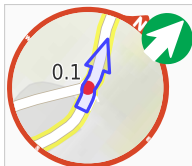
**Start.**



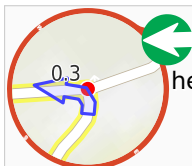
Find the car park at the start.



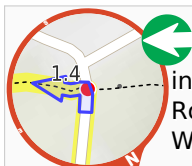
After another 6 m **continue straight**.



After another 100 m **veer right**.



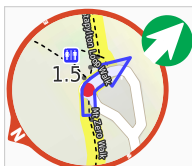
After another 145 m **turn left**, to head along Mt Zero Road.



After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Mt Zero Walk & Mt Zero Road) **turn left**, to head along Mt Zero Walk (a walking track).



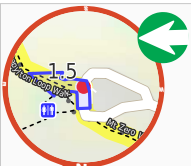
After another 145 m pass the car park (25 m on your right).



After another 15 m **veer right**.



After another 7 m **continue straight**.



After another 25 m **turn left**.



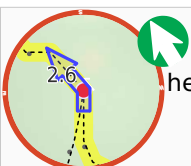
After another 15 m **turn right**, to head along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.



After another 640 m **turn left**, to head along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.

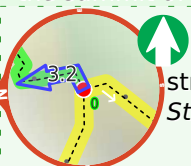


After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.

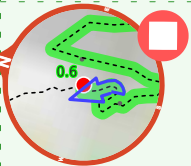


After another 290 m **veer left**, to head along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.

**Start of an optional side trip:** Optional sidetrip to the summit of Mount Stapylton



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start** heading along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.



After another 630 m come to the end.



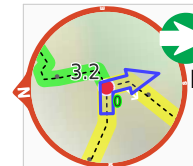
"Mount Stapylton".



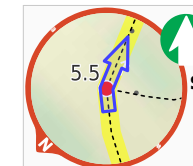
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 630 m to the main route.



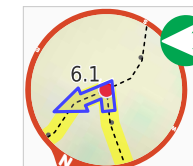
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 3.2 km waypoint.



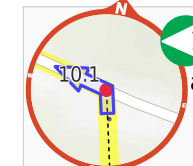
After another 660 m **turn right**, to head along Mt Stapylton Loop Walk.



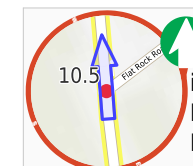
After another 2.3 km **continue straight**.



After another 550 m **turn left**.



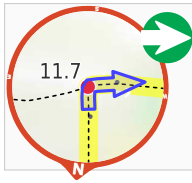
After another 4 km **turn left**, to head along Mt Zero Road.



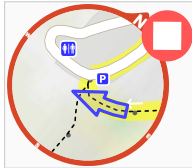
After another 430 m (at the intersection of Flat Rock Road & Mt Zero Road) **continue straight**, to head along Mt Zero Road.



After another 490 m **continue straight**.



After another 710 m **turn right**.



After another 190 m come to the end.