




The Coast Track

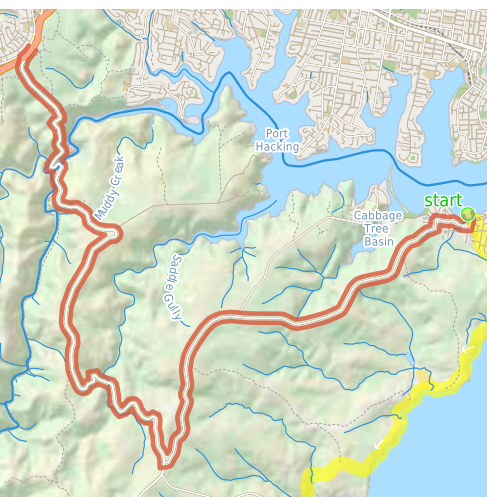
(Dharawal Country)

 12 h to 2 days

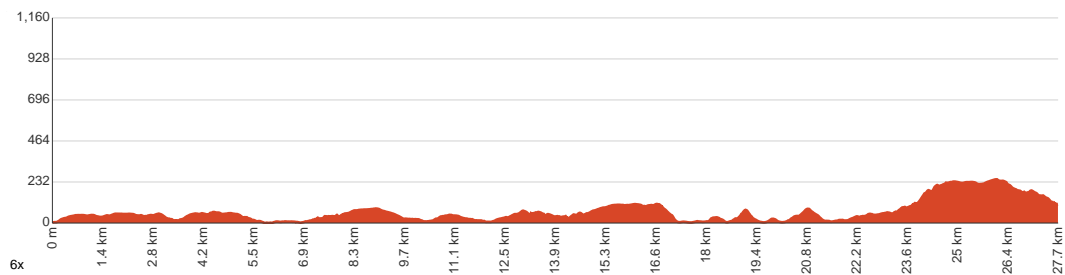

27.7 km
One way


↑ 1169 m
↓ 1066 m

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Hard track



Starting from Bundeena Wharf, Bundeena, this walk takes you on a coastal trip as you skirt the eastern borders of Royal National Park, visiting multiple beaches, waterfalls and viewpoints along the way. Embark on a refreshing journey alongside the Pacific and make your way through various terrains and exceptional landmarks. From historical middens to hidden waterfalls, this track lets you get a taste of the coastal wonders of Australia. In fact, it features one of the three waterfalls in the country that directly plunges into the ocean - The Curracurrong Falls. There are heaps of beaches throughout the journey, so you don't need to worry about where to cool off. Listen to the birdsong and the sound of waves as you hike through the bushland. Take your shoes off and let your feet rest in the warm sand, then have a scenic picnic if you'd like to do so. You can make this a multi-day journey by staying at the North Era Beach Campground. Take plenty of water and cover yourself well from the sun to have a better experience. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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 Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Farnell Avenue then drive for 13 km
- Turn left onto Bundeena Drive and drive for another 10 km
- Turn slight left onto Brighton Street and drive for another 155 m
- Turn left onto Brighton Street and drive for another 120 m

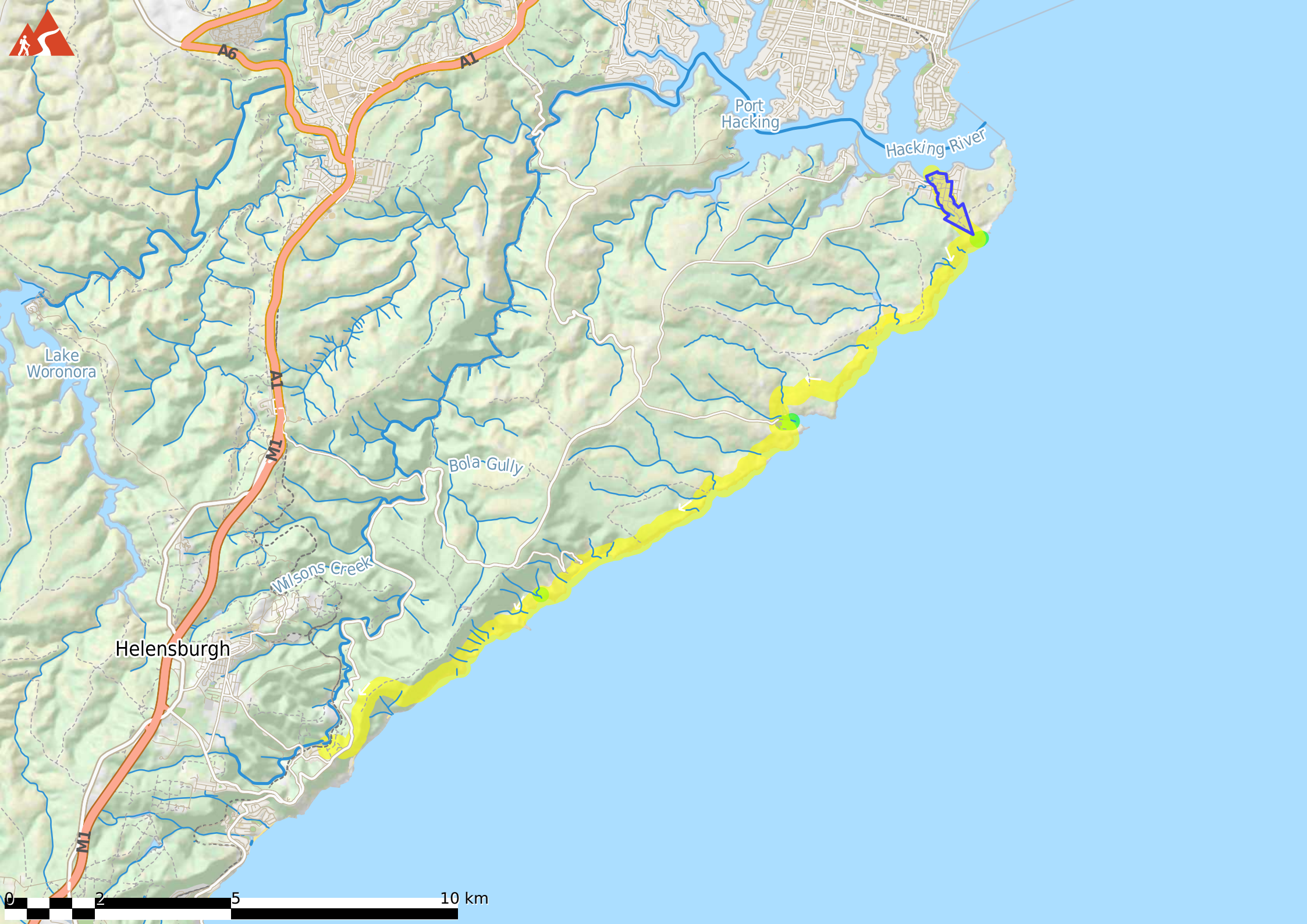
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.

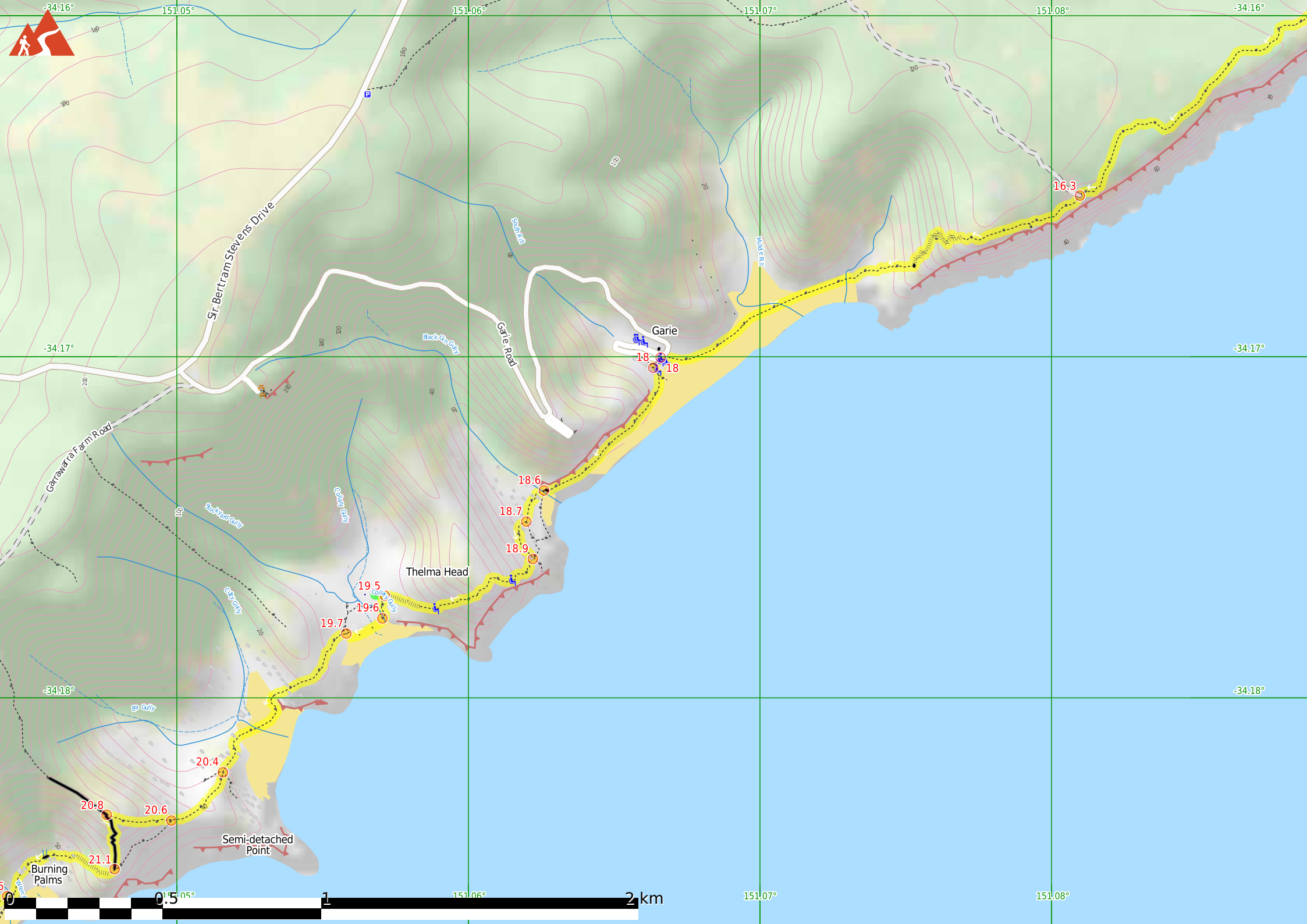
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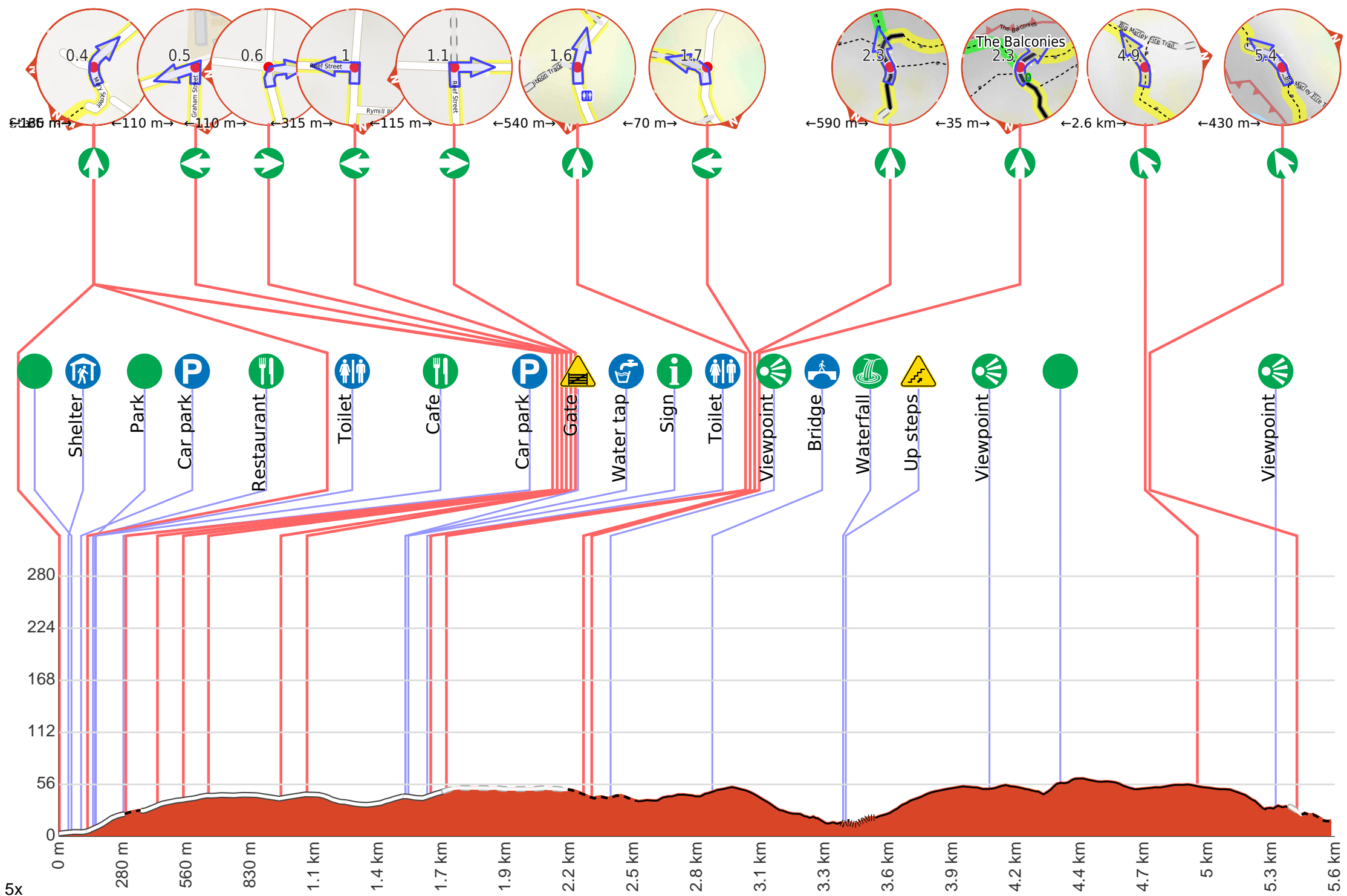


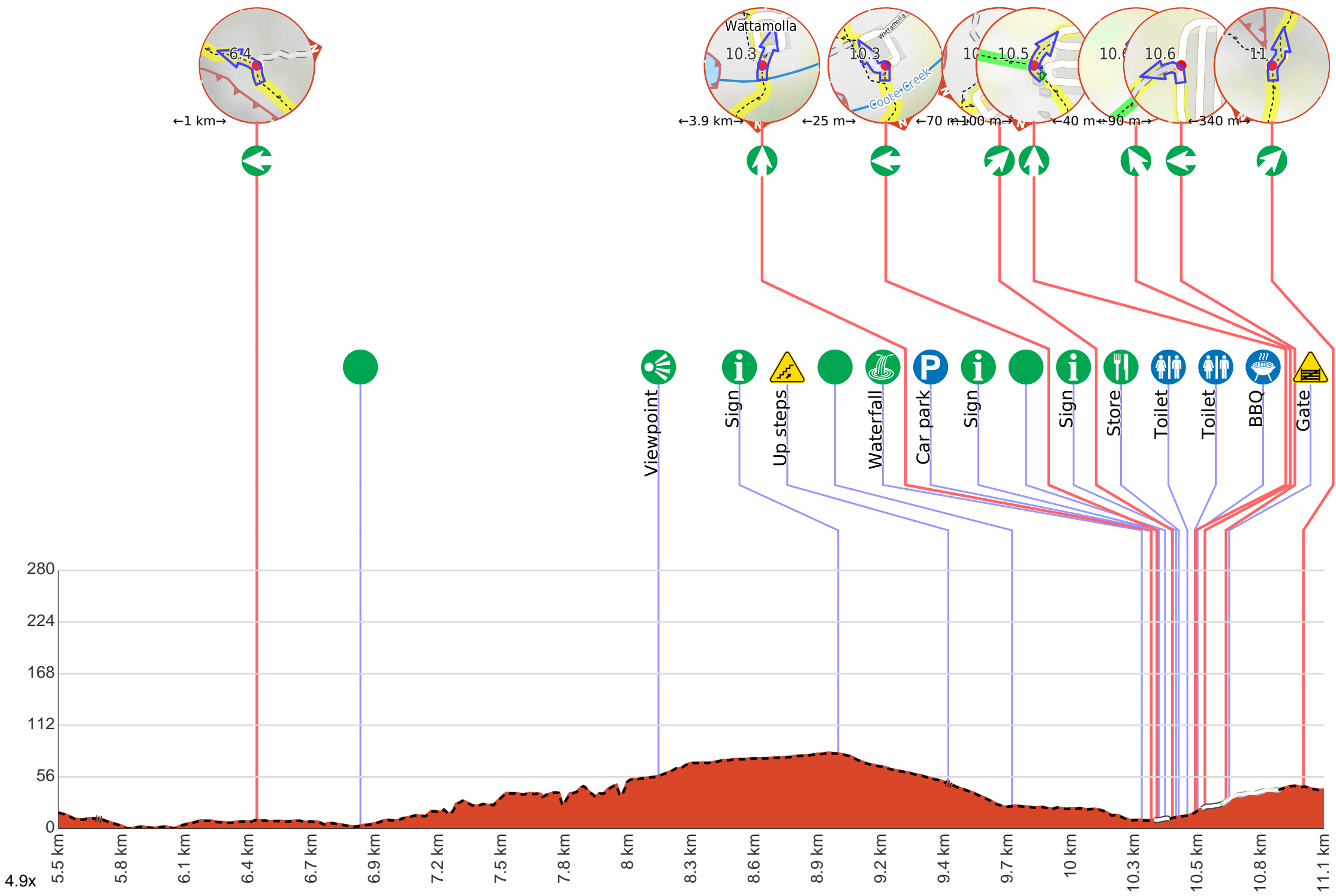


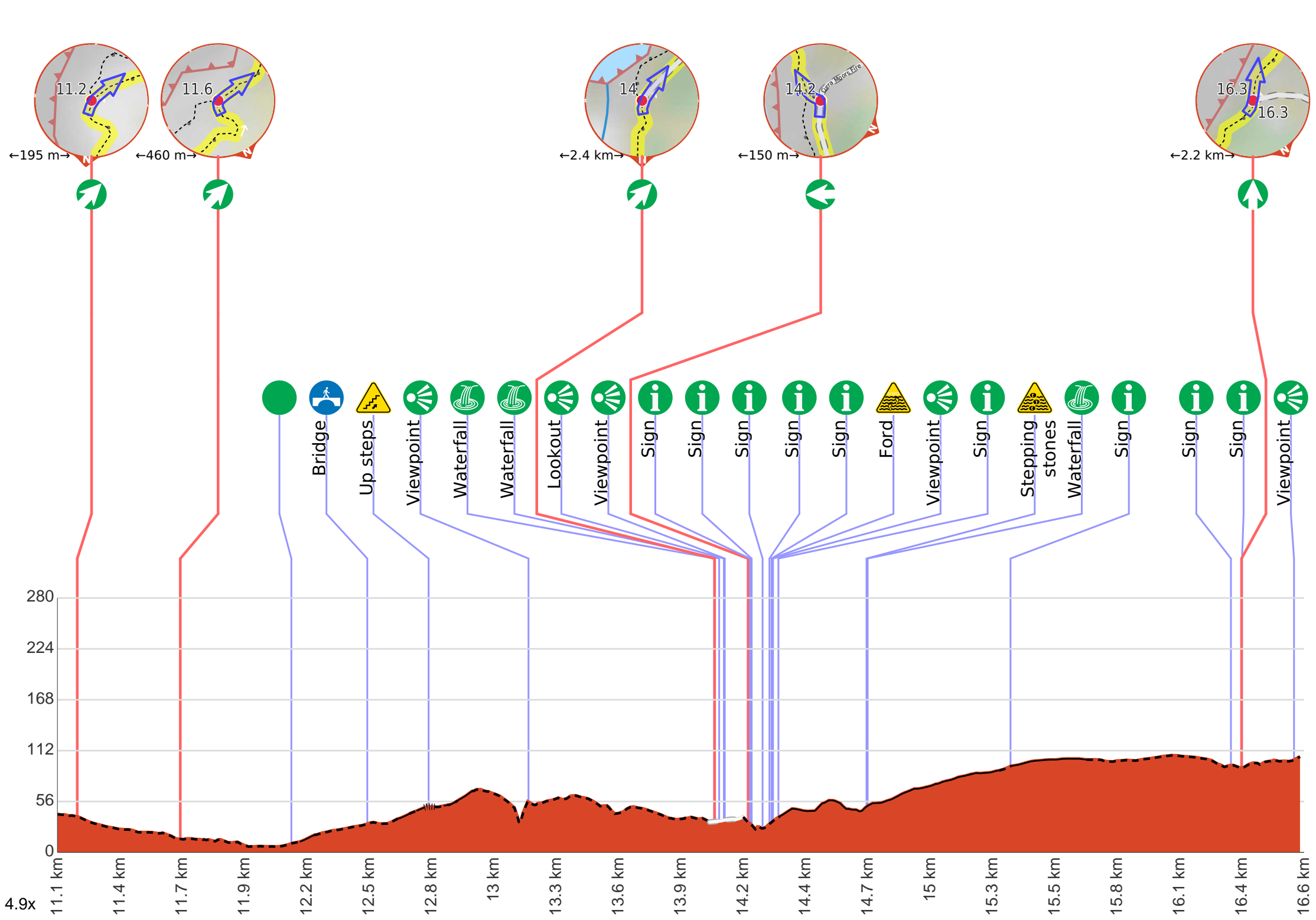


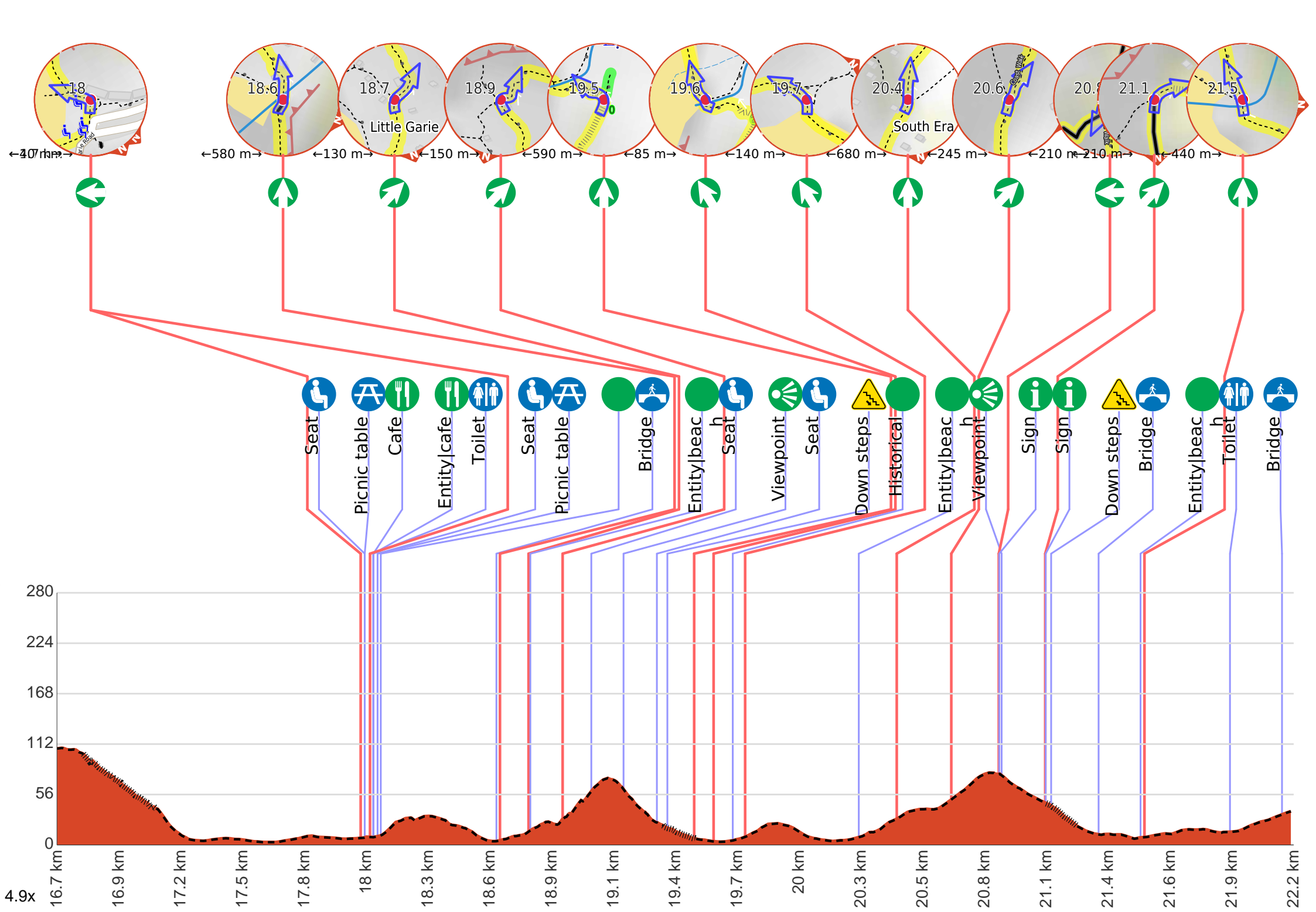


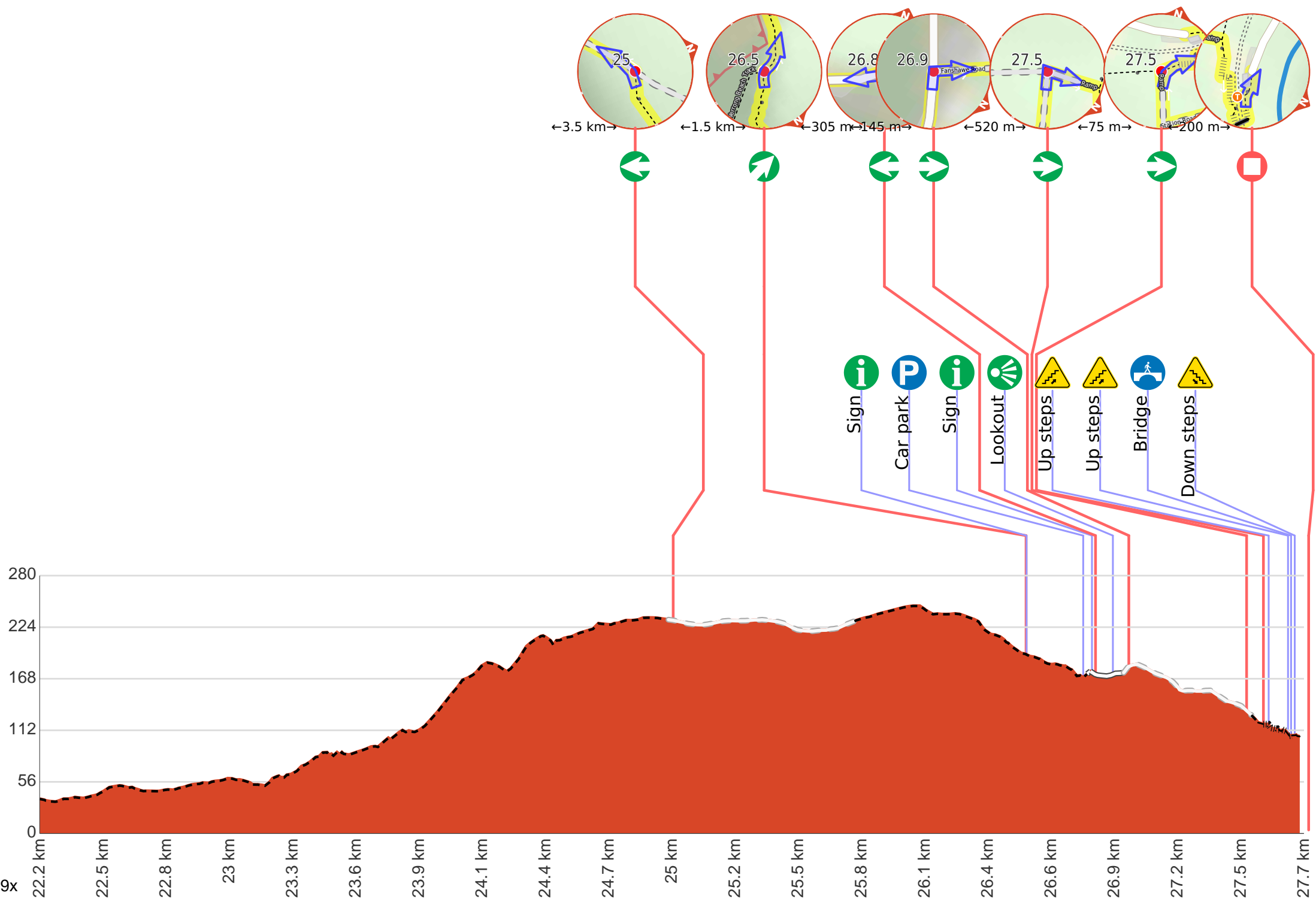




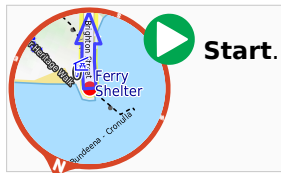











Getting started: From Bundeena Ferry, on Brighton St, this walk turns left into Loftus St, goes past Mary St and turns right into Bournemouth St. The walk turns left into Scarbrough St and takes the first right into Beachcomber Av. Beachcomber Av is followed south and gradually to the east until reaching the entry into the Royal National Park. This is marked by several large information signs. Continue straight: From the end of Beachcomber Av, this walk heads around the locked gate, following the 'Coast Walk' sign along the wide management trail. After about 50m, the trail passes a track (on the left) and continues until coming to an intersection with a wider sandy trail (on the left, which leads to Jibbon Head). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the asphalt management trail heading towards the green signposts nearby, where it comes to the signposted intersection of the 'Coast Track'.





 Find the Bundeena at the start.




Bundeena is a small township at the northern end of Royal National Park and the southern side of the entrance to Port Hacking. The town can be accessed by car or ferry. There are a few B&B's and other accommodation options and a number of cafes to choose from. Bundeena has a mixed atmosphere, partly a beach holiday community but also home to some permanent residents. There are two main beaches - Hordens Beach to the west and Jibbon Beach to the east. Both are nice beaches inside Port Hacking.

 Then pass the "Ferry Shelter" (8 m on your left).


 After another 120 m pass the "Berenice Forster Park" (5 m on your right).


 Then pass the car park (5 m on your left).


 After another 50 m pass the "driftwood" (150 m on your right).

We-Th 07:00-16:00
Fr-Su 07:00-21:00

At the intersection of Brighton Street & Loftus Street **turn left**, to head along Loftus Street (a residential road).

 After another 30 m pass the toilet (20 m on your left).

 Then pass the "Mana Cafe" (100 m on your right).

 After another 120 m pass the car park (10 m on your left).

After another 10 m **turn right**.

After another 135 m (at the intersection of Graham Street & Mary Street) **continue straight**, to head along Graham Street.

After another 110 m (at the intersection of Scarborough Street & Graham Street) **turn left**, to head along Scarborough Street.

After another 110 m (at the intersection of Scarborough Street & Bournemouth Street) **turn right**, to head along Bournemouth Street.

After another 255 m (at the intersection of Rymill Place & Bournemouth Street) **continue straight**, to head along Bournemouth Street.

After another 55 m (at the intersection of Bournemouth Street & Reef Street) **turn left**, to head along Reef Street.

After another 115 m (at the intersection of Claire Hargreaves Walk & Beachcomber Avenue) **turn right**, to head along Beachcomber Avenue.

After another 330 m (at the intersection of Beachcomber Avenue & Eric Street) **continue straight**, to head along Beachcomber Avenue.



After another 95 m head through/around the gate.



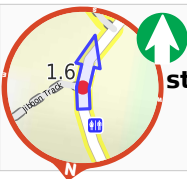
Then pass the water tap (on your right).



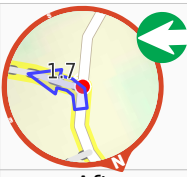
After another 10 m pass the sign (5 m on your right).



After another 80 m pass the toilet (7 m on your right).
This toilet is wheelchair accessible.



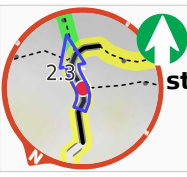
After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 70 m **turn left**.

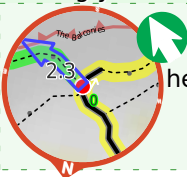


After another 420 m **continue straight**.



After another 175 m **continue straight**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip taking you to the eastern cliff edge. Tread carefully.



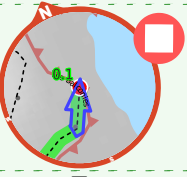
To start this optional side trip veer left here. **Start**.



After 55 m find the "Bundeena Lookout" (20 m on your right).



This unfenced, informal lookout is perched high on the cliffs, looking east over the South Pacific Ocean. The lookout is not signposted nor officially named, but provides great view south along the escarpment. Cliff edge may be unstable and fragile - keep a safe distance.



After another 85 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 135 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 2.3 km waypoint.



After another 35 m **continue straight**.



After another 80 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left).



After another 40 m **continue straight**.



After another 400 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 560 m pass the waterfall (35 m on your left).



After another 10 m head up the steps (about 150 m long)



After another 380 m **continue straight**.



After another 95 m come to the viewpoint (55 m on your left).



After another 305 m find the "Wedding Cake Rock" (15 m on your left).
A popular rock formation that looks like a clean-cut unorthodox slice of a wedding cake (hence the name). It has been fenced off due to its instability. Please enjoy the view and take pictures from a safe distance.



After another 590 m **veer left**.



After another 340 m come to the viewpoint (on your left).



After another 90 m **veer left**, to head along Big Marley Fire Trail.



After another 350 m head up the steps (about 30 m long)



After another 25 m cross the ford.



After another 25 m find the "Shell Midden - Marley Beach" (45 m on your left).
A shell midden (also known as a kitchen midden) left by the Dharawal people.

- After another 305 m find the "Big Marley Beach" (6 m on your left).



Big Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand, crescent-shaped beach, approximately 400m in length. The beach has a large dune area, behind which Marley Lagoon is found. The lagoon is fed by Marley Creek and the surrounding catchment. The beach is not patrolled and there are no other facilities. The south-facing beach has a rockshelf at either end. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link.



- After another 315 m **turn left**.

- After another 450 m find the "Little Marley Beach" (30 m on your right).



Little Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand beach, approximately 140m long. The narrow beach faces north-east and has a rock platform at either end. The beach is not patrolled and has no other services. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link below.

- After another 1.3 km come to the viewpoint.

- After another 790 m pass the sign.



- Continue straight.**



- After another 480 m head up the steps (about 30 m long)



- After another 250 m find the "Wattamolla Dam" (30 m on your left).



Wattamolla pool (or dam), Royal National Park, is a small water hole on Wattamolla Creek, above the lagoon. The pool is on the Coast Track near Wattamolla picnic area and offers a quiet spot for a dip and a rest. The pool is formed by a small, constructed sandstone dam and fed by a small waterfall above.



- After another 570 m pass the waterfall (55 m on your left).



- After another 40 m **continue straight**.



- After another 30 m to find the car park.



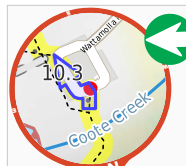
- After another 6 m pass the sign (on your left).



- After another 25 m find the "Wattamolla Picnic Area" (10 m on your right).



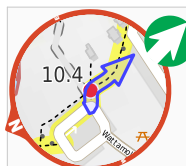
Wattamolla Picnic Area is found at the end of Wattamolla Road, about halfway along the coastline of Royal National Park. The area is blessed with a great beach, a lagoon and some wonderful creeks and rocks to explore. The small beach faces west and is tucked away in a deep bay. The lagoon sits behind the beach and is lined with sand on one side, and cliffs and rocks on the other shore. The picnic area has large open grassy areas, with some shade provided by trees and some picnic shelters. There is a small kiosk (often open weekends), toilets, electric BBQs and two car parks. There is water here, but needs to be treated before drinking. There is a gate on the road that is locked at night, the gate is open from 7am to 8:30pm.



- Turn left.**



- After another 85 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



- Turn right.**



After another 25 m find the "Wattamolla Kiosk" (30 m on your left).



The Wattamolla Kiosk in the Wattamolla Picnic Area provides basic supplies for day visitors. The kiosk does not keep strict hours and opens depending on weather and demand. It usually opens on weekends at around 10:30am and closes between 4 and 6pm. You can buy ice-creams, drinks and some hot food. For more information, call Audley Kiosk on (02) 9521 2240.



After another 40 m pass the toilet (7 m on your left)., female.



After another 30 m pass the toilet (on your left)., male.



After another 15 m pass the BBQ (55 m on your left).

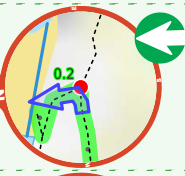
Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Wattamolla Beach and Lagoon.



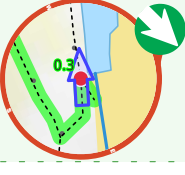
To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start.**



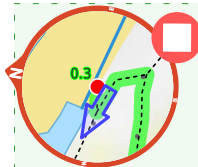
Find the BBQ at the start.



After another 125 m **turn left.**



After another 65 m **turn sharp right.**



After another 20 m come to the end.



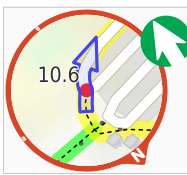
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 320 m to the main route.



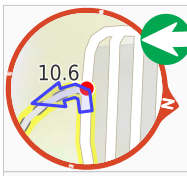
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 10.5 km waypoint.



Continue straight.



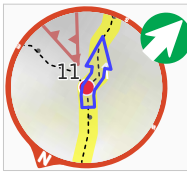
After another 40 m **veer left.**



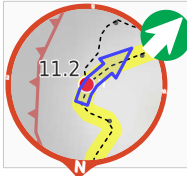
After another 90 m **turn left.**



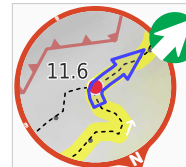
After another 15 m head through/around the gate.



After another 325 m **veer right.**



After another 195 m **veer right.**



After another 460 m **veer right.**



After another 490 m find the "Curracurrang Cove" (25 m on your right).



Curracurrang Cove is a small cove about 1km SW of Wattamolla, on the coast of the Royal National Park. The cove faces east and is where Curracurrang Creek meets the ocean. The creek, the cove and the surrounding rocks provide great scenery, making this a relaxing place to stop and enjoy. There is evidence that Aboriginal people lived in this cove. There are a few middens in the area, some rock shelters and Curracurrang creek provides a near-permanent water supply. The cove was first occupied 7500 years ago and was used as a regular campsite by the Dharawal people.



Continue straight.



After another 370 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 255 m head up the earthen steps (about 45 m long)



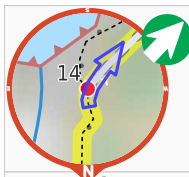
After another 400 m come to the viewpoint (25 m on your left).



After another 820 m pass the waterfall (45 m on your left).



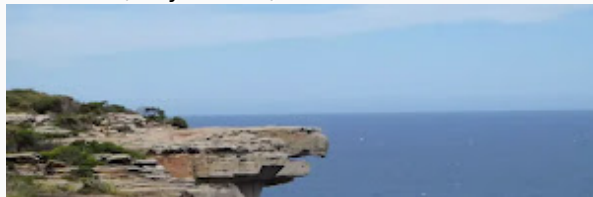
After another 20 m pass the waterfall (55 m on your left).



Veer right.



After another 40 m find the "Eagle Rock Lookout" (on your left).



Eagle Rock lookout is an informal lookout marked by an information sign on the Coast track in the Royal National Park. The lookout is about halfway between Garie Beach and Wattamolla. Eagle rock is a piece of the cliff line that looks amazingly like the head of an eagle, with the eye and all. The lookout is about 150m west of the Eagle Rock on the other side of Carracurrong Creek. Eagle Rock is often used as an icon for the Royal National Park. Carracurrong Creek also forms a waterfall into the ocean nearby.



Then come to the viewpoint (35 m on your left).



After another 105 m **turn left.**



After another 8 m pass the "Coast Track".



After another 8 m pass the "Curra Moors Track (north)".



After another 50 m pass the sign.



After another 30 m pass the sign.



After another 9 m pass the sign.



Then cross the ford.



Then come to the viewpoint (25 m on your left).



After another 25 m pass the sign.



After another 390 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 5 m pass the waterfall (20 m on your left).



After another 630 m pass the sign.



After another 980 m pass the sign.



After another 50 m pass the "Curra Moors Track (south)".



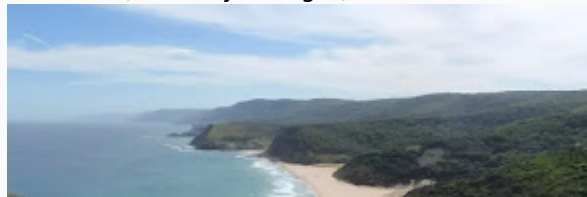
Curra Moors Track (south) **continue straight.**



After another 235 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your left).



After another 205 m find the "Garie Beach Lookout" (5 m on your right).



Garie Beach Lookout is an unofficial lookout on the hill at the eastern end of Garie Beach. The lookout has no facilities and is simply a spot on the Coast track. The lookout provides great views looking southwest along the coast along Garie Beach, Royal National Park and down to Wollongong.



Then head down the steps (about 325 m long)



Then come to the viewpoint.



After another 285 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



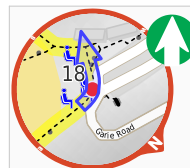
After another 600 m **continue straight.**



After another 295 m pass a seat (6 m on your left)., has no backrest.



Then pass the picnic table (6 m on your left)., has no backrest.



Continue straight.



After another 20 m pass a seat (8 m on your left)., has no backrest.



Then pass the picnic table (8 m on your left)., has no backrest.



After another 40 m pass the "Garie Surf Living Saving Club" (8 m on your right).



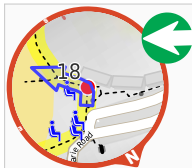
Then find the "Garie Beach Kiosk" (45 m on your right).



Garie Beach Kiosk is at the side of the carpark at the end of Garie Rd, in the Royal National Park. The kiosk is only open on weekends and most days during the summer holidays. The opening hours are based on demand and is generally open from 10:30am to 3pm (later in summer). The kiosk sells, cold drinks, ice creams, pies, salad rolls etc. Contact for Audley kiosk (same managers) 9521 2240.



Then pass the toilet (60 m on your right).



Turn left.



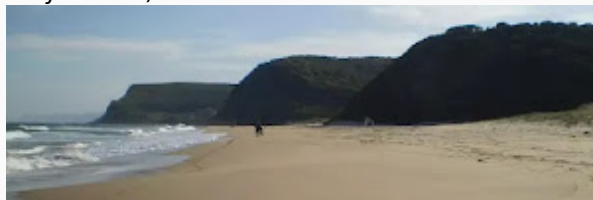
After another 35 m pass a seat (9 m on your left)., has no backrest.



Then pass the picnic table (9 m on your left)., has no backrest.



After another 15 m find the "Garie Beach" (45 m on your left).



Garie Beach, Royal National Park, is a large, south-east facing, yellow sand beach. The beach is backed by steep headlands and gullies. There is a large car park at the end of Garie Rd for access to the beach. Garie Beach is popular for surfing, patrolled 9am-5pm from December to January. Facilities include toilets, kiosk, picnic tables, cold showers and Surf Life Saving Club. The water from the shower should be treated before drinking, this water comes from a tank and may be unavailable during dry periods.



Continue straight.

Keep right.



After another 530 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 6 m **continue straight.**



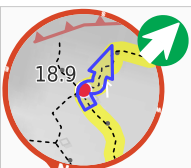
After another 130 m **veer right.**



After another 8 m find the "Little Garie" (10 m on your right).



Little Garie beach and cabin community is in the Royal National park about 800m south west of Garie Beach. The beach is a yellow sand looking east. The beach is edge lined along the edge with smooth rock with a rock shelf on both ends of the beach. There are no facilities or life saving services at the beach. The cabins built just above the beach are dotted through the valley and includes a green community hall and church up the hill on the south side.



After another 145 m **veer right.**



After another 130 m pass a seat (on your right)., has no backrest.



After another 145 m come to the viewpoint.

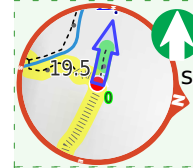


After another 150 m pass a seat (on your right)., has no backrest.



After another 45 m head down the earthen steps (about 150 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the North Era Beach Campground.



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



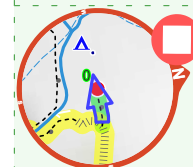
About 35 m past the end is "North Era Beach Campground".

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Campsite managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. There is a fee to use this campsite.



About 145 m past the end is a toilet.



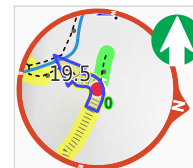
The end.



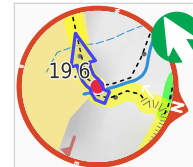
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 19.5 km waypoint.



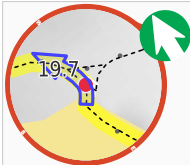
Continue straight.



After another 85 m **veer left.**



After another 85 m find the "Dharawal Midden - North Era Beach" (40 m on your right). An Aboriginal midden left by the Dharawal people (also known as a kitchen midden) that contains remains of shells, bones and stone tools. Dating back 3000 years, this place was home to great feasts.



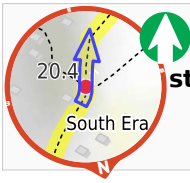
After another 55 m **veer left**.



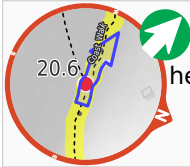
After another 510 m find the "Era Beach" (80 m on your right).



(South) Era Beach is in the Royal National Park about 1.7km south east of Garie Beach. The beach can be accessed by foot along the coast track or by walking in from Garawarra Farm. The yellow sand beach looks south east and has a rock shelf at both ends. There is a small lagoon near the surf life saving club. The club patrols the beach on weekends during the warmer months.



After another 170 m **continue straight**.



After another 245 m **veer right**, to head along Coast Walk.



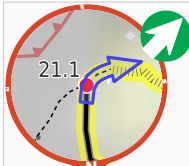
After another 225 m come to the viewpoint.



At the intersection of Burgh Ridge Track & Coast Walk **turn left**, to head along Burgh Ridge Track.



Then pass the "Figure 8 Pools" (on your right).



After another 205 m **veer right**.



Then pass the "Burgh Ridge" (on your left).



After another 25 m head down the earthen steps (about 140 m long)



After another 75 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



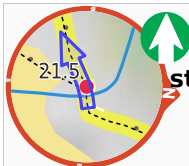
After another 75 m **continue straight**.



After another 95 m find the "Burning Palms" (85 m on your left).



The Burning Palms beach and community is in the Royal National park about 4.5km northeast of Otford. The yellow sand 450m long beach has two rock shelves at each end. The beach is patrol ed on Sundays and public holidays October to April and some Saturdays. There are no other facilities at the beach. There are a number of cottages dotted over the hills behind the beach. The rock self on the southern end of the beach has some interesting sinkholes through out with a few joining up to form the well known Figure eight pools.



After another 20 m **continue straight**.



After another 380 m **continue straight**.



After another 6 m pass the toilet (35 m on your right).



After another 155 m **continue straight**.



After another 80 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 660 m pass the sign (5 m on your left).



After another 1.7 km come to the viewpoint.



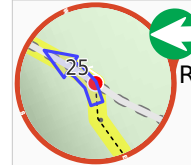
After another 80 m come to the "Werrong Lookout" (25 m on your left).



Continue straight.



After another 470 m pass the "Garrawarra Ridge" (8 m on your left).



Turn left, to head along Garawarra Ridge Management Trail.



After another 1.5 km (at the intersection of Cliff Track & Werrong Beach Track) **veer right**, to head along Cliff Track.



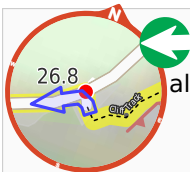
Then pass the "Werrong Beach Track" (on your left).



After another 250 m pass the car park (30 m on your right).



After another 40 m pass the sign (on your left).



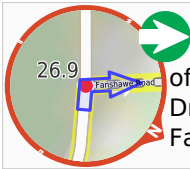
After another 15 m **turn left**, to head along Lady Wakehurst Drive.



After another 75 m find the "Otford Lookout" (on your left).



Otford Lookout is on the Lady Wakehurst Dr, Otford. The lookout is in the Southern Tip of Royal National Park. The Lookout is on the side of the road with some parking. There are no facilities, but there is a great view out to see and down south down the coast to Wollongong. There is a small grass clearing on the ocean side of the road.



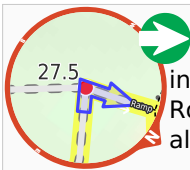
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Fanshawe Road & Lady Wakehurst Drive) **turn right**, to head along Fanshawe Road (a vehicle track).



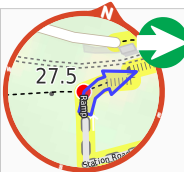
After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Fanshawe Road.



After another 220 m (at the intersection of Station Road Fire Trail & Lady Carrington Road) **continue straight**, to head along Station Road Fire Trail.



After another 215 m (at the intersection of Beaumont Road & Station Road Fire Trail) **turn right**, to head along Beaumont Road.



After another 75 m **turn right**.



After another 25 m head up the steps (about 70 m long)



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



Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



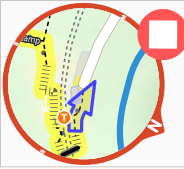
Then head down the steps (about 10 m long)



After another 50 m come to a car park.



About 15 m past the end is a water tap.



The end.