



Heathcote to Engadine via Audley

(Dharawal Country)

5 h 15 min to 6 h 30 min

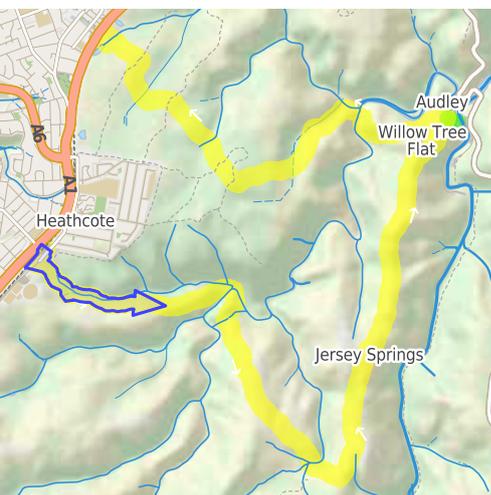
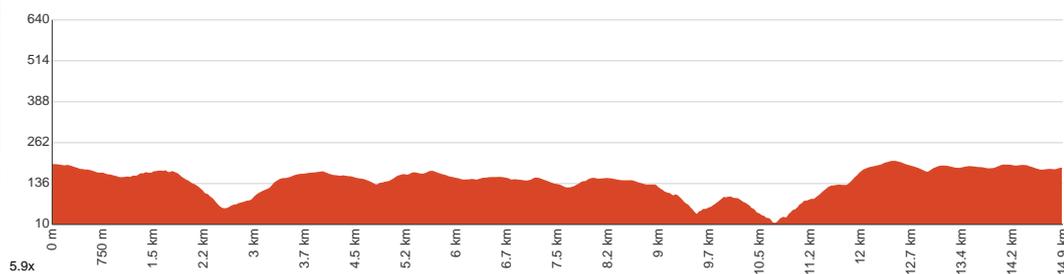
14.9 km
One way

↑ 559 m
↓ 570 m

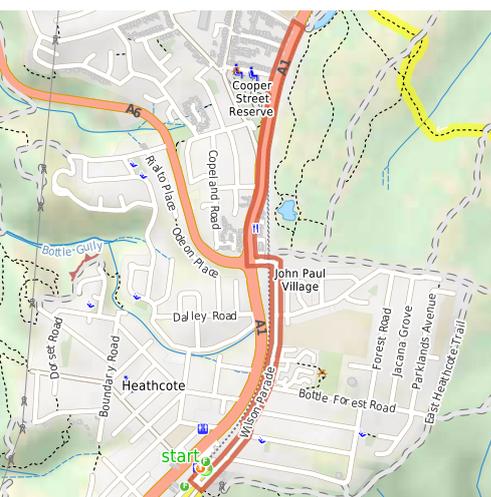
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Hard track



Covering a large section of central Royal National Park, this walk goes through the heath and scrub along a well managed and signposted track. The walk loops from Heathcote Railway Station around to Engadine Station. With public transport at both ends, toilets and water at both Uloola Falls and Reid's Park, this track has ample infrastructure to keep a walker out for a day, without losing the sense of getting away from it all. 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 Railway Parade, A1

- Turn on to Railway Parade, A1 then drive for 1.1 km
- Turn left onto Wilson Parade and drive for another 115 m
- Turn right onto Wilson Parade and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn right and drive for another 95 m

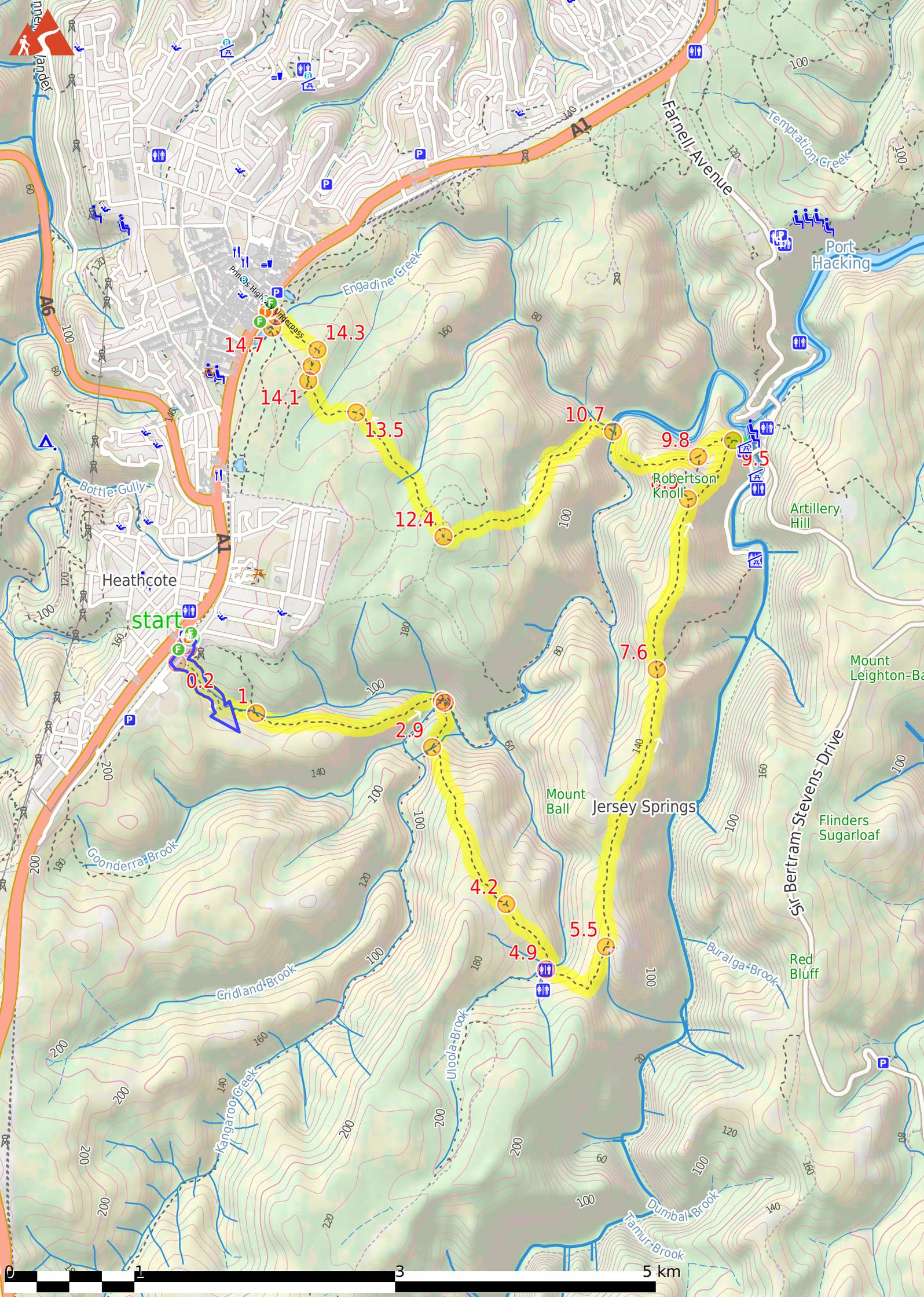
Before you start any journey ensure you;

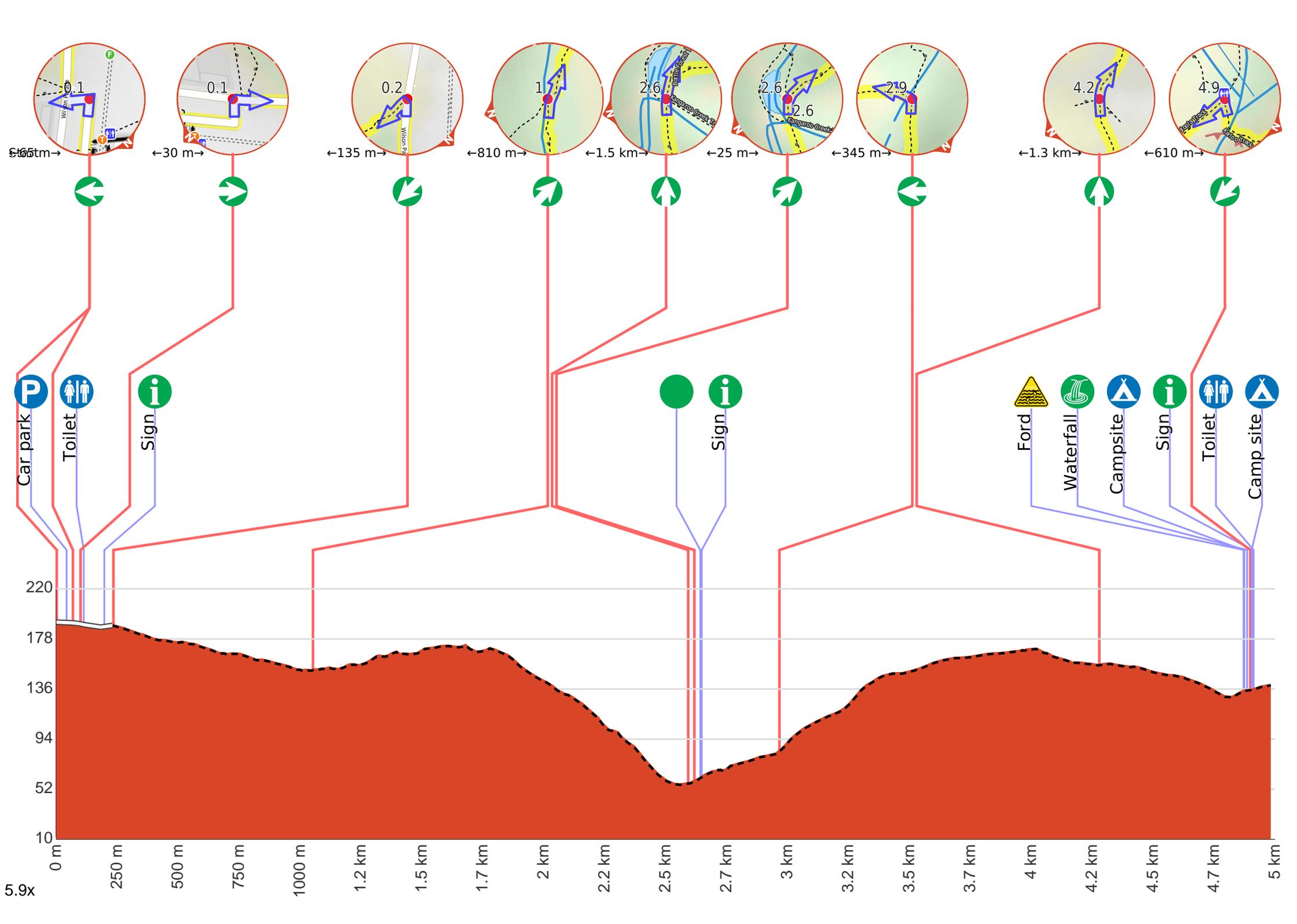
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

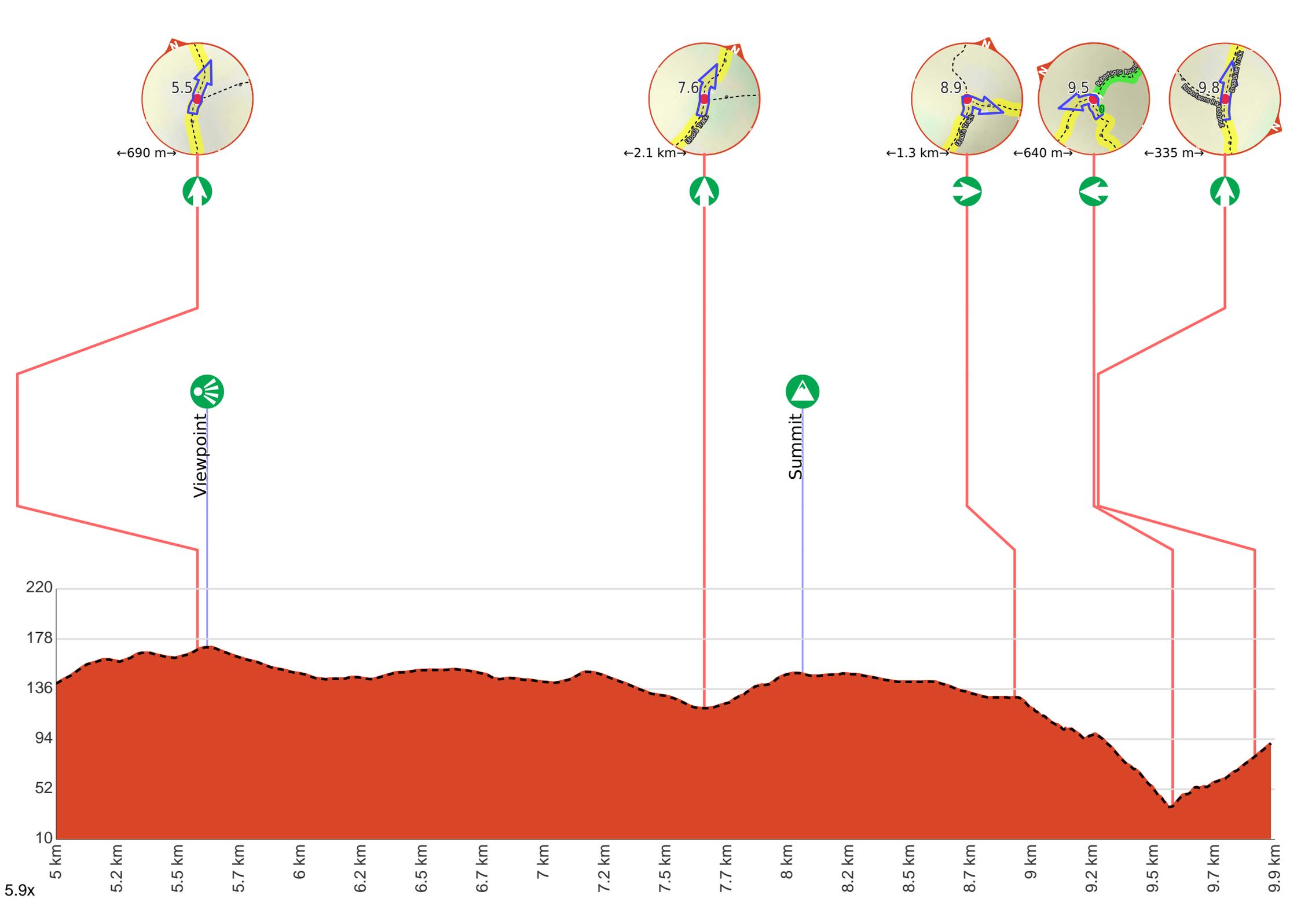
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

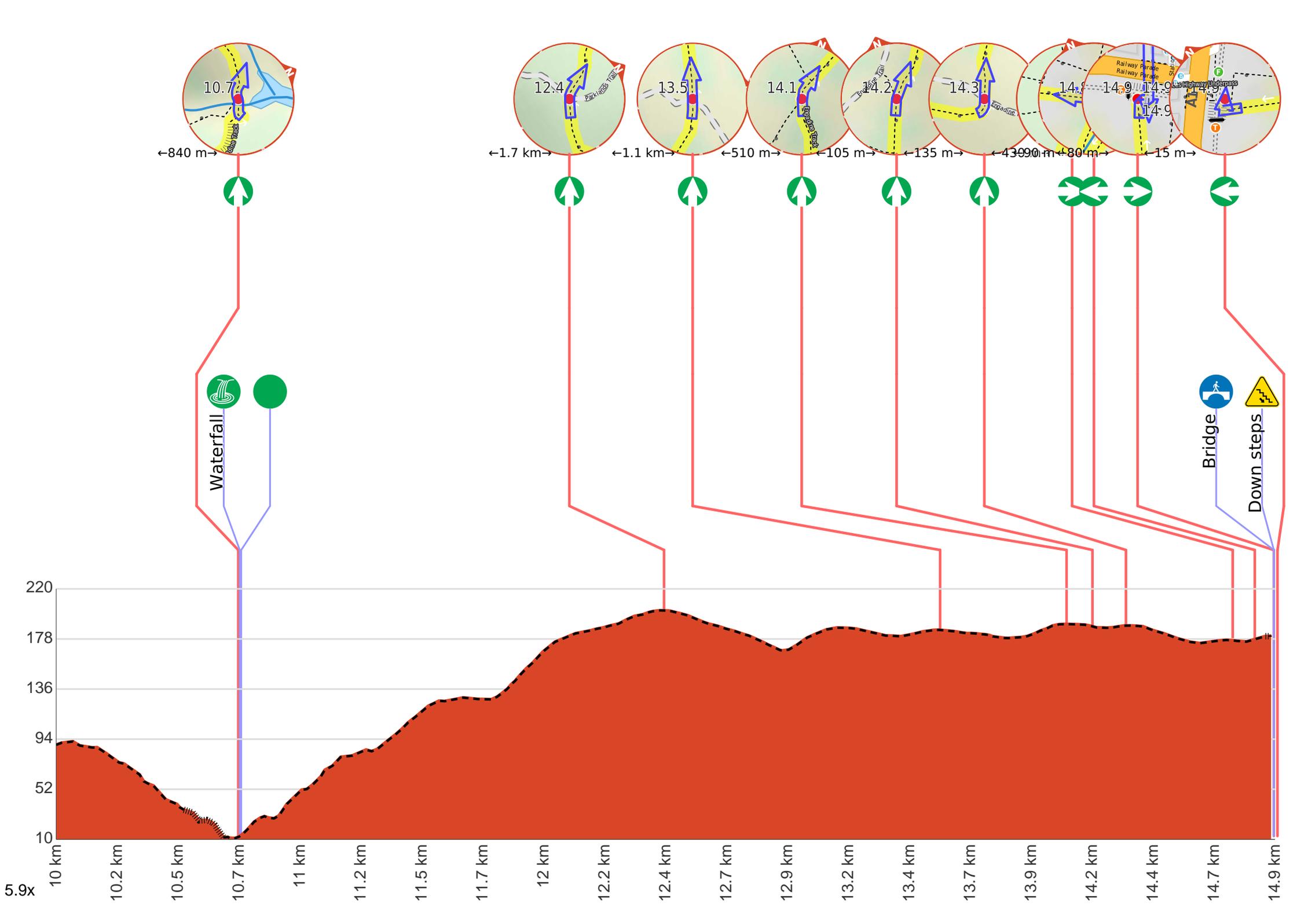
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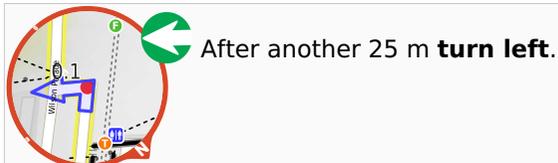




Getting started: From Heathcote Station, this walk heads south-east along Wilson Parade following the railway tracks. Shortly after passing the emergency services centre, the track comes to an intersection with a bush track signposted as the 'Karoo Track'.



P Find the car park at the start.

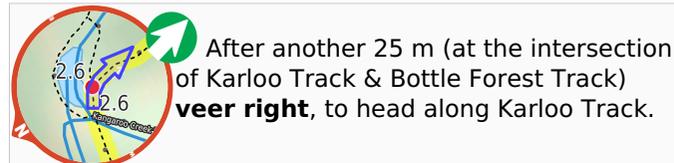
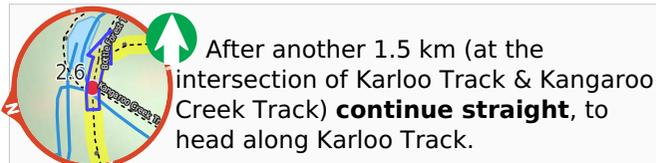
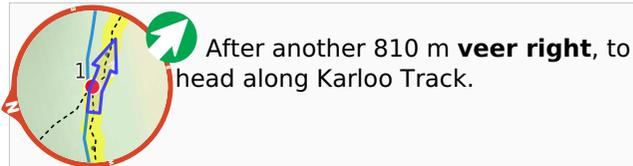
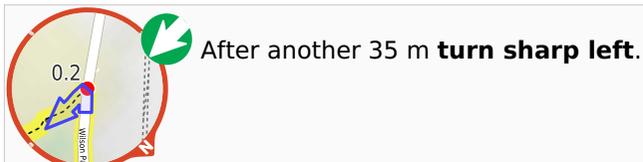


P After another 45 m pass the toilet (35 m on your right).

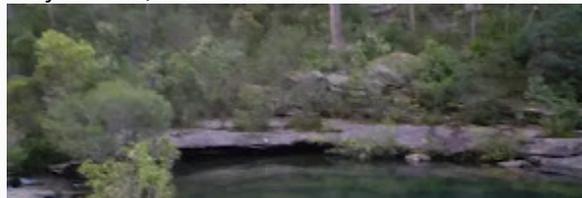


U After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Wilson Parade.

i After another 80 m pass the "Heathcote To Waterfall Info Board" (10 m on your left).

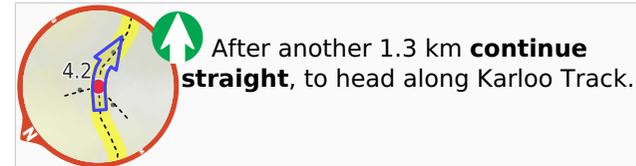
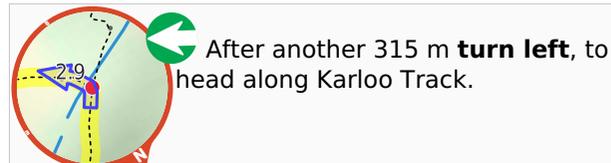


U After another 25 m find the "Karoo Pool" (20 m on your left).



Karoo Pool is a popular swimming hole and informal picnic area. The pool is on junction of Kangaroo Creek and Heathcote brook, south east of Heathcote in the Royal National Park. The pool is surrounded by some very interesting rock formations, and a number of small cascades. There is some natural shade from the surrounding trees. There are no facilities.

i After another 6 m pass the sign.

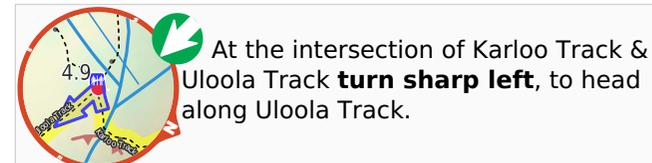


W After another 590 m cross the ford.

U After another 10 m pass the "Uloola Falls" (8 m on your left).

A Then find the "Uloola Falls Campsite" (10 m on your left). This clearing has six camping sites (maximum of 18 people), and wood fires are not allowed. The site has a toilet, and there is usually water in the creek (treat before drinking). In drier periods, contact rangers regarding water availability. Pre-arranged camping permits are essential.

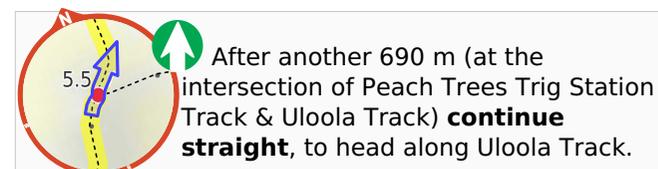
i After another 35 m pass the sign.



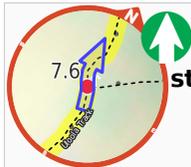
P After another 15 m pass the toilet (9 m on your left).

A Then come to the "Uloola Falls Bush Campground".
W: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

There is a fee to use this campsite.



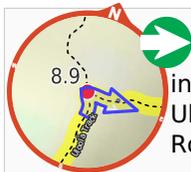
U After another 40 m come to the "Peach Trees Trig Station" (130 m on your right).



After another 2 km **continue straight**, to head along Uloola Track.

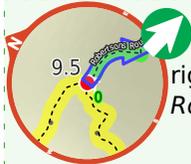


After another 400 m pass the summit (10 m on your left).



After another 860 m (at the intersection of Robertsons Roundabout & Uloola Track) **turn right**, to head along Robertsons Roundabout.

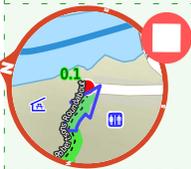
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Currawong Flats.



To start this optional side trip veer right here. **Start** heading along Robertsons Roundabout.



After another 140 m come to a toilet.



The end.



About 15 m past the end is "Currawong Flats".



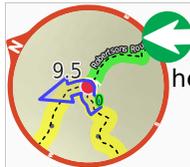
Currawong Flats is a large picnic area on the banks of the Hacking River in the Royal National Park. Currawong Flats is on the western bank for the the Hacking River, Opposite Audley and just south of the junction with Kangaroo Creek. The Picnic area can be access by car or by foot by a wooden bridge, to Audley. The picnic area has a large flat and open grassy area with some shade from trees. There is a car park, toilets, garbage facilities, fire pit BBQ's, Picnic tables. Swimming and use of boats is not permitted in this section of the river.



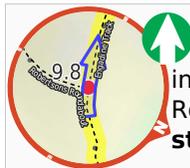
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 140 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 9.5 km waypoint.



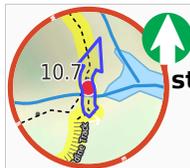
After another 640 m **turn left**, to head along Robertsons Roundabout.



After another 335 m (at the intersection of Engadine Track & Robertsons Roundabout) **continue straight**, to head along Engadine Track.



After another 630 m head up the 7 metal steps (about 160 m long)



After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Engadine Track.



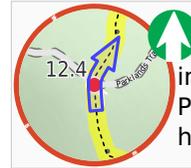
After another 6 m pass the waterfall (15 m on your right).



After another 6 m find the "Kangaroo Creek Pools" (15 m on your right).



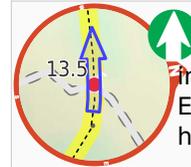
Kangaroo Creek Pools are found on the junction of Engadine Creek and Kangaroo Creek in the Royal National park. This is where Kangaroo creek begins to widen before it joins the Hacking River. The creek is lined with rock and provides a nice place for a splash and cool down. The is some limited shade from the trees in the valley. There are no facilities.



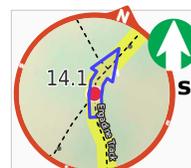
After another 1.7 km (at the intersection of Engadine Track & Parklands Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Engadine Track.



After another 245 m (at the intersection of Parklands Trail & Engadine Track) **continue straight**, to head along Engadine Track.



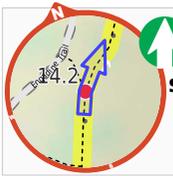
After another 880 m (at the intersection of Engadine Trail & Engadine Track) **continue straight**, to head along Engadine Track.



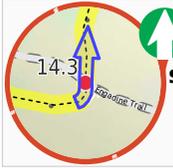
After another 510 m **continue straight**.



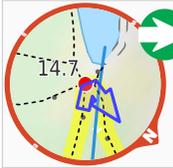
After another 30 m **continue straight**.



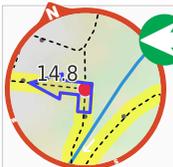
After another 75 m **continue straight**.



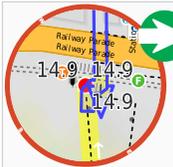
After another 135 m **continue straight**.



After another 430 m **turn right**.



After another 90 m **turn left**.



After another 80 m **turn right**.



Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



Then head down the steps (about 15 m long)



Turn left.



After another 8 m come to the end.