



# Gwen Ellis Walking Trail

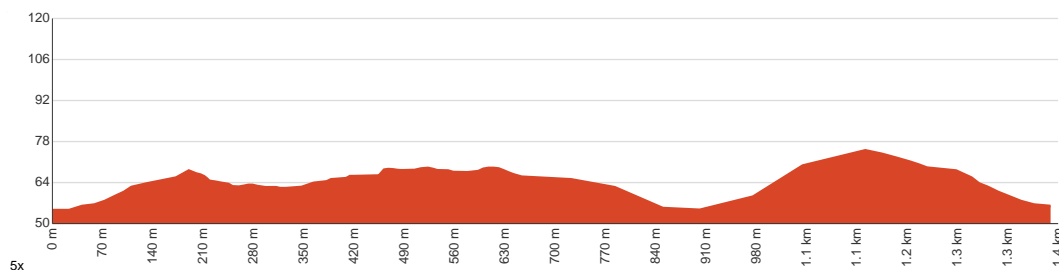
 30 min to 45 min

  
1.4 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 43 m  
↓ 44 m

  
Moderate track

Starting from the car park off Mount Monster Road, Keith, this walk takes you on a circuit around the summit of Mount Monster via the Gwen Ellis Walking Trail. This short, moderately challenging loop takes walkers around the summit of Mount Monster, an unusual granite outcrop of considerable geologic significance, passing several vantage points that offer excellent views over the granite outcrops, natural bushland and surrounding flat farmland. The granite outcrops are surrounded by varied soil types that support diverse bushland vegetation, providing important habitat for a variety of wildlife, birds and reptiles. In spring, there are beautiful displays of colourful native wildflowers, including orchids. This walk doesn't climb to the summit itself but can easily be extended to include a side trip to the summit, which adds roughly another 150m to the walk. This loop consists of wide and narrow walking trails, with uneven natural surfaces, compacted natural surfaces and short steep hills, suitable for average fitness levels. 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 3 of 6

Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From , Keith.

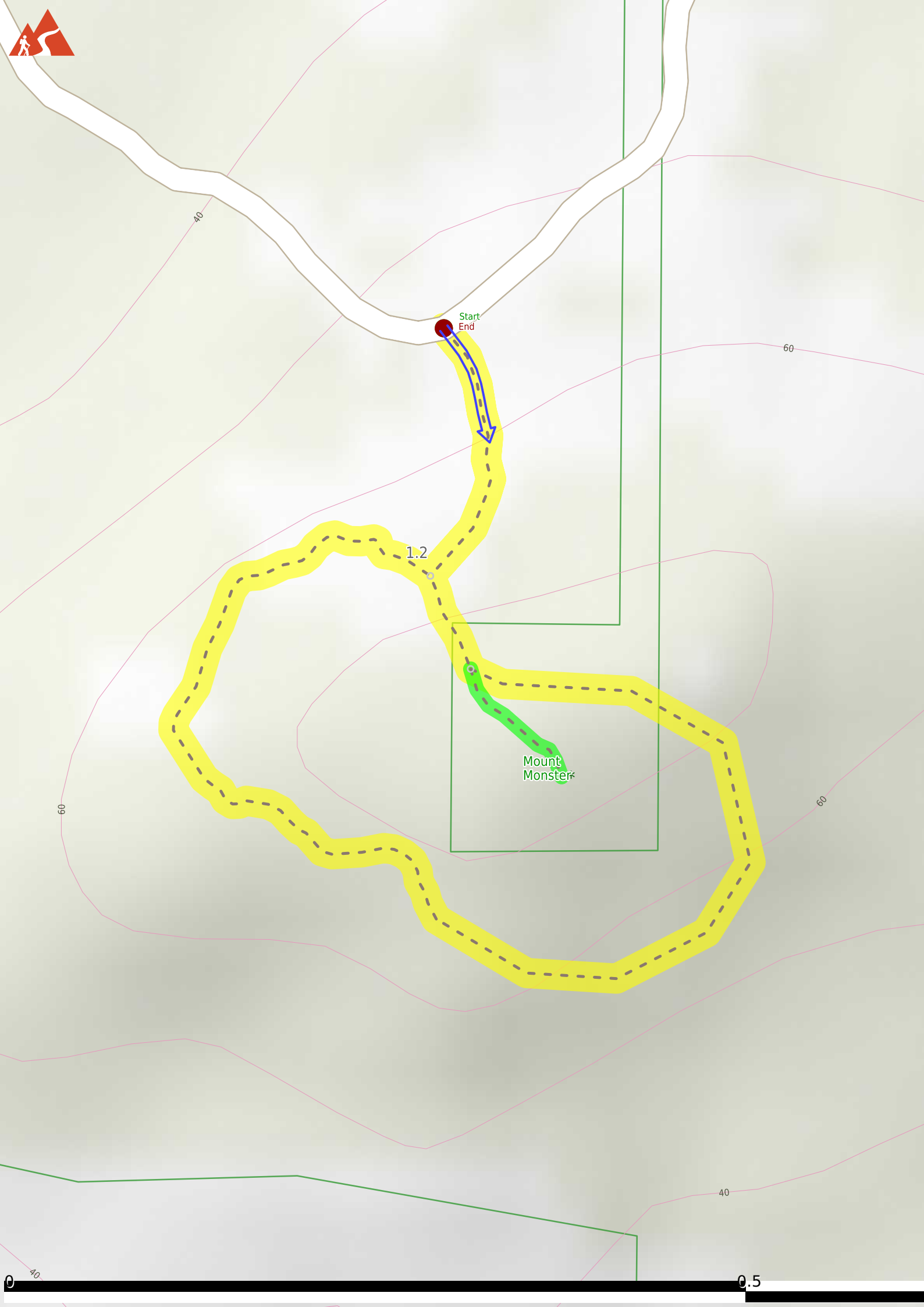
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

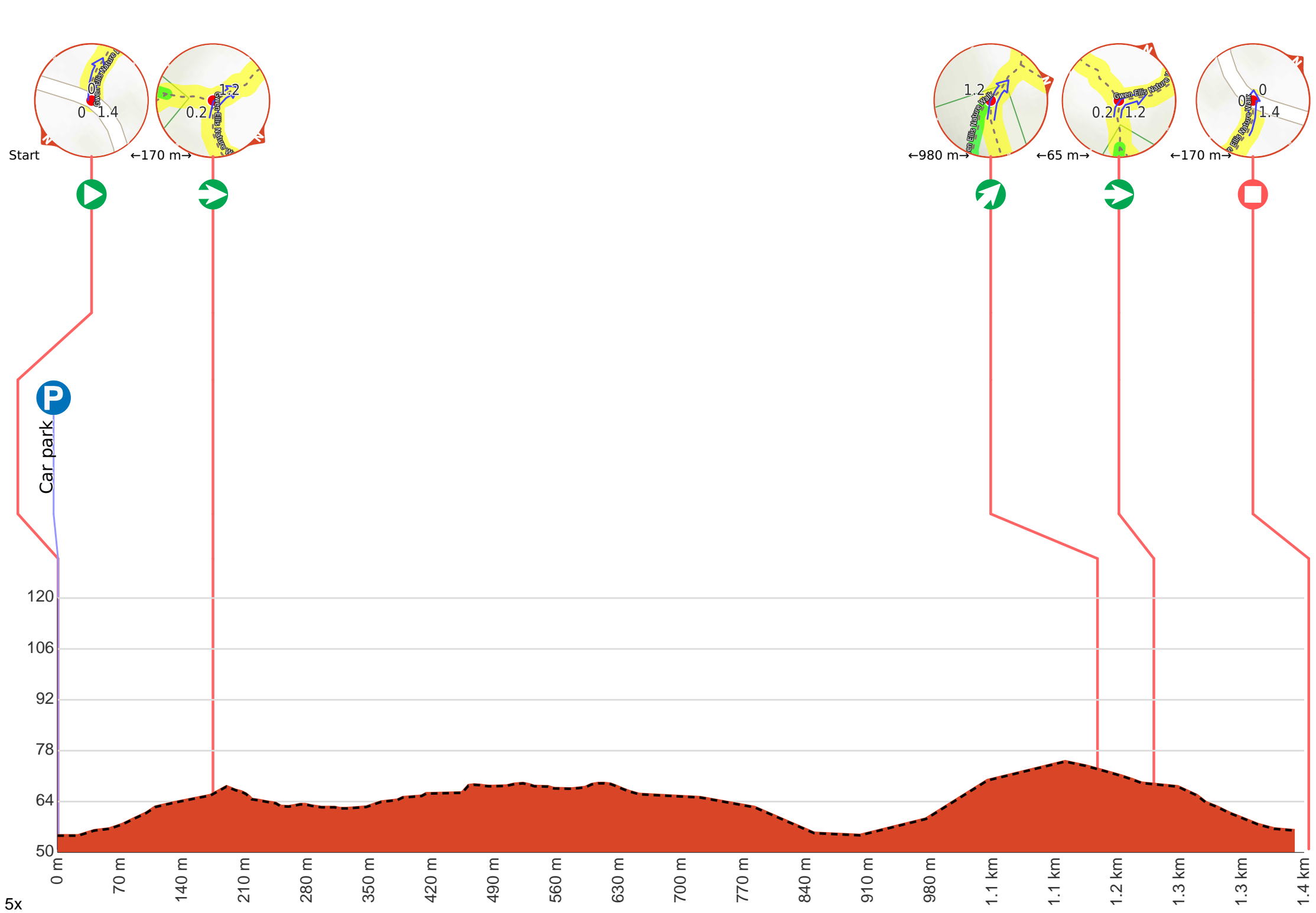
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

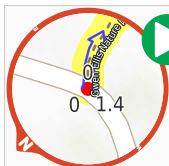
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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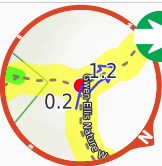




**Start** heading along *Gwen Ellis Nature Walk*.



Find the car park at the start.



After another 170 m **turn right**, to head along Gwen Ellis Nature Walk.



**Start of an optional side trip:** This side trip takes you to the summit.

To start this optional side trip turn sharp left here. **Start** heading along *Gwen Ellis Nature Walk*.



After another 95 m come to "Mount Monster".



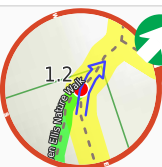
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 95 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 1.2 km waypoint.



After another 980 m **veer right**, to head along Gwen Ellis Nature Walk.



After another 65 m **turn right**, to head along Gwen Ellis Nature Walk.



After another 170 m come to the end.