



# Joalah Lower Creek Circuit

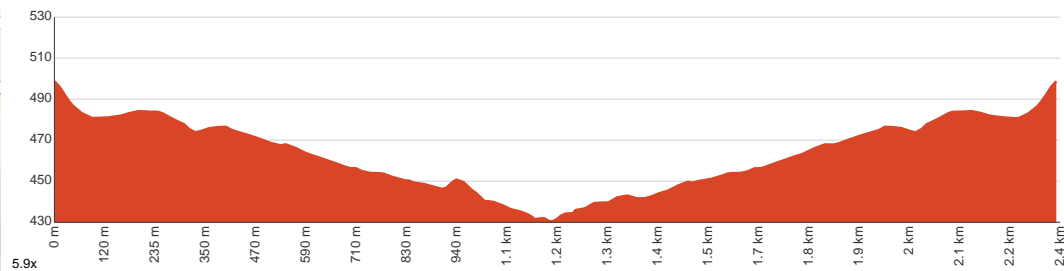
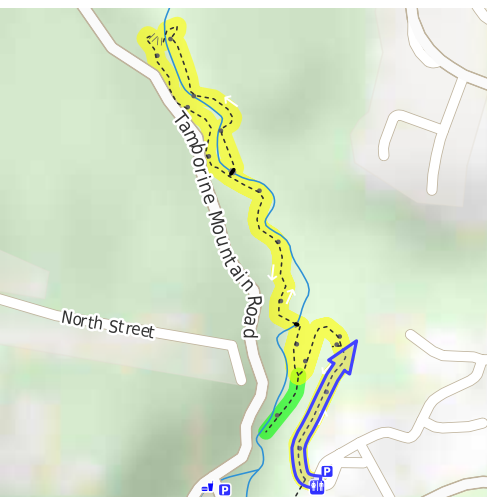
 45 min to 1 h 15 min

  
2.3 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 86 m  
↓ 86 m

  
Hard track

Starting from the car park at the end of Dapsang Drive, Tamborine Mountain, this walk takes you on a circuit in the tropical rainforests of the Tamborine National Park, crossing Cedar Creek multiple times and visiting Curtis Falls with a side trip. The trip separates you from the city as soon as you dive into the dense eucalypt rainforest, filled with birdsong. Speaking of birds, the distinct call of the Albert's Lyrebird which the Aboriginal people called 'Joalah' (haunt of the lyrebird) can be heard if you listen carefully. The walk is shaded the whole way, making you feel even more remote, like in a terrarium. The lovely little waterfall named Curtis Falls is well worth the side trip, sitting beautifully amidst fern and rocks covered in moss. You can even see some water dragons nearby if you're lucky. Although you can't take a shower under the waterfall, you can swim in the waterholes up north. Keep in mind that the track might require small amounts of rock scrambling, or climbing over a fallen tree. Good trekking shoes may come in handy, as the track is rocky, muddy and slippery after rainfall. Come early to avoid the crowd and minimize the noise coming from the road. 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 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	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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to then drive for 470 m
- Turn right onto Entertainment Road and drive for another 780 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Michigan Drive and drive for another 2.1 km
- Turn left onto Tamborine Oxenford Road, 95, 8 and drive for another 1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tamborine Oxenford Road, 95, 8 and drive for another 17.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Gallery Walk, 95, 8 and drive for another 510 m
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Eagle Heights Road, 95 and drive for another 760 m
- Turn right onto Dapsang Drive and drive for another 135 m
- Turn left onto Dapsang Drive and drive for another 110 m

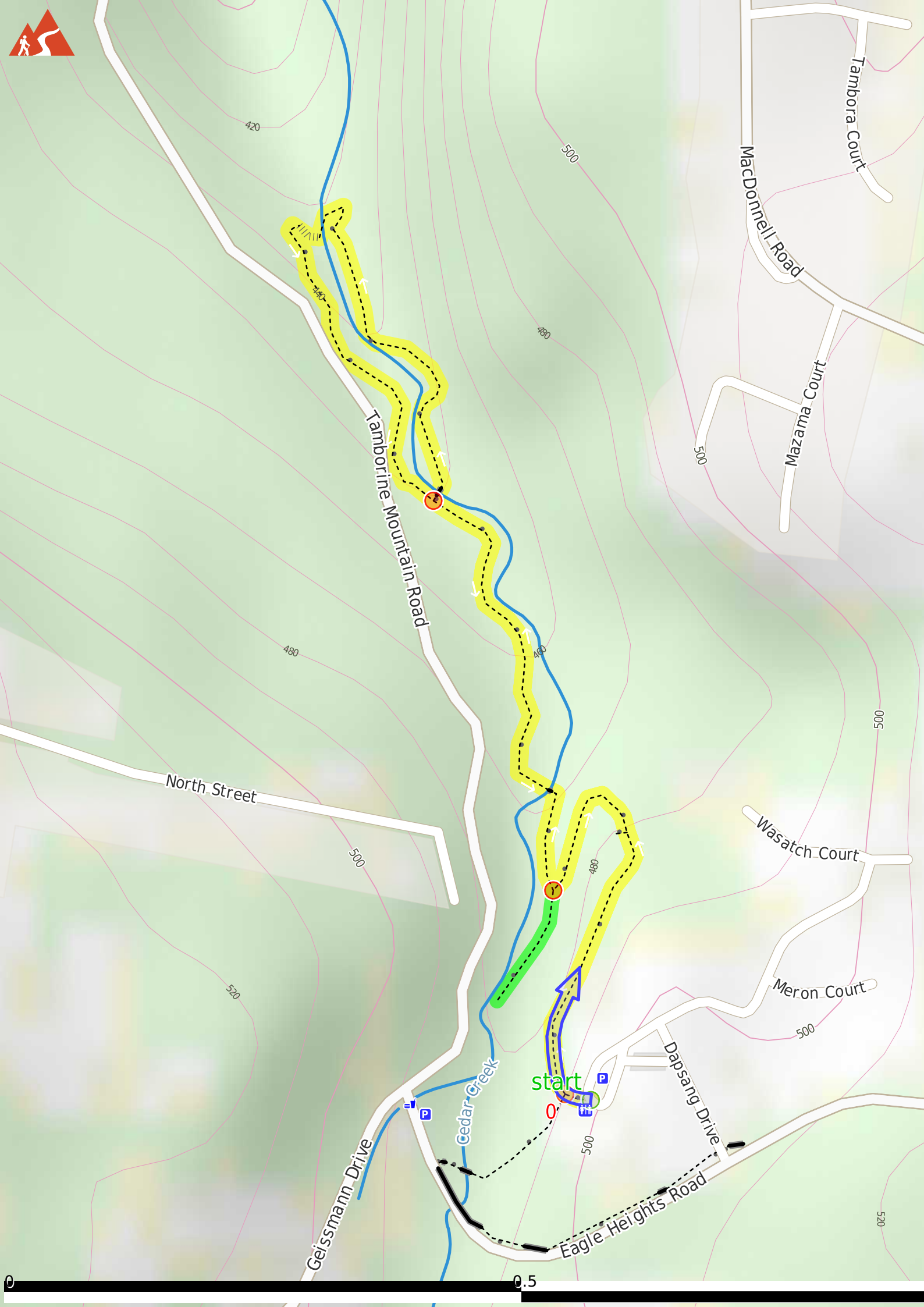
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

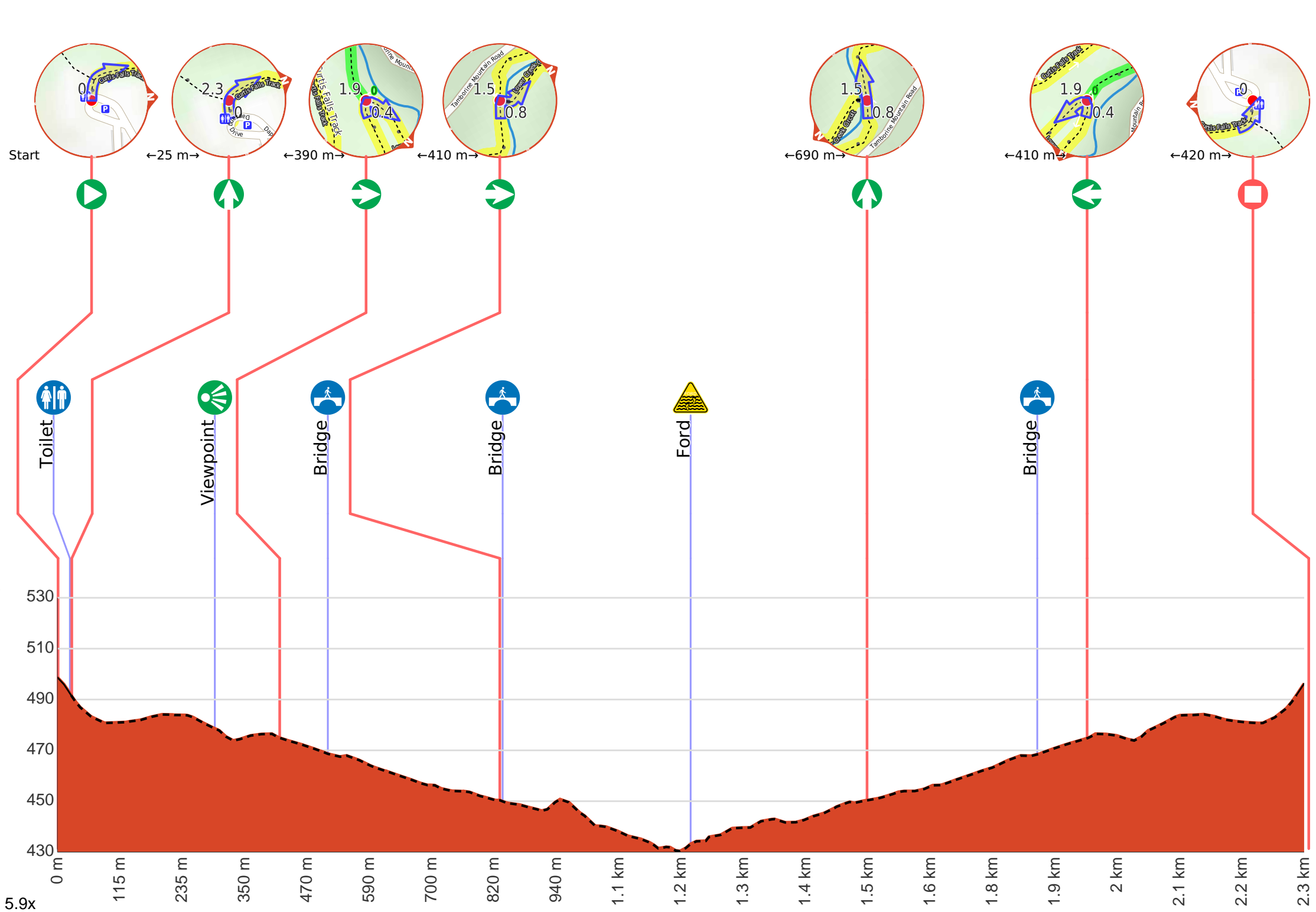
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

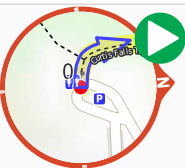
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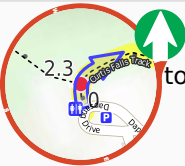
**Getting started:** From the car park at the end of Dapsang Drive (near Pavilion Garden Bar), head towards the concrete footpath between the white informative signpost and the "Tamborine National Park - Joalah Section" signpost. Head into the woodland along the concrete footpath, passing between the said signposts. Follow the track as it descends through the eucalypt rainforest and crosses the creek. After around 815 metres from the trailhead, turn right and cross the creek to continue along Joalah Lower Creek Circuit (counterclockwise).



**Start.**



After 20 m pass the toilet (10 m on your left).

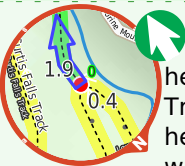


After another 4 m **continue straight**, to head along Curtis Falls Track.

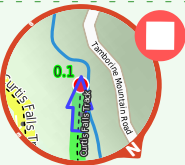


After another 270 m come to the viewpoint (15 m on your left).

**Start of an optional side trip:** This little side trip to Curtis Falls is very much recommended.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Curtis Falls Track & Lower Creek Circuit **Start** heading along *Curtis Falls Track* (a walking track).



After another 110 m come to the end.



A viewpoint.



About 15 m past the end is "Curtis Falls".



About 135 m past the end is "Curtis Falls Cafe".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 110 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 420 m waypoint.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 1.9 km waypoint.



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Lower Creek Circuit & Curtis Falls Track) **turn right**, to head along Lower Creek Circuit.



After another 90 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)



After another 320 m **turn right**, to head along Lower Creek Circuit.



After another 5 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 345 m cross the ford.

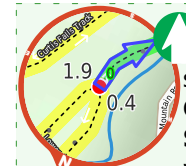


After another 330 m **continue straight**, to head along Lower Creek Circuit.



After another 320 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)

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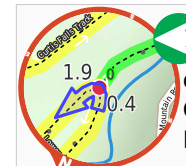
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Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 420 m waypoint.



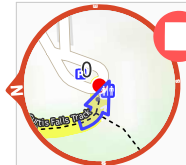
Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 1.9 km waypoint.



After another 90 m (at the intersection of Curtis Falls Track & Lower Creek Circuit) **turn left**, to head along Curtis Falls Track.



After another 390 m **continue straight**, to head along Curtis Falls Track.



After another 25 m come to the end.