



# Davidson Exploration

(Guringai Country)

 2 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

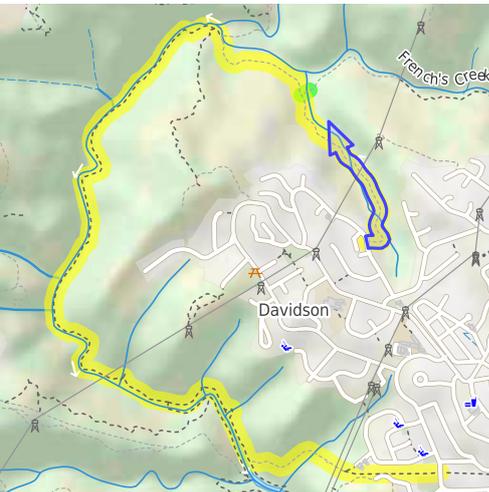
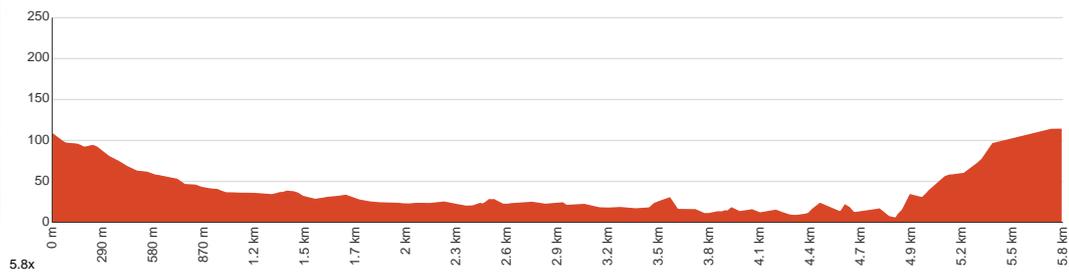
  
5.8 km  
One way

  
↑ 196 m  
↓ 191 m

  
Hard track



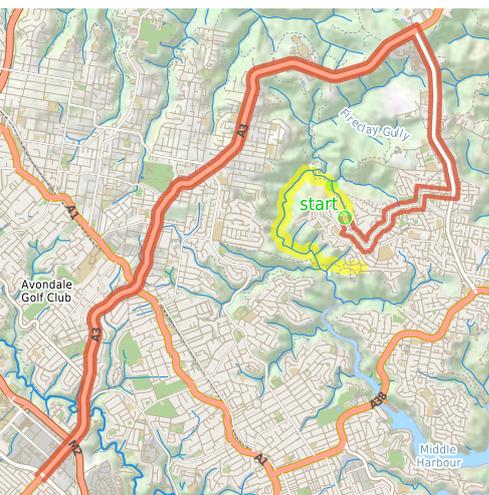
This walk partially circumnavigates the suburb of Davidson. Starting on Stone Pde, the walk follows the cascades track down to Middle Harbour Creek and follows the creek downstream to the pipeline. The walk finishes with an uphill slog, following the pipeline, to John Oxley Drive. Let us begin by acknowledging the Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



<b>Class 4 of 6</b> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Lane Cove Road, A3

- Turn on to Forest Way then drive for 3.7 km
- Turn right onto Hews Parade and drive for another 700 m
- Turn left onto Pringle Avenue and drive for another 315 m
- Turn right onto Haigh Avenue and drive for another 1.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Kambora Avenue and drive for another 200 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Kambora Avenue and drive for another 400 m
- Turn right onto Borgnis Street and drive for another 70 m
- Turn left onto Stone Parade and drive for another 290 m



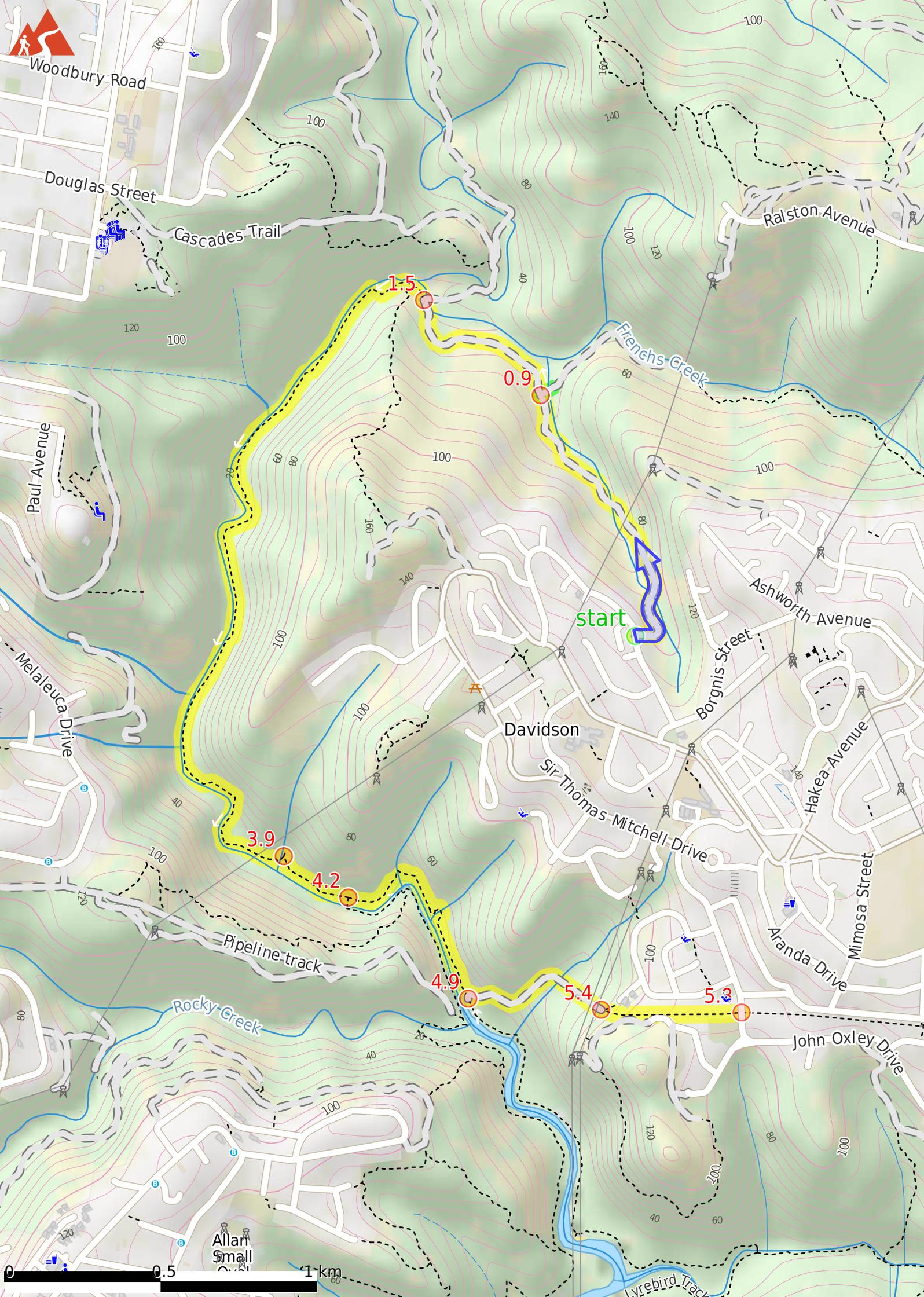
**Before you start any journey ensure you;**

- 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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Woodbury Road

Douglas Street

Cascades Trail

Ralston Avenue

1.5

0.9

Frenchs-Creek

start

Davidson

Ashworth Avenue

Paul Avenue

Borgnis Street

Melaleuca Drive

Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive

Hakea Avenue

Pipeline-track

Aranda Drive

Rocky Creek

John Oxley Drive

4.9

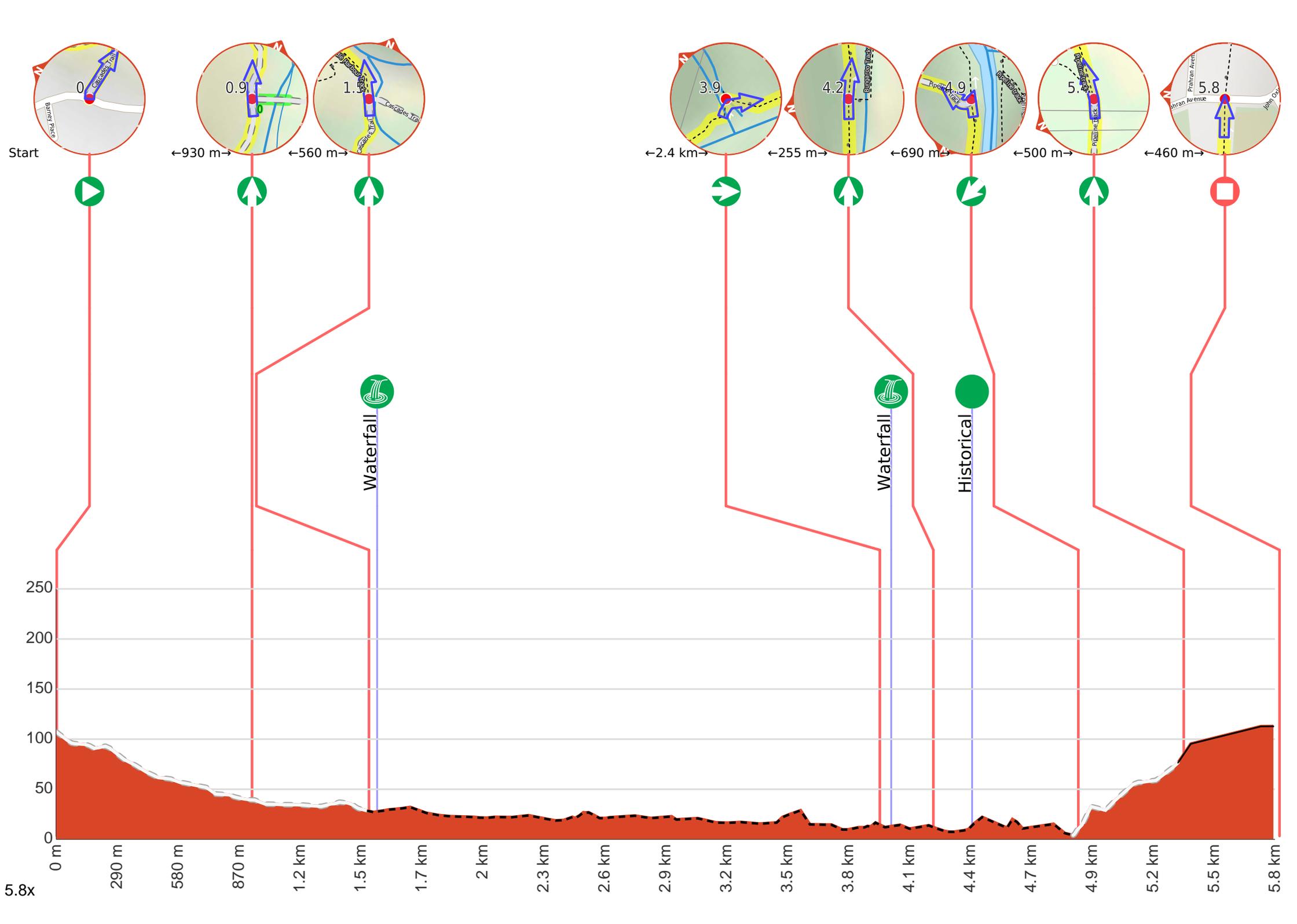
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5.2

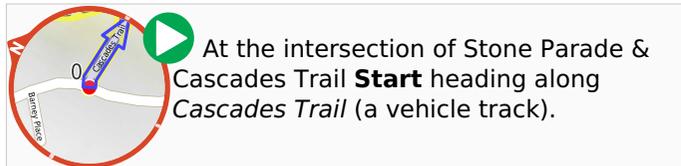
Allan Small

0 0.5 1 km

Lyrebird Track

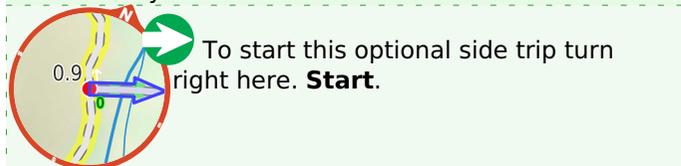


**Getting started:** From the intersection, the walk passes through the metal gate marked with the Cascades Track sign, and follows the (initially) asphalted service trail. The service trail winds down into the valley, steeply at times, until it comes to the signposted intersection with the French's Creek Track.

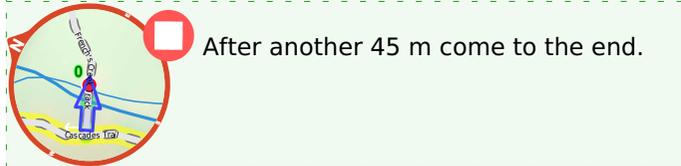


At the intersection of Stone Parade & Cascades Trail **Start** heading along *Cascades Trail* (a vehicle track).

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Tributary Cascades.



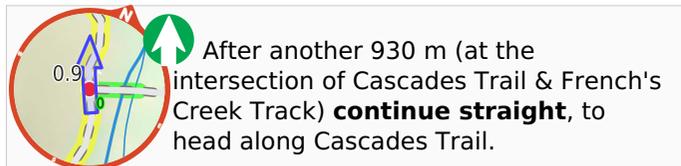
To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start**.



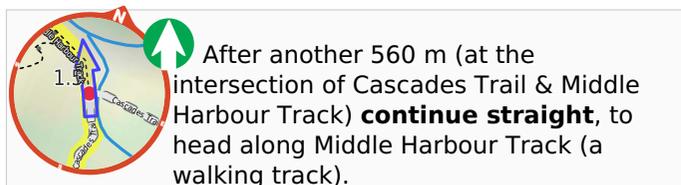
After another 45 m come to the end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 45 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 930 m waypoint.



After another 930 m (at the intersection of Cascades Trail & French's Creek Track) **continue straight**, to head along Cascades Trail.



After another 560 m (at the intersection of Cascades Trail & Middle Harbour Track) **continue straight**, to head along Middle Harbour Track (a walking track).



After another 40 m find the "The Cascades" (on your right).



The Cascades are a series of small cascades (little waterfalls) in Garigal National Park. The cascades centre around a large rock platform on Middle Harbour Creek and are found in the northern section of the park, at the intersection of the Middle Harbour and Cascade Tracks. The cascades make a great spot to sit and rest when exploring the area.



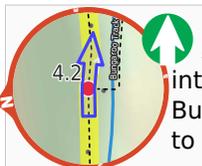
After another 9 m (at the intersection of Middle Harbour Track & Double B) **continue straight**, to head along Middle Harbour Track.



After another 2.4 km **turn right**, to head along Middle Harbour Track.



After another 55 m pass the waterfall (25 m on your left).



After another 200 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Bungaroo Crossing) **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



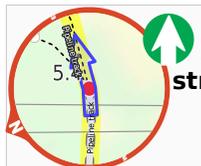
After another 185 m find the "Bungaroo" (30 m on your right).



Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo.

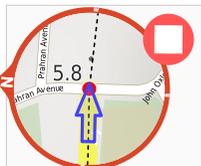


After another 510 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Pipeline track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Pipeline track (a vehicle track).



After another 500 m **continue straight**, to head along Pipeline track.

After another 460 m come to "Richard Healy Reserve".



The end.

About 55 m past the end is "Maitland Reserve".

About 80 m past the end is a playground.