




Abbotts Falls Walking Track

 2 h 45 min to 3 h

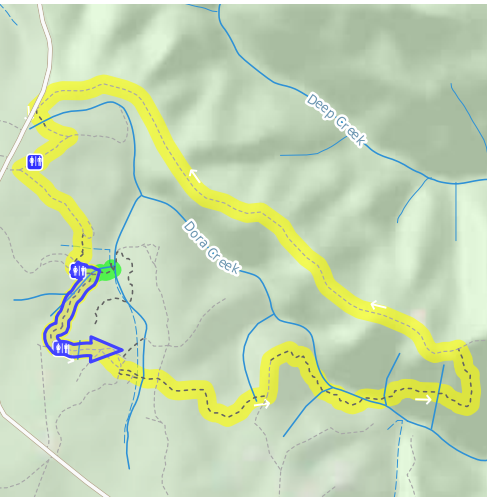
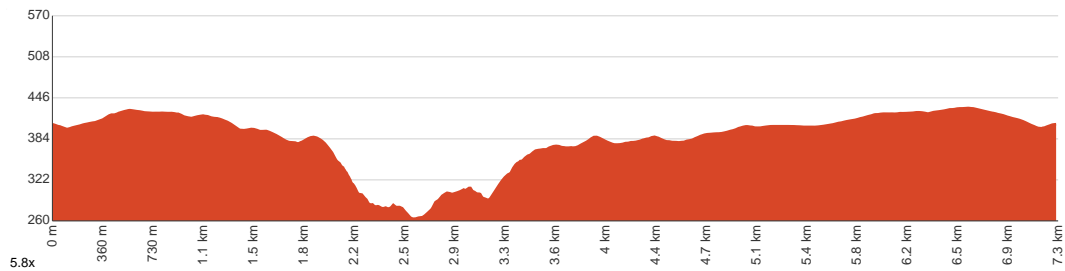

7.2 km
Circuit


↑ 267 m
↓ 267 m


Hard track



This circuit takes you through both dry and moist forest, using a combination of walking trails and wider tracks. The side trip to the dammed pool is recommended, to see the deep Aboriginal carved grooves by the pool. This walk travels through open forest with wild flowers (in season) to descend into a moist rainforest environment near Abbotts Falls. This is a great place to cool off on a hot summer's day. 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.



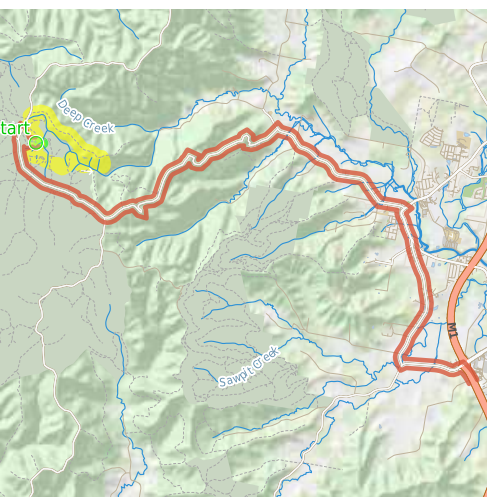
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Mandalong Road Off - Ramp then drive for 460 m
- Keep left and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn right onto Deaves Road and drive for another 3.8 km
- Turn left onto Freemans Drive and drive for another 970 m
- Turn left onto Martinsville Road and drive for another 4.5 km
- Turn left onto Watagan Road and drive for another 7.1 km
- Turn slight right onto Watagan Forest Road and drive for another 3.5 km
- Keep right onto Watagan Forest Road and drive for another 260 m
- Turn right and drive for another 490 m
- Keep right and drive for another 190 m



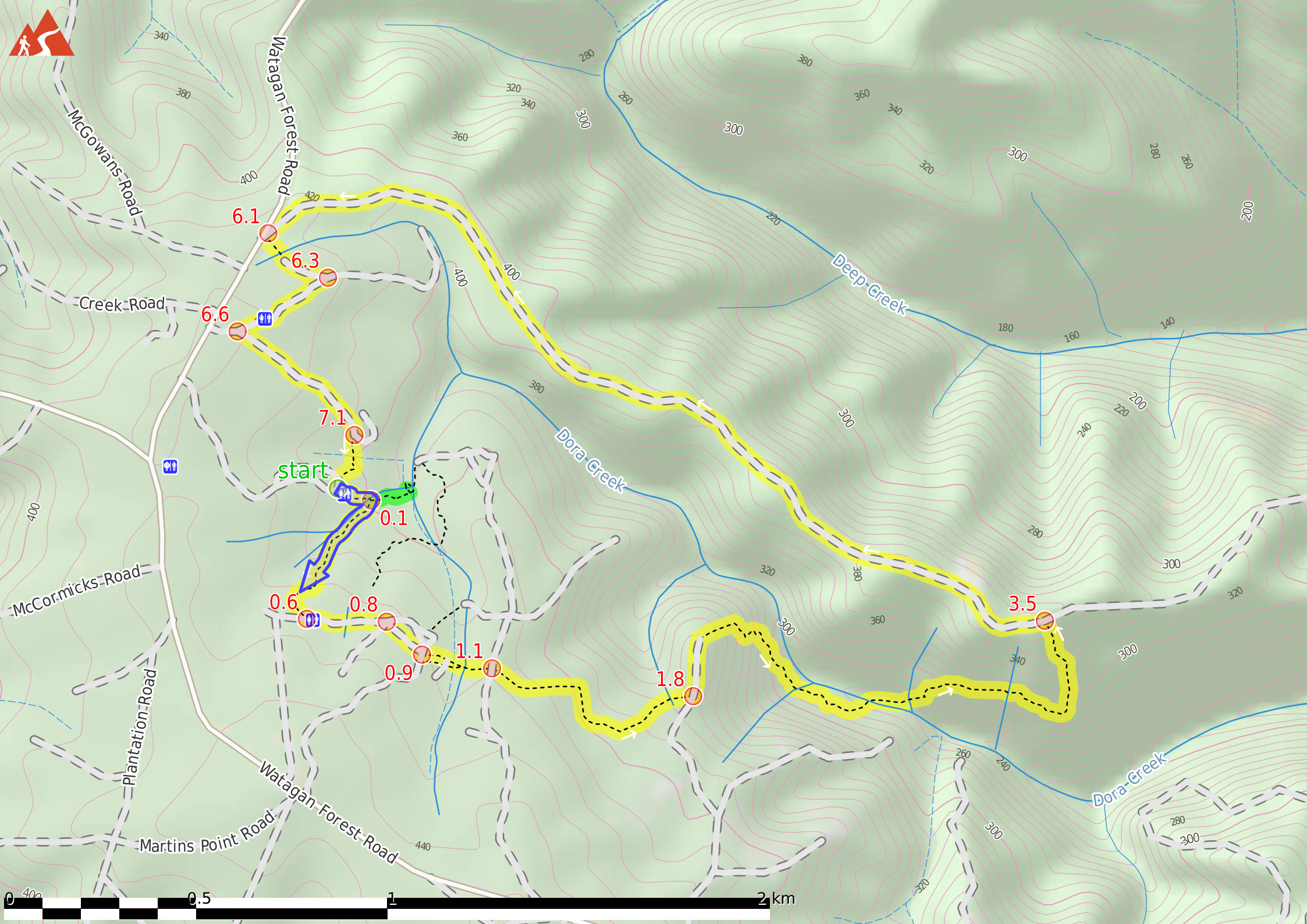
Before you start any journey ensure you;

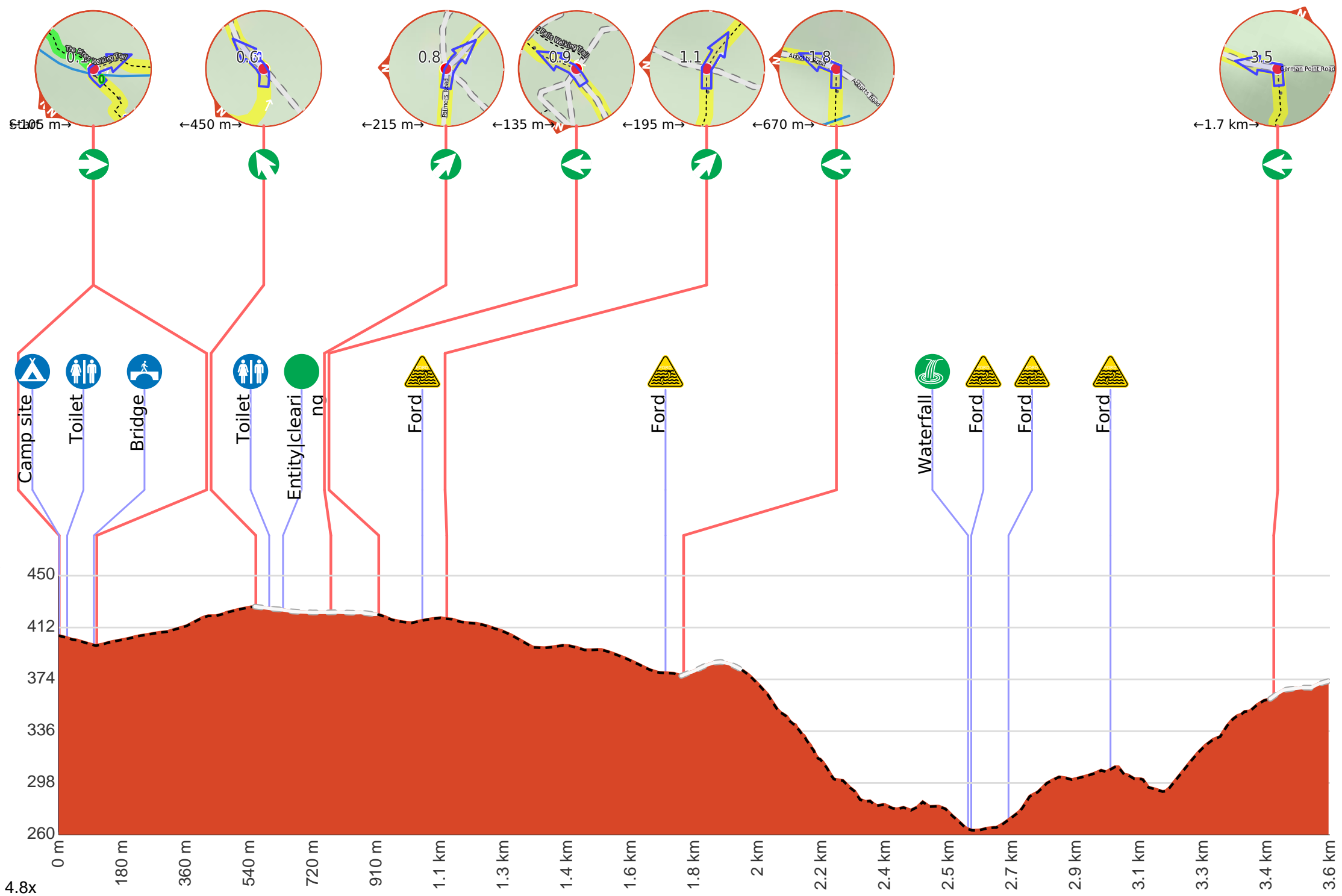
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

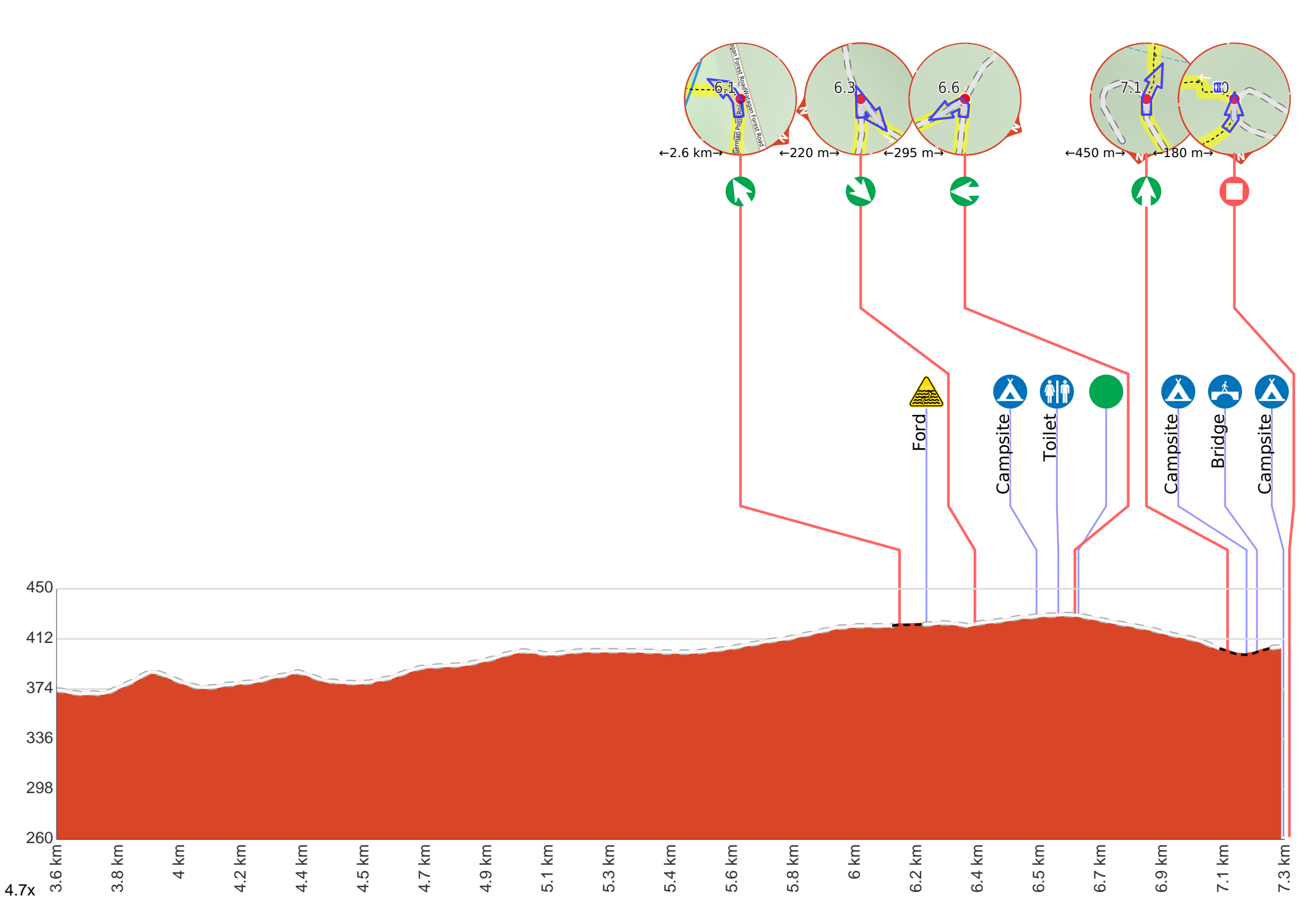
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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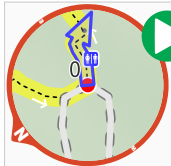








Getting started: From the Pines Camping area, this walk follows the track gently downhill (passing a 'Walking Track' sign on your left). Then this walk follows the track for about 30m to find a rotten timber footbridge. This walk crosses the footbridge and after about 10m, comes to a T-intersection with a track.



Start.



Find the The Pines Camping Area at the start. Campsite managed by Forestry Corporation of NSW.

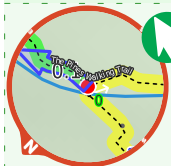


After 25 m pass the toilet (7 m on your right).



After another 75 m cross the bridge (about 3 m long)

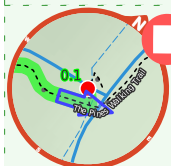
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Dammed Pool.



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



After another 110 m **turn left.**



After another 15 m come to the end.



About 15 m past the end is "Dammed Pool on the Pines Walking track".



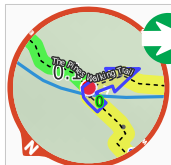
The dammed pool by Dora Creek (on the Pine walking track) is surrounded by lovely moist eucalypt forest and has an attractive dammed pool. Then is also evidence of axe-sharpening rubbing grooves on damp rock shelves from historical aboriginal use. The dammed pool is on the Pines loop walk, which can be begun from either the Pines campsite or the Pines picnic area.



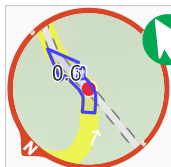
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 130 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 105 m waypoint.



After another 5 m **turn right**, to head along The Pines Walking Trail.



After another 450 m **veer left**, to head along Palmers Road.



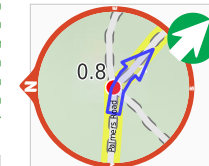
After another 40 m pass the toilet (6 m on your right).



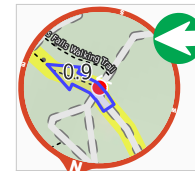
After another 40 m find the "Pines picnic area" (60 m on your left).



This large picnic area is often used by groups participating in Forests NSW's school and community programs. The area provides plenty of tree cover, as well as a number of picnic benches and tables. There is a large shelter built and reserved for the Forests NSW's programs, but is available for use at any other time. The area is surrounded by native plants and animals.



After another 135 m **veer right.**



After another 135 m **turn left.**



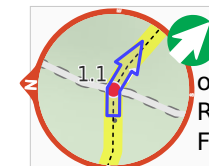
After another 70 m **continue straight.**



After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Abbots Falls Walking Trail.



After another 10 m cross the ford.



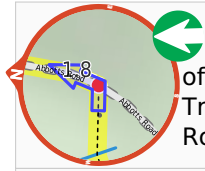
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Abbots Falls Walking Trail & Howes Road) **veer right**, to head along Abbots Falls Walking Trail.



After another 620 m cross the ford.



After another 80 m cross the ford.



After another 50 m (at the intersection of Abbotts Road & Abbotts Falls Walking Trail) **turn left**, to head along Abbotts Road (a vehicle track).



After another 810 m find the "Abbotts Falls" (20 m on your left).



Abbotts Falls in the Olney State Forest are located in a secluded valley on Dora Creek. Thick rainforest lines Dora Creek and these falls are a great place to visit on a hot, dry day in summer. The falls can be found along the Abbotts Falls walking track. Please note that the falls are unfenced and care should be taken.



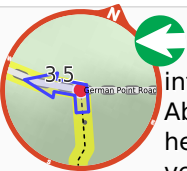
After another 9 m cross the ford.



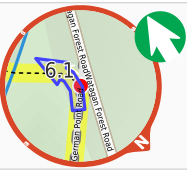
After another 105 m cross the ford.



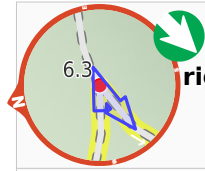
After another 290 m cross the ford.



After another 460 m (at the intersection of German Point Road & Abbotts Falls Walking Trail) **turn left**, to head along German Point Road (a vehicle track).



After another 2.6 km **veer left**.



After another 140 m **turn sharp right**.



After another 180 m find the "Casuarina Campsite" (20 m on your right).



The Casuarina Campsite is a small and secluded site, set amongst forest oaks and a variety of eucalypts. The Casuarina Camping Area can accommodate caravans and trailers as well as individual campsites. There are fireplaces, toilets, picnic tables and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable).



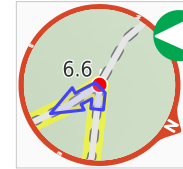
After another 65 m pass the toilet (5 m on your right).



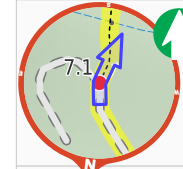
After another 60 m find the "Old Mill picnic area" (120 m on your left).



The Old Mill picnic area is set alongside Watagan Forest Road and is a great place for family sport, with a wide and flat grassed area surrounded by forest. Please note that this site is for day use only, with no camping allowed. The site has picnic tables and fireplaces.



Turn left.



After another 450 m **continue straight**.



After another 55 m find the "Turpentine Campsite" (115 m on your right).



Turpentine camping area provides many sheltered sites amongst turpentine trees. It is an ideal spot for smaller groups or families. The campsite is spread out along the end of Turpentine Road, providing picnic benches, tables, fireplaces and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). Toilet facilities are located in the nearby Pines Camping or Casuarina Camping Areas. There is good access to a creek for cooling off in the summer.



After another 30 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



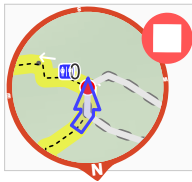
After another 60 m **continue straight**.



After another 10 m find the "The Pines Camping Area" (15 m on your left).



The Pines Camping Area is large and popular, and positioned under large pine trees which provide excellent shade. These trees are remnants from trial plantings of different pine species, established in the 1920s and 1930s. The campsite has pit toilets, picnic tables, fireplaces and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). There is access to the creek for cooling off in the summer.



After another 15 m come to the end.