




Perry's Lookdown to Lockley Pylon

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 4 h 45 min to 5 h 30 min

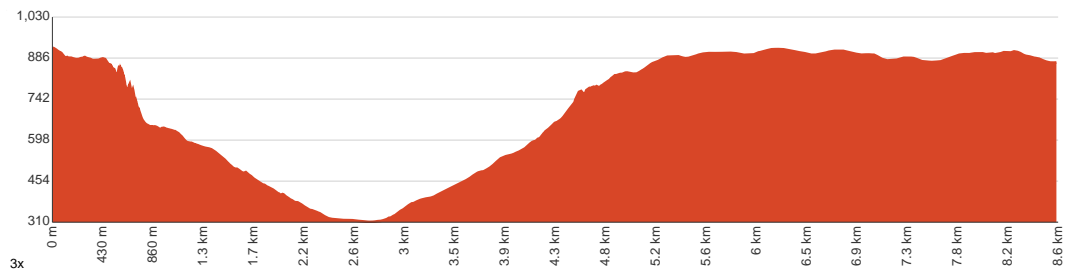

8.6 km
One way


↑ 859 m
↓ 910 m

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Hard track



This walk drops steeply from Perry's Lookdown, with views of Lockley Pylon on the opposite side of the valley, then climbs up to Lockley Pylon, with views back over Perry's Lookdown. The track has some fantastic views up and down the Grose Valley, and an excellent half way point, in the majestic Blue Gum Forest. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Hat Hill Road then drive for 7.1 km
- Keep right onto Perrys Lookdown Road and drive for another 840 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

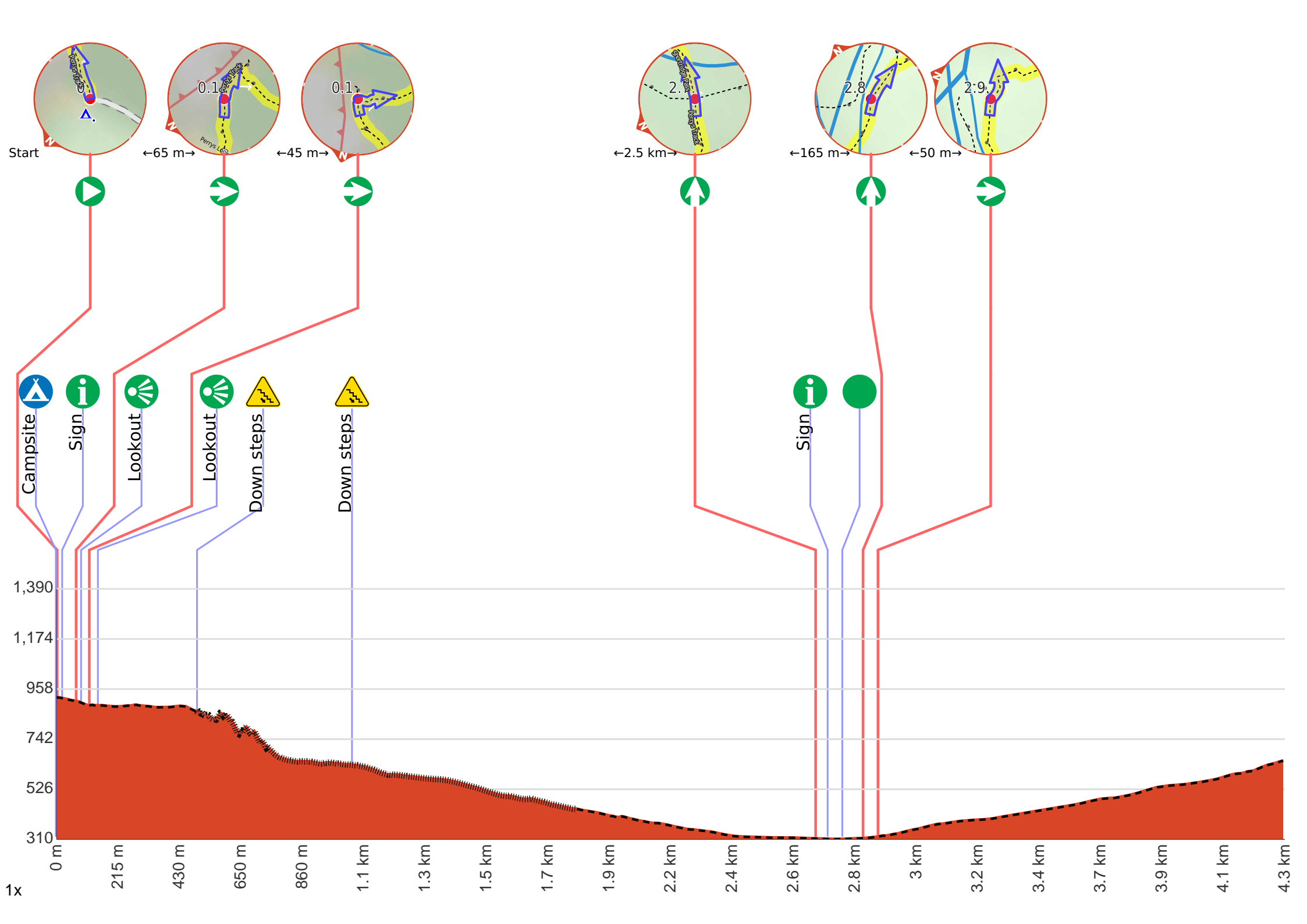
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

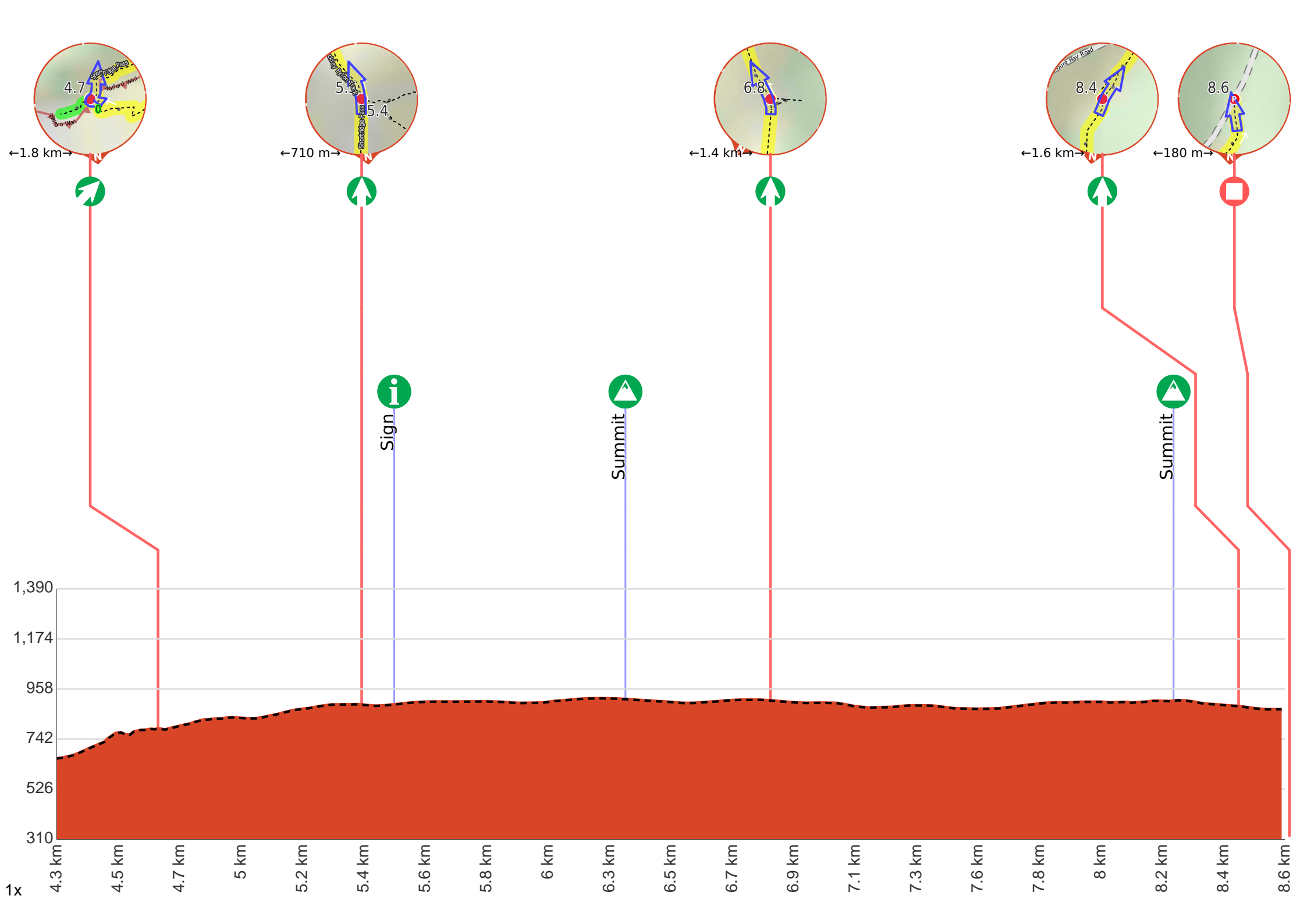
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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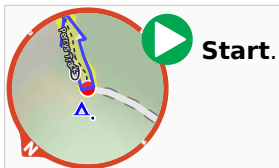










Getting started: From the car park, the walk follows the sign 'Perry's Lookdown Track' down the hill to a railed lookout.

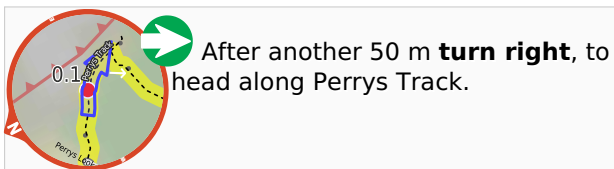


 Perrys Lookdown campsite (about 20 m back from the start).



Perrys Lookdown offers a simple campsite, close to some spectacular lookouts and well located as starting point for longer walks exploring the Grose Valley. There are 5 tent sites and a non-flush toilet, but no water available. This area allows fuel stoves only (no camp fires). The camping area is a short walk from the car park. Limit to one night stay (sites cannot be reserved).

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



After another 50 m **turn right**, to head along Perrys Track.



After another 15 m come to the "Perry's Lookdown".



Perry's Lookdown, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley, with Blue Gum Forest nearly directly below and Lockleys Pylon to the south. The lookout is presumably named after Captain William Perry, the Deputy Surveyor General who worked under the leadership of Sir Thomas Mitchell.



After another 30 m **turn right**, to head along Perrys Track.



After another 30 m find the "Dockers Lookout" (25 m on your left).



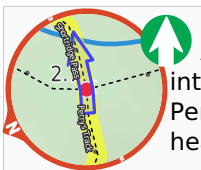
Dockers Lookout, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley and Blue Gum Forest below. Mt Banks can be seen standing proudly to the north above the valley.



After another 345 m head down the steps (about 1.3 km long)



Then head down the steps (about 790 m long)



After another 830 m (at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Perrys Track) **continue straight**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



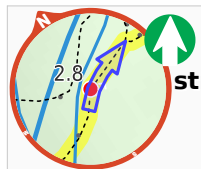
After another 40 m pass the sign (10 m on your right).



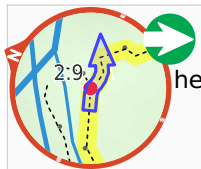
After another 50 m find the "Blue Gum Forest" (on your left).



Blue Gum Forest, Blue Mountains NP, is a large stand of *Eucalyptus deanei* trees on the junction of the Grose River and Govetts Creek. The magnificent trees stand tall on the flats with low vegetation beneath. The trees of Blue Gum Forest represent the protection efforts of Myles Dunphy, who lead a group to raise the 130 pounds required to buy the Blue Gum Forest - quite a sum in 1931 during the depression - and save it from being cleared. The group were successful and the Blue Gum Forest is now protected within the Blue Mountains National Park.



After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Shortridge Pass.

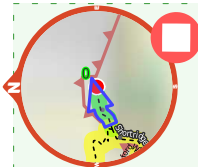


After another 50 m **turn right**, to head along Shortridge Pass.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Du Faur Head.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. shortridge Pass **Start** (a walking track).



After another 40 m come to the end.



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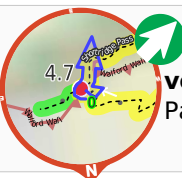
Du Faur Head, Blue Mountains NP, is situated north of Lockleys Pylon. The knoll gives spectacular views up and down the Grose Valley and River. Du Faur Head is worth a visit on your way up or down to Blue Gum Forest from Lockleys Pylon.



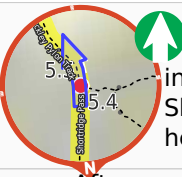
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 4.7 km waypoint.



After another 1.8 km (Shortridge Pass) **veer right**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



After another 710 m (at the intersection of Lockley Pylon Track & Shortridge Pass) **continue straight**, to head along Lockley Pylon Track.



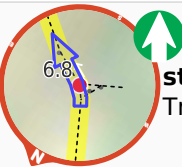
After another 115 m pass the sign.



After another 810 m pass the "Mount Stead" (on your left).



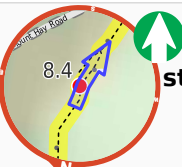
After another 490 m **continue straight**, to head along Lockley Pylon Track.



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Lockley Pylon Track.



After another 1.4 km pass the "The Pinnacles" (10 m on your left).



After another 230 m **continue straight**.



After another 180 m come to a sign.



The end.



A car park.