



Boarding House Dam Circuit

(Awabakal Country)

30 min to 45 min

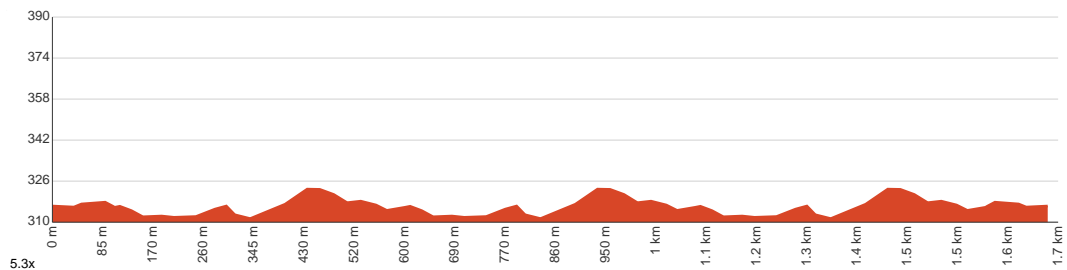
1.7 km
Circuit

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Moderate track

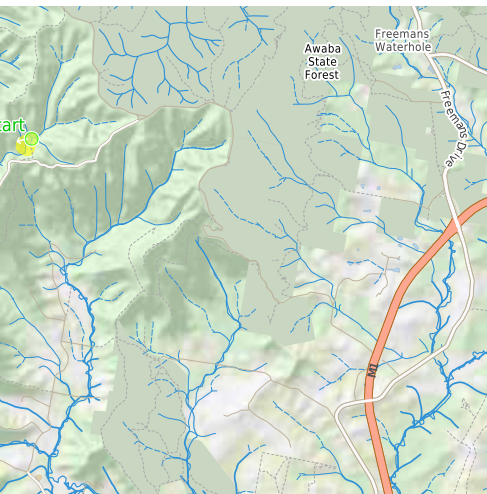


This is a cool walk on a hot day. Take your time exploring the rock formations along the creek, before finding the moss wall. Walk alongside the moss wall to its end, and then follow a track through moist rainforest back to the dam. A pleasant relaxed walk starting and finishing from the Boarding House Dam picnic area. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal people, 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	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
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 (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1



- Turn on to Freemans Drive Exit then drive for 510 m
- Keep right and drive for another 45 m
- Turn right onto Freemans Drive and drive for another 4.6 km
- Turn right onto Mount Faulk Road and drive for another 10.6 km
- Continue onto Heaton Road and drive for another 205 m
- Continue onto Watagan Forest Road and drive for another 2.7 km
- Turn sharp right onto Boarding House Dam Road and drive for another 630 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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Turners Walking Track
White Mahogany Ridge T

start

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Boarding House Dam Road

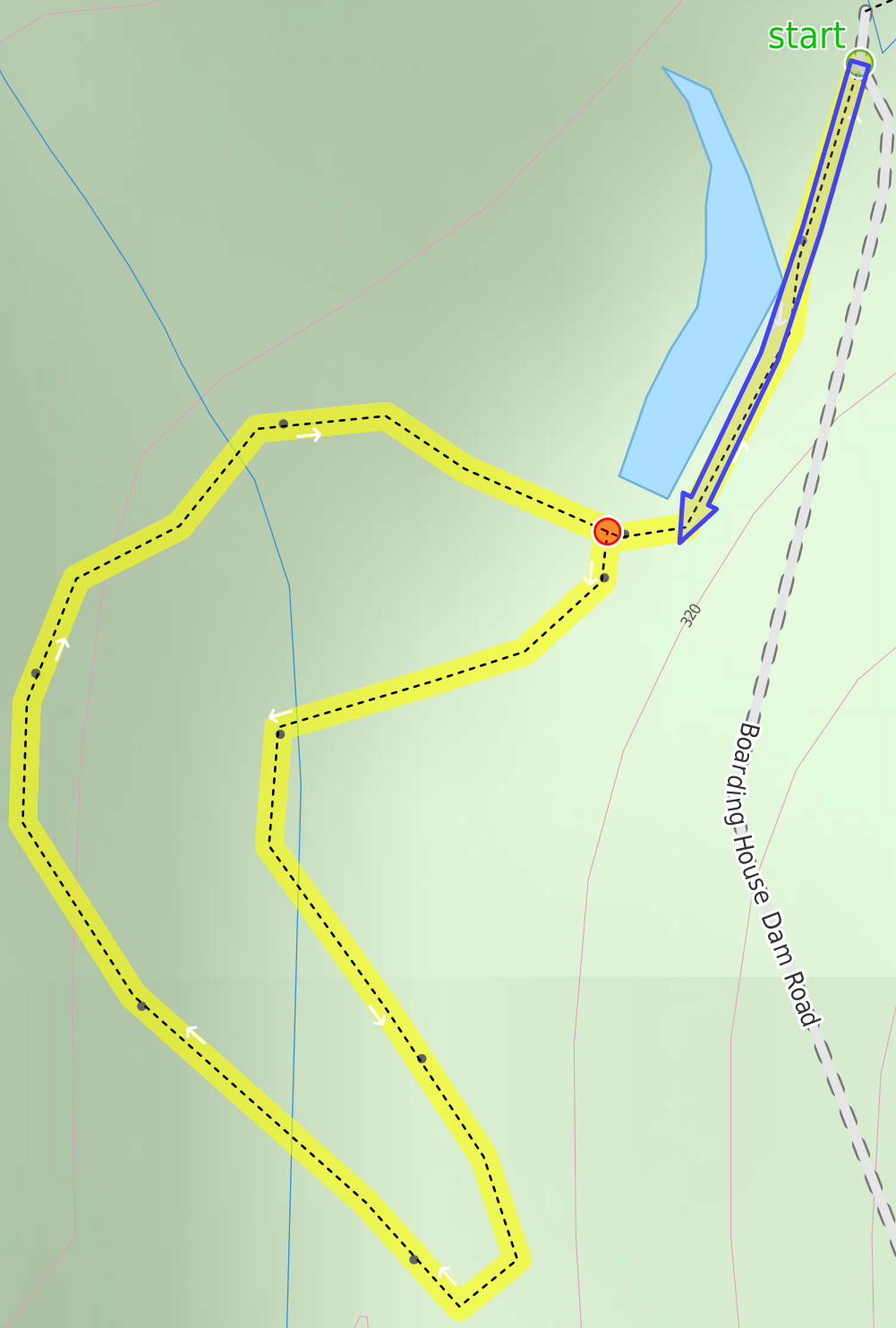
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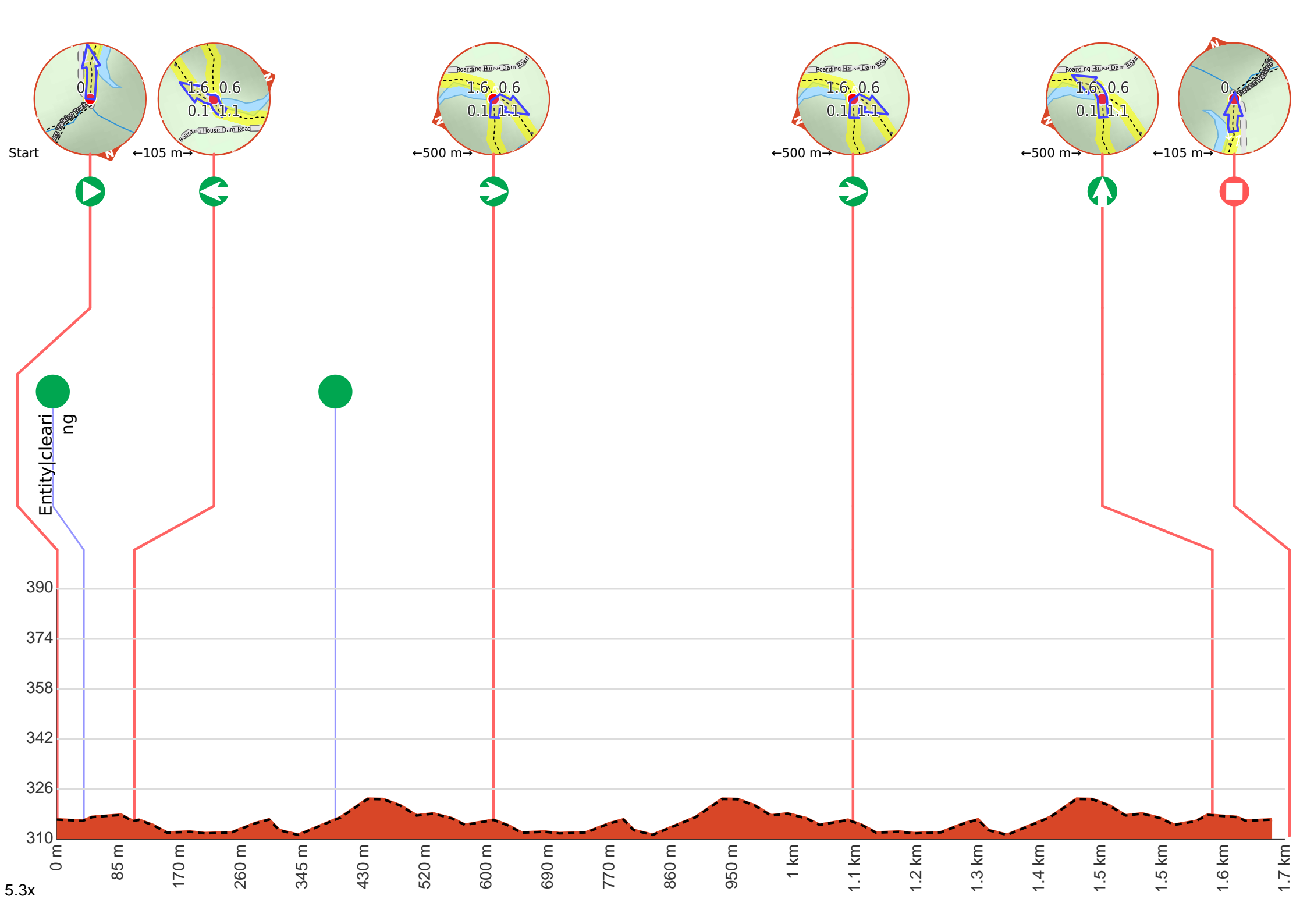
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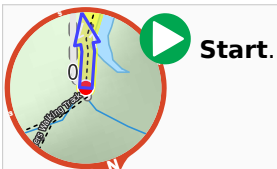
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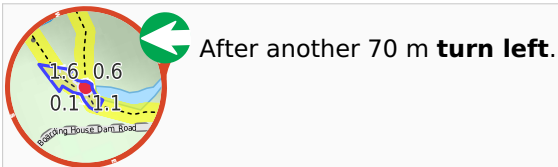
Getting started: From the boarding house dam picnic area, this walk follows the track gently up timber steps, keeping the very large tree stump and dam on your right. This walk follows the track (with a concrete dam on the right) for about 45m, before descending gently on a track and timber steps for about 30m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track (on the left) and footbridge (on the right).



After 35 m find the "Boarding House Dam Picnic Area" (15 m on your left).



The boarding house dam picnic area in the Watagans National Park offers a relaxed spot to have a picnic amongst large gum trees, combined with a walk to the dam and moss wall. The picnic area is surrounded by a wide, sleepy creek that has been widened by the dam. There are a number of sheltered picnic tables, barbeques, a toilet, and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). The dam was built in 1952 for fire fighting and recreational use. The area was established in the 1850s as a logging camp, as part of the Barrier Timber Lease. Now it is a great picnic area,



After another 280 m find the "Moss Wall" (15 m on your right).



This 120m-long stretch of moss-covered rock wall overlooks Boarding House Creek (close to Watagans Forest Rd) and is well worth the walk. The moss wall and surrounding creek side is an enchanting spot to explore, particularly on a hot summer's day.

