



Great North Walk: Watagan Creek Road to Flat Rock (Awabakal Country)

 1 h 45 min to 2 h


3.8 km
One way

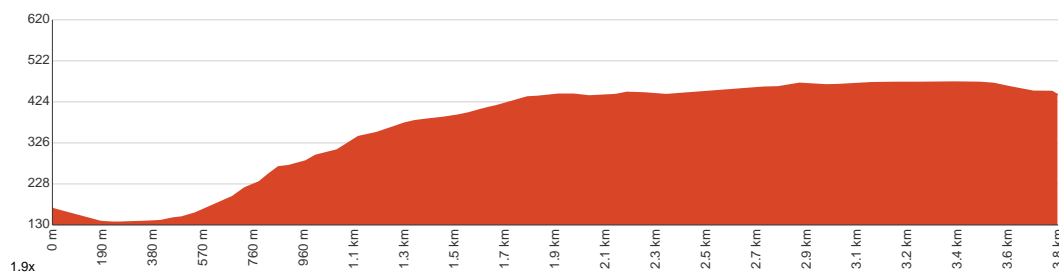
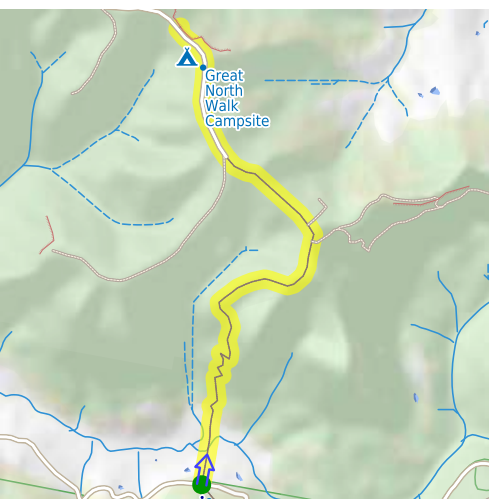

↑ 348 m
↓ 77 m


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Hard track



This walk starts on Watagan Creek Road and soon crosses the lovely Watagan Creek. From this point, the walk leaves the Watagan valley and climbs steeply up the bush track through forest. The walk then travels on dirt road, passing a campsite and rest area, before arriving soon afterwards at the unfenced Flat Rock Lookout. Flat Rock Lookout is a natural rock platform that offers magnificent views across the Congewai Valley to the east and north. An enjoyable walk, offering pleasant walking through forest and an outstanding viewpoint. 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.

Full journey: [Great North Walk](#)



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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, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

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 left onto Wollombi Forest Road and drive for another 3.6 km
- Turn right onto Wollombi Forest Road and drive for another 7.9 km

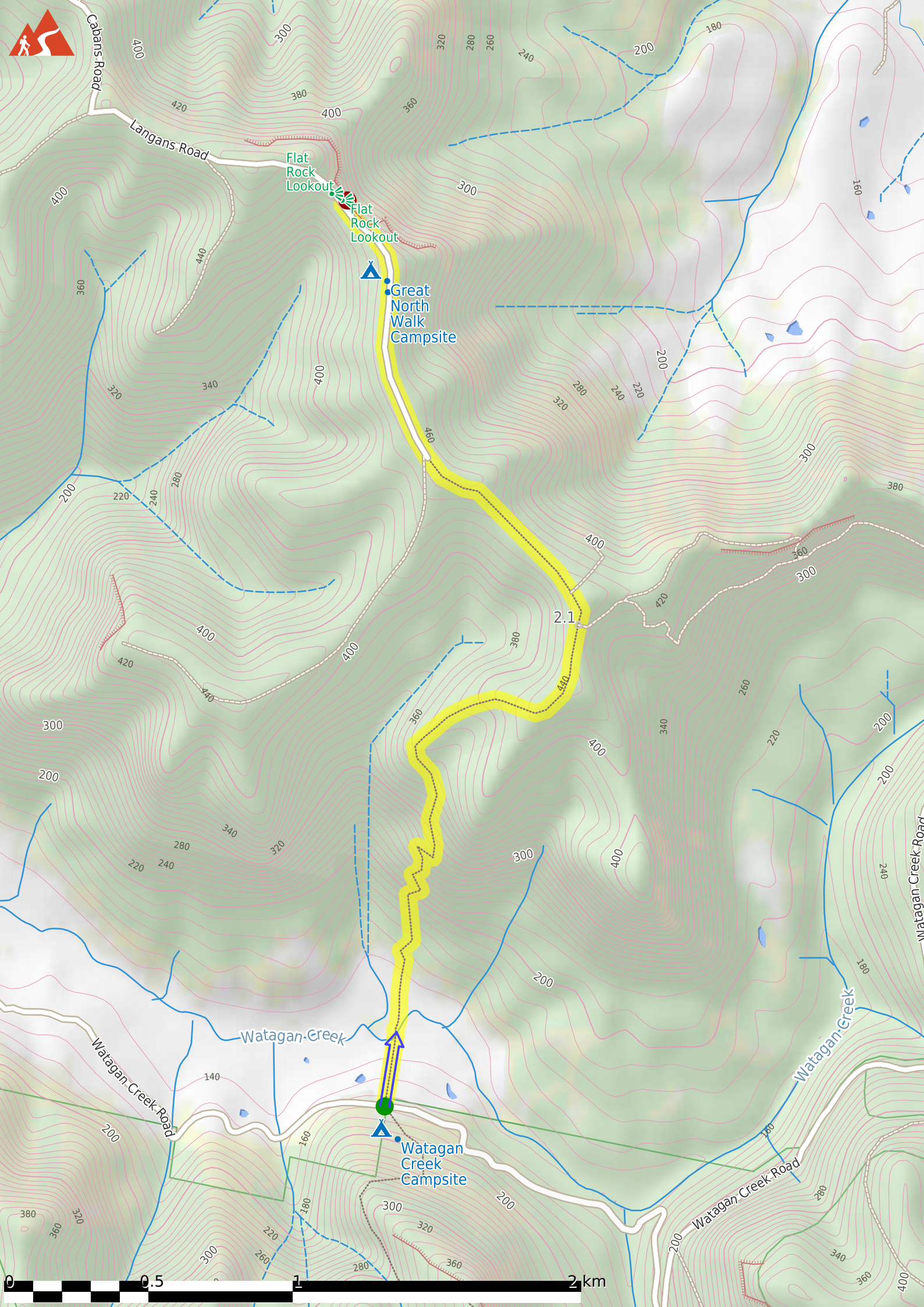
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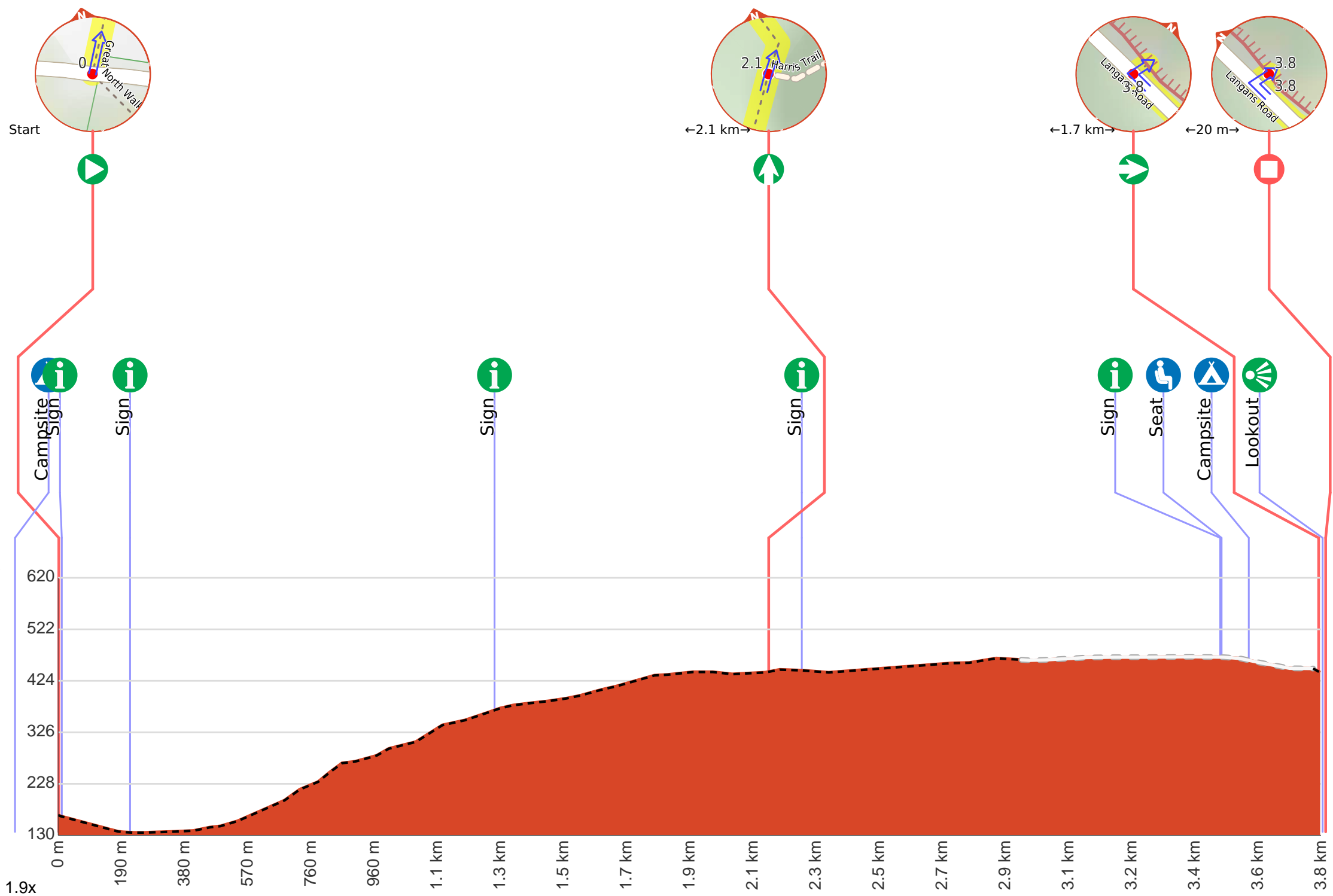
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

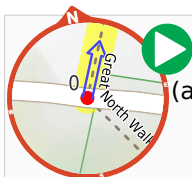
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Getting started: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the dirt Watagans Creek Road over the small rise, while keeping the main valley to your right. The road soon come to an intersection, marked with a GNW arrowpost with a track and paddock gate (with 'Laguna' sign) on the right. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down the short but steep road embankment, and passes through the paddock gate (with a 'Laguna' sign on it). The walk continues gently downhill across farmland for about 200m, until coming to, and heading through, a paddock gate with a 'Great North Walk' sign (and a yellow electric fence box).



From the Watagan Creek Road **Start** (a walking track).



Watagan Creek Campsite (about 130 m back from the start).



This is a Great North Walk signposted campsite, with plenty of room for a few tents but providing minimal facilities ie. no water, toilets or tables. There is, however, a bench and room for a fire.



After 140 m pass the "Great North Walk".



After 205 m pass the "Great North Walk".



After another 1.1 km pass the "Great North Walk".



After another 930 m pass the "Great North Walk" (on your right).



From the Harris Trail **continue straight**.



After another 800 m (at the intersection of Langans Road & Hearn's Road) **continue straight**, to head along Langans Road.



After another 560 m pass the "Great North Walk" (5 m on your left).



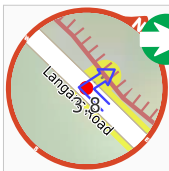
Then pass a seat (8 m on your left).



After another 80 m find the "Great North Walk Campsite" (10 m on your left).



This neat little signposted campsite consists of a brick fireplace with a couple of basic wooden seats and some room for a few tents. There is no water available at this campsite.



After another 210 m (from the Langans Road) **turn right** (a walking track).



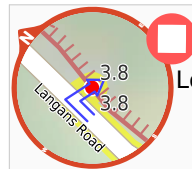
After another 10 m find the "Flat Rock Lookout" (45 m on your left).



Flat Rock Lookout is a natural rock platform that offers magnificent views across the Congewai Valley to the east and north. There are, however, no fences or safety railings at the lookout, so walkers will need to exercise extra caution.



After another 9 m come to "Flat Rock Lookout".



Continue another 0 m to find Flat Rock Lookout at the end.