



# Mount Taylor via Western Powerlines and Zig Zag

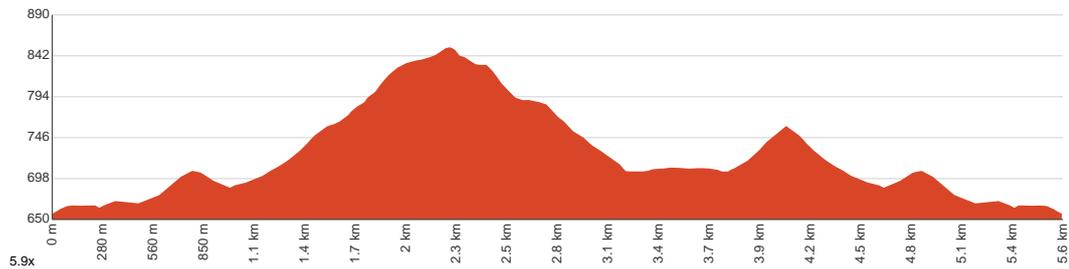
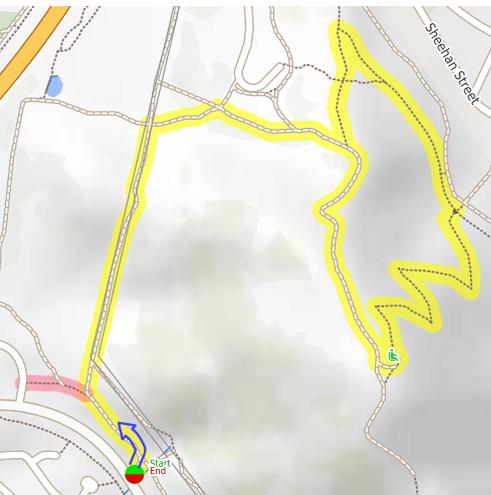
2 h to 3 h

5.6 km  
Circuit

↑ 306 m  
↓ 306 m

4  
Hard track

Starting from Sulwood Drive, Kambah, this circuit walk takes you to the summit of Mount Taylor mostly via the Western Powerlines Fire Trail and starts descending via the Zig Zag Track. The hill, which is believed to get its name from James Taylor (a squatter), has great panoramic views of Canberra and the Brindabella Range. Serving as a green belt between the districts of Canberra, it can be a convenient way to relieve some stress. Make yourself at home and lie down, as the kangaroos accompany you on your sunbathing session. Search the skies for raptors and magpies, as they're known to fly above the reserve. Don't forget to bring your own water as there are no facilities provided besides seats. 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.

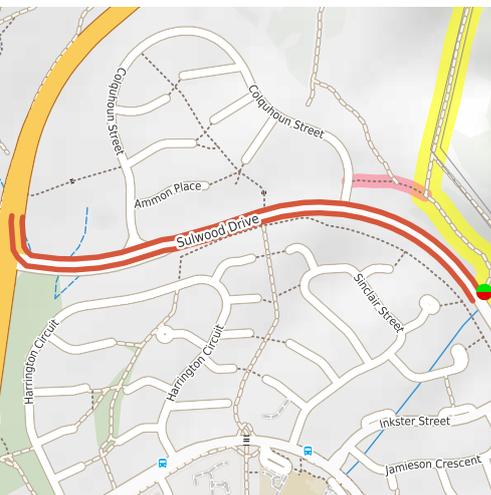


Class 4 of 6  
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Tuggeranong Parkway

- Turn on to then drive for 1.1 km



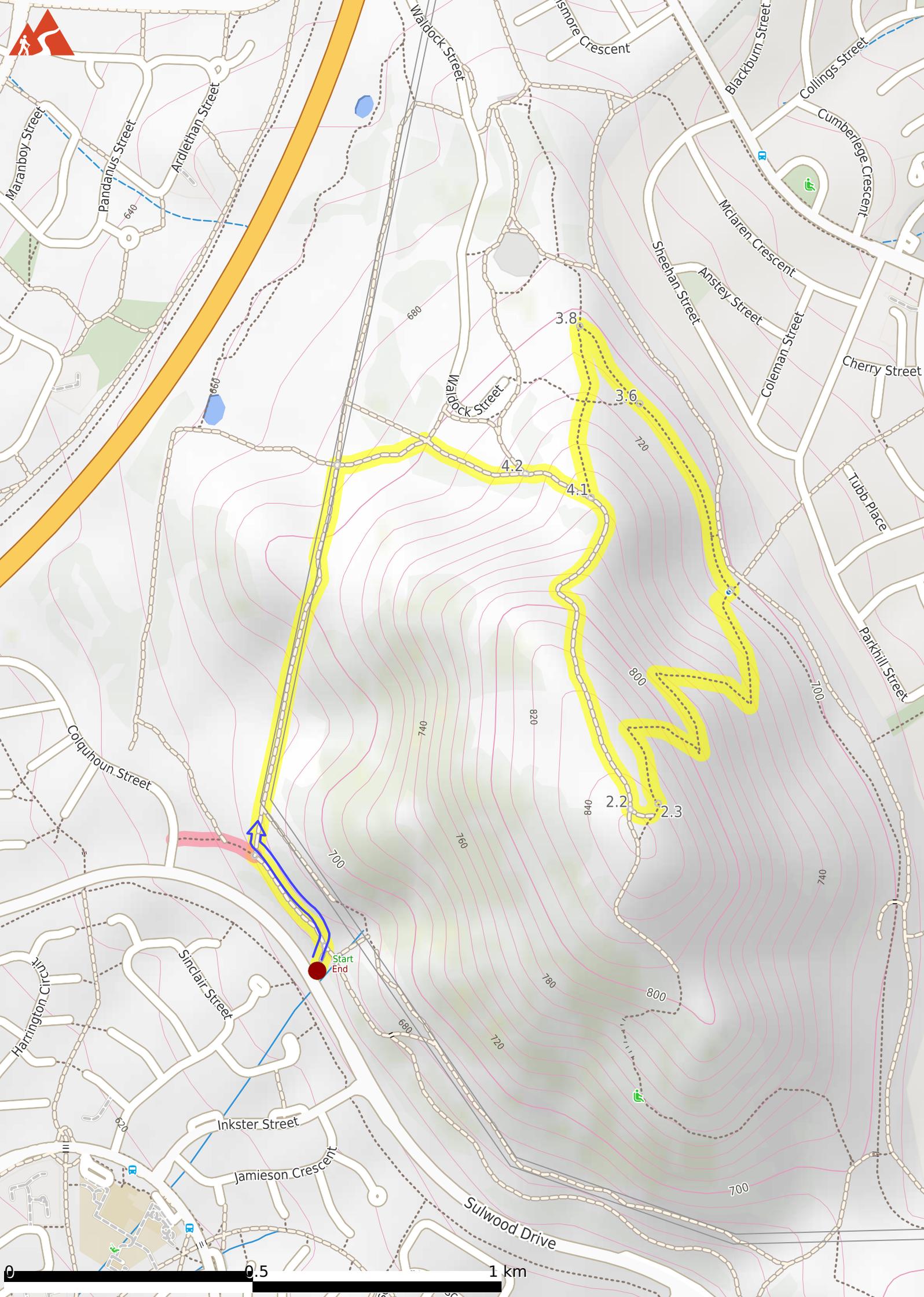
### Before you start any journey ensure you;

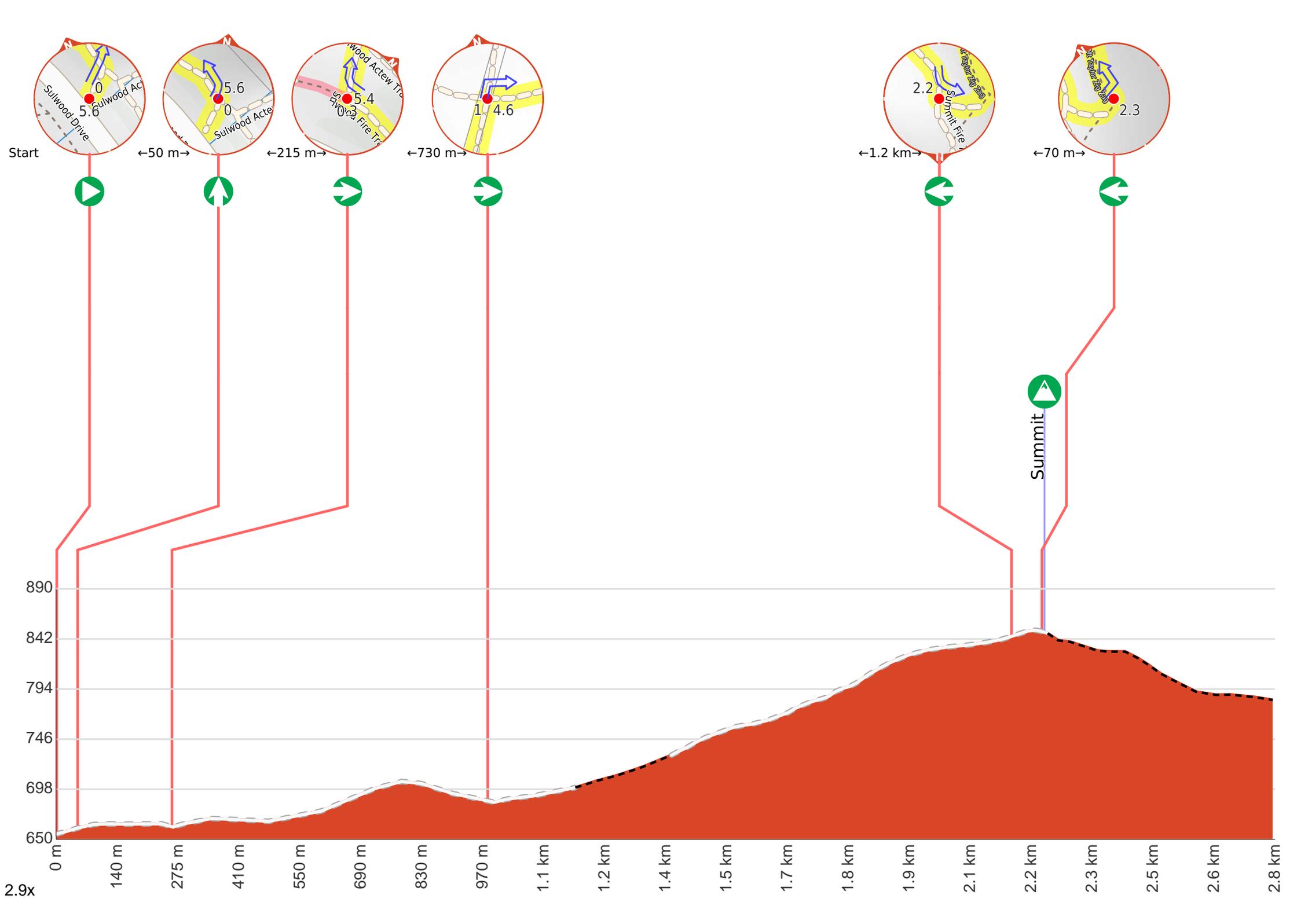
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

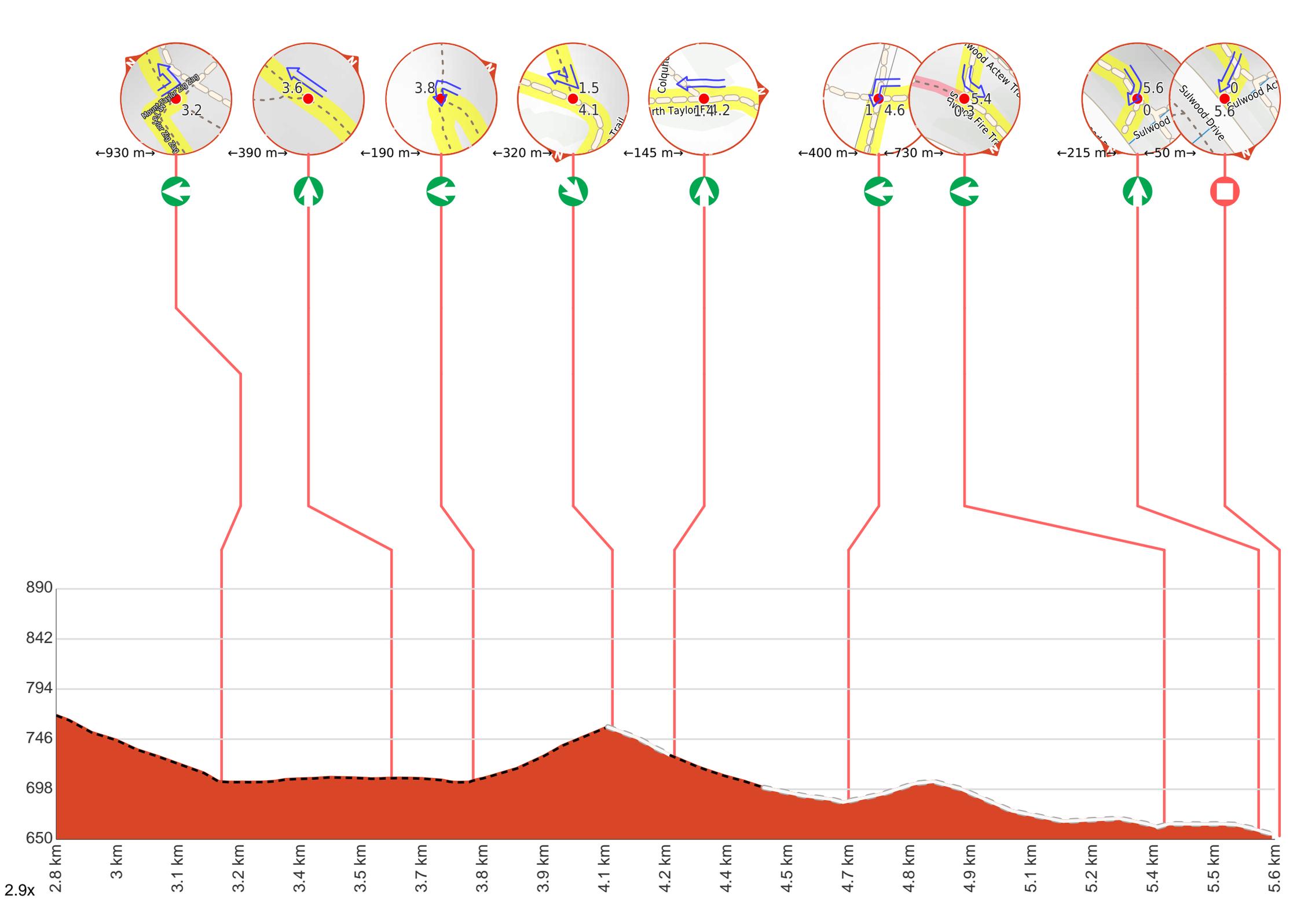
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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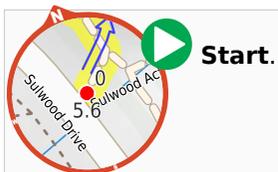




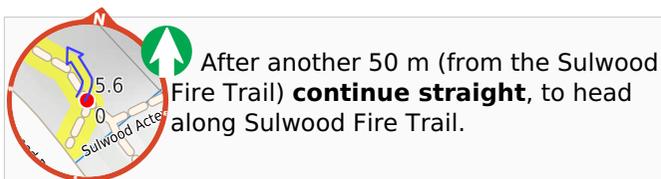




**Getting started:** From Sulwood Drive (220 metres northwest of intersection with Inkster Street), head towards the metal gate next to a signpost along the dirt/gravel path, going over a little mound on the way. Pass through the gap next to the gate and veer left, then follow the trail for about 225 meters until you come to an intersection. Veer right and follow the Western Powerlines Fire Trail to continue along Mount Taylor via Western Powerlines and Zig Zag Track.



**Start.**



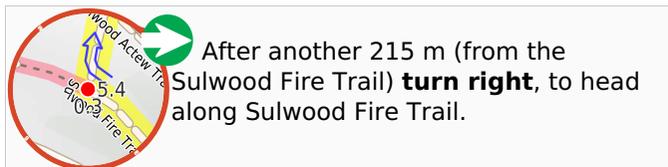
After another 50 m (from the Sulwood Fire Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Sulwood Fire Trail.

**Start of an alternate access route:** An alternate access point from/to Colquhoun Street.

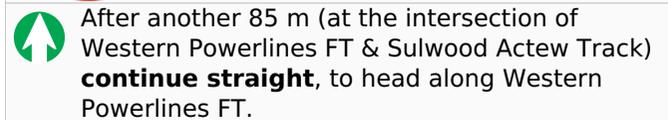
From the Sulwood Fire Trail **Start** (a footpath).

After another 65 m **continue straight**.

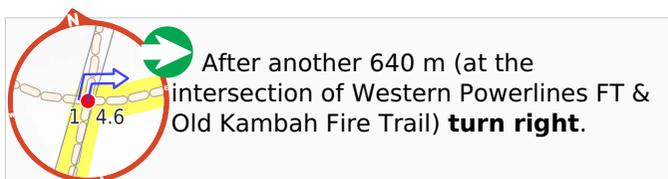
After another 105 m come to the end.



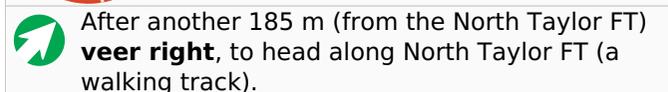
After another 215 m (from the Sulwood Fire Trail) **turn right**, to head along Sulwood Fire Trail.



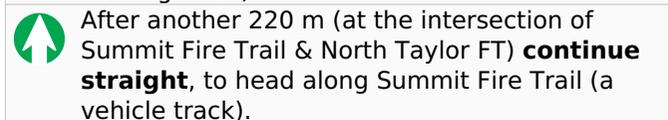
After another 85 m (at the intersection of Western Powerlines FT & Sulwood Actew Track) **continue straight**, to head along Western Powerlines FT.



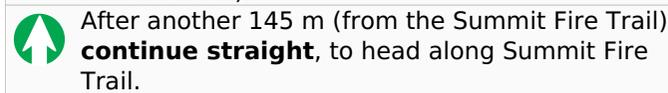
After another 640 m (at the intersection of Western Powerlines FT & Old Kambah Fire Trail) **turn right**.



After another 185 m (from the North Taylor FT) **veer right**, to head along North Taylor FT (a walking track).



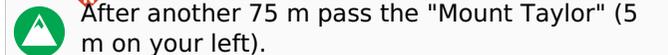
After another 220 m (at the intersection of Summit Fire Trail & North Taylor FT) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Fire Trail (a vehicle track).



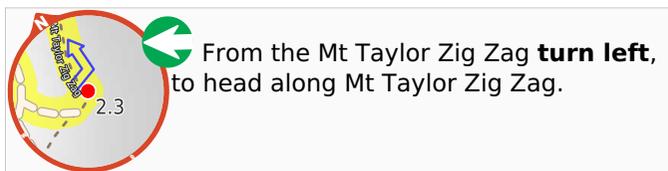
After another 145 m (from the Summit Fire Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Summit Fire Trail.



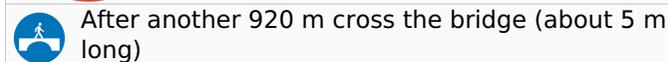
After another 660 m (from the Summit Fire Trail) **turn left**.



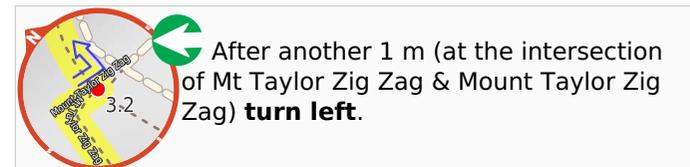
After another 75 m pass the "Mount Taylor" (5 m on your left).



From the Mt Taylor Zig Zag **turn left**, to head along Mt Taylor Zig Zag.



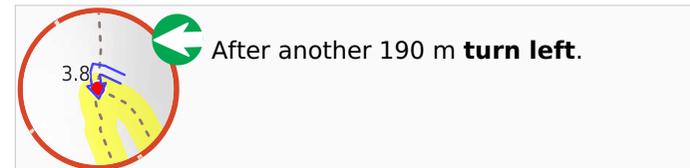
After another 920 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 1 m (at the intersection of Mt Taylor Zig Zag & Mount Taylor Zig Zag) **turn left**.



After another 390 m (from the Mt Taylor Carpark Link Track) **continue straight**.



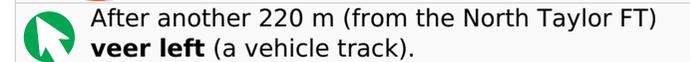
After another 190 m **turn left**.



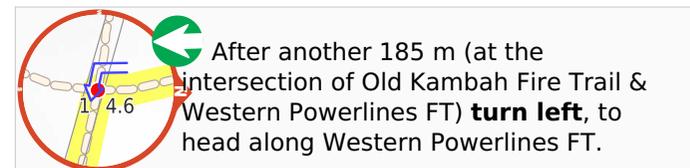
After another 320 m (from the Summit Fire Trail) **turn sharp right**, to head along Summit Fire Trail (a vehicle track).



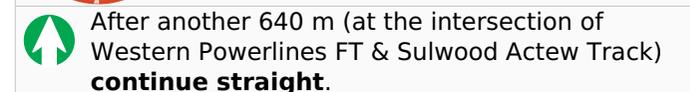
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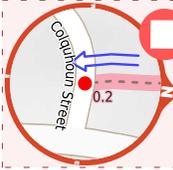
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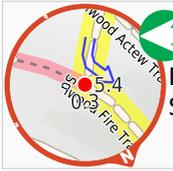
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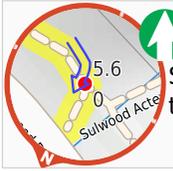
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After another 50 m come to the end.