



Main Ridge Circuit Walk

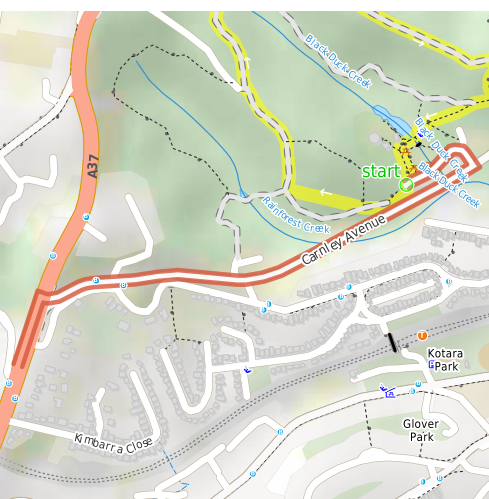
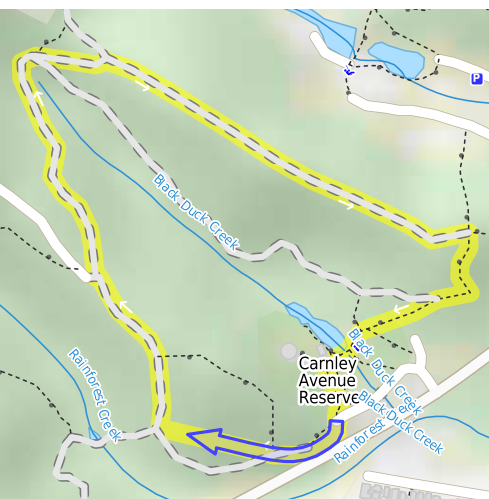
(Awabakal & Worimi Country)

 1 h to 2 h

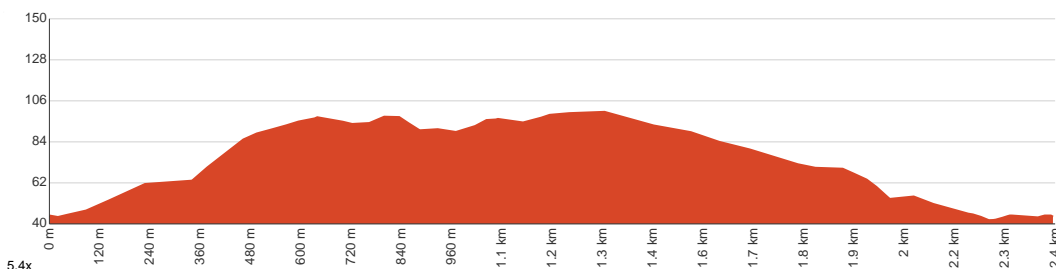

2.4 km
Circuit


↑ 76 m
↓ 76 m


Moderate track



This walk follows a wide trail along eucalyptus lined broad ridges as it circumnavigates Black Duck Creek. This walk starts and finishes at Carnley Reserve and while there, why not enjoy a picnic and/or visit to the Wildlife Exhibits. Combined with the excellent facilities at Carnley Reserve, this walk is recommended for everybody, on all but the hottest days of summer. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal & Worimi 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Charlestown Road, A37

- Turn on to Carnley Avenue then drive for 1.2 km
- Turn left and drive for another 50 m
- Turn slight left and drive for another 175 m

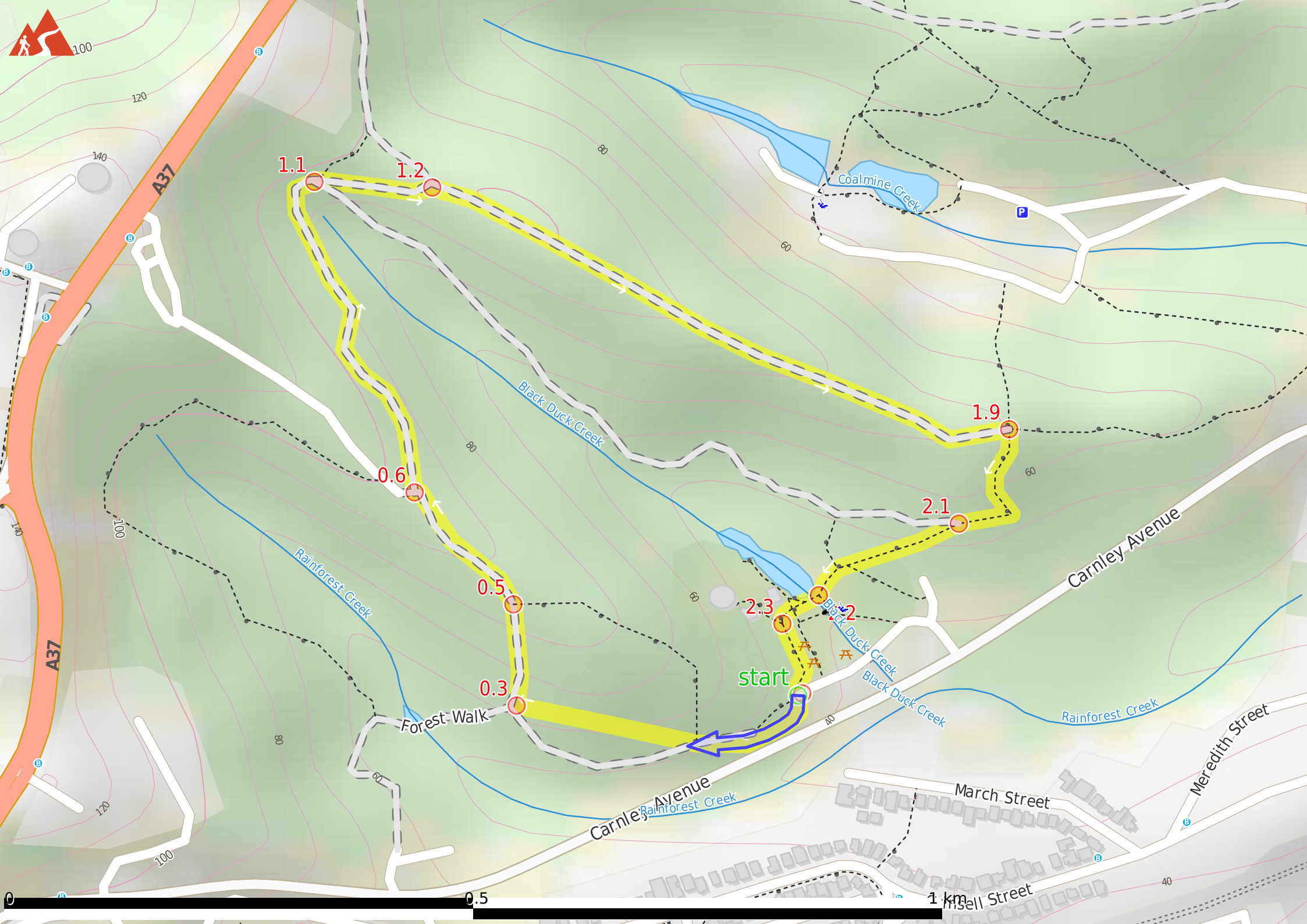
Before you start any journey ensure you;

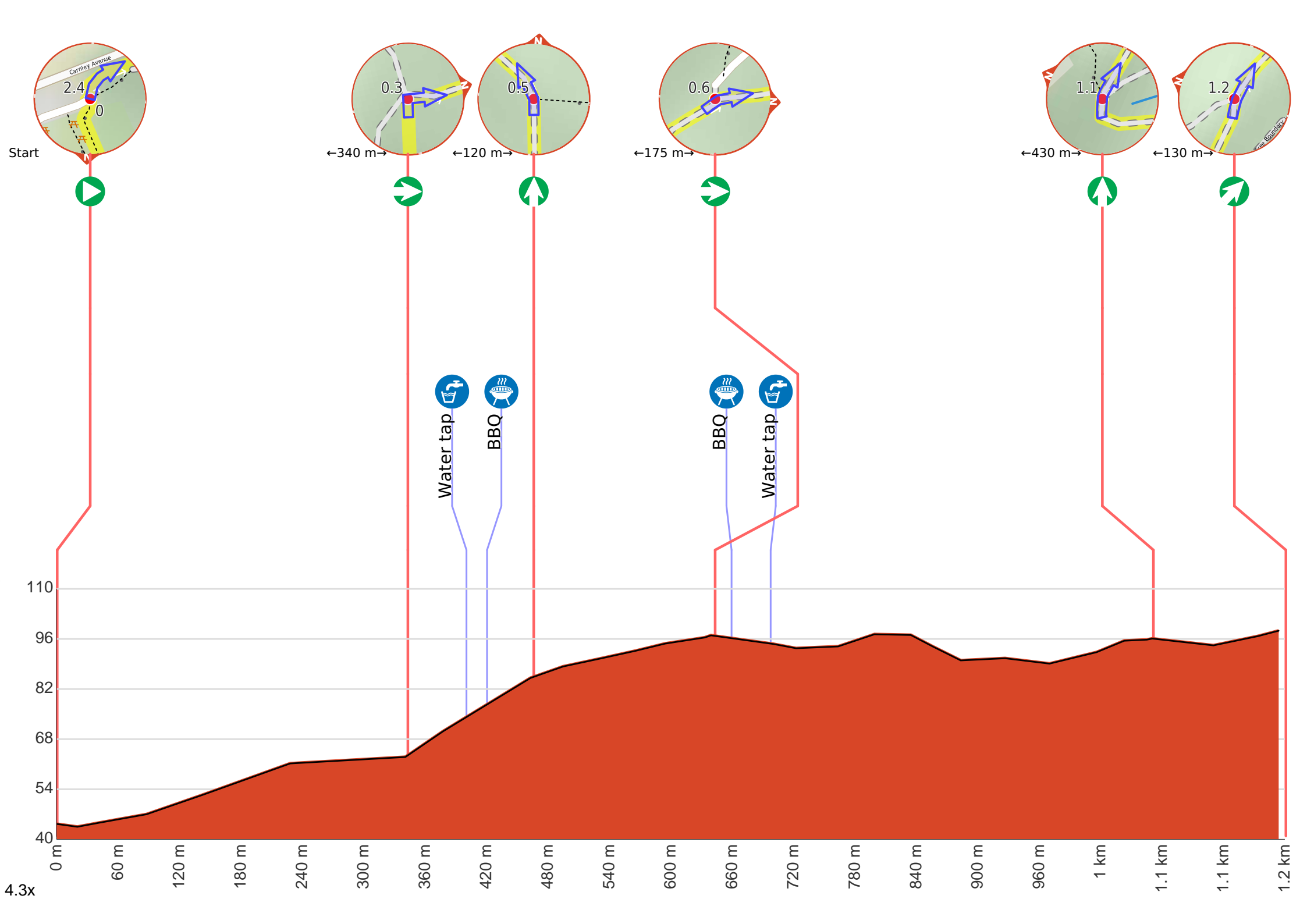
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

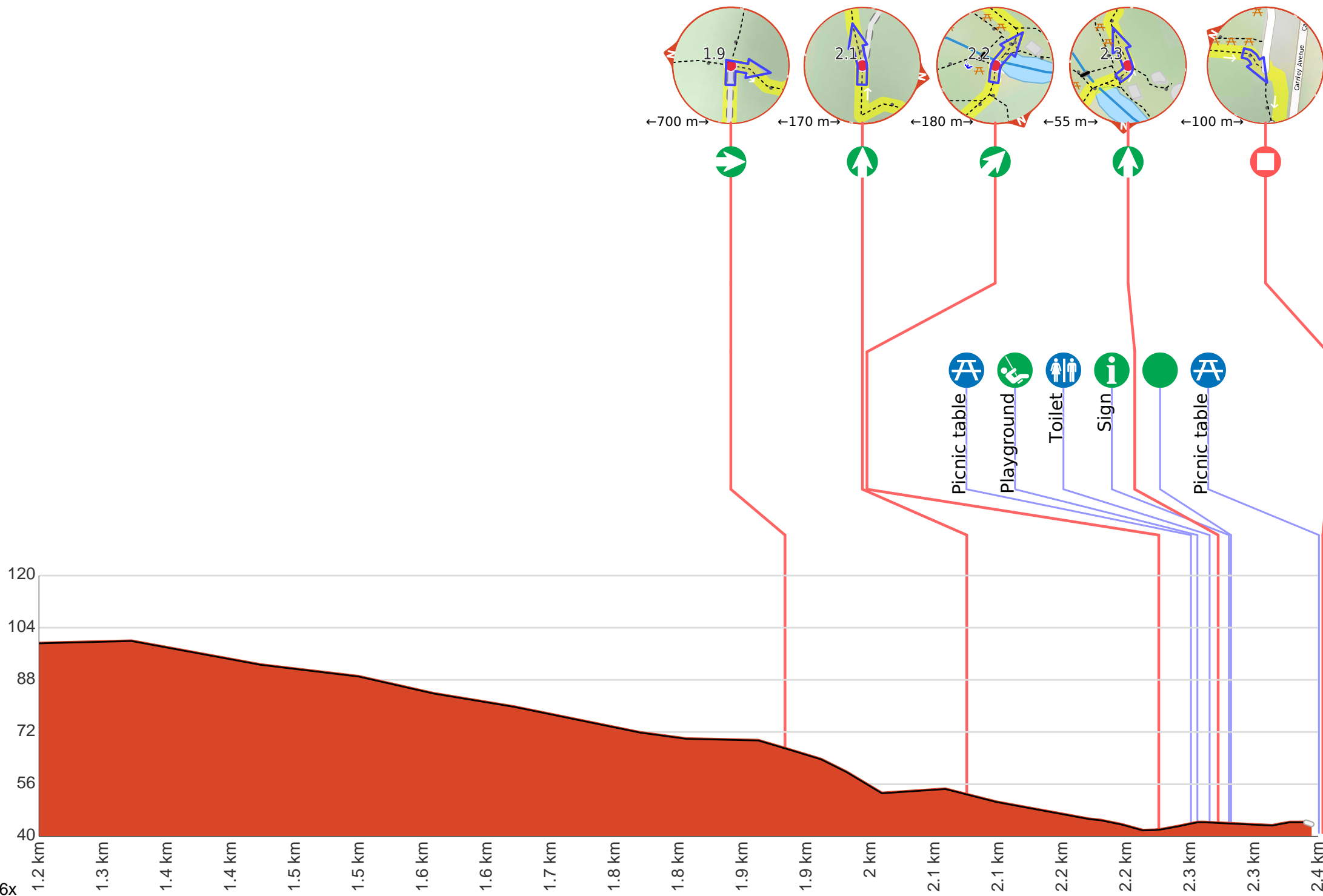
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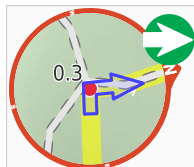
Getting started: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road gently uphill, while initially keeping the timber fenced boardwalk to the Wildlife Exhibits on your right. This walk continues through forest for about 140m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a 'Lookout Road Carpark 400m' sign (on the right). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rainforest Walk' sign and sealed road gently downhill. This walk continues undulating for about 260m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a sealed road (on the right) and a 'Rainforest Walk to Lookout Rd Carpark' sign (on the left).



Start.



After another 145 m **continue straight.**



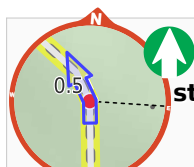
After another 200 m **turn right.**



After another 55 m pass the water tap (8 m on your left).



After another 20 m pass the BBQ (7 m on your right).



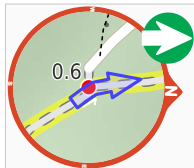
After another 45 m **continue straight.**



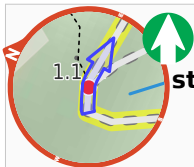
After another 190 m pass the BBQ (20 m on your right).



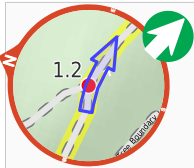
After another 40 m pass the water tap (15 m on your right).



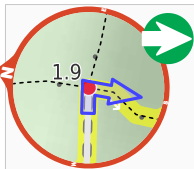
Turn right.



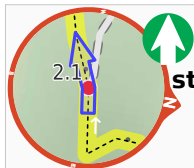
After another 430 m **continue straight.**



After another 130 m **veer right.**



After another 700 m **turn right.**



After another 170 m **continue straight.**



After another 130 m **continue straight.**



After another 50 m **veer right.**



After another 30 m pass the picnic table (20 m on your left).



After another 6 m pass the playground (30 m on your left).



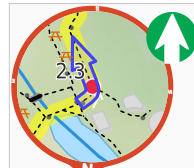
Continue straight.



After another 30 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



After another 20 m pass the "Information and Canteen" (15 m on your left).



Continue straight.



After another 10 m find the "Blackbutt Wildlife Exhibits" (30 m on your right).



This boardwalk in the Blackbutt Reserve offers wildlife exhibits on an elevated timber boardwalk which is wheelchair accessible. Some of the wildlife that you are likely to encounter are kangaroos, koalas, wombats, Lace monitors, Wonga Pigeons, Red-winged Parrots, Black-winged Stilt, Buff-banded Rail, Herons, Eastern long-necked Turtle, Kingfishers, Turquoise Parrot, Banded Plover, Peaceful Dove, Cockatoos, Lorikeets, True Parrots, Major Mitchell Cockatoo, Bush Stone Curlew, Long-tailed Finch and Barking Owls. Entry is free and the exhibit is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm every day (closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and until 1pm ANZAC Day). Personal koala encounters are available at 2pm daily and cost \$3.50/person. For further information, phone: 02 4904 3344.



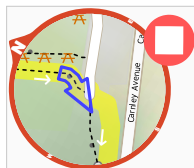
After another 80 m pass the picnic table (10 m on your left).



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After another 5 m come to the end.