



Schlink Hut Walk

(Ngarigo Country)

 7 h, 11 h to 2 days

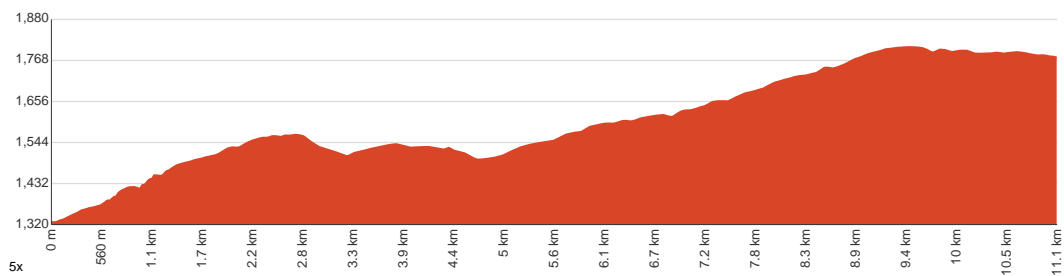
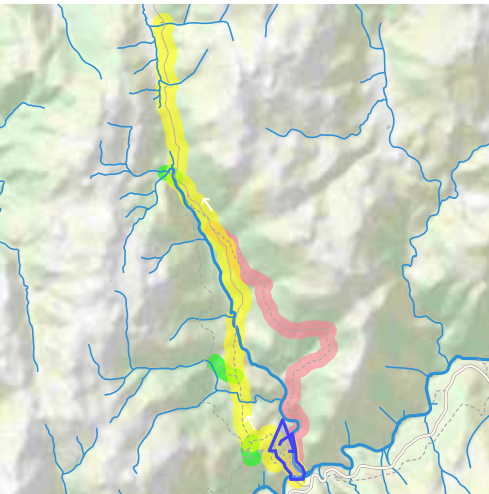

22.2 km
Return


↑ 801 m
↓ 801 m


Hard track



This full day (or overnight) walk visits a series of interesting huts whilst exploring some open alpine country and parts of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Starting at the Guthega / Mungah Power station, you climb up the steep old road to find some great views down the valley. Optional side trips visit the Gate House, Horse Camp Hut and White's River Hut. The alternate exit via Disappointment Spur gives some variety on the return journey and the chance to visit another historic hut. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



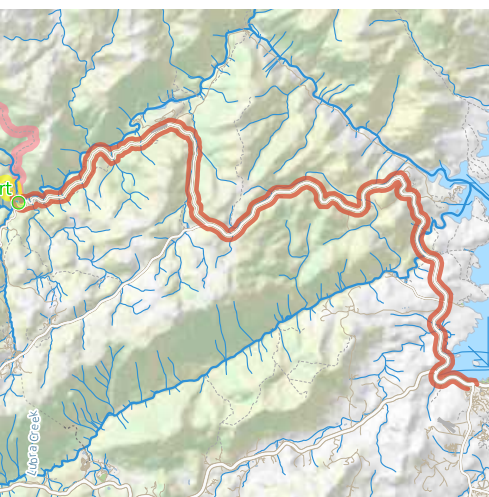
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 8.9 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Road and drive for another 4.7 km
- Keep left onto Guthega Road and drive for another 8.3 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Powerstation Access and drive for another 285 m
- Keep right onto Guthega Powerstation Road and drive for another 65 m
- Turn right and drive for another 25 m



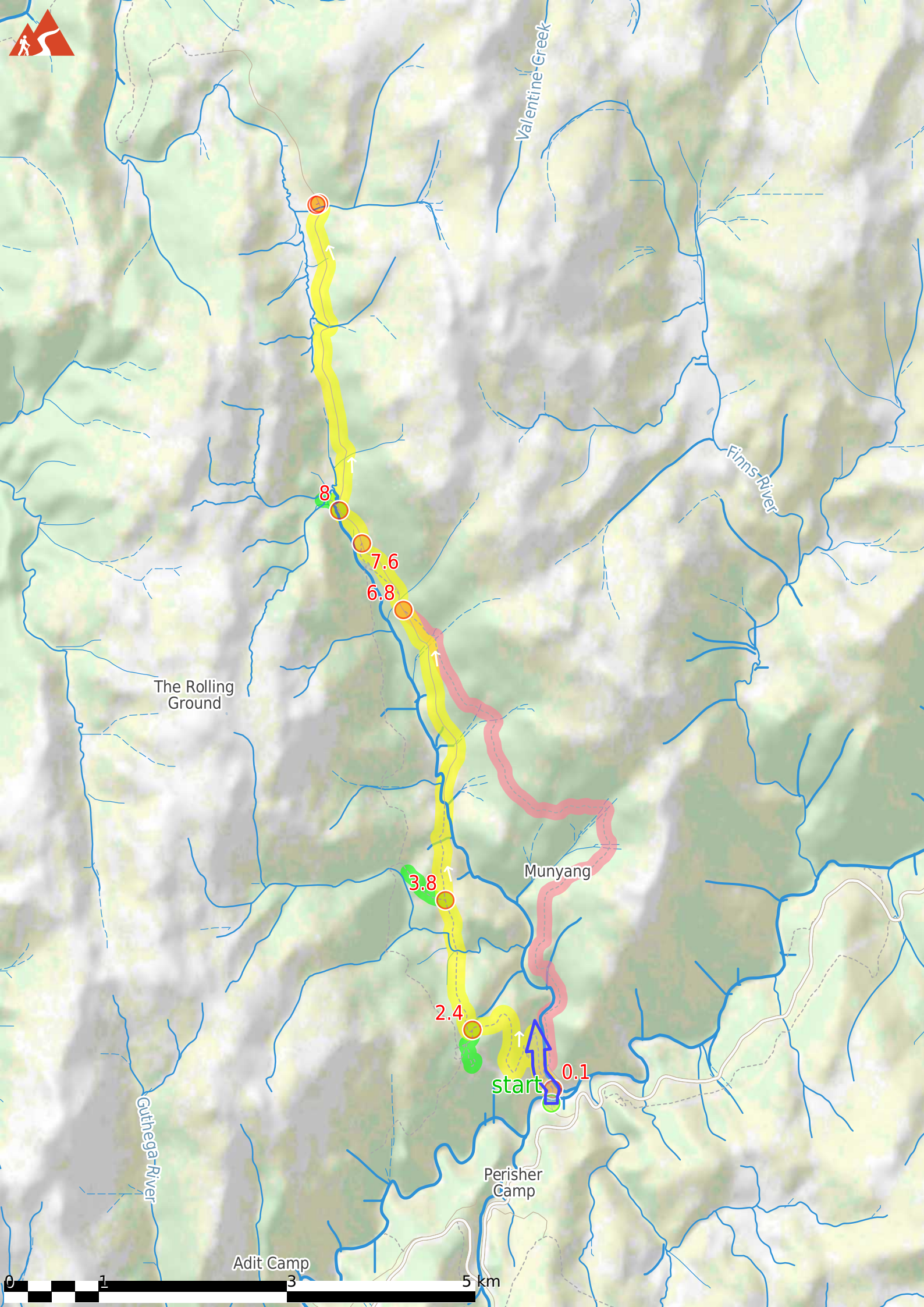
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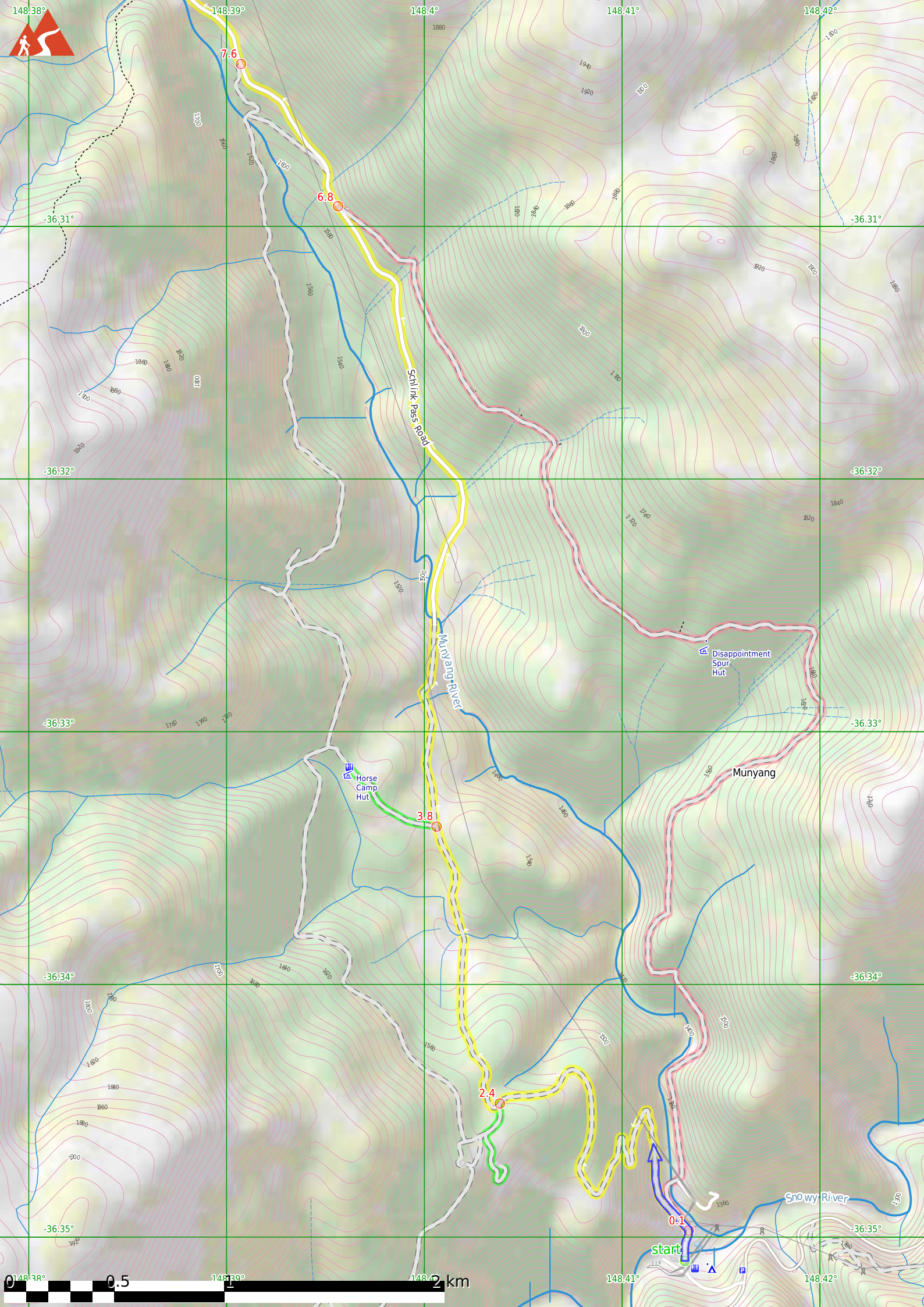
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

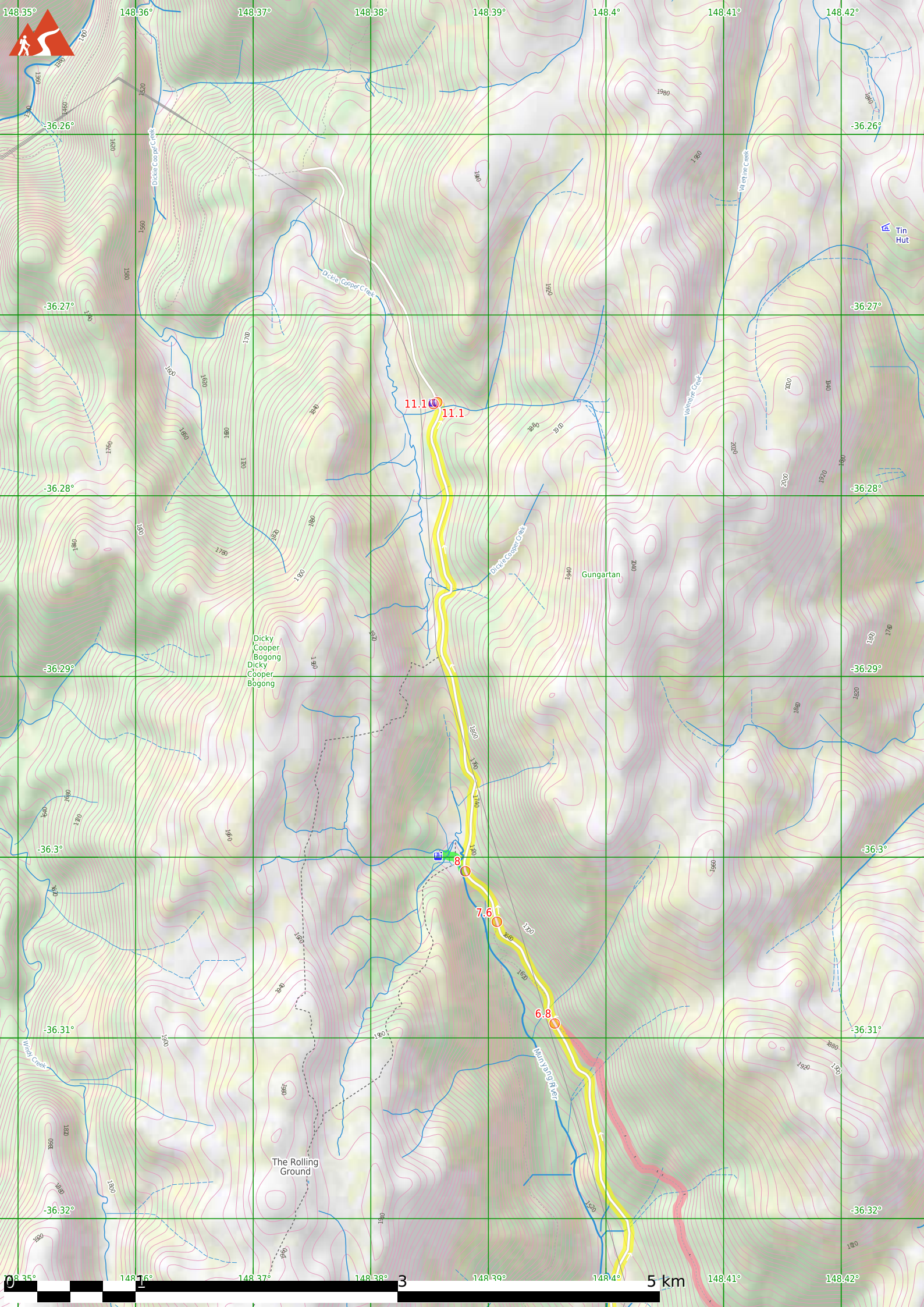
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

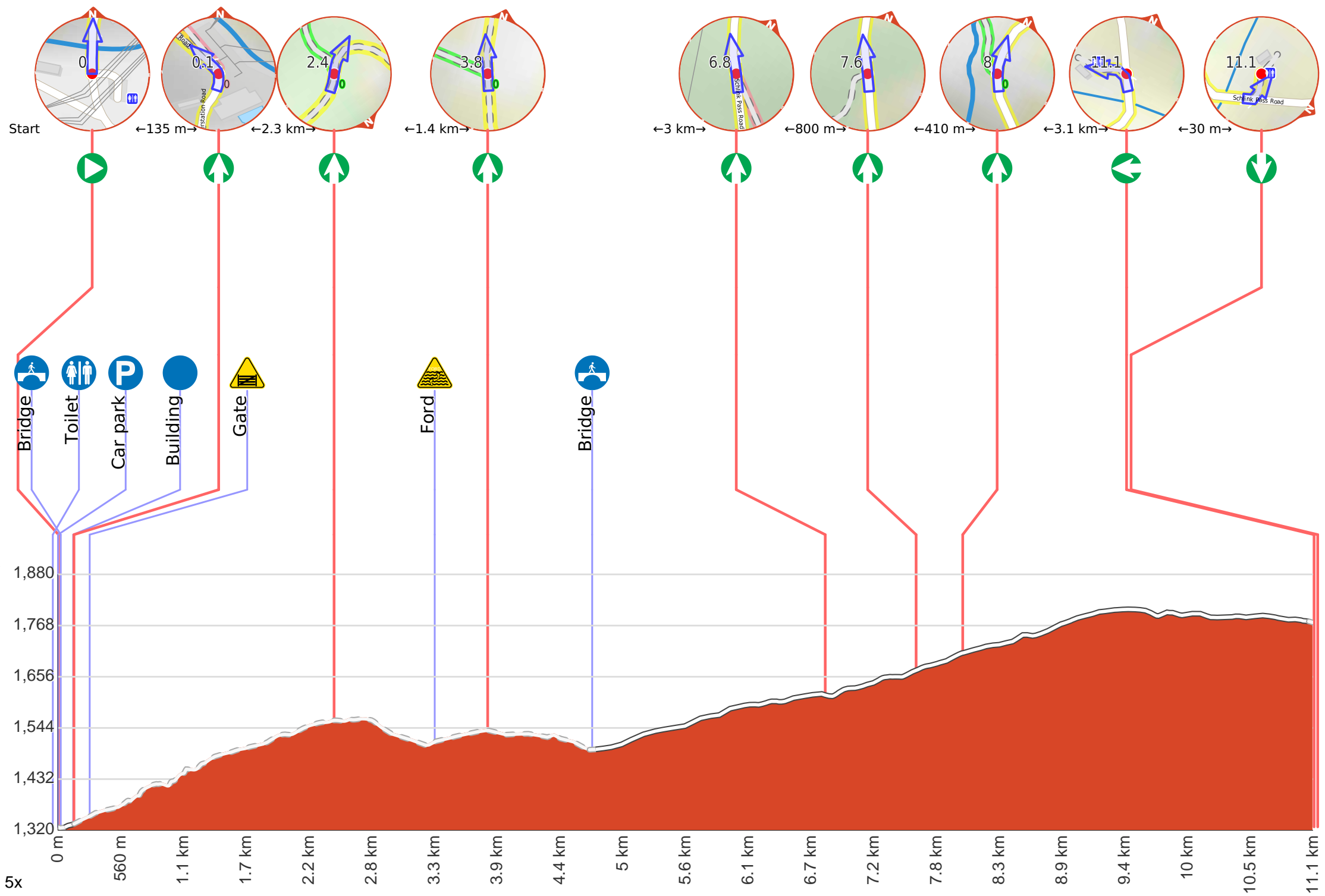
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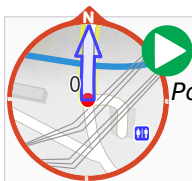








Getting started: From the Munyang (Guthega Power Station) car park, this walk heads along the short driveway and across the large bridge over the Snowy River, heading towards the power station. At the fence (on the other side of the bridge), this walk turns left to head around to the other side of the power station. Just past the concrete building, this walk passes the two large feeder pipes and continues, soon finding an intersection with two management trails marked with a 'Schlink Trail' sign.



Start heading along Guthega Powerstation Road.



After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 40 m long)



There is a toilet (about 70 m back from the start)., not equipped with Handwashing basin.



There is a car park (about 25 m back from the start).

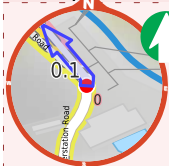


After 135 m find the "Guthega Power Station (Munyang)" (25 m on your right).



This was the first power station of the Snow Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme, completed in 1955. It is also known as Munyang, as the station sits just west of the confluence of the Munyang and Snowy Rivers. The station boasts two 30MW turbine and generator combinations, providing peak power to the eastern states. The turbines are powered from the water in two large pipes that form part of the Guthega Pressure Tunnel, fed by Guthega Dam. The dam is about 260m higher than the power station.

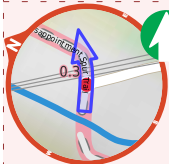
Start of an alternate route: Alternate route via Disappointment Spur



To take the alternate route continue straight here. **Start** heading along Disappointment Spur Trail.



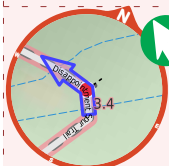
After 255 m cross the ford.



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



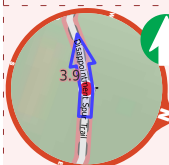
After another 25 m head through/around the gate.



After another 3.1 km **veer left**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 215 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



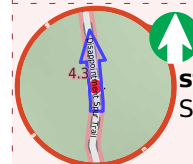
After another 230 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 115 m find the "Disappointment Spur Hut" (15 m on your left).



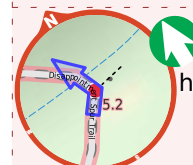
Disappointment Spur Hut was built in the 1950's out of two standard accommodation modules, to support workers on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The hut is in a small clearing on the side of Disappointment Spur Trail (aka Aqueduct track). There is a supply of water from the nearby aqueduct and a flat area for camping (no toilet). The hut is made from weatherboard with a flat tin roof, has a timber floor and three windows. There is a bunk bed and a table inside, and a fire circle outside.



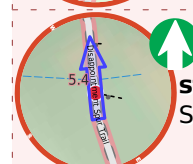
After another 315 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 180 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



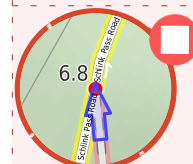
After another 750 m **veer left**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 210 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 255 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



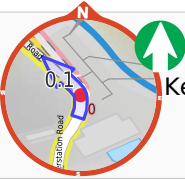
After another 1.1 km come to the end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 6.8 km waypoint.



After another 7 m **continue straight**. Keep left.

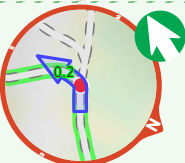


After another 140 m head through/around the gate.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Gate House.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.



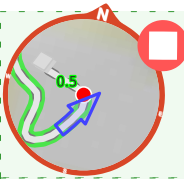
After another 160 m **veer left**.



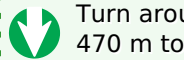
After another 190 m find the "Gate House" (30 m on your left).



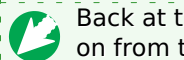
The gate house is a large concrete building, built into the side of the hill about 220m above Guthega Power Station. This building joins the underground Guthega pressure tunnel with the long white pipe that feed the power station. The gate house regulates the flow of water from the dam to the power station. There is some limited shelter and a great view along the pipe down to Munyang.



After another 120 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 470 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 2.4 km waypoint.



After another 2.2 km **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 890 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Horse Camp Hut.



To start this optional side trip turn left here, at the intersection of Horse Camp Hut Access & Schlink Pass Road **Start** heading along *Horse Camp Hut Access* (a vehicle track).



After another 510 m come to "Horse Camp Hut".



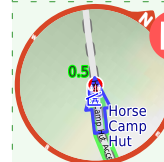
Horse Camp Hut is found beside a trail linking the old Munyang-Geehi Rd with an aqueduct trail on the western side of the valley. Still in good condition, this hut was built for surveyors in the 1950s as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme effort. The hut has a distinctive red door and two rooms. The smaller room contains bunk beds and a stove and the larger room has a fire place, table and sitting area. The hut has a timber floor and the outer walls and roof are made of corrugated iron. There is a creek nearby for water and a pit toilet is available. The grassy flat area around the hut makes for great camping.



"Horse Camp Hut".



A toilet.



The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 510 m to the main route.


Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 3.8 km waypoint.





After another 470 m **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.

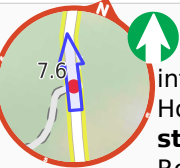


After another 920 m cross the bridge (about 55 m long)

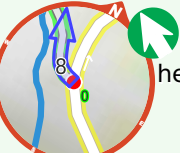
 The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 6.8 km waypoint.


 After another 2 km (at the intersection of Disappointment Spur Trail & Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.


 After another 160 m **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.


 After another 640 m (at the intersection of Schlink Pass Road & Horse Camp Aquaduct Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.


Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to White's River Hut.


 To start this optional side trip veer left here. **Start**.


 After another 75 m **continue straight**.

 After another 15 m cross the ford.

 After another 30 m **continue straight**.

 After another 80 m cross the ford.


 After another 40 m come to the end.


 About 25 m past the end is "Whites River Hut".
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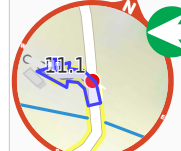
At this site, there are a few buildings - the main hut is believed to have been built in by Bill Naphthali and Fred Clarke in 1935 to house them as they grazed cattle. It is also possible that the hut was built by Edward Haslingdon and his sons in 1933. The Kosciusko Alpine Club has a long history with the hut and has made many changes over the years - they are now the primary caretakers. This hut has two main rooms plus an entry woodpile annex. The second hut is behind the main hut - the SMA hut (aka the Kelvinator). This second hut is not as well maintained as the main one. There is also a pit toilet beside the hut. A large, flat, grassy area makes a great place to camp and the nearby creek is a source of water. NOTE: On 27th July 2010 an accidental fire has done significant damage to this hut, it is now fenced off and accessing the hut is unsafe. A plan is likely to be put into place to restore the hut.


 About 35 m past the end is a toilet., not equipped with Handwashing basin.


 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 240 m to the main route.


Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 8 km waypoint.


 After another 410 m **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.

 After another 3.1 km **turn left**.

 Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 11.1 km to get back to the start.

 About 15 m past the end is a toilet.

 About 15 m past the end is "Schlink Hilton".

 About 15 m past the end is "Schlink Hut".



This is a large Snowy Mountain Scheme hut built in 1961. The hut sits between the maintenance road and a set of high tension power lines which run along the valley. The hut was built to house the staff who were building and maintaining the infrastructure in the area. Today, part of the hut is left unlocked for public use. There is a pump-out toilet, flat grassy area and creek nearby for water. The hut has several rooms, beds, a fire place and a table. The hut is named after Sir Herbert Henry Schlink (1883-1962), a medical doctor and xc skier. Dr Schlink made the first winter crossing from Kiandra to Kosciusko. The hut is often called the Schlink Hilton, due to its size.