



Nichols Gorge Walking Track

(Wiradjuri Country)

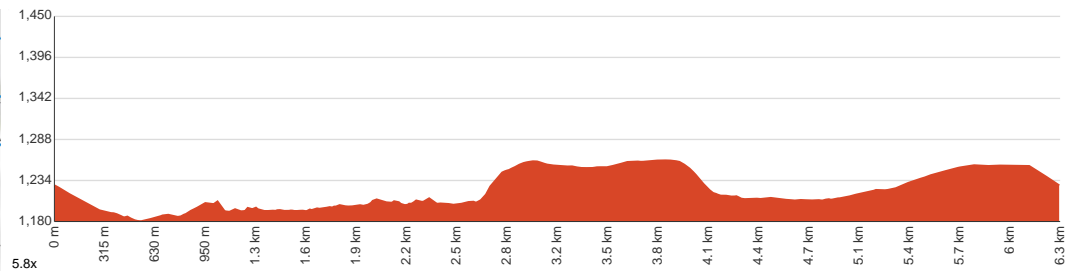
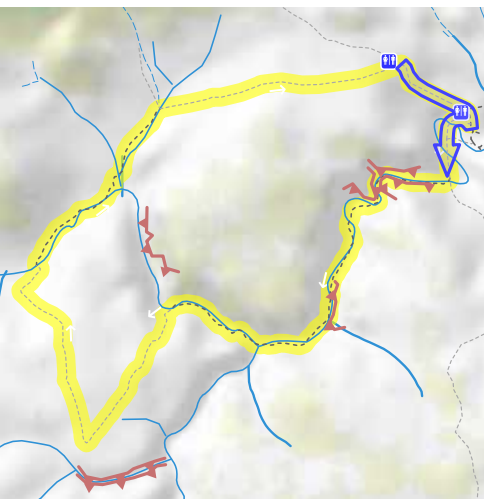
 2 h to 4 h 30 min


6.3 km
Circuit


↑ 197 m
↓ 197 m


Hard track

Explore this spectacular limestone gorge and Cooleman Cave within Kosciuszko National Park. As you walk along the usually dry Cave Creek, keep your eye out for ancient fossilised shells of brachipods. The walk is closed during winter and only open between the October and June long weekends. The walk can flood so always check the weather forecast. Bring a torch to help you explore the entrance to the cave. Let us begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6

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Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
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 Snowy Mountains Highway, B72, Snowy Valleys Council.

- Turn on to Long Plain Road then drive for 17.2 km
- Turn right onto Blue Waterholes Fire Trail and drive for another 7.7 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

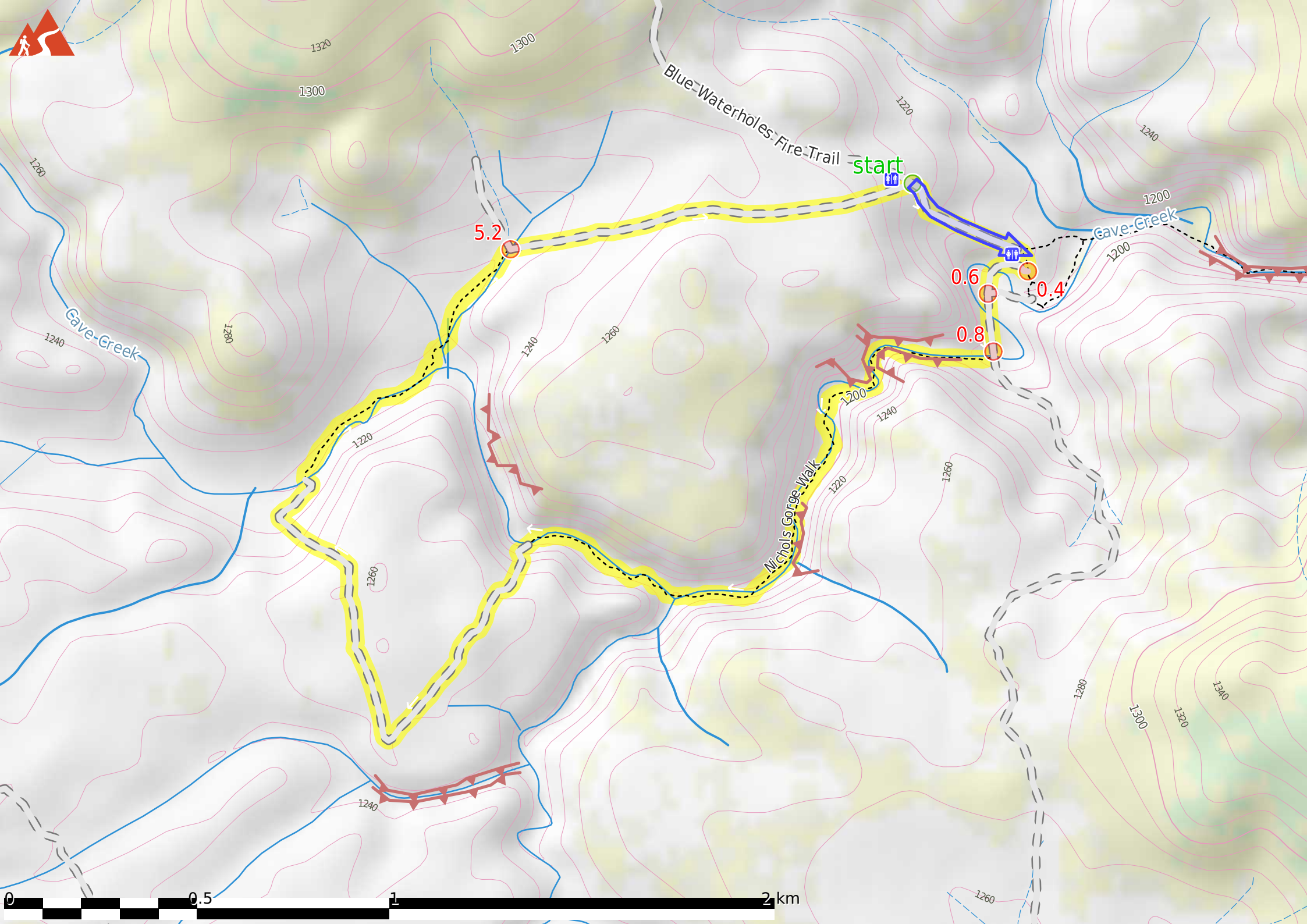
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

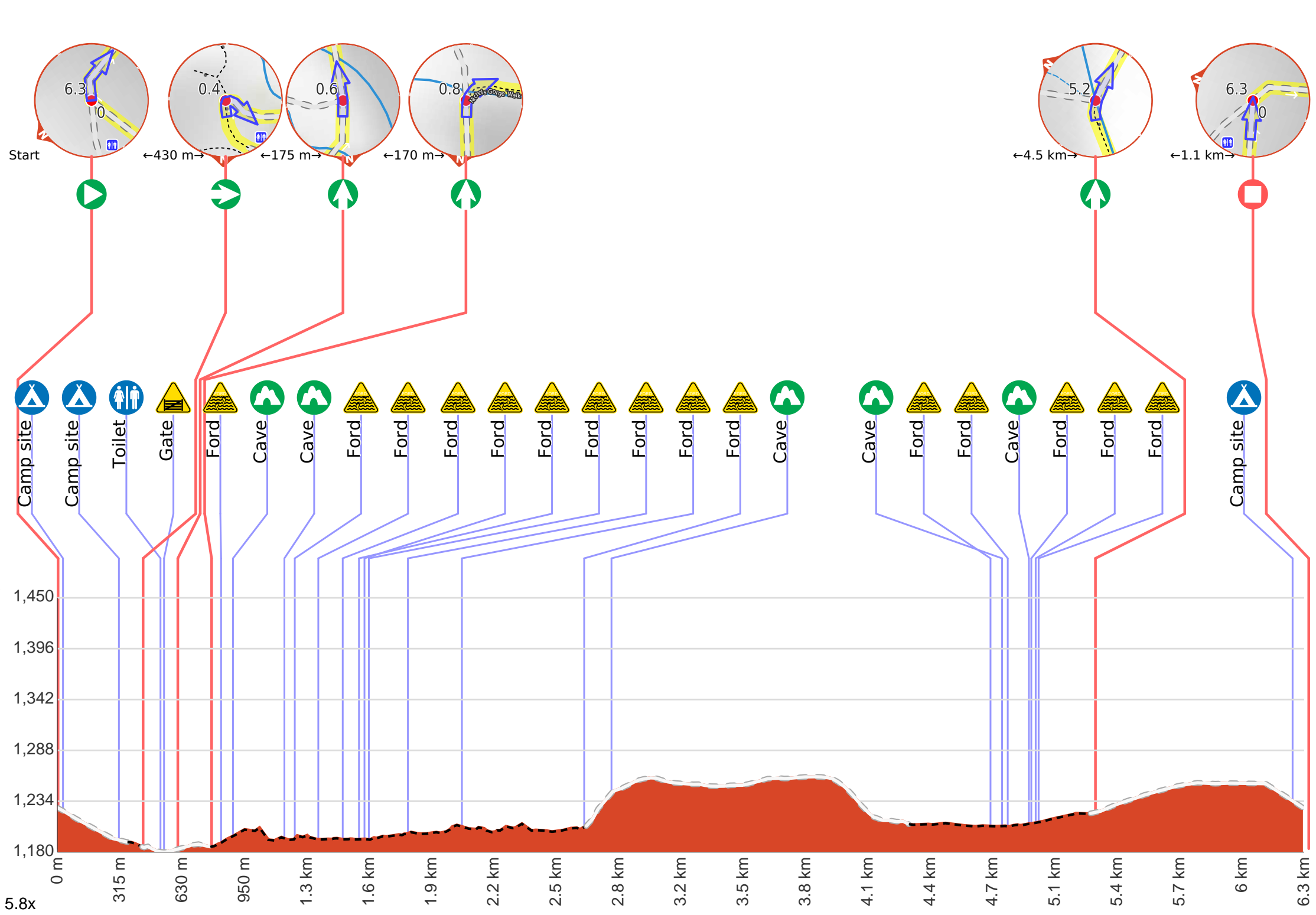
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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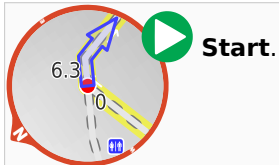
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Getting started: From signposted Magpie Flat Campground, continue for about 300m down the Blue Waterholes Trail to main Blue Waterholes lower campground, follow the signposted walking track to the right (initially keeping the main gorge to your left).




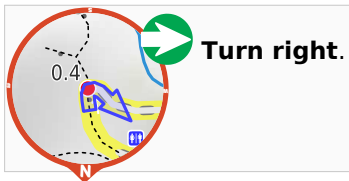
 After 25 m come to the "Magpie Flat campground". Campsite managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. This is a free campsite.


 After another 280 m come to the "Blue Waterholes campground".
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Campsite managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. This is a free campsite.


 After another 210 m pass the toilet (25 m on your right).


 After another 20 m head through/around the gate.





 After another 50 m cross the ford.


 After another 60 m pass the "Right Cooleman Cave" (50 m on your right).


 After another 260 m pass the "Cooleman Cave" (45 m on your right).


 After another 50 m cross the ford.


 After another 120 m cross the ford.


 After another 125 m cross the ford.


 After another 110 m cross the ford.


 Then cross the ford.


 After another 50 m cross the ford.


 After another 195 m cross the ford.


 After another 275 m cross the ford.


 After another 620 m cross the ford.


 After another 140 m pass the "Murray Cave" (35 m on your right).


 After another 2 km pass the "North Branch Sink" (60 m on your right).


 Then cross the ford.

 After another 85 m cross the ford.


 After another 105 m pass the "Northeast Branch Sink" (40 m on your right).

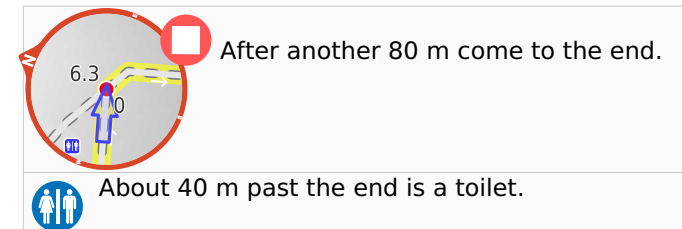
 After another 10 m cross the ford.


 After another 20 m cross the ford.

 After another 15 m cross the ford.



 After another 1000 m come to the "Magpie Flat campground". Campsite managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. This is a free campsite.



 About 40 m past the end is a toilet.