



# Hunters Hill to Epping Road

(Camaraigal Country)

2 h to 2 h 30 min

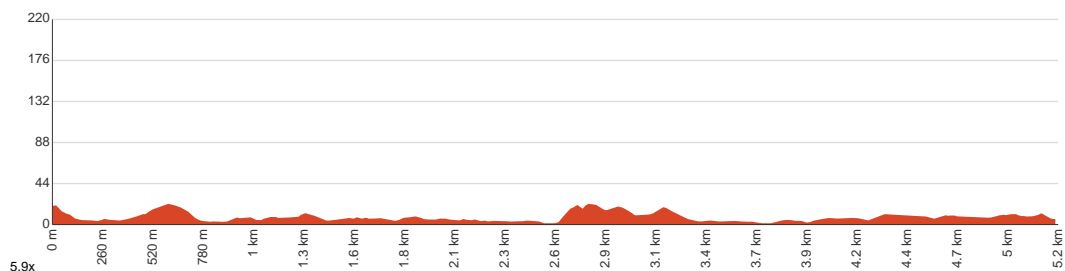
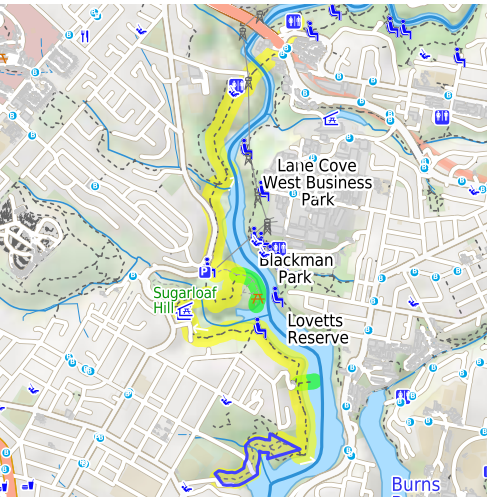
5.2 km  
One way

↑ 118 m  
↓ 132 m

3  
Moderate track



An enjoyable walk through lower sections of the Lane Cove National Park, this walk features plenty of mangroves next to the Lane Cove River, particularly in the section between Boronia Av and Buffalo Creek Reserve. Sugarloaf Point is well worth going the 200m for as its a good spot for a rest (or lunch) with views of the river. The walk has a number of contrasts where you think you are a long way from the city, with the occasional stark reminder. Let us begin by acknowledging the Camaraigal 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

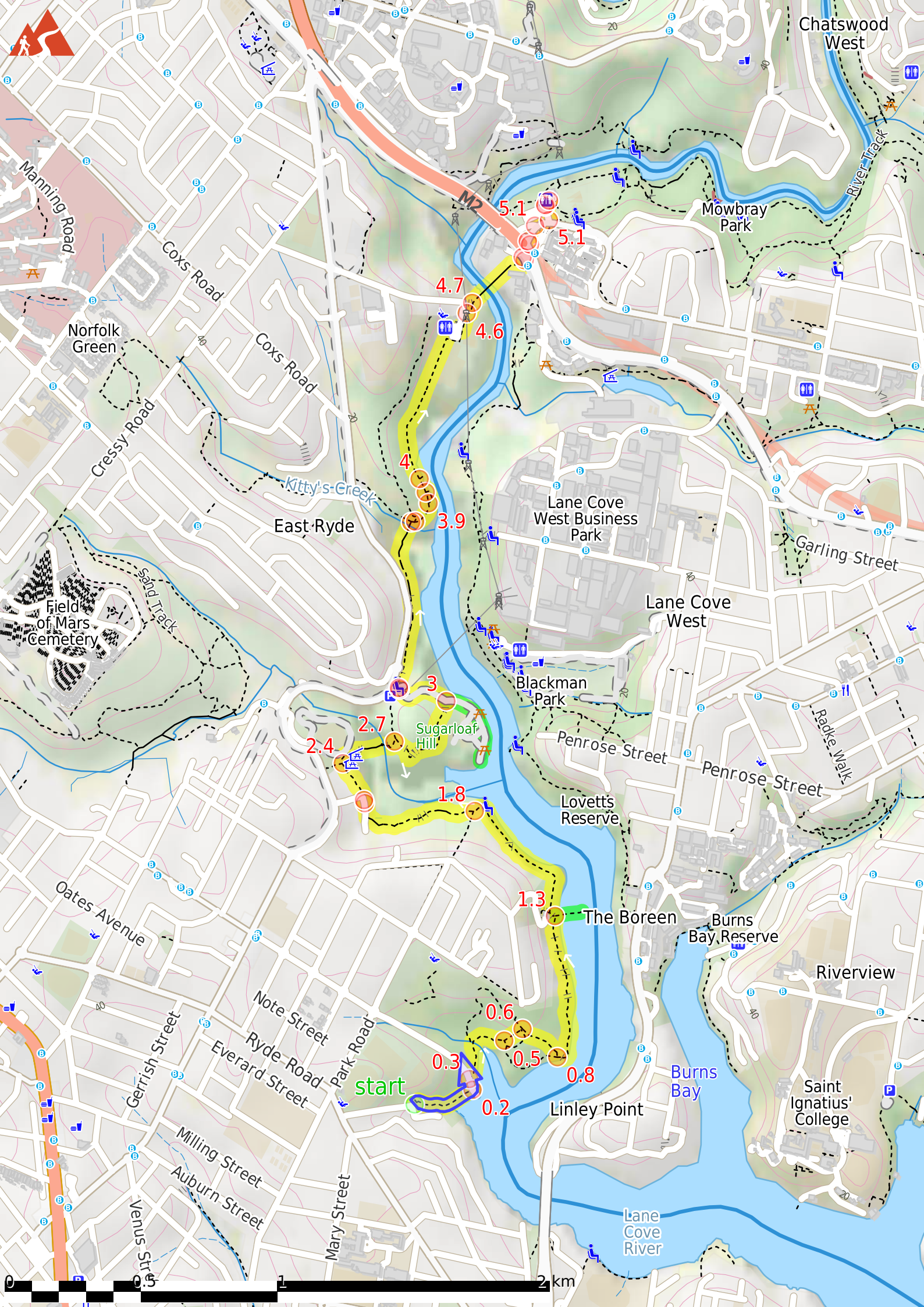
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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

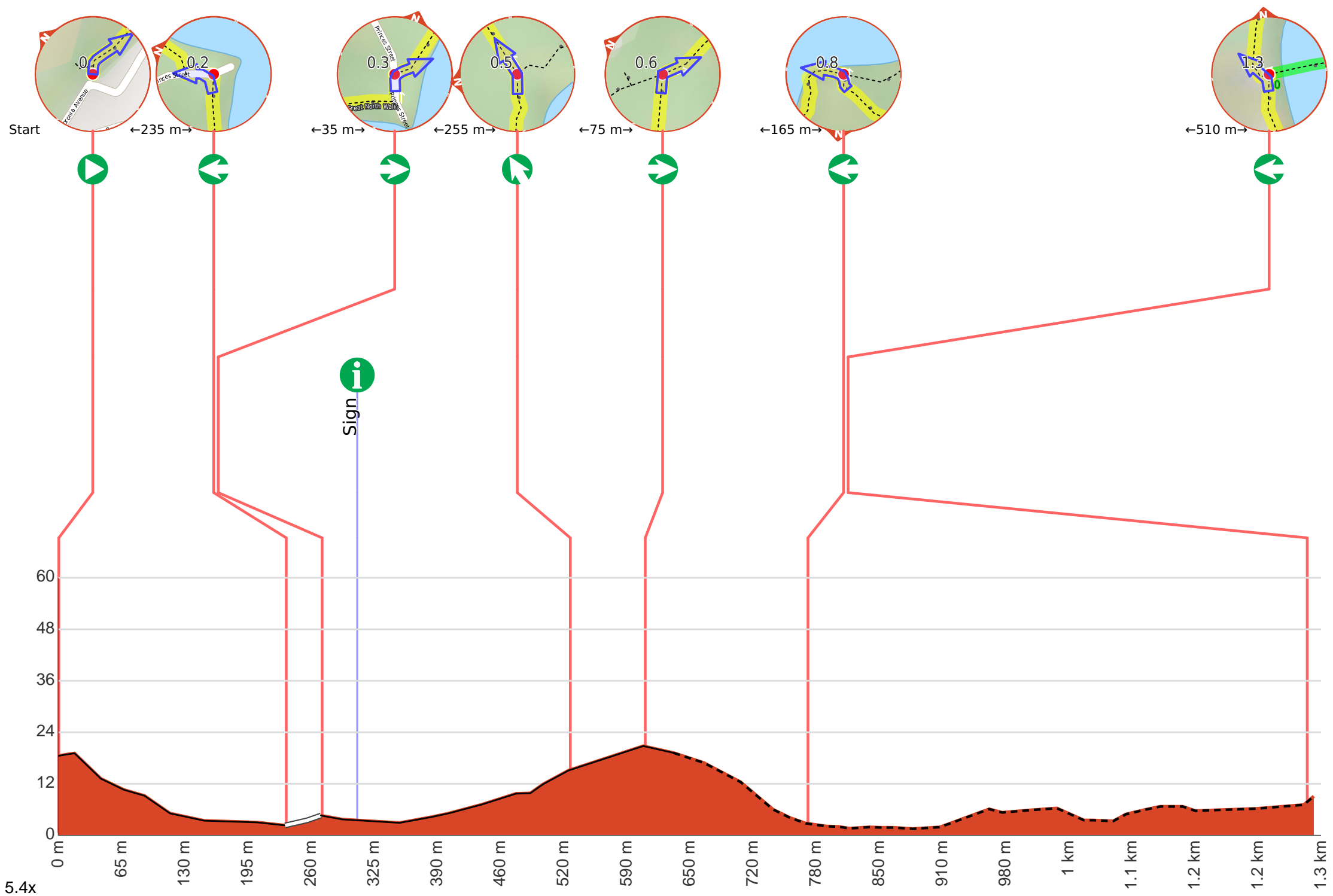
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

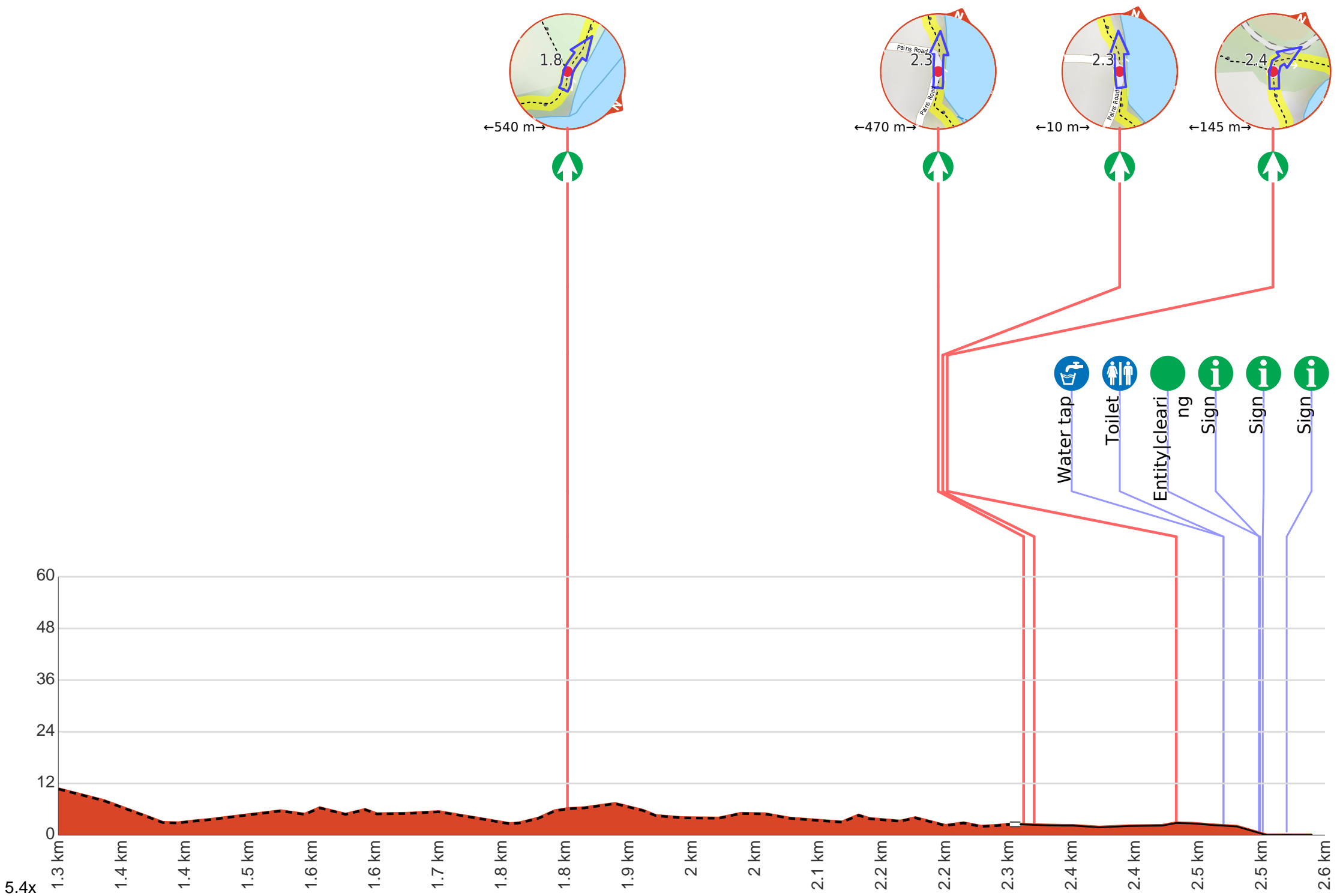
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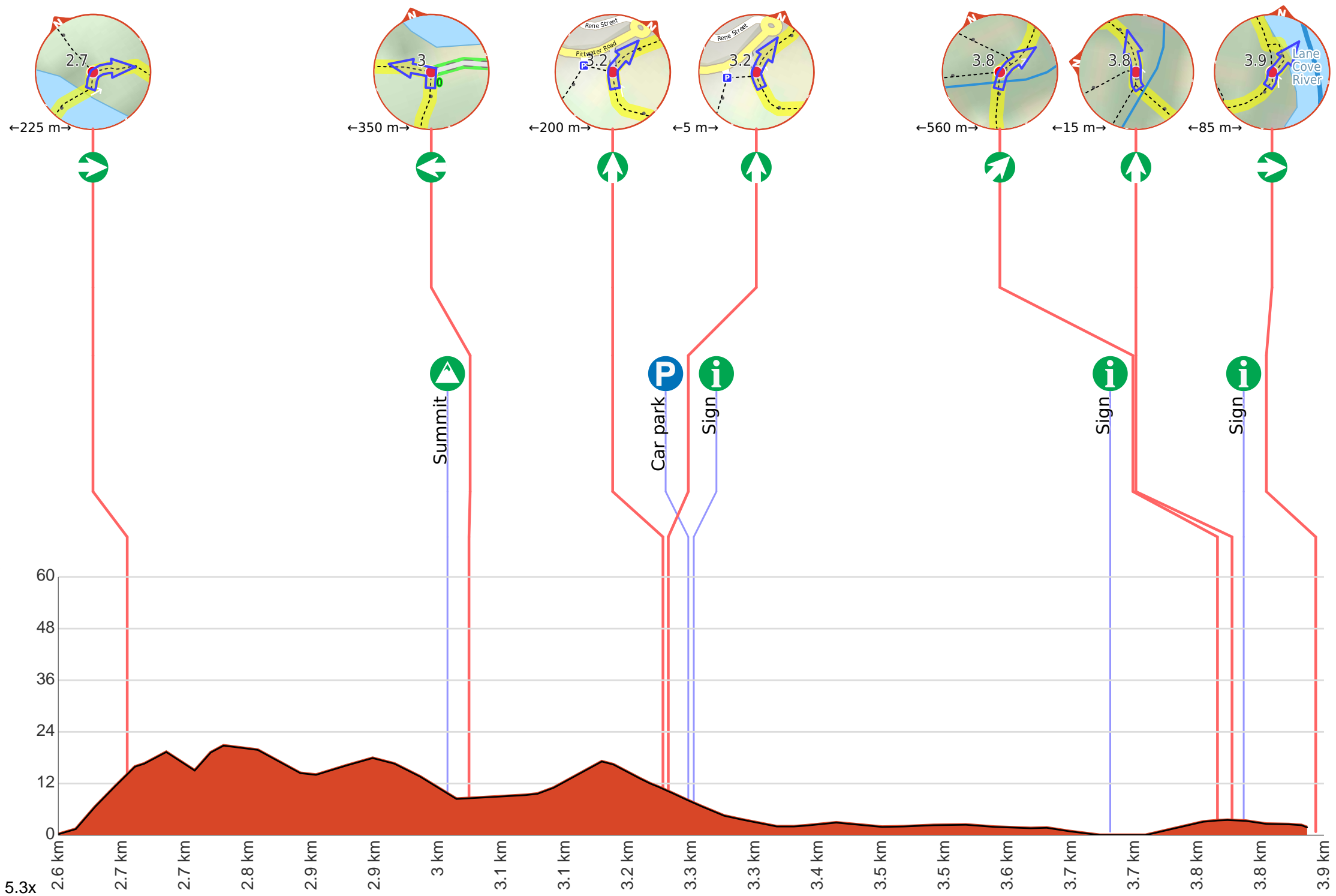


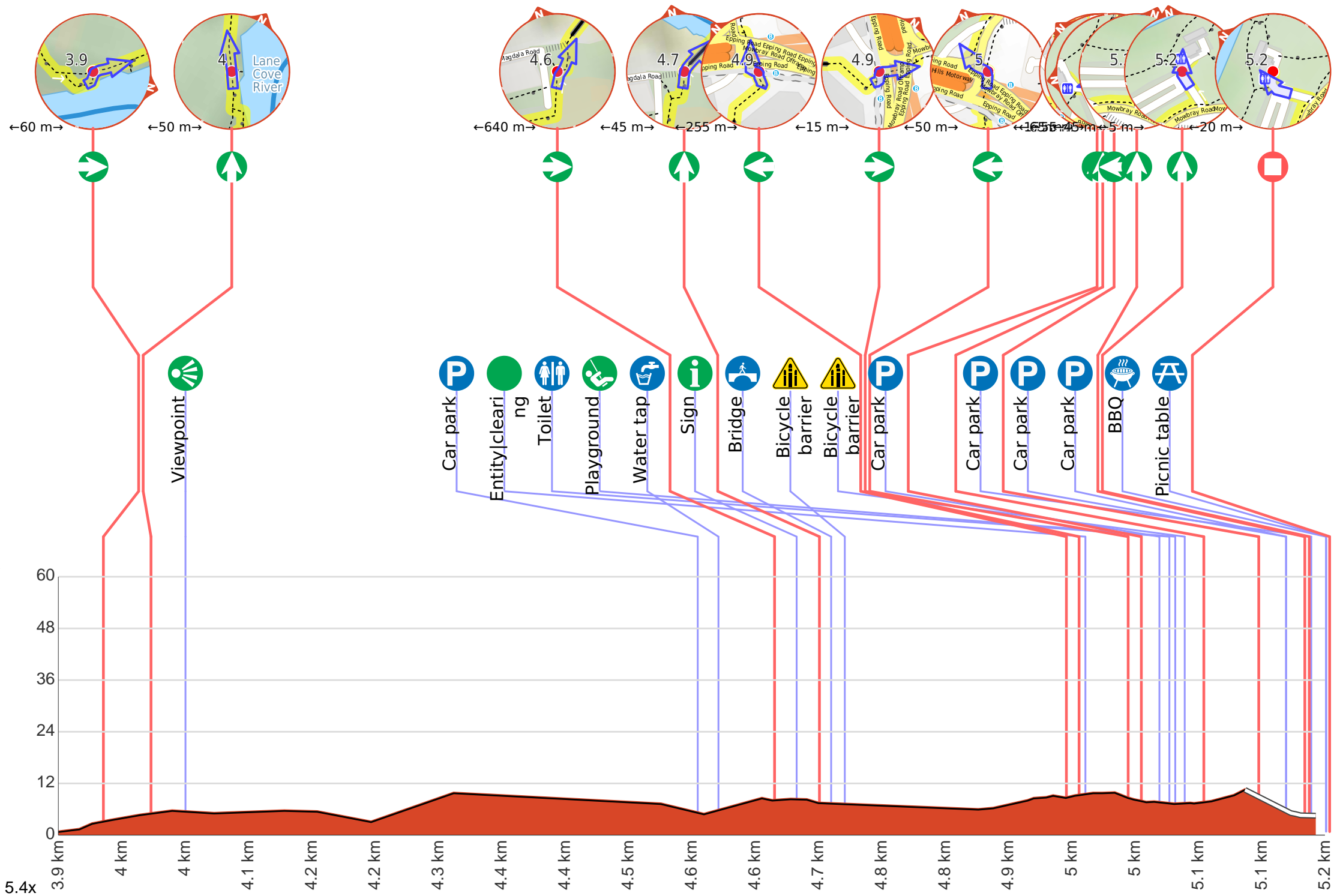












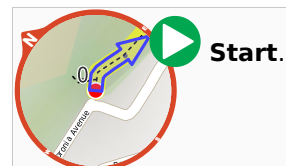
**Getting started:** From the end of Boronia Avenue, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up along the rocky track. The track leads over a small rise then bends right (ignoring the track to your left), to head down a few stone steps, then a series of timber steps. The track then continues along the bank of the Lane Cove River (to your right) for about 100m to come to a T-intersection with Princes St. Here the walk turns left and heads up the road (away from the water view) for about 50m, coming to an intersection with another track and a large green 'The Great North Walk' signpost (on your right).

From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Buffalo Ck. Park' arrow down along track. Veering right after about 50m, this wide track then leads through the casuarina forest for a short time, coming to an intersection and a small clearing with a picnic table, the informally named Brickmakers Creek picnic area.

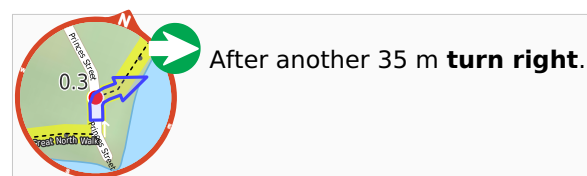
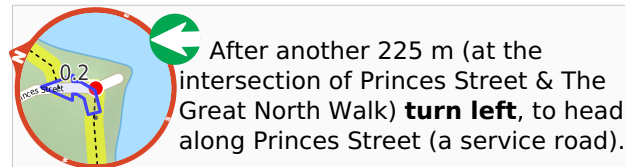
From the picnic area, this walk follows the GNW arrow post across the rocky Brickmakers Creek and up the steps. The walk continues along the short timber boardwalk, then leads up the timber steps for about 100m where the track flattens out, veering right at another GNW arrow post. Here the track leads down between the rocks, with a filtered view to the water, and a short distance later, the track veers right again at another GNW arrow post, heading gently down between some more rocks. For another 150m, the mostly flat track leads over some rock platforms then along a short section of timber boarding to come to a three-way intersection marked with a GNW arrow, and a larger unfenced rock platform (to the right).

From the intersection, this walk heads along the rock platform, keeping the river

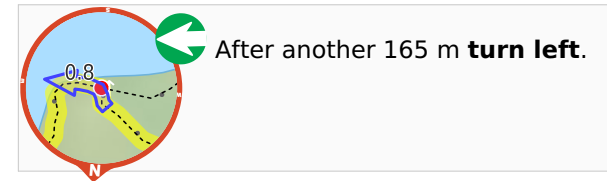
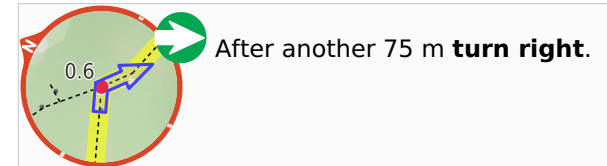
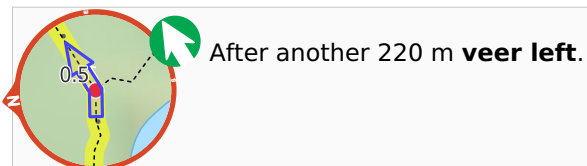
down to your right. The walk soon heads down some steps carved in the rock, then follows the rocky and sandy track gently downhill, passing some interesting rock formations over about 140m then climbing over some rocks with a metal handrail. The track leads up a series of steps for about 200m, then goes up some carved steps (also with a handrail). From here, the rocky track heads down the steps then leads alongside the mangroves for just shy of 100m, coming to a T-intersection marked with a GNW arrow.



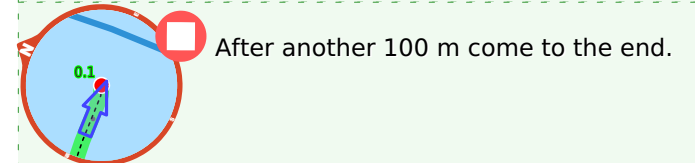
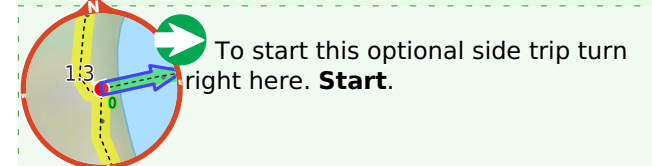
After another 10 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 35 m pass the "The Great North Walk" (8 m on your left).

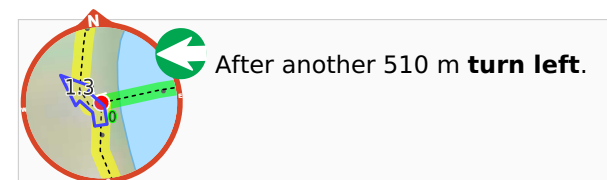


**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to End of Lane Cove River track.



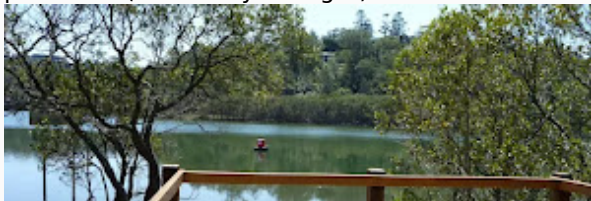
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 100 m to the main route.

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 1.3 km waypoint.

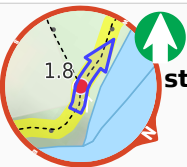




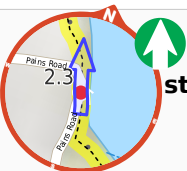
After another 510 m find the "Mangrove viewing platform" (10 m on your right).



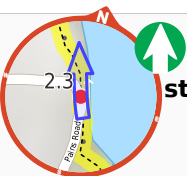
This timber viewing platform is found on bank on south-west of the confluence of the Lane Cove River and Buffalo Creek. This area is affected by the tides so the view is constantly changing. The lookout platform provides an opportunity to view the mangroves community and the eroded sandstone ruins



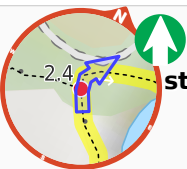
After another 30 m **continue straight**.



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



After another 10 m **continue straight**.



After another 145 m **continue straight**.



After another 50 m pass the water tap (75 m on your left).



Then pass the toilet (85 m on your left).



After another 35 m find the "Buffalo Creek Reserve" (75 m on your left).



The Buffalo Creek Reserve is found off the side of Pittwater Rd, just south of Buffalo Creek. The reserve is home to a large wetland, car park, large children's playground, picnic shelters, BBQ's, toilets and town water on tap. The children's play area, on the western side of the reserve, is very popular. There is a large playing field and a second smaller picnic area on the eastern side (where the Buffalo Creek boardwalk starts).



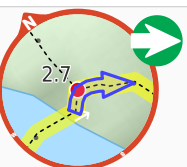
Then pass the "The Great North Walk" (7 m on your left).



Then pass the "Buffalo Creek Track Head" (7 m on your left).



After another 25 m pass the sign (6 m on your left).

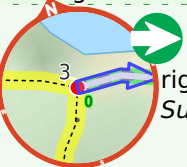


After another 115 m **turn right**.



After another 330 m pass the "Sugarloaf Hill" (90 m on your left).

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Sugarloaf Point.



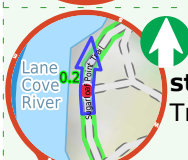
To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start** heading along Sugarloaf Point Trail.



After 50 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



After another 55 m **continue straight**, to head along Sugarloaf Point Trail.



After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Sugarloaf Point Trail.



After another 85 m find the "Sugarloaf Point" (on your right).



Sugarloaf Point is a large grassy clearing with a picnic area on the edge of the Lane Cove River, just north of the Buffalo Creek junction. The riverside picnic area has a couple of picnic benches and a small beach, making it possible to pull a boat up to the point.

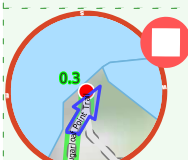
Then pass the picnic table (15 m on your left).



After another 3 m **continue straight**, to head along Sugarloaf Point Trail.



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



After another 7 m come to the end.

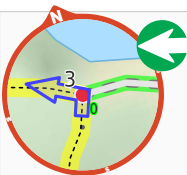


About 10 m past the end is a picnic table.

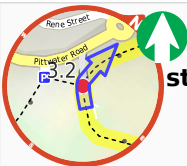


↓ Turn around and retrace your steps back the 285 m to the main route.

↑ Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 3 km waypoint.

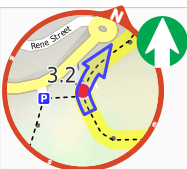


After another 20 m **turn left**.



After another 200 m **continue straight**.

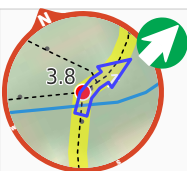
P After another 25 m pass the car park (45 m on your left).



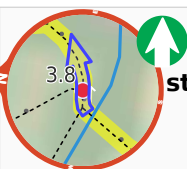
**Continue straight.**

i After another 25 m pass the "Lane Cove National Park" (on your left).

i After another 430 m pass the sign.



After another 110 m **veer right**.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.

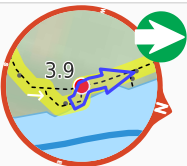
i After another 10 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 75 m **turn right**.



After another 70 m come to the viewpoint.



**Turn right.**



After another 50 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m come to the viewpoint (15 m on your right).



After another 520 m to find the car park.



After another 400 m find the "Magdala Park" (50 m on your right).



Magdala Park, found at the end of Magdala Rd, North Ryde, is home to a large playing field with a baseball diamond in the corner and a smaller playing field to the north. There is a car park, public toilets, sheltered picnic tables, childrens playground, garbage bins, and town water on tap. There are a few Great North Walk signs highlighting the direction of the walk as it winds across the open grassy area.



After another 85 m pass the toilet (20 m on your left).

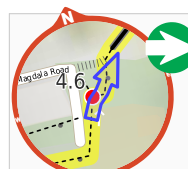
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After another 6 m pass the playground (45 m on your left).



Then pass the water tap (on your left).



After another 60 m **turn right**.



After another 25 m pass the "The Great North Walk" (on your left).



After another 25 m **continue straight**.



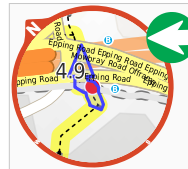
After another 10 m cross the bridge (about 165 m long)



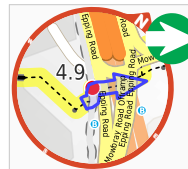
Then head through the bicycle barrier.



After another 350 m head through the bicycle barrier.



**Turn left.**



After another 15 m **turn right**.



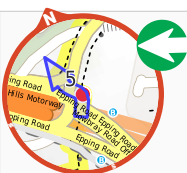
After another 9 m **continue straight**.



After another 20 m **continue straight**.



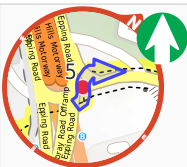
After another 9 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m **turn left**.



After another 30 m pass the car park (90 m on your right).



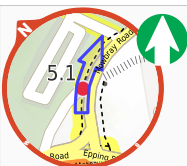
**Continue straight**.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



About 205 m past the end is a car park.



**Continue straight**.



After another 110 m pass the car park (110 m on your right).



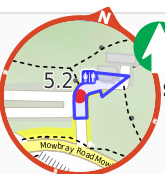
**Turn left**.



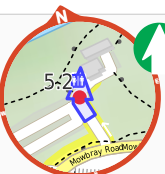
After another 30 m pass the car park (75 m on your right).



Then pass the car park (85 m on your right).



After another 20 m **continue straight**.



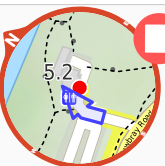
After another 5 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m pass the BBQ (30 m on your left).



Then pass the picnic table (40 m on your left).



After another 4 m come to the end.



About 30 m past the end is a picnic table.



About 10 m past the end is a toilet.



About 25 m past the end is a car park.