




Six Foot Track (Alum Creek Reserve)

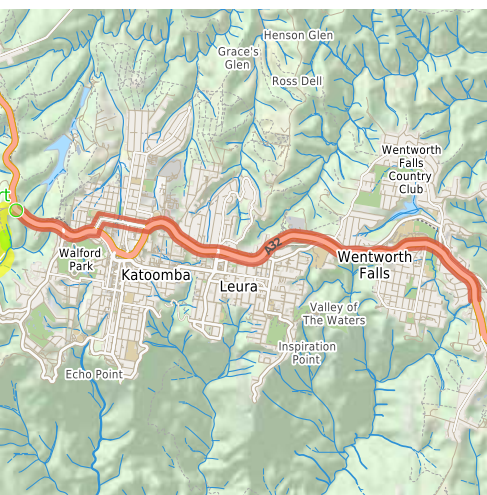
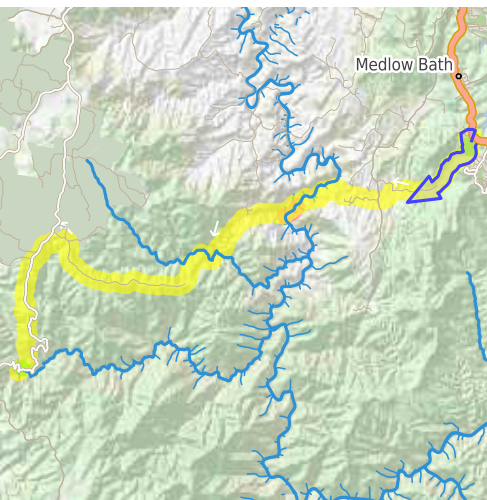
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 16 h to 2 days

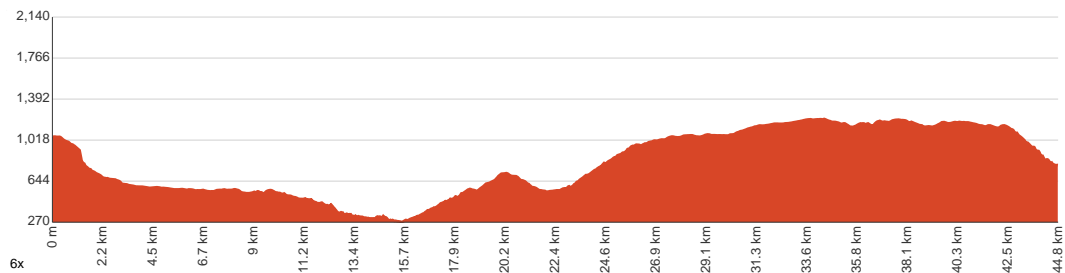

44.8 km
One way


↑ 1772 m
↓ 2029 m


Hard track



The Six Foot Track is a classic walk which takes you from the Explorers Tree in Katoomba out to the amazing Jenolan Caves. This walk stays the night in Alum Creek Reserve before tackling the long hill up to Black Range Road. The walk is a classic and normally done in 3 days, this two day option is for the fit and keen. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra 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
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
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	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to then drive for 175 m
- Turn sharp left onto Station Street and drive for another 10 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 5.9 km
- Keep right onto Camp Street and drive for another 70 m
- Turn slight right onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn slight left onto Camp Street and drive for another 440 m
- Turn left onto Albion Street and drive for another 270 m
- Turn right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 1.6 km

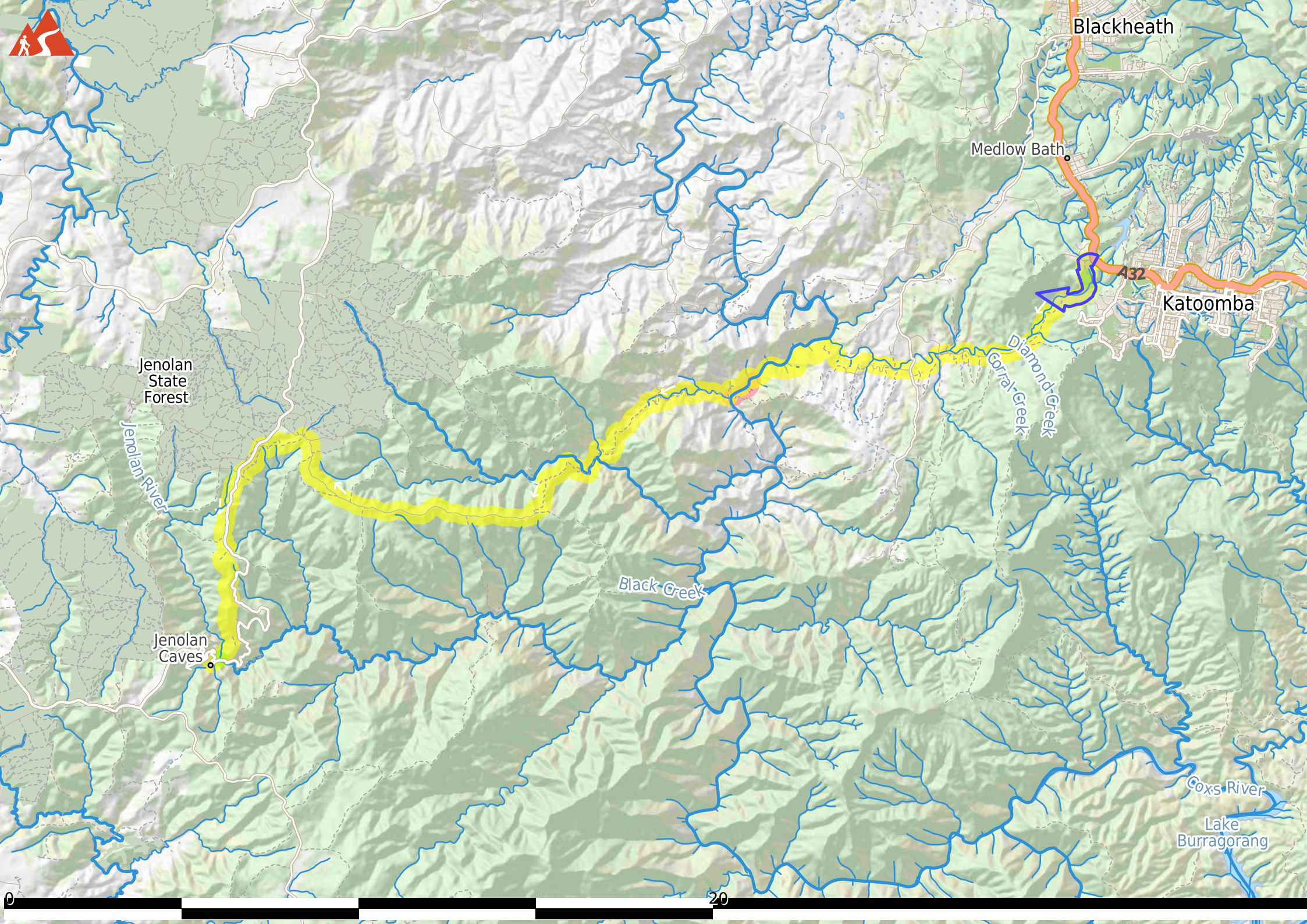
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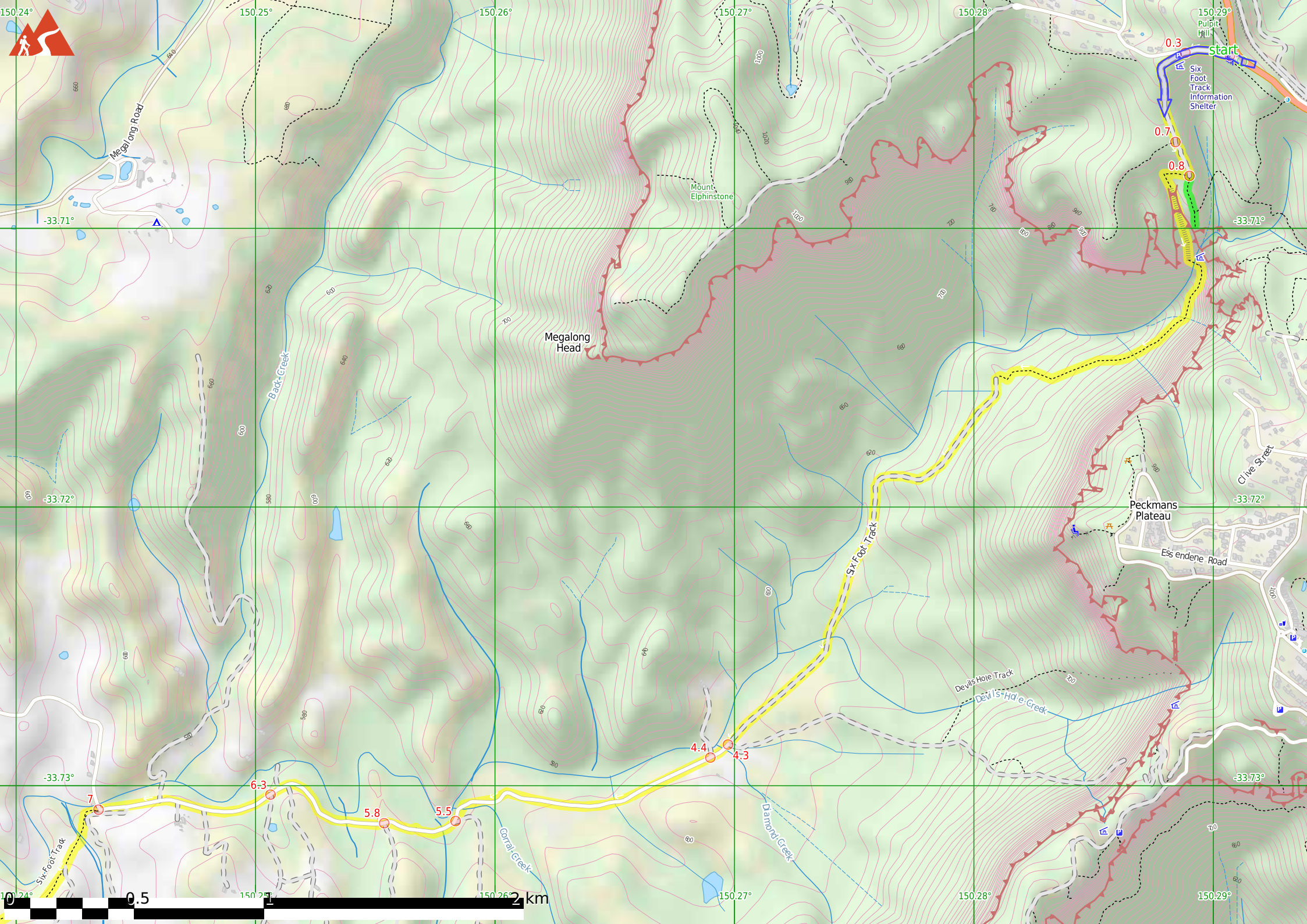
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

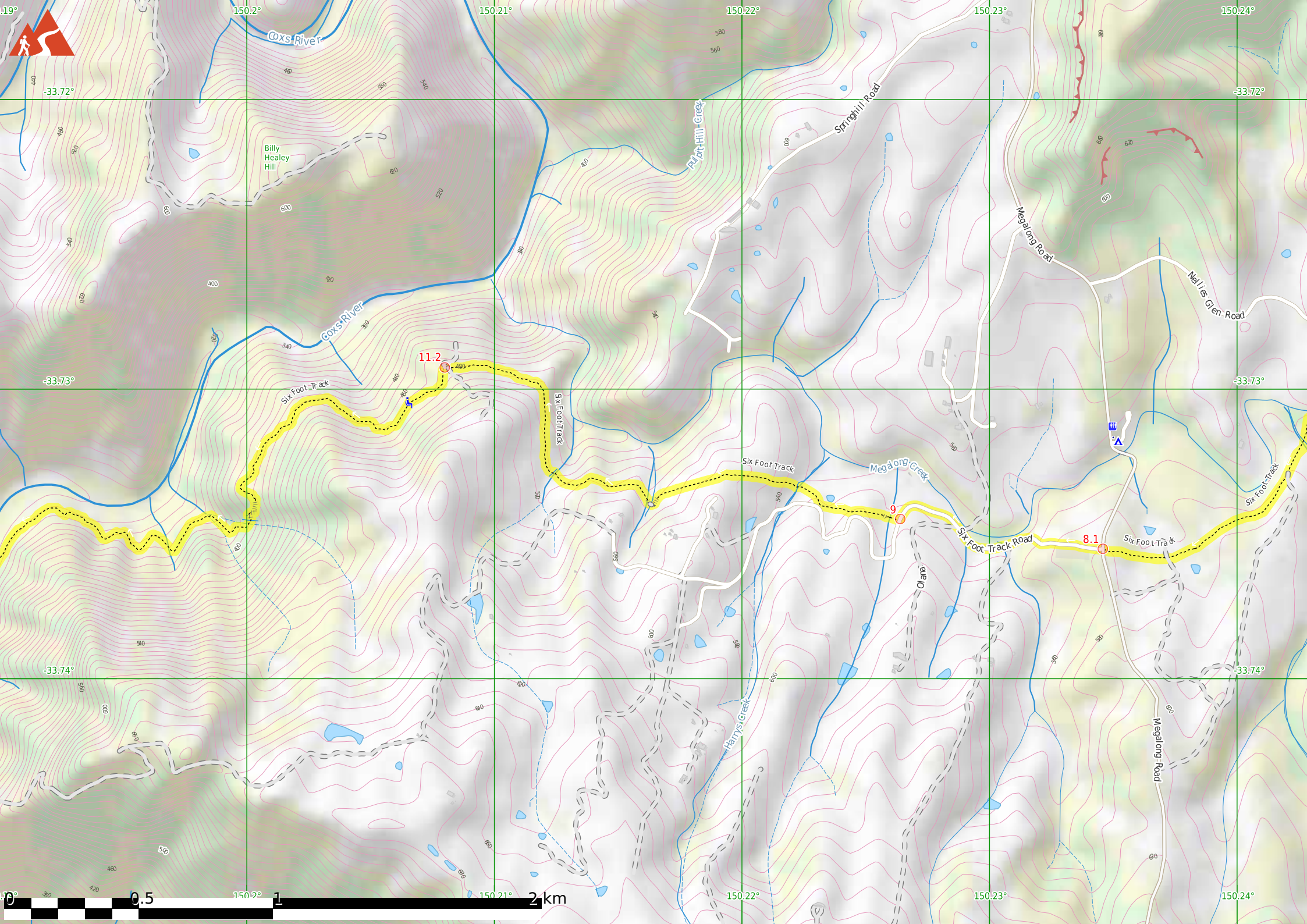
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

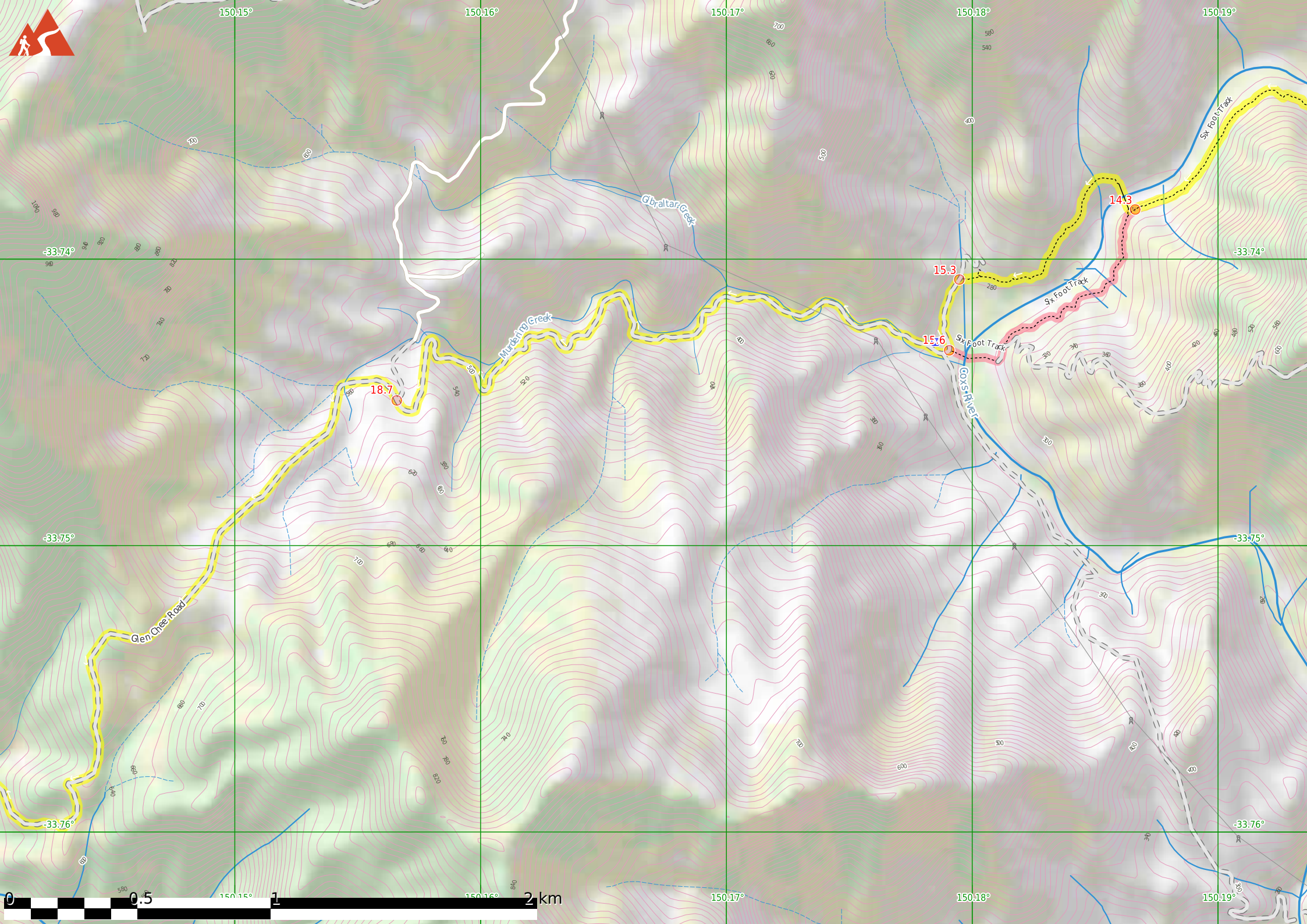
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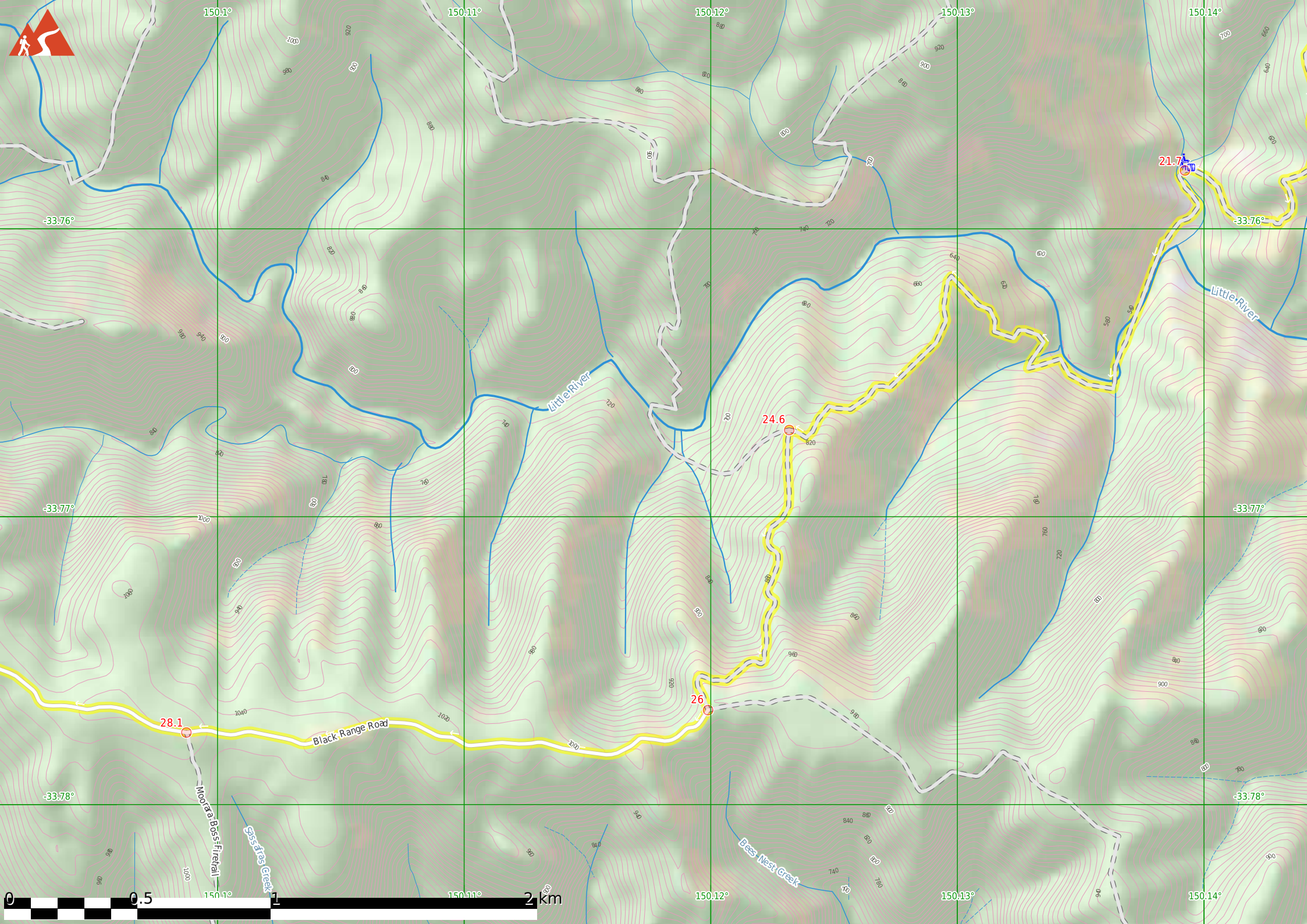


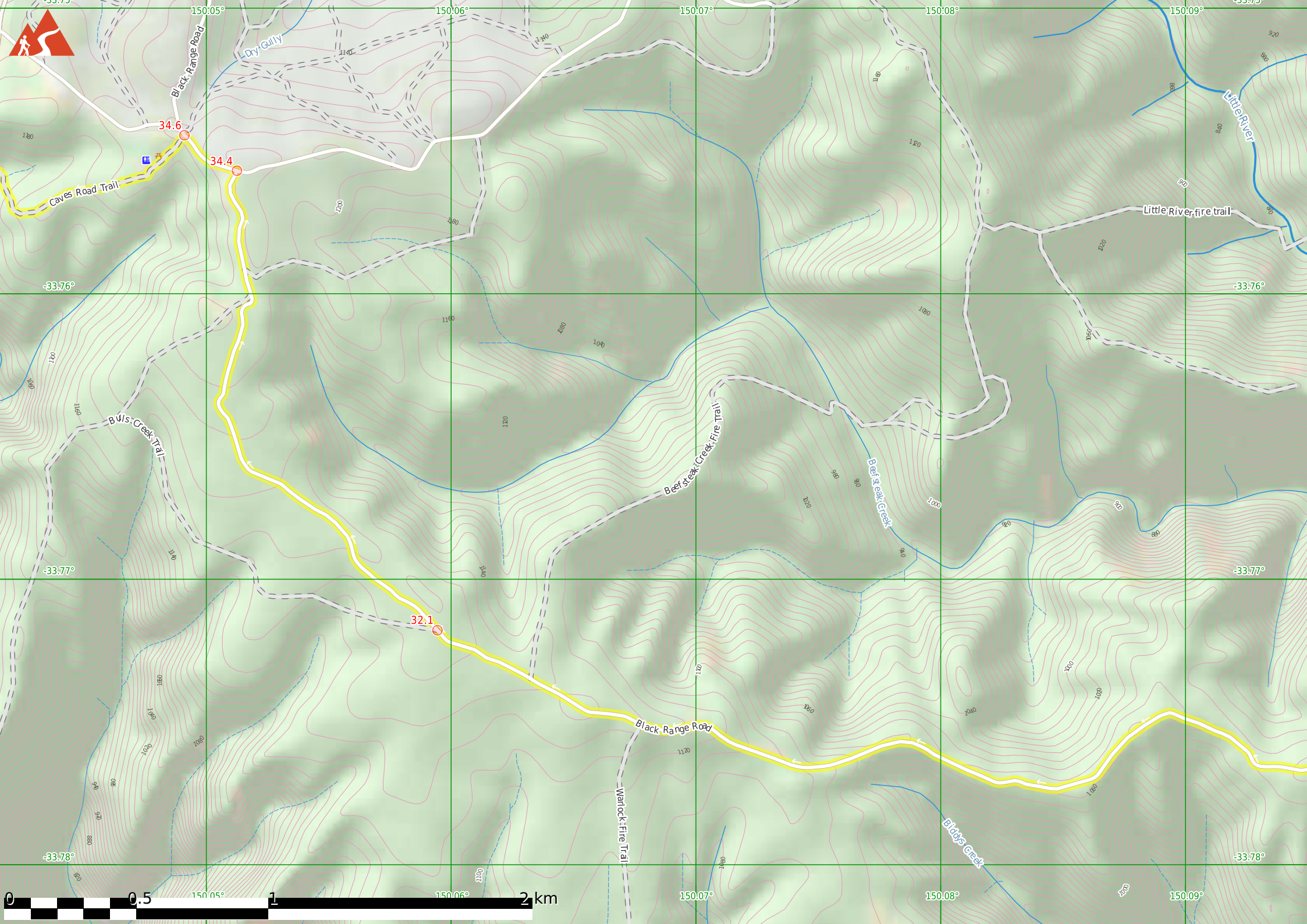


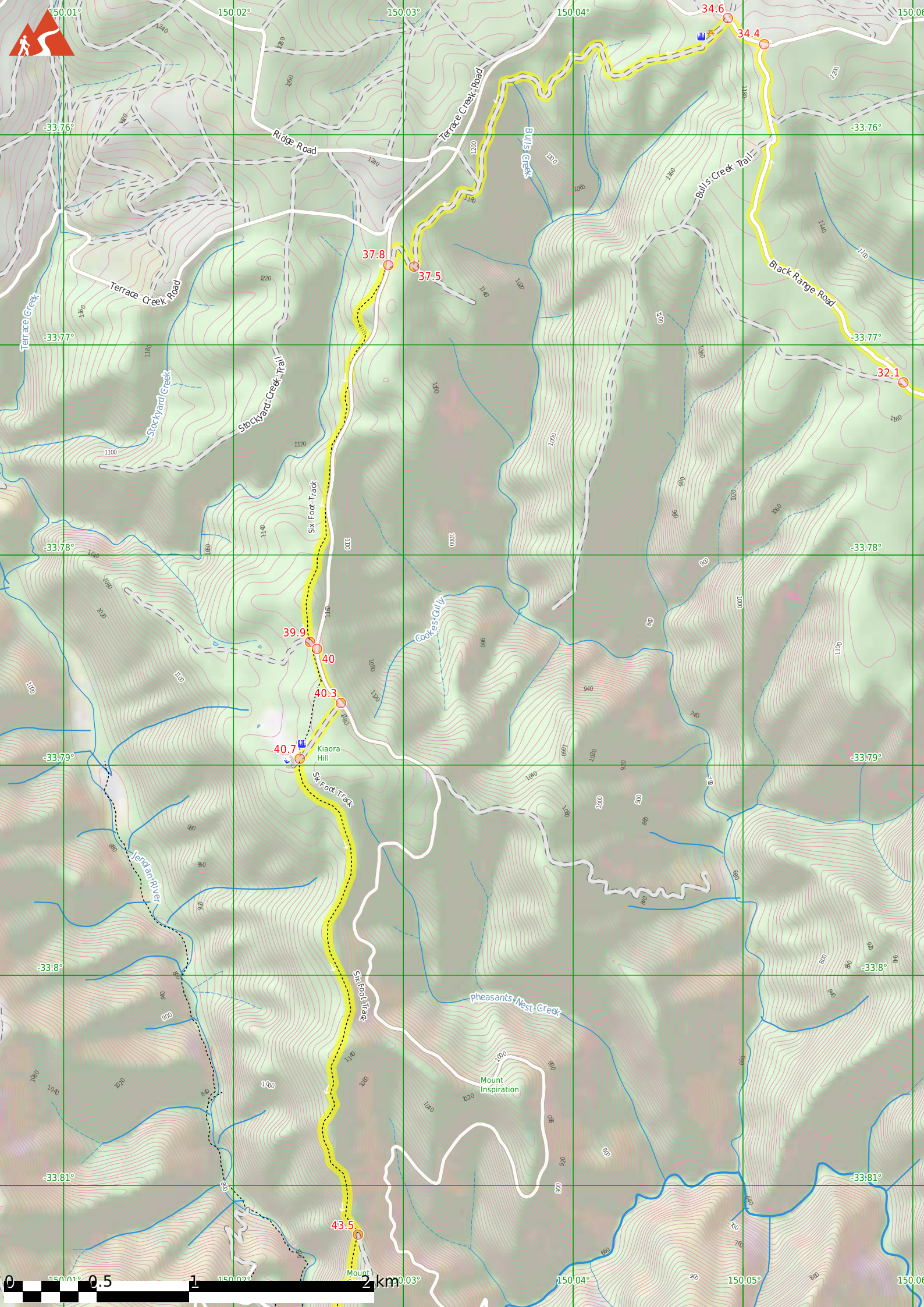


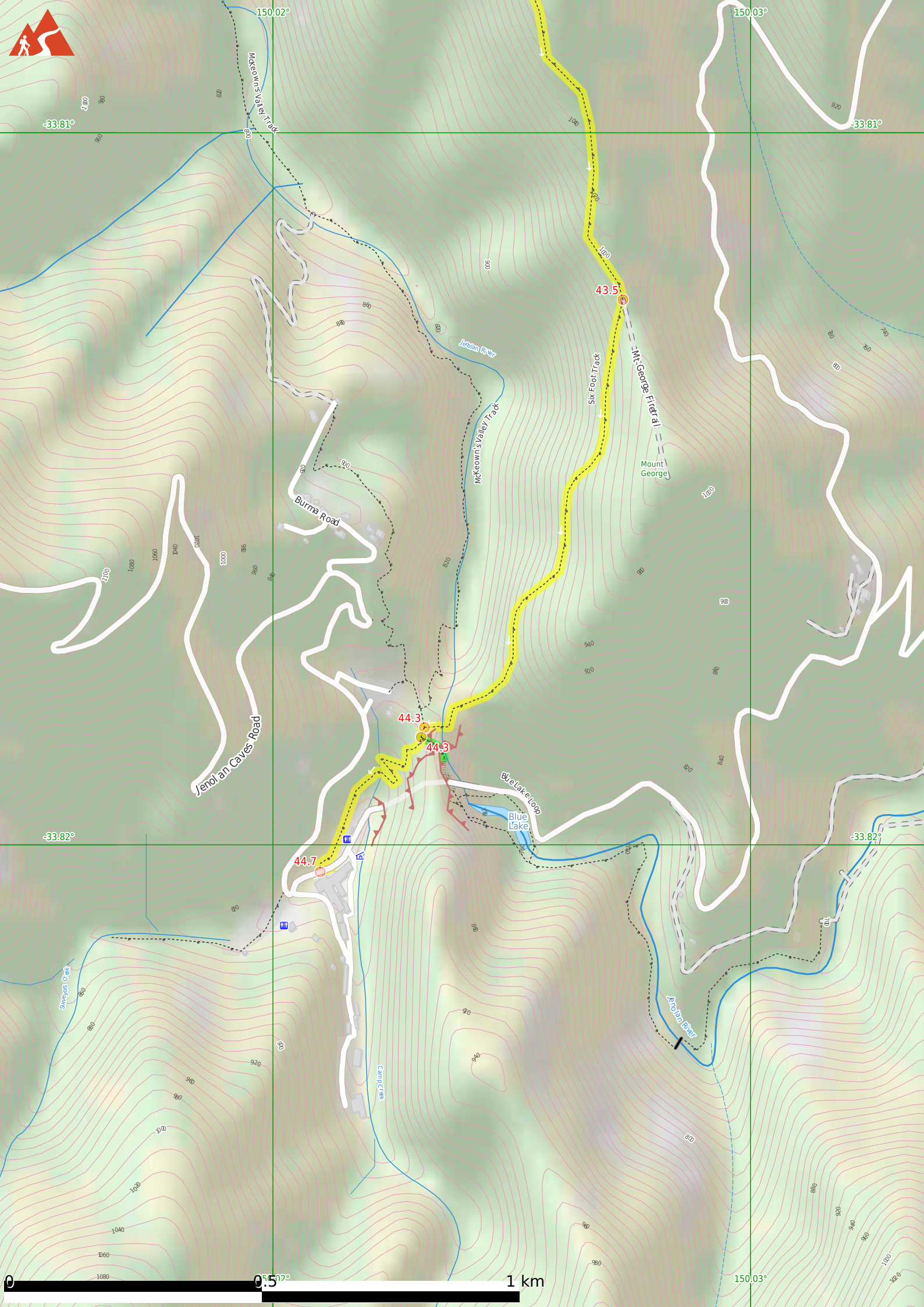


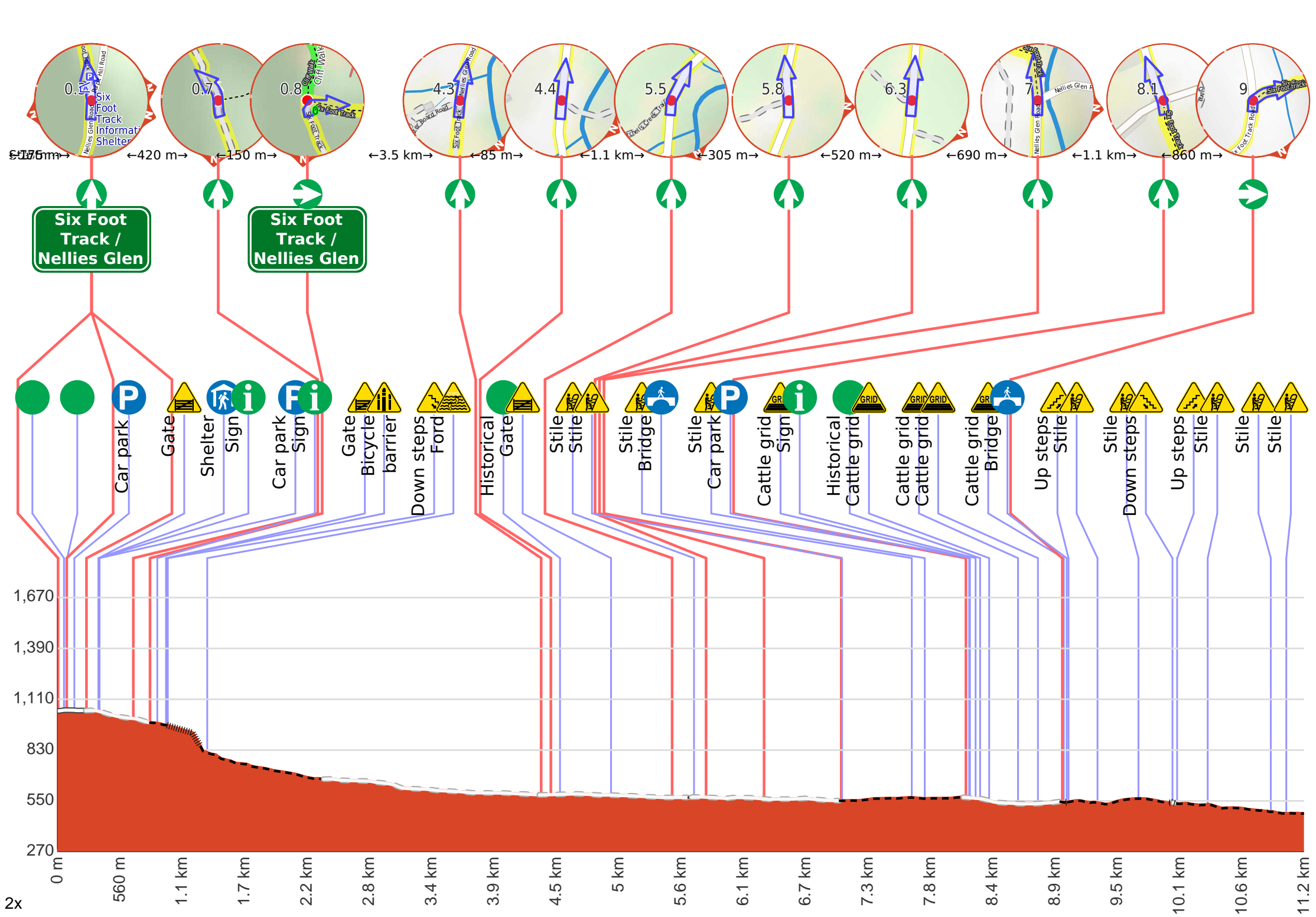


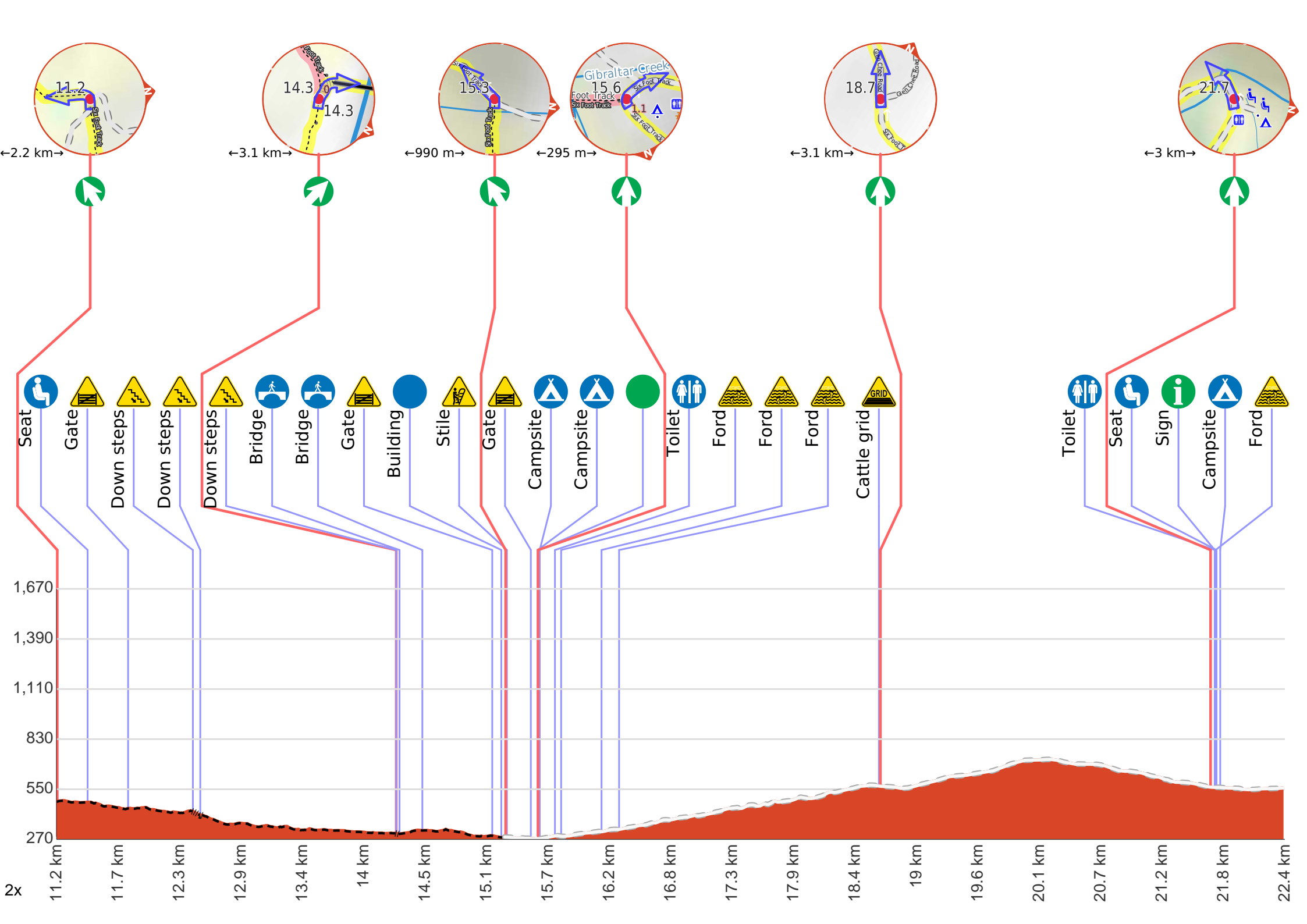


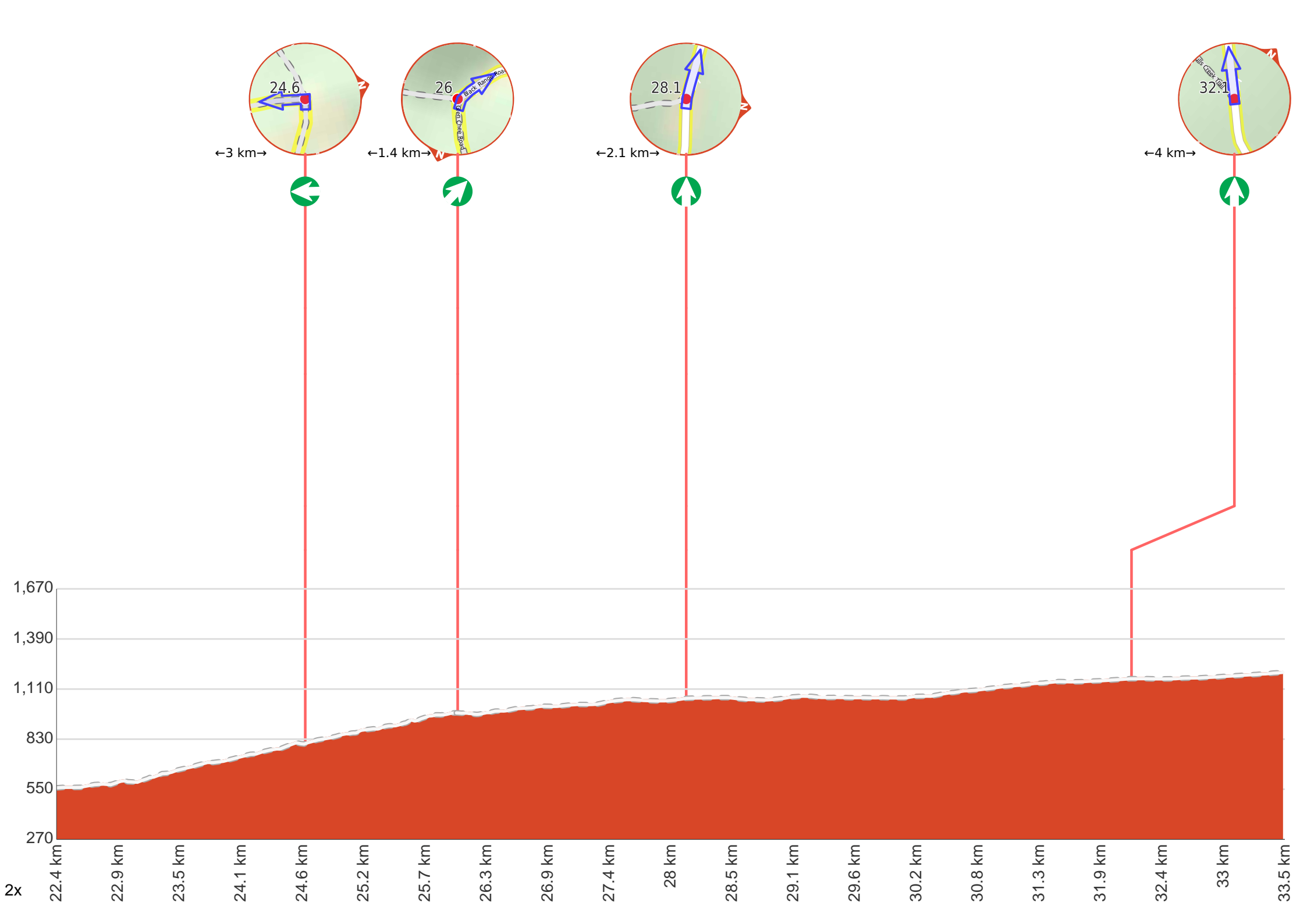


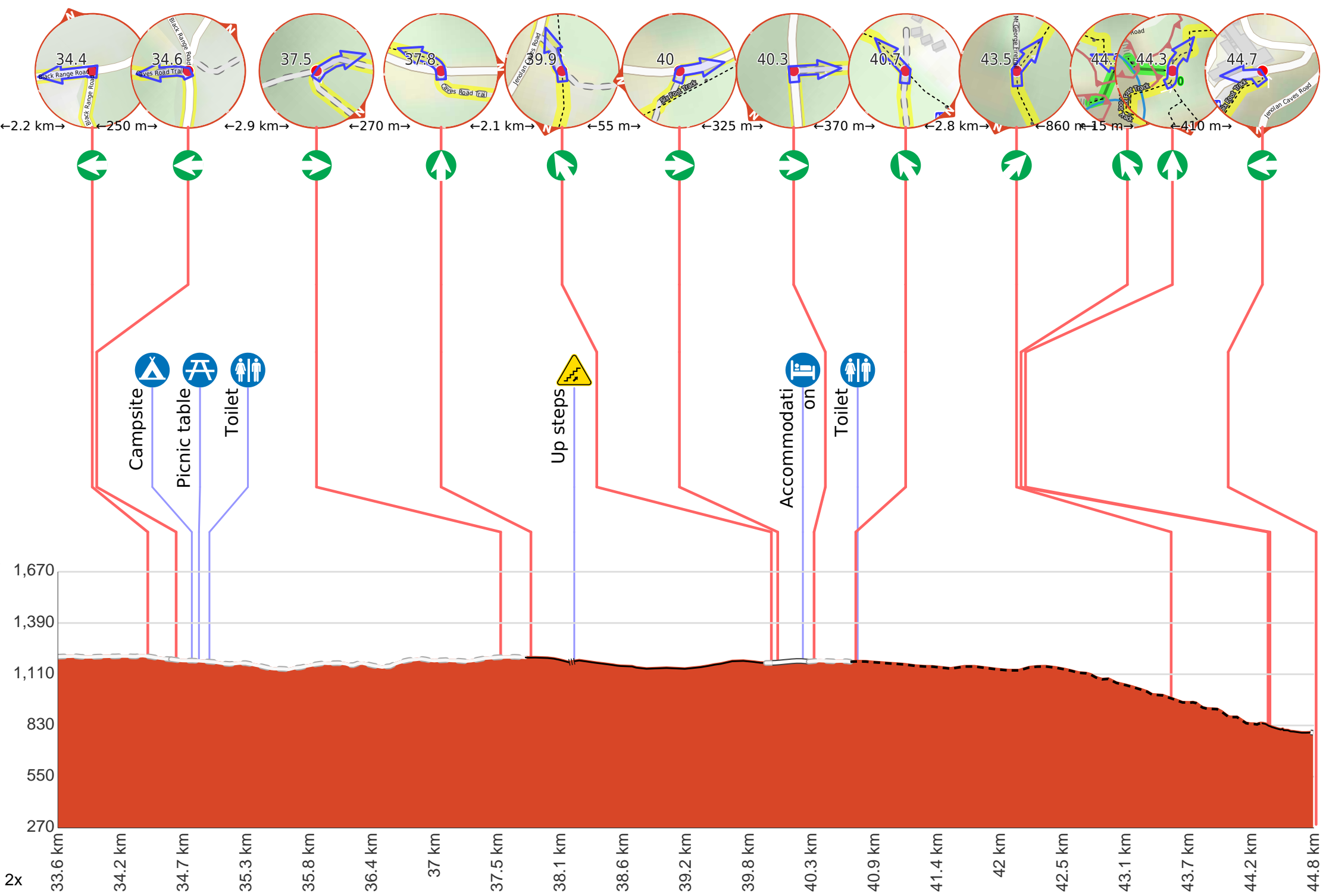




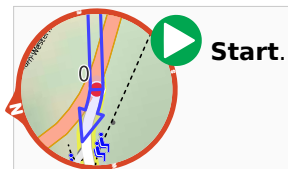








Getting started: From the 'Explorers Tree' (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Rd and the Great Western Hwy), this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track - 200m' sign up along the sealed Nellies Glen Rd for just over 200m before turning left at another 'Six Foot Track' sign. Here the walk comes to a dirt car park and shelter with a large 'Six Foot Track' information sign.

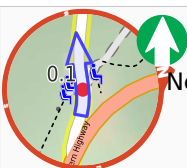


After 55 m find the "Six Foot Track" (7 m on your left).

After another 30 m find the "Explorers Tree (Katoomba)" (10 m on your left).



In 1813, the explorers Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson, on their historic crossing of the Blue Mountains, engraved their names not only into the history books, but also reportedly into this tree on the side of Pulpit Hill. The tree now long dead was caged in 1884 in an attempt to preserve the engravings. The engravings are no longer visible and there is even debate over the last 100+ years as to the authenticity of the engravings.



Continue straight, to head along Nellies Glen Road.

After another 70 m to find the car park.



Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen

After another 110 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Hill Road & Nellies Glen Road) by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road (a vehicle track).



After another 110 m head through/around the gate.



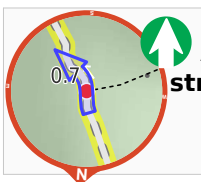
Then pass the "Six Foot Track Information Shelter" (8 m on your left).



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After another 8 m pass the car park (on your right).



After another 300 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Norths Lookout.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Six Foot Track & Cliff Walk **Start** heading along *Cliff Walk* (a walking track).



After 15 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 10 m head through/around the gate.



After another 125 m **continue straight**.



After another 50 m come to the end.



About 15 m past the end is "Norths Lookout".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 200 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 820 m waypoint.



Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen

After another 150 m (at the intersection of Cliff Walk & Six Foot Track) by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **turn right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).



After another 65 m pass the sign (5 m on your left).



After another 90 m head through/around the gate.



Then head through the bicycle barrier.



After another 15 m head down the steps (about 300 m long)



After another 55 m cross the ford.



Continue straight, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 3 km (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road (a vehicle track).




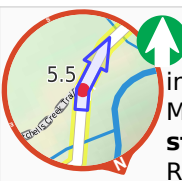
After another 85 m **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.


After another 80 m find the "Megalong Village (Historic)" (20 m on your left).




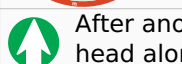
In 1870, kerosene shale was discovered in the area surrounding the upper end of Megalong and Diamond Creeks so in 1885, Mr J. B. North started to mine the resource. The mine continued for nearly 10 years. During the life of the mine, the Megalong Village grew to a small town with a hotel, butchery, bakery, public hall and around about 40 families. When the mines were closed in 1904, the best buildings were demolished and rebuilt in Katoomba. In the December of 1904, a huge bushfire ripped up through the valley destroying what buildings were left. Now the area is private land with a horse paddock with a view of the escarpment behind. A small bronze sign marks the site .

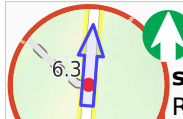
 After another 460 m head through/around the gate.


 After another 550 m (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Mitchells Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.


 After another 195 m climb over the stile.


 After another 110 m **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.


 After another 440 m **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.


 After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.


 After another 275 m **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.

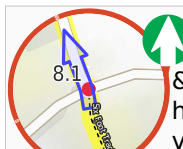
 After another 410 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track & Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).


 After another 7 m climb over the stile.

 After another 620 m climb over the stile.


 After another 115 m cross the McLennan Bridge (about 15 m long)

 After another 380 m climb over the stile.

 At the intersection of Megalong Road & Six Foot Track **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road (a vehicle track).

 After another 35 m pass the car park (20 m on your left).


 Then cross over the cattle grid.


 After another 55 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).


After another 40 m find the "Megalong Cemetery (historical)" (10 m on your left).





The Megalong Cemetery became the final resting place for at least 14 people who died between 1894 and 1931. Many of the grave sites are in poor repair or can no longer be easily found - please take care in the area to avoid any further damage. A tall stone monument marks the edge of the cemetery on the Six Foot Track, about 100m west of Megalong Road. This cemetery is currently under the management of the Blue Mountains City Council, and is recognised by the National Trust.


 After another 80 m cross over the cattle grid.


 After another 260 m cross over the cattle grid.


 After another 115 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.


 After another 65 m cross over the cattle grid.







 After another 230 m cross over the cattle grid.

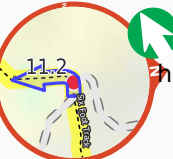




 At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Six Foot Track Road **turn right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).

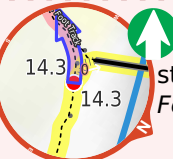

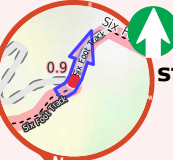
 After another 40 m cross the Guyver Bridge (about 8 m long)





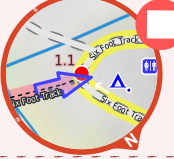


 After another 9 m head up the steps (about 10 m long)

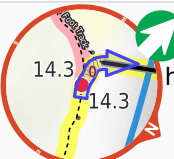
 After another 245 m climb over the stile.







	After another 370 m climb over the stile.
	After another 305 m head down the steps (about 35 m long)
	After another 6 m head up the steps (about 20 m long)
	After another 255 m climb over the stile.
	After another 560 m climb over the stile.
	After another 140 m climb over the stile.

	After another 200 m veer left , to head along Six Foot Track.
	After another 275 m pass a "Ron's Roost" (on your right).
	After another 370 m head through/around the gate.
	After another 590 m head down the steps (about 55 m long)
	After another 10 m head down the steps (about 25 m long)

Start of an alternate route: An alternative route linking Bowtells Swing Bridge to Coxs River Campsite.	
	To take the alternate route continue straight here. Start heading along Six Foot Track.
	After another 35 m continue straight , to head along Six Foot Track.
	After another 820 m continue straight , to head along Six Foot Track.

	After another 205 m cross the ford.
	After another 55 m find the "Coxs River" (20 m on your right).
	
The Coxs River starts west of Katoomba, running south-east as the main tributary for the Warragamba Dam. The Six Foot Track crosses the river using the slippery rounded stones or, when in flood, the large metal Bowtells Bridge. The campsite is located a short distance up the west bank from where the 6FT crosses. The water must be treated before drinking. The river provides some potentially nice swimming spots, with pools and interesting granite rock formations, be very careful if deciding to swim as it can also be very dangerous.	
	Turn left , to head along Six Foot Track.
	After another 4 m come to the end.
	About 75 m past the end is a toilet.
	At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.

	After another 1.8 km veer right , to head along Six Foot Track.
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	Then head down the steps (about 30 m long)
	Continue straight , to head along Six Foot Track.
	Then cross the Bowtells Swing Bridge (about 100 m long)
	After another 110 m find the "Bowtells Swing Bridge" (10 m on your left).
	
This suspension footbridge spans the Coxs River and provides an alternate route for the Six Foot Track when the river is in flood. Regardless of weather, this route is now becoming more popular with many walkers, wanting to avoid the river crossing. The bridge was built and opened in 1992 by the Royal Australian Engineers. The bridge is named after a fellow soldier of the builders, Corporal Bob Bowtell, who suffocated and died in foul air whilst attempting to clear a tunnel of the VC during the Vietnam war . Bowtell grew up in Katoomba and is now buried in West Malaysia.	
	After another 630 m head through/around the gate.

After another 80 m find the "Six Foot Track Lodge" (25 m on your right).



The Six Foot Track Lodge is situated above the flats of the Coxs River along the Six Foot Track alternate route, not far north of Coxs River Campsite. The lodge consists of two cabins, each with the capacity to sleep twelve people in bunks. The cabins are equipped with linen, warm blankets, log fire, pizza oven, tank water and has its own outhouse toilet. At \$35 per person per night, this is a very pleasant way to spend an evening. Authentic meals can also be organised for a fee. For more information, visit www.6fttracklodge.com or call Pavel on 0421 932 631. Walk-ins are welcome, however to ensure beds are available, booking in advance is recommended.



After another 50 m climb over the stile.



Veer left, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 230 m head through/around the gate.



After another 80 m find the "Coxs River Camping Area" (30 m on your right). Cox's River Campsite, on the Six Foot Track, is situated on the western bank of the Cox's River. It provides a shelter, water (rain tank or creek - treat before drinking either), picnic tables, toilet and a flat grassed camping area with excellent access to the river.



Then find the "Coxs River Campsite" (30 m on your right).



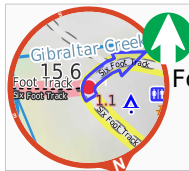
Coxs River Campsite, on the Six Foot Track, is found on the western bank of the Coxs River. It provides a sheltered picnic table, water (rain tank or creek - treat before drinking either), toilet and a flat grassed camping area with excellent access to the river. The campsite is used by people walking the Six Foot Track, but is also visited at times people people camping in 4WD. A nice place to camp. Despite the several fire scares, this is a fuel stove only area no fires allowed.



After another 10 m find the "Coxs River" (75 m on your left).



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Continue straight, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 155 m pass the toilet (30 m on your right).



After another 55 m cross the ford.



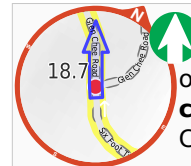
After another 370 m cross the ford.



After another 160 m cross the ford.



After another 2.4 km cross over the cattle grid.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 3 km pass the toilet (9 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Glen Chee Road.



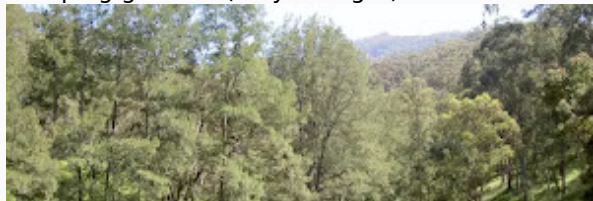
After another 55 m pass a seat (30 m on your right).



Then pass the "Alum Creek Reserve" (9 m on your right).



After another 50 m find the "Alum Creek Camping ground" (on your right).



Signposted as 'Alum Creek Reserve', this fairly flat grassy area, off the side of the dirt Glen Chee Road, part of the six foot track). The campsite is the least used and least developed of the three official campsites on the Six Foot Track, and makes a good place to stay if attempting the walk in two days. There are no facilities provided but the flat campsite is in a well-protected valley with the small Alum Creek beside the campsite and the fairly reliable Little River down the road (treat water before use).



Then cross the ford.



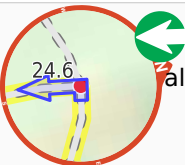
After another 690 m cross the ford.



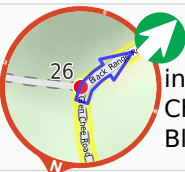
After another 160 m cross the ford.



After another 110 m cross the ford.



After another 2 km **turn left**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



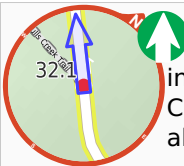
After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Glen Chee Road) **veer right**, to head along Black Range Road (a vehicle track).



After another 2.1 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Moorara Boss Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



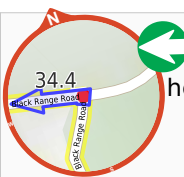
After another 3.6 km (at the intersection of Beefsteak Creek Fire Trail & Black Range Road) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



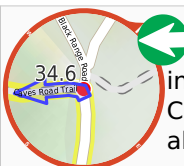
After another 410 m (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Bulls Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 1.7 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Bulls Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



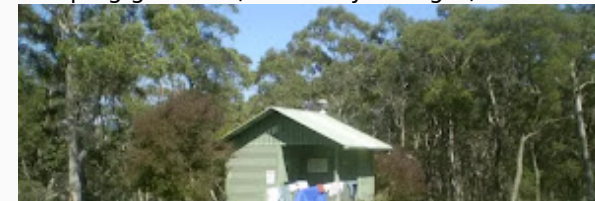
After another 500 m **turn left**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 250 m (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Caves Road Trail) **turn left**, to head along Caves Road Trail (a vehicle track).



After another 140 m find the "Black Range camping ground" (15 m on your right).



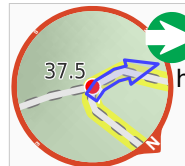
Black Range camping ground is found along the Six Foot Track, and is also accessible by car. The well maintained and signposted campsite has a couple of sheltered picnic tables, toilets, rainwater tank and an information board with map. The campsite is in a large fenced grassy area. The tank water is quiet reliable but the tank can become empty during long dry spells or through vandalism, please treat before use. A sign reminds campers that this is a Fuel Stove Only area - no camp fires



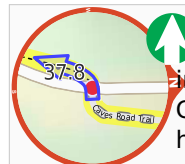
After another 65 m pass the picnic table (25 m on your right).



After another 95 m pass the toilet (45 m on your right).



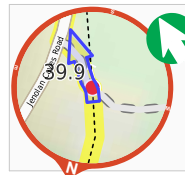
After another 2.6 km **turn right**, to head along Caves Road Trail.



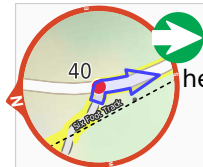
After another 270 m (at the intersection of Jenolan Caves Road & Caves Road Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a footpath).



After another 380 m head up the steps (about 55 m long)



After another 1.7 km **veer left**.



After another 55 m **turn right**, to head along Jenolan Caves Road.



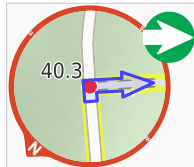
After another 170 m **continue straight**, to head along Jenolan Caves Road.



After another 55 m find the "Jenolan Caves Cottages" (10 m on your right).



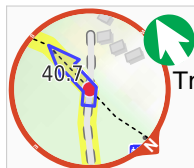
Located 9km from Jenolan Caves by road, Jenolan Caves Cottages offers eight well presented self contained timber cottages for guests to stay in. Each is fully insulated and furnished, with lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and linen. There is a large flat grassy area in front with often with kangaroos grazing and with a children's playground. For more information call the Jenolan Caves on 1300 763 311. The cottages have a two night minimum stay and prices are from around \$130 per night per cabin.



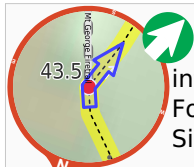
After another 100 m **turn right**.



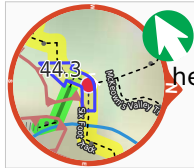
After another 390 m pass the toilet (50 m on your right).



Veer left, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 2.8 km (at the intersection of Mt George Firetrail & Six Foot Track) **veer right**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 860 m **veer left**, to head along Six Foot Track.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Bottom of Carlotta Arch Steps.



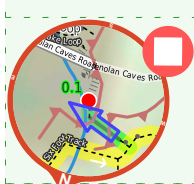
To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start**.



After another 30 m head through the tunnel (about 15 m long)



After another 7 m head through/around the gate.



After another 10 m come to the end.



"Carlotta Arch".



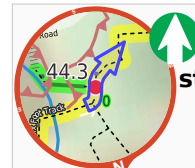
Carlotta Arch is a large and spectacular cave remnant overlooking Blue Lake. It is believed that the arch was named in honour of a daughter of a surveyor - General P.F. Adams. Adams is credited with having taken some of the earliest photos at Jenolan.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 60 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 44.3 km waypoint.



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 410 m come to a car park.



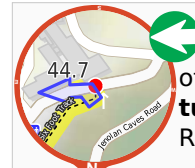
About 20 m past the end is "Tickets and Guide Office".



Then pass the shelter (55 m on your left).



Then pass the toilet (20 m on your left).



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Jenolan Caves Road & Six Foot Track) **turn left**, to head along Jenolan Caves Road (a road).



After another 25 m come to the end.



"Jenolan Caves House".



Jenolan Caves House, built in 1898, is a heritage-listed building which houses dining, a variety of accommodation options, and other services for visitors to the caves. Jenolan has two licensed restaurants: Trails Bistro is open from breakfast onwards and closes early evening. Trails serves a range of light meals including sandwiches, salads and hot food. Chisholm's Restaurant is open each morning for breakfast and each evening for dinner from 6.00pm. Essential items and beautiful souvenirs may be purchased from Things Jenolan, located on the ground floor of Caves House. Don't forget to explore one of the many caves to explore in the area. For more information, call Jenolan Caves on 1300 76 33 11.



About 20 m past the end is a sign.