



# Aboriginal Art Gallery

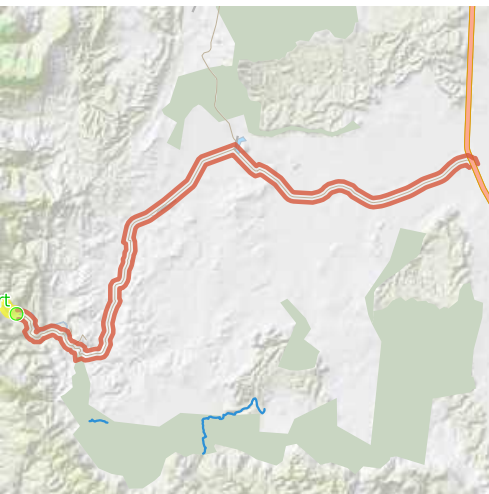
(Bidjara & Karingbal Country)

3 h to 5 h

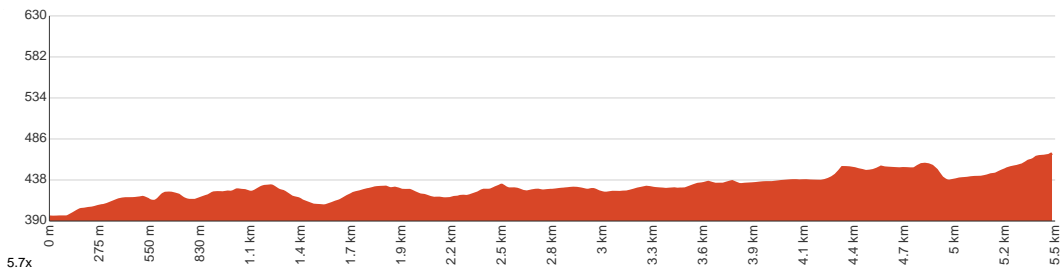
11 km  
Return

↑ 267 m  
↓ 267 m

3  
Moderate track



Starting from the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Park, this walk takes you to an exceptional Aboriginal Art Gallery and back via the Big Bend Walk track, visiting the Moss Garden, Amphitheatre and Ward's Canyon along the way. You'll be dazzled as you walk along the 62-metre long wall that is full of engravings, ochre stencils and free-hand paintings. This sandstone wall has more than 2000 pieces on it, and it's quite hard to believe they're thousands of years old because of how fresh and new they look. The Aboriginal people of Bidjara and Karingbal surely knew how to make paint last. Don't forget to read the information boards to fully understand the messages and meanings of the art. The Art Gallery of Carnarvon is considered to be one of the best places to view Aboriginal stencil art. Take plenty of water and avoid midday hikes in summer to have a better experience. You'll cross the creek multiple times, so hiking boots with ankle support are recommended. Let us begin by acknowledging the Bidjara & Karingbal 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	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Carnarvon Highway, A7

- Turn on to Wyseby Road, 2 then drive for 18.1 km
- Turn left onto Obriens Road and drive for another 25.5 km
- Continue and drive for another 190 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

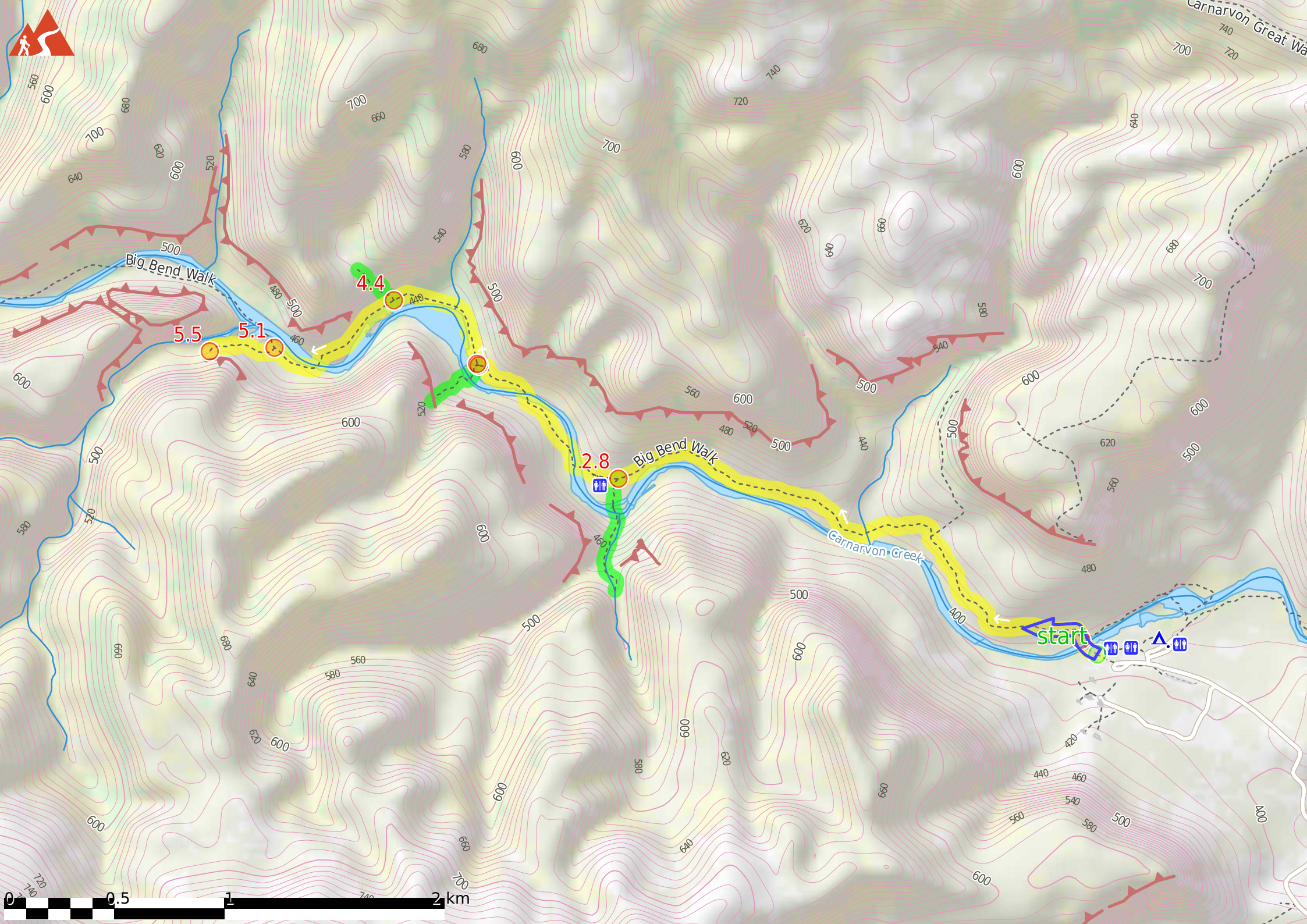
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

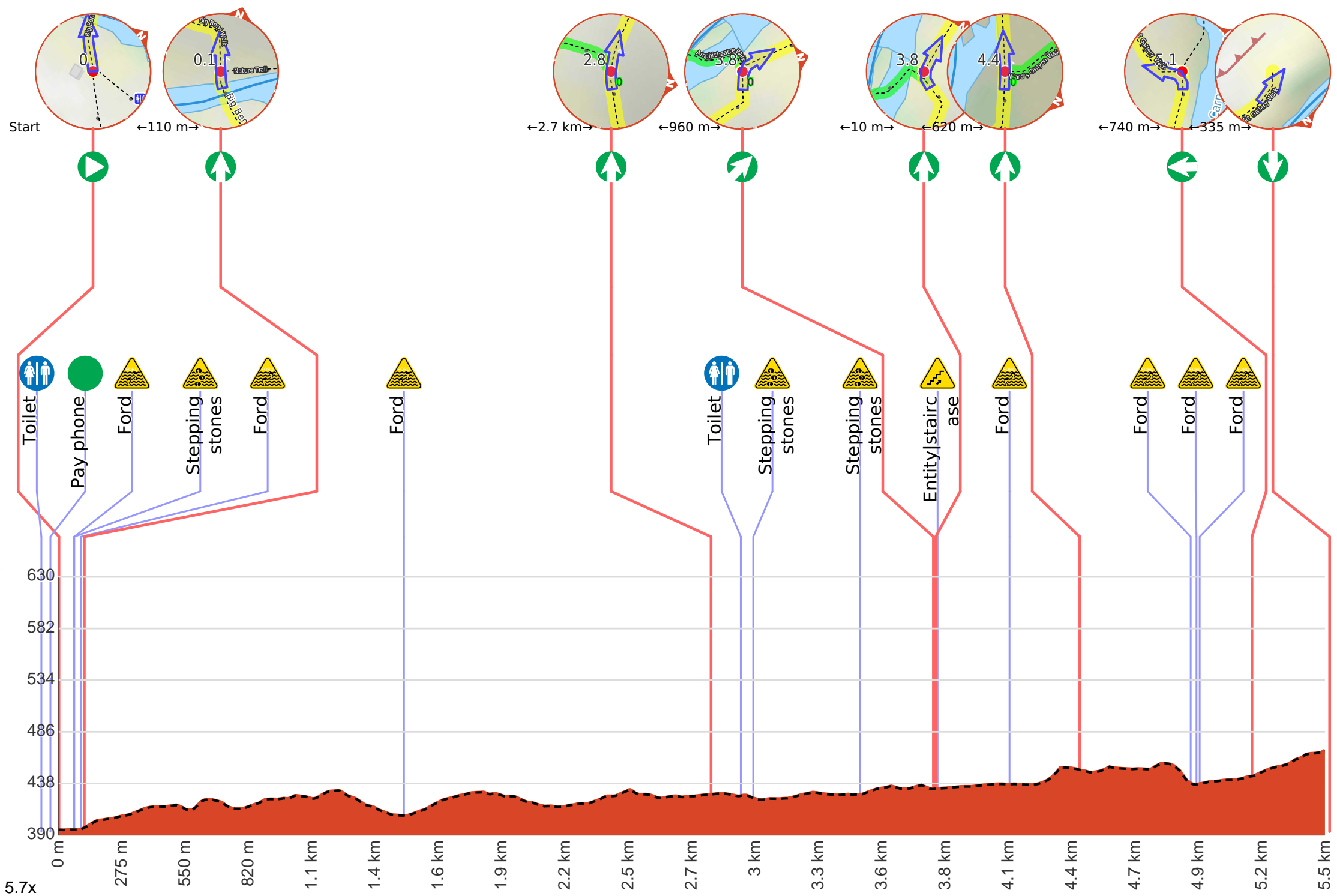
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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**Getting started:** From the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre, head towards the creek along the formed walking track. After crossing the said creek, keep left at the first intersection to join the Big Bend Walk. Stay on the track as it veers left and meanders along the creek (to your left) to continue along Aboriginal Art Gallery Track.



**Start** heading along *Big Bend Walk*.



There is a toilet (about 75 m back from the start).



There is a pay phone (about 35 m back from the start).



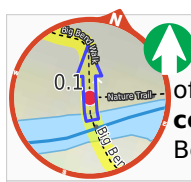
After 105 m cross the ford.



Then cross the stepping stones (about 30 m long)



Then cross the ford.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Nature Trail & Big Bend Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.

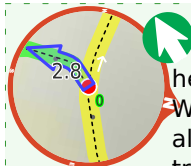


After another 1 km (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Boolimba Bluff Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 370 m cross the ford.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This optional but recommended side trip takes you to the Moss Garden, a place that has an incredibly peaceful and stunning scenery, along with a little waterfall to add to the serenity.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Moss Garden Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Moss Garden Walk* (a walking track).



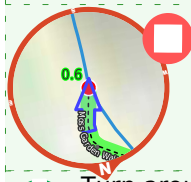
After 135 m cross the ford.



After another 55 m cross the ford.



After another 310 m cross the ford.



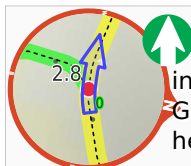
After another 125 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 630 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 2.8 km waypoint.



After another 1.3 km (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Moss Garden Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 130 m pass the toilet (50 m on your left).



**Continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 60 m cross the stepping stones (about 140 m long)



After another 320 m cross the stepping stones (about 45 m long)

**Start of an optional side trip:** This optional side trip takes you to the Amphitheatre. 60 metres deep, this acoustic rock formation presents a unique audible experience.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Amphitheatre Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Amphitheatre Walk* (a walking track).



After another 10 m **continue straight**, to head along Amphitheatre Walk.



After another 10 m cross the ford.



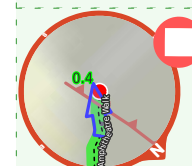
After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 15 m find the "tiered ladder" (on your left).



After another 195 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 350 m to the main route.

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



After another 270 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Amphitheatre Walk) **veer right**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 20 m find the "tiered ladder" (110 m on your left).



At the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Amphitheatre Walk **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.

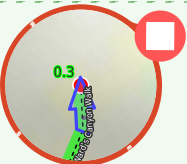


After another 320 m cross the ford.

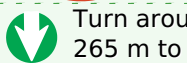
**Start of an optional side trip:** This optional side trip takes you to the Ward's Canyon. Step back in time as you're passing through the King ferns and slender tree ferns in this naturally cool spot.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Ward's Canyon Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Ward's Canyon Walk* (a walking track).

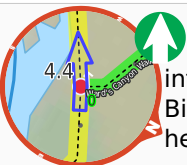


After another 265 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 265 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 4.4 km waypoint.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Ward's Canyon Walk & Big Bend Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 480 m cross the ford.



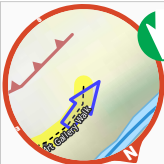
After another 25 m cross the ford.



After another 15 m cross the ford.



After another 225 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Art Gallery Walk) **turn left**, to head along Art Gallery Walk.



Continue another 335 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 5.5 km to get back to the start.