






Echidna Hike

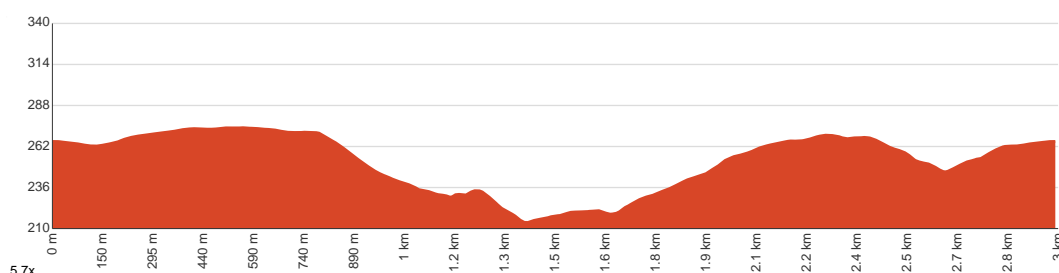
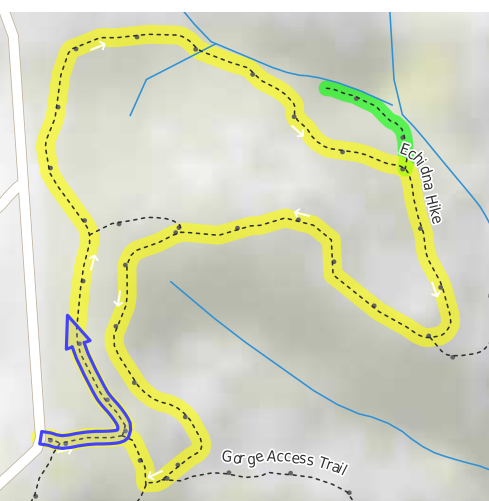
 1 h to 1 h 30 min
 30 min to 45 min


3 km
Circuit


↑ 94 m
↓ 94 m


Moderate track

Starting from the roadside car park at Gate 12 on Piggott Range Road, Onkaparinga Hills, this walk takes you on a circuit via the Echidna Hike and Waterfall Spur Tracks. The Echidna Hike takes you on a narrow trail over moderate slopes and through lovely pink gum, grey box and sheoak bushland. Enjoy the winter and spring floral displays, including stunning orchids. You will see the charming stone ruins of an old cottage, have great views of the gorge, and get a good workout. Along the way, a short side track leads to a small waterfall that is incredibly picturesque after heavy rains. The trail is marked with large signs, making it easy to follow. The gradient is gentle, with some slightly rocky sections along the way. Let us begin by acknowledging the 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	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Southern Expressway, M2

- Turn on to Southern Expressway Exit, M2 then drive for 105 m
- Turn left onto Main South Road, A13 and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right and drive for another 185 m
- Keep right onto Hepenstal Road and drive for another 20 m
- Continue onto Hepenstal Road and drive for another 130 m
- Keep right onto Hepenstal Road and drive for another 265 m
- Turn right onto Hepenstal Road and drive for another 860 m
- Turn sharp left onto Piggott Range Road and drive for another 5.7 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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Gosse Road

Piggott Range Road

start

Echidna Hike

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Waterfall Spur

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Nature Trail

Nature Trail

Gorge Access Trail

Onkaparinga River

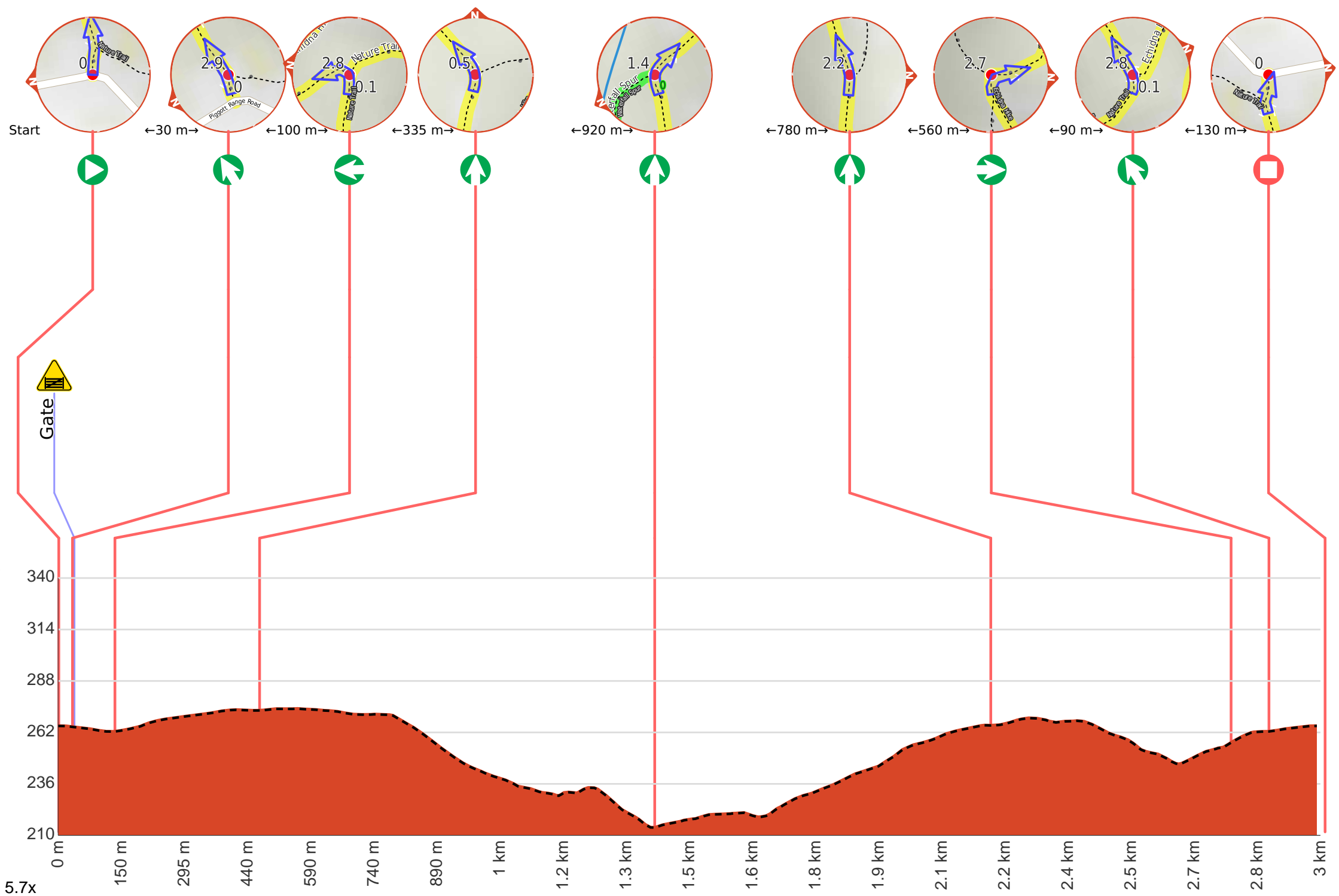
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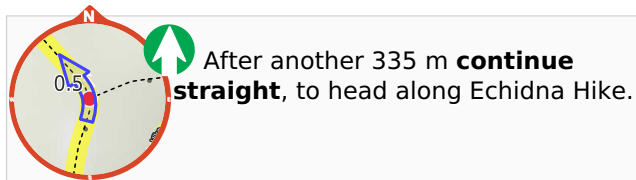
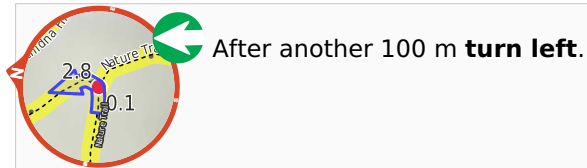
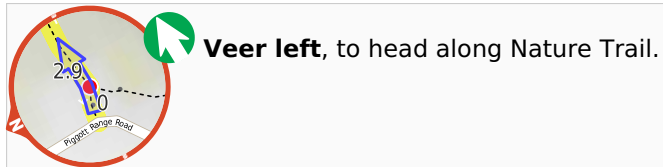
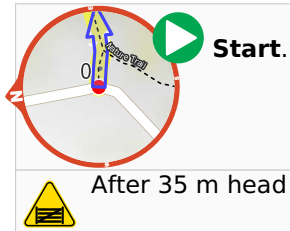
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Getting started: Starting from the roadside car park at Gate 12 on Piggott Range Road (1.20km south of intersection with Coxs Hill Road), head towards the green "Onkaparinga River National Park" signpost along the dirt path. Pass through the gap next to the metal gate and continue straight along the dirt trail as you pass by the informational signposts to your left, moving directly away from the road. After around 100 metres veer left as the trail splits into two to continue along Echidna Hike Circuit.



Start of an optional side trip: A little side trip taking you to a small waterfall, especially picturesque after heavy rain.

