



# Munyang River Circuit

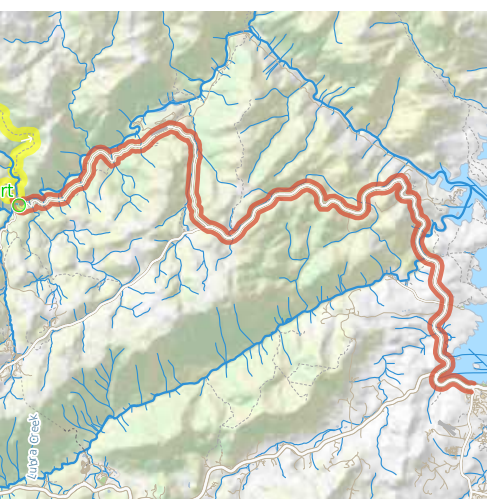
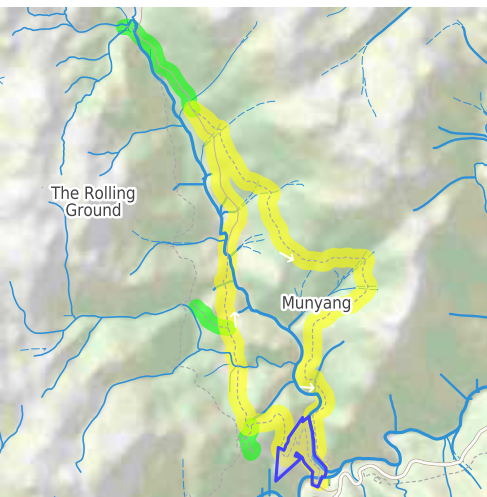
(Ngarigo Country)

 4 h 30 min to 7 h

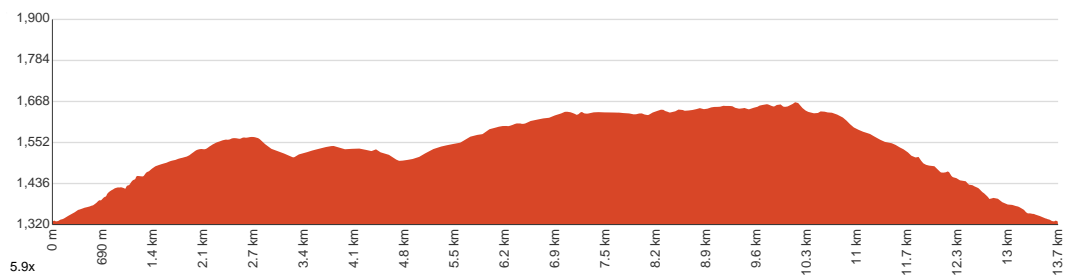
  
13.7 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 537 m  
↓ 537 m

  
Hard track



This walk explores the alpine country and huts around the Munyang River. You will explore parts of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, starting with the Munyang/Guthega Power Station, before climbing up the steep old road to find some great views down the valley. Optional side trips can take you to the Gate House, Horse Camp Hut and White's River Hut, adding further variety to your day. Loop back to the start using the aqueduct trail down Disappointment Spur, visiting another hut on the way. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 8.9 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Road and drive for another 4.7 km
- Keep left onto Guthega Road and drive for another 8.3 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Powerstation Access and drive for another 285 m
- Keep right onto Guthega Powerstation Road and drive for another 65 m
- Turn right and drive for another 25 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

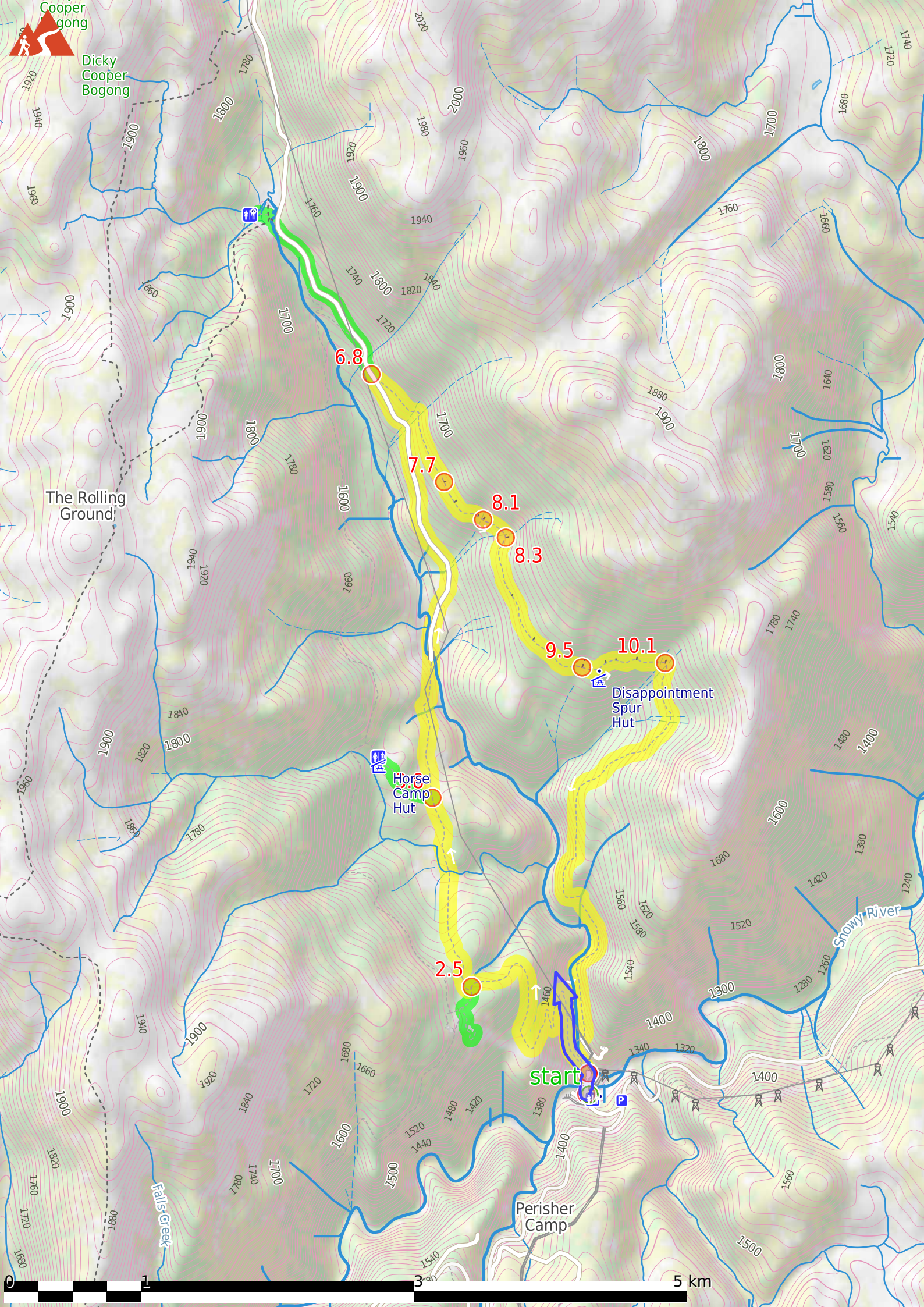
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

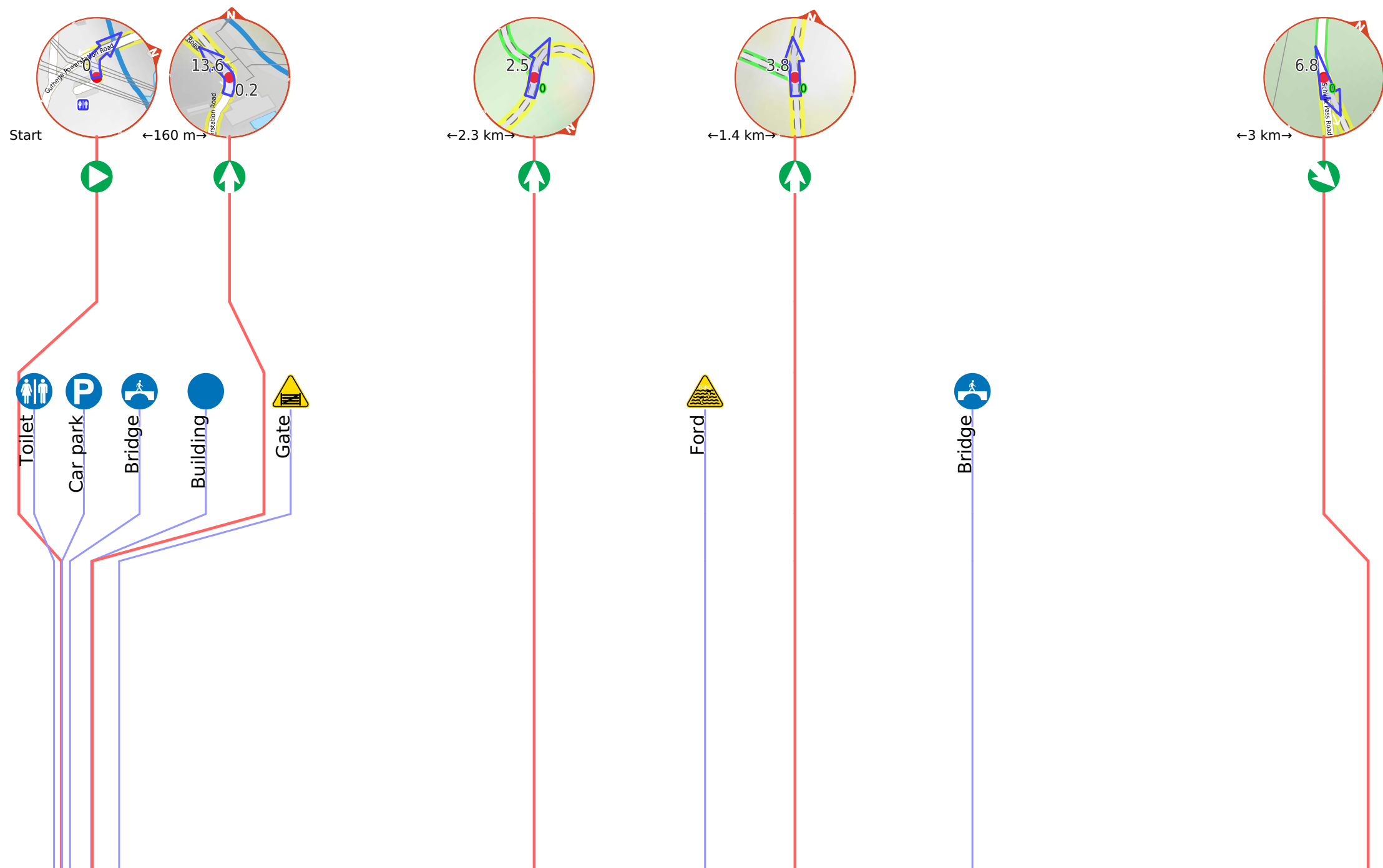
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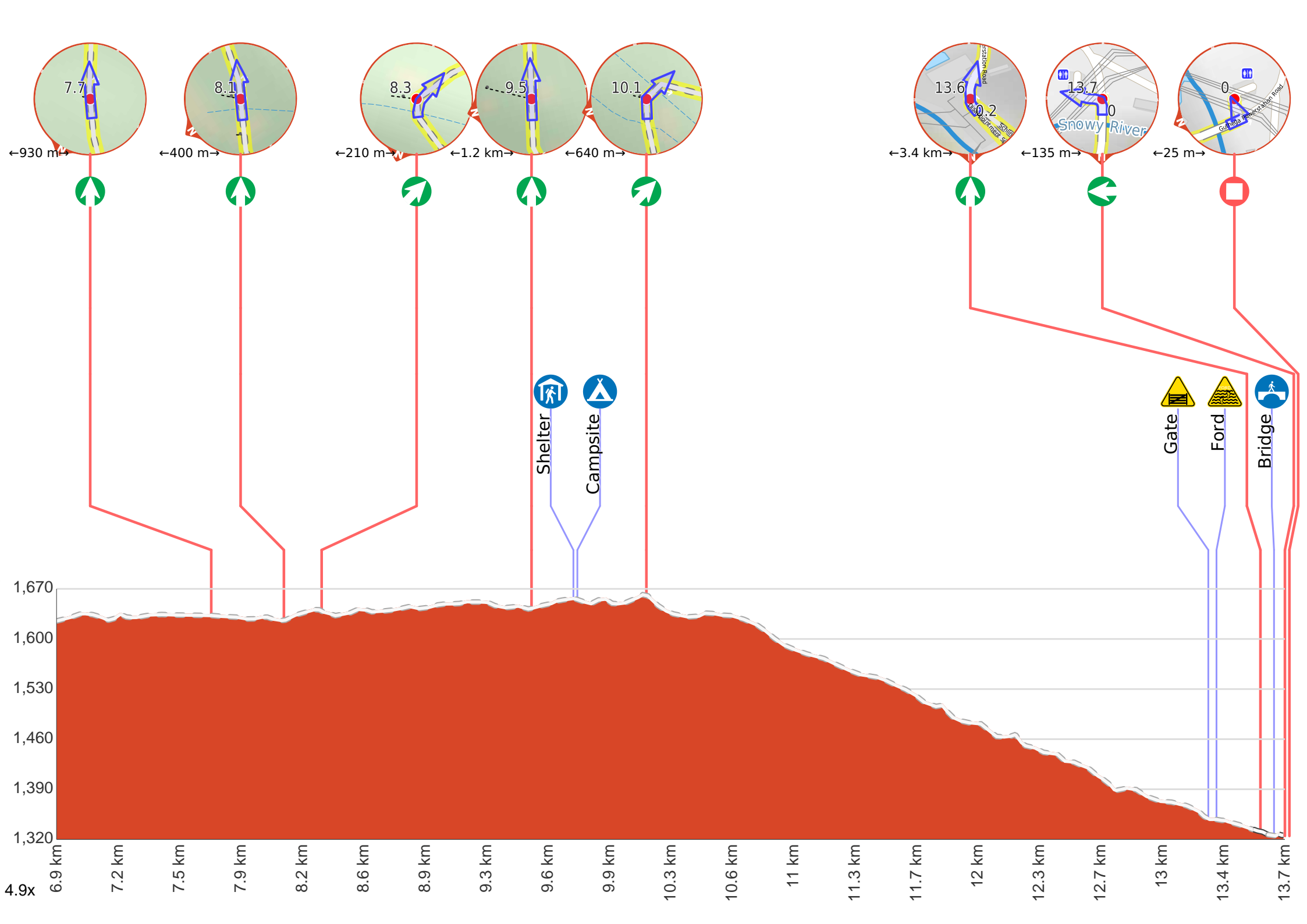




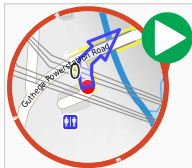




Shape must have at least 2 pairs of points



**Getting started:** From the Munyang (Guthega Power Station) car park, this walk heads along the short driveway and across the large bridge over the Snowy River, heading towards the power station. At the fence (on the other side of the bridge), this walk turns left to head around to the other side of the power station. Just past the concrete building, this walk passes the two large feeder pipes and continues, soon finding an intersection with two management trails marked with a 'Schlink Trail' sign.



**Start.**



There is a toilet (about 45 m back from the start)., not equipped with Handwashing basin.



There is a car park (about 5 m back from the start).



After another 20 m **turn right**, to head along Guthega Powerstation Road.



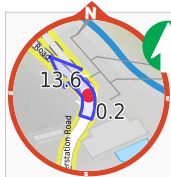
After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 40 m long)



After another 70 m find the "Guthega Power Station (Munyang)" (25 m on your right).



This was the first power station of the Snow Mountains Hydro Electric Scheme, completed in 1955. It is also known as Munyang, as the station sits just west of the confluence of the Munyang and Snowy Rivers. The station boasts two 30MW turbine and generator combinations, providing peak power to the eastern states. The turbines are powered from the water in two large pipes that form part of the Guthega Pressure Tunnel, fed by Guthega Dam. The dam is about 260m higher than the power station.

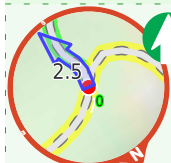


After another 7 m **continue straight**.

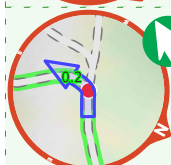


After another 140 m head through/around the gate.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Gate House.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



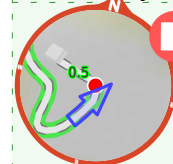
After another 160 m **veer left**.



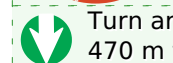
After another 190 m find the "Gate House" (30 m on your left).



The gate house is a large concrete building, built into the side of the hill about 220m above Guthega Power Station. This building joins the underground Guthega pressure tunnel with the long white pipe that feed the power station. The gate house regulates the flow of water from the dam to the power station. There is some limited shelter and a great view along the pipe down to Munyang.



After another 120 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 470 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 2.5 km waypoint.

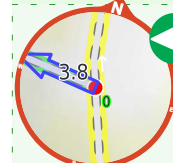


After another 2.2 km **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.

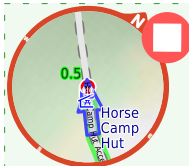


After another 890 m cross the ford.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Horse Camp Hut.



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



After another 510 m come to the end.



About 20 m past the end is "Horse Camp Hut".



Horse Camp Hut is found beside a trail linking the old Munyang-Geehi Rd with an aqueduct trail on the western side of the valley. Still in good condition, this hut was built for surveyors in the 1950s as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme effort. The hut has a distinctive red door and two rooms. The smaller room contains bunk beds and a stove and the larger room has a fire place, table and sitting area. The hut has a timber floor and the outer walls and roof are made of corrugated iron. There is a creek nearby for water and a pit toilet is available. The grassy flat area around the hut makes for great camping.



"Horse Camp Hut".



A toilet.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 510 m to the main route.

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

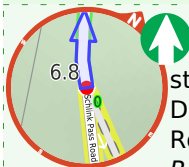


After another 470 m **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.

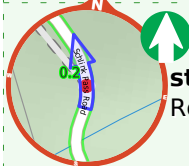


After another 920 m cross the bridge (about 55 m long)

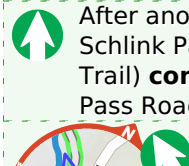
to White's River Hut.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Disappointment Spur Trail & Schlink Pass Road **Start** heading along *Schlink Pass Road* (a service road).



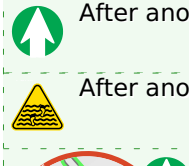
After another 160 m **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 640 m (at the intersection of Schlink Pass Road & Horse Camp Aquaduct Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 410 m **veer left**.



After another 75 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m cross the ford.



**Continue straight.**



After another 10 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 80 m cross the ford.



After another 40 m come to the end.



About 25 m past the end is "Whites River Hut".  
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About 25 m past the end is "White's River Hut".



At this site, there are a few buildings - the main hut is believed to have been built in by Bill Naphthali and Fred Clarke in 1935 to house them as they grazed cattle. It is also possible that the hut was built by Edward Haslingdon and his sons in 1933. The Kosciusko Alpine Club has a long history with the hut and has made many changes over the years - they are now the primary caretakers. This hut has two main rooms plus an entry woodpile annex. The second hut is behind the main hut - the SMA hut (aka the Kelvinator). This second hut is not as well maintained as the main one. There is also a pit toilet beside the hut. A large, flat, grassy area makes a great place to camp and the nearby creek is a source of water. NOTE: On 27th July 2010 an accidental fire has done significant damage to this hut, it is now fenced off and accessing the hut is unsafe. A plan is likely to be put into place to restore the hut.



About 35 m past the end is a toilet., not equipped with Handwashing basin.

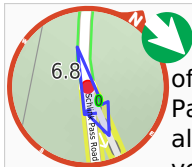


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.5 km to the main route.

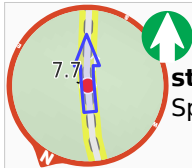


Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 6.8 km waypoint.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip



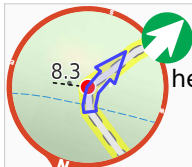
After another 2 km (at the intersection of Disappointment Spur Trail & Schlink Pass Road) **turn sharp right**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail (a vehicle track).



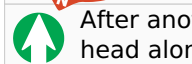
After another 930 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 400 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



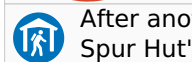
After another 210 m **veer right**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 410 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 760 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 235 m pass the "Disappointment Spur Hut" (20 m on your right).



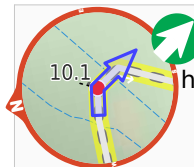
After another 20 m find the "Disappointment Spur Hut" (15 m on your right).



Disappointment Spur Hut was built in the 1950's out of two standard accommodation modules, to support workers on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The hut is in a small clearing on the side of Disappointment Spur Trail (aka Aqueduct track). There is a supply of water from the nearby aqueduct and a flat area for camping (no toilet). The hut is made from weatherboard with a flat tin roof, has a timber floor and three windows. There is a bunk bed and a table inside, and a fire circle outside.



**Continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 450 m **veer right**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



After another 3.1 km head through/around the gate.



After another 9 m **continue straight**, to head along Disappointment Spur Trail.



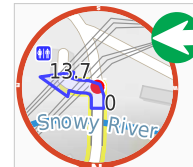
After another 35 m cross the ford.



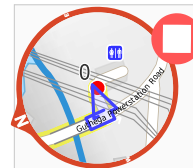
After another 245 m **continue straight**.



After another 75 m cross the bridge (about 40 m long)



After another 20 m **turn left**.



After another 25 m come to the end.