



Awabakal Coastal Walk

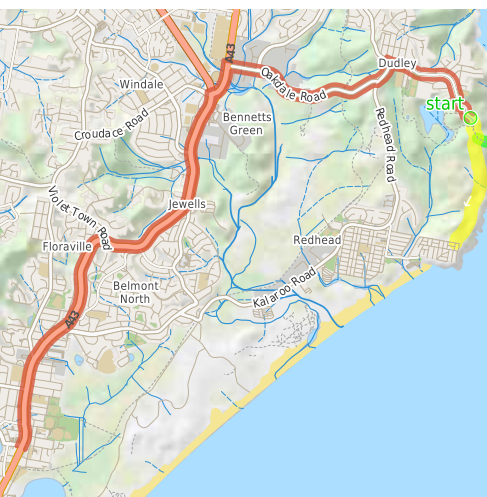
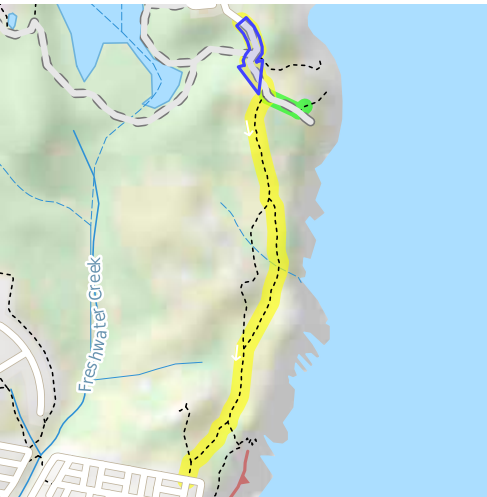
(Awabakal Country)

40 min to 45 min

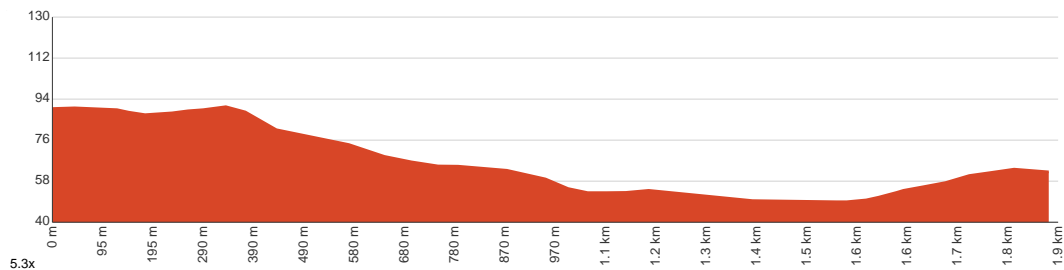
1.9 km
One way

↑ 19 m
↓ 47 m

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Hard track



This walk traverses the Awabakal Nature Reserve. Starting from Dudley in the north, this walk travels south through coastal heath and forest, until coming to Redhead. The vegetation throughout this walk is particularly attractive during the wildflower season of July to October. The side trip out to the Awabakal Viewpoint gives great views to the north along the coastline. A car shuffle would be ideal for this one-way walk. The walking tracks are a little overgrown, but if you like native forest and heath, or simply flowers, then this is the walk for you. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal 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	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
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)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway, A43

- Turn on to Pacific Highway, A43 then drive for 500 m
- Turn right onto Oakdale Road and drive for another 2.3 km
- Turn left onto Redhead Road and drive for another 315 m
- Turn sharp right onto Ocean Street and drive for another 1.5 km

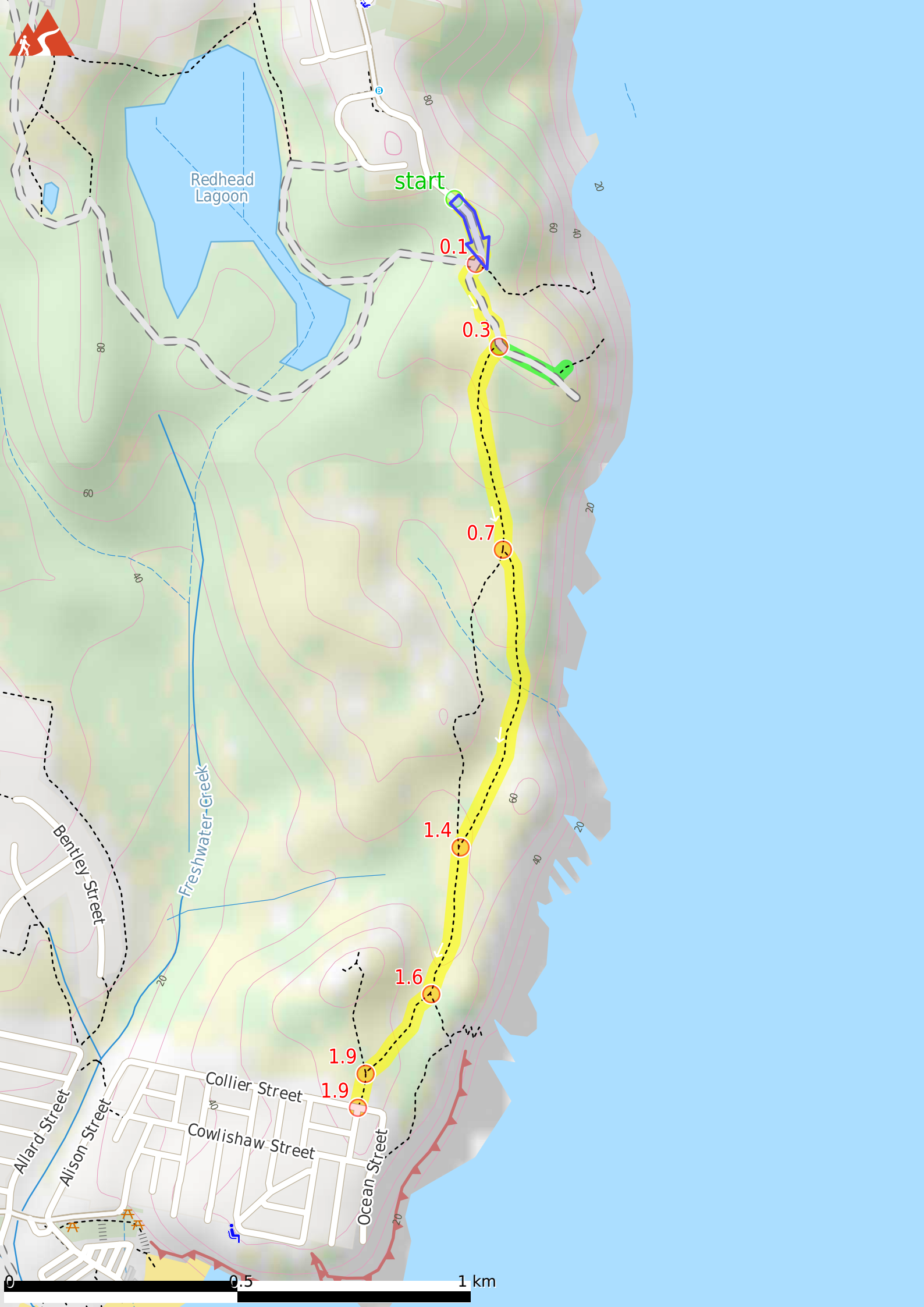
Before you start any journey ensure you;

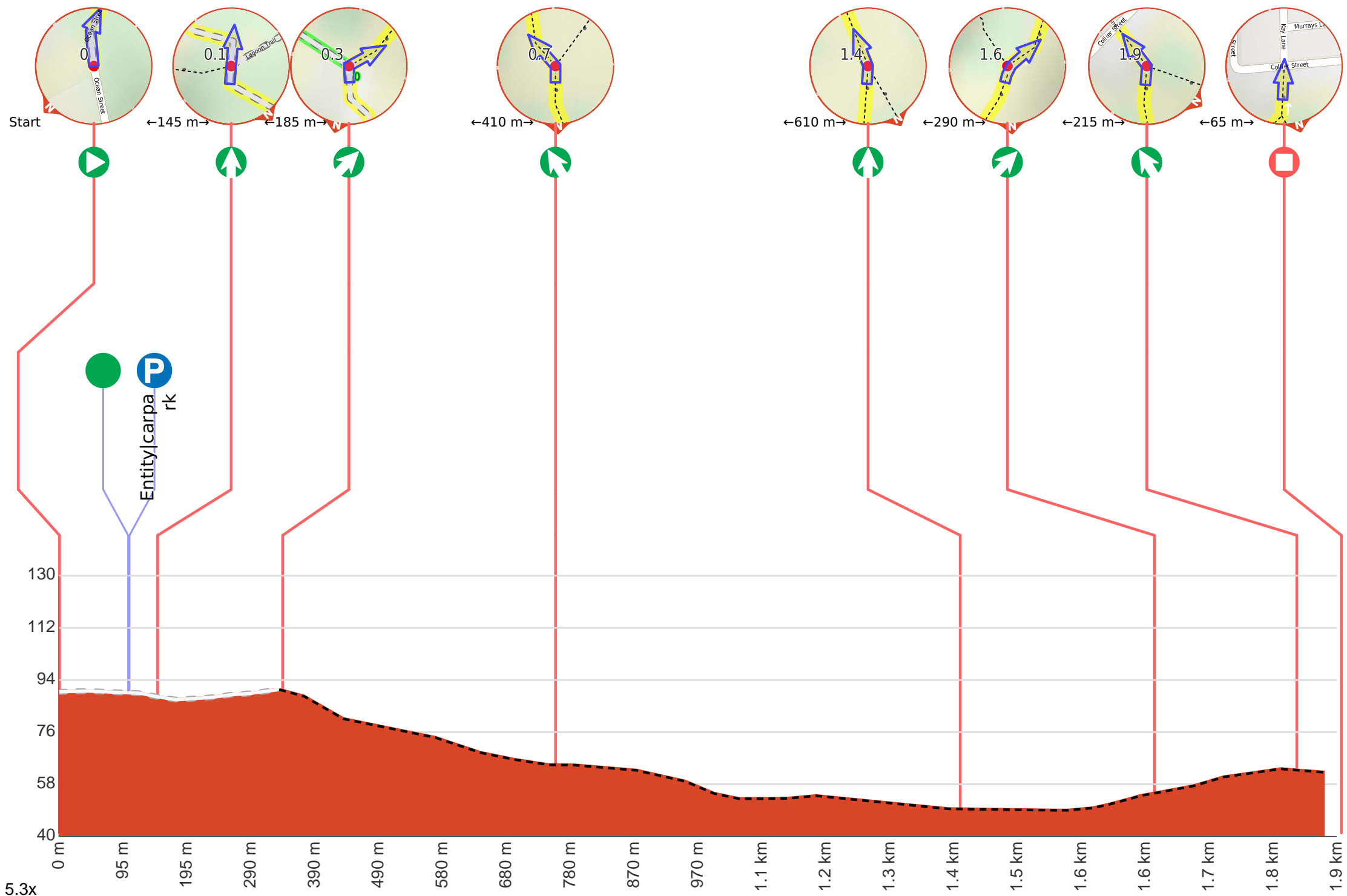
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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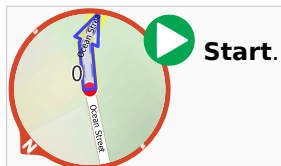






Getting started: From the Awabakal car park (end of Ocean St, Dudley), this walk passes around the locked metal gate and follows the track gently downhill. The walk continues through native forest for about 110m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a large stand-alone tree and picnic table.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently uphill, while leaving the stand-alone tree directly behind you and keeping the ocean on your left. This walk continues, undulating through coastal vegetation for about 160m, until coming to a level three-way intersection with a smaller track on the right.



After 105 m find the "Awabakal Nature Reserve" (6 m on your right).

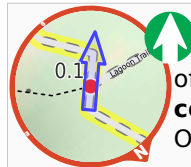


Awabakal Nature Reserve covers 227 hectares of coastal heath between Dudley and Redhead. The Awabakal Reserve contains a wide range of habitats including one of the largest remaining coastal heath communities, and also perched lagoons, creek catchments, dry and wet sclerophyll forest and remnants of rainforest. This park was created in January 1978. The coastal viewpoints from the reserve are also great for whale watching, bird watching and wildflower photography.

P Then find the "Awabakal Car Park" (5 m on your right).



The Awabakal car park at the end of Ocean Street, Dudley is a good spot to start a walk within the Awabakal Nature Reserve. The car park contains a turning circle and is fenced amongst open forest. No other facilities exist here. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

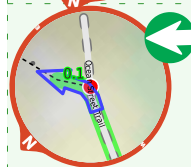


After another 40 m (at the intersection of Ocean Street Trail & Lagoon Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Ocean Street Trail.

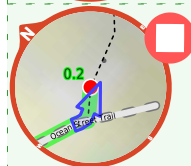
Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Awabakal Viewpoint.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. **Start** heading along *Ocean Street Trail*.



After another 135 m **turn left**.



After another 30 m come to the end.

About 15 m past the end is "Awabakal Viewpoint".



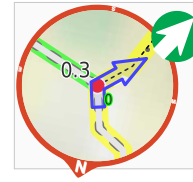
The Awabakal Viewpoint offers excellent views out over the ocean from its elevated viewpoint. This viewpoint is unfenced and care should therefore be taken. The views are particular good to the north towards Newcastle. Please stay on the tracks already created to reduce the erosion of the cliff top.



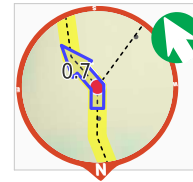
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 165 m to the main route.



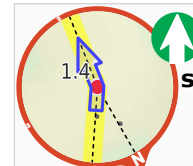
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 335 m waypoint.



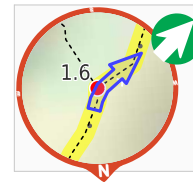
After another 185 m **veer right**.



After another 410 m **veer left**.



After another 610 m **continue straight**.



After another 290 m **veer right**.

