

Asgard Kiln and Mine (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)



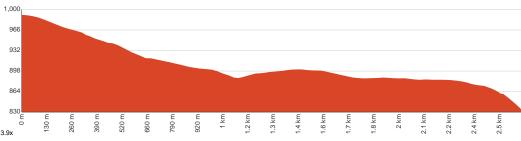








The walk to the Asgard Kiln and Mine is a great, guick trip which passes through some interesting swamp environments. The track does not get bogged in the swamp but passes along a dry service trail and bush track. The Asgard Kiln and Mine is well worth the visit, but don't forget to take a torch! Let 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	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)

Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6) Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

• Turn on to Victoria Falls Road then drive for 4.1 km

Experience Required

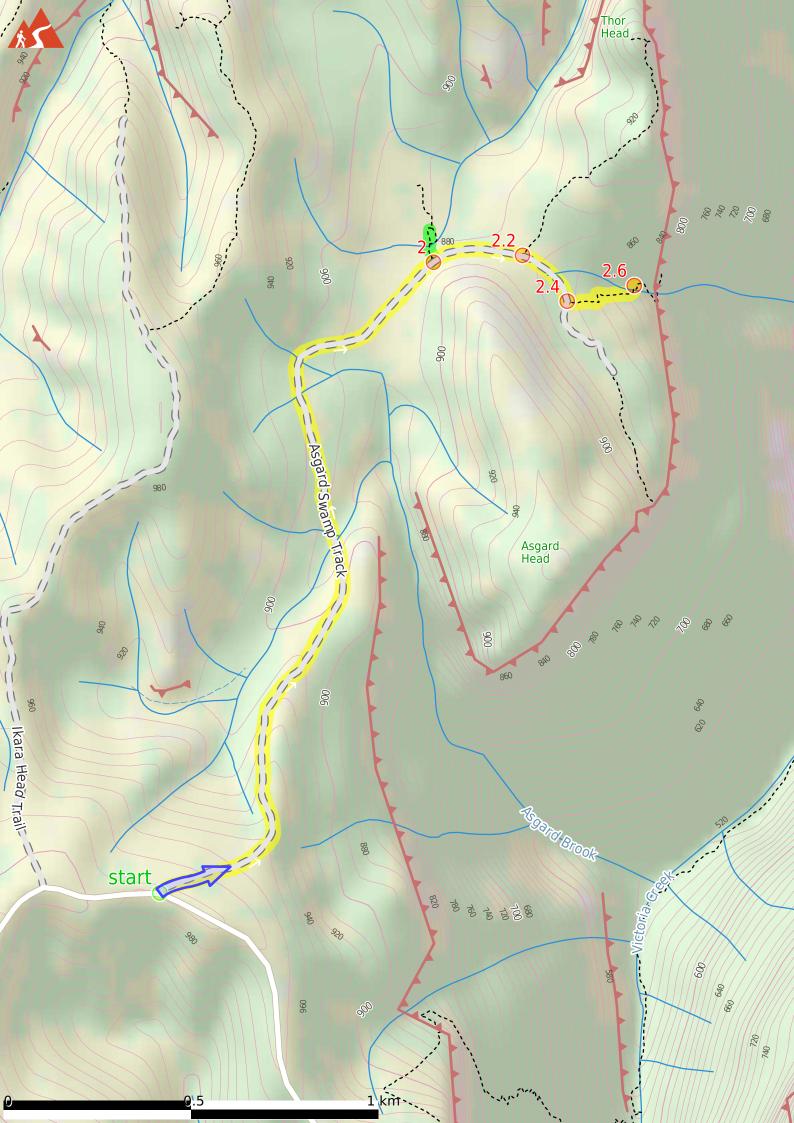
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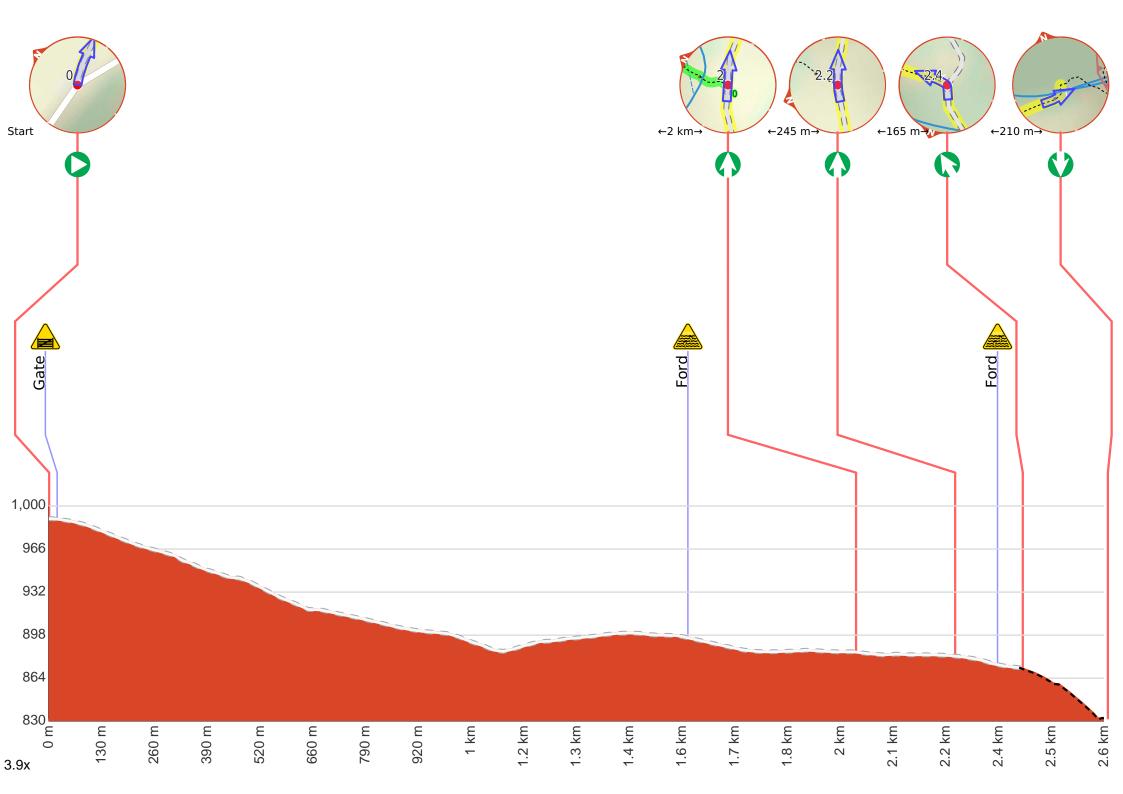
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- · 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.







Getting started: From the car park with the 'Asgard Swamp 3km' sign, this walk passes the closed gate and heads down the hill. After a short distance, the track tends left, more steeply down the hill, to then follow the spur for approximately 500m. The walk then comes to a creek crossing in a swampy area, after which the trail heads up the hill and tends right, continuing for a few hundred metres to an area between two rock outcrops, the larger one on the right.



At the intersection of Victoria Falls Road & Asgard Swamp Track **Start** heading along *Asgard Swamp Track* (a vehicle track).



Find the gate at the start.



After another 1.6 km cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Pyramid Rock camping area.



After another 80 m come to the end.



"Pyramid Shaped Rock".

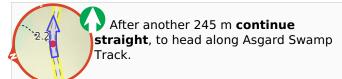


The pyramid-shaped rock, Blue Mountains NP, is, as the name suggests, a rock shaped like a pyramid. This rock is situated just south of Asgard Swamp, next to the service trail. The campsite has a well-established fireplace and nicely cleared area for tents. The pyramid shaped rock adds some character to the campsite, providing views over the swamp. Turn around and retrace your steps back the 80 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 2 km waypoint.







After another 105 m cross the ford.



After another 65 m veer left.

After another 210 m come to "Asgard Mine".



Asgard mine is the entrance to an old coal mine. The mine and kiln are the only heritage links to such industrial efforts of the 1860's to 1920's, in New South Wales. The mine's entrance is approximately 1.6m tall and wide and expands some 30m into the hill, so pack a torch if peering in. (The integrity of the mine is unknown.)

About 15 m past the end is "Asgard Kiln".



Asgard kiln is an old coke oven which was used in the processing of the coal. The oven looks as though it has never been used, with a clean set of bricks inside and sandstone blocks on the outside. The oven is overgrown, although the entrance is still clear.

Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.6 km to get back to the start.