



Bellbird Trail

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

1 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

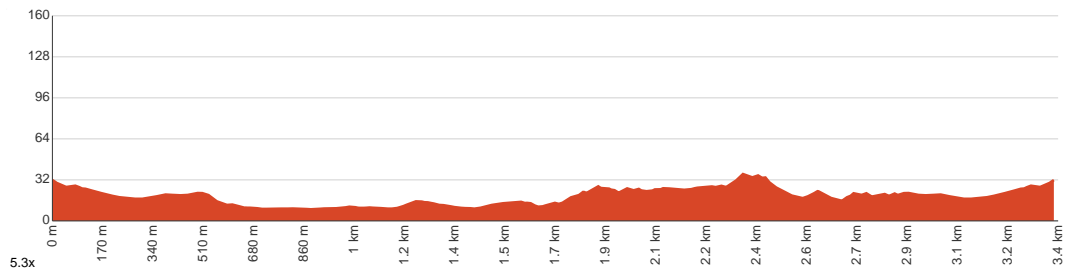
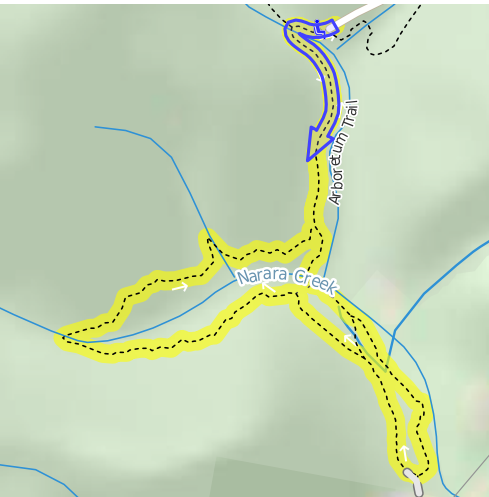
3.4 km
Circuit

↑ 95 m
↓ 95 m

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Moderate track



A great walk, passing through plenty of the Strickland rainforest, and among the tall tress of the arboretum. You are likely to have the sound of Bellbirds adding to the atmosphere along parts of this walk. There are a number of picturesque creek crossings along the way, one with a small suspension bridge. The Banksia picnic area is a very short deviation off the road if you want to make use of the facilities. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	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	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Before you start any journey ensure you;

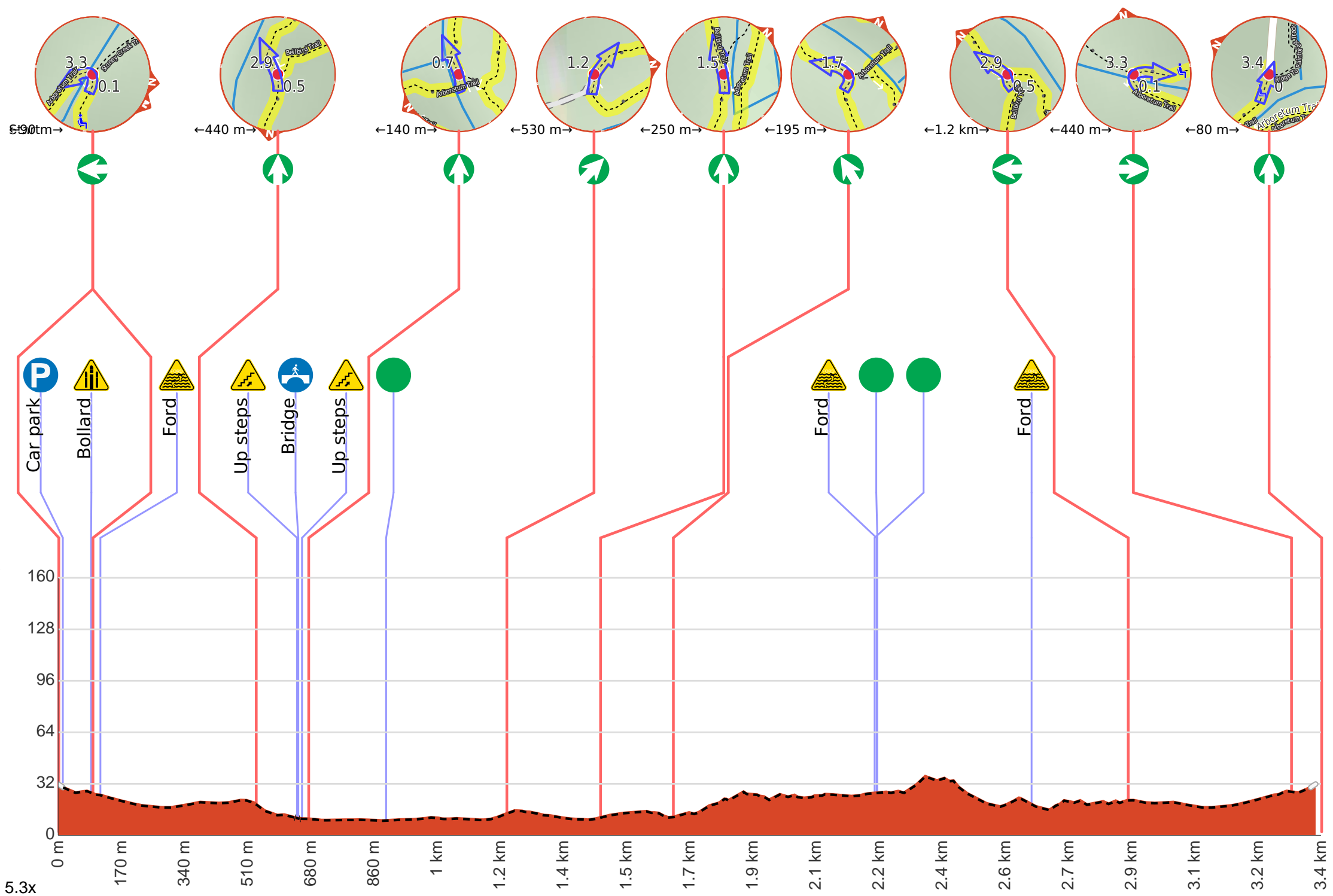
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

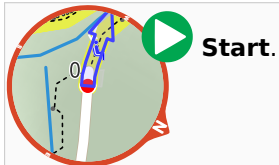
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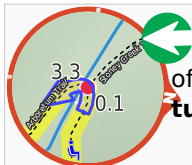
Getting started: From the car park, the walk follows the 'Walking Trails' arrow along the management trail. The walk passes an information board, with a map of the walking trails, and continues a short distance to an intersection just before the creek crossing.



P After 10 m to find the "Stoney Creek Car Park".



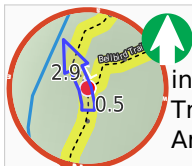
After another 75 m head through the bollard.



After another 5 m (at the intersection of Stoney Creek Trail & Arboretum Trail) **turn left**, to head along Arboretum Trail.



After another 20 m cross the ford.



After another 420 m (at the intersection of Bellbird Trail & Arboretum Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Arboretum Trail.



After another 110 m head up the wooden steps (about 3 m long)



Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



Then head up the wooden steps (about 3 m long)



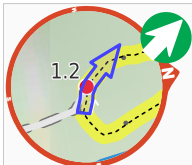
After another 15 m (at the intersection of Bellbird Trail & Arboretum Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Arboretum Trail.



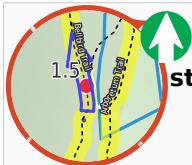
After another 210 m find the "Strickland State Forest Arboretum" (5 m on your left).



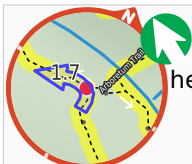
This arboretum is apparently one of the oldest in Australia, with plantings dating from 1887-1924. Numerous signs have been placed along the walking tracks to identify some of the species of trees. There are very tall, and impressive, examples of Hoop Pine, Bunya Pine, Tallow Wood and Red Cedar.



After another 325 m **veer right**.



After another 250 m **continue straight**.



After another 195 m **veer left**, to head along Bellbird Trail.



After another 550 m cross the ford.



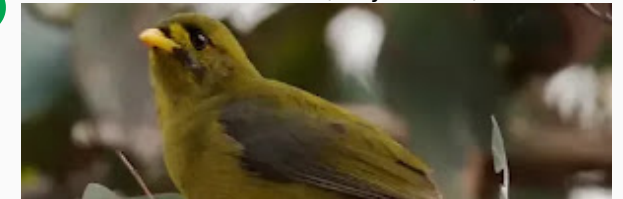
Then find the "Bellbird Trail Narara crossing" (20 m on your left).



This picturesque crossing of Narara Creek is on the 'Bellbird Trail' in the Strickland State Forest. It is a great spot to break for a rest, or lunch, on your walk. There are no facilities, however, there are some steps and rocks to sit on while you soak up the scenery.



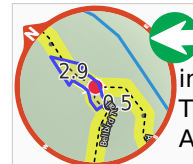
Then find the "Bellbirds" (on your left).



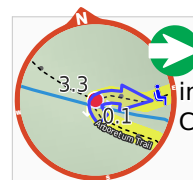
The Bellbird (more properly known as the Bell Miner) is a member of the Honeyeater family. These birds live and breed in large colonies, aggressively defending their territory. More often heard than seen, their call is described as a "Sweet, musical, bell-like 'tink'". They are 'mostly olive-green, with a short, down-curved, bright yellow bill, a red-orange bare eye patch and orange-yellow feet and legs'.



After another 420 m cross the ford.



After another 260 m (at the intersection of Arboretum Trail & Bellbird Trail) **turn left**, to head along Arboretum Trail.



After another 440 m (at the intersection of Arboretum Trail & Stoney Creek Trail) **turn right**.



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Strickland Forest Road & Ridge To Rainforest Track) **continue straight**, to head along Strickland Forest Road.



After another 10 m come to the end.