

Pyramid Shaped Rock (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

1 h 30 min, 3 h to 2 days

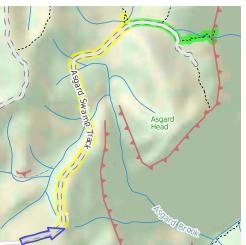


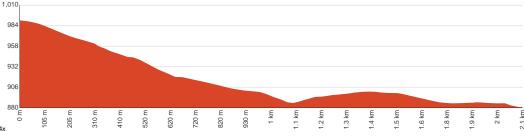


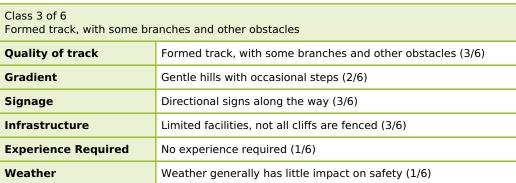




Pyramid Shaped Rock, is a rock shaped (somewhat) like a pyramid. It is a great place to camp the night, with a flat clear area for your tent, or a nice place to stop for lunch on a day trip. The rock is adjacent to a swamp with water (normally), and the rock's proximity to Thor and Asgard Head walks makes it a great base camp. For another adventure, the side trip to Asgard Kiln and Mine are well worth the trip if you're staying overnight. 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.









Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

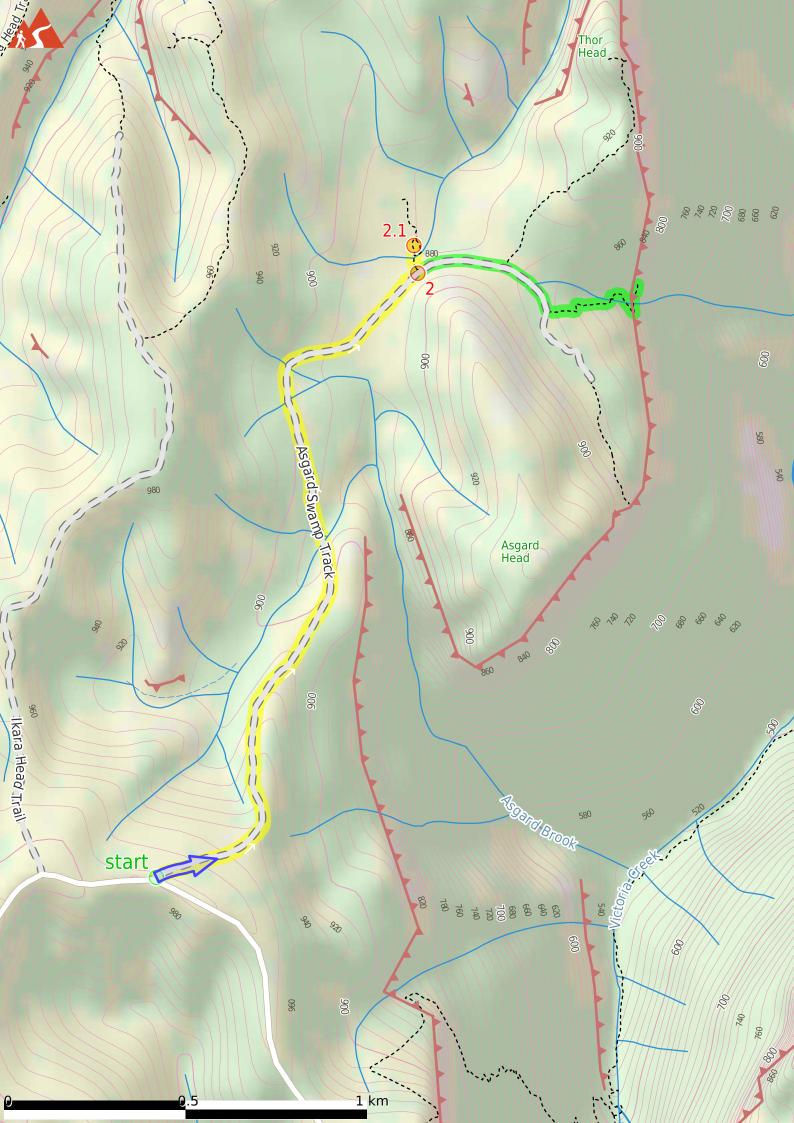
• Turn on to Victoria Falls Road then drive for 4.1 km

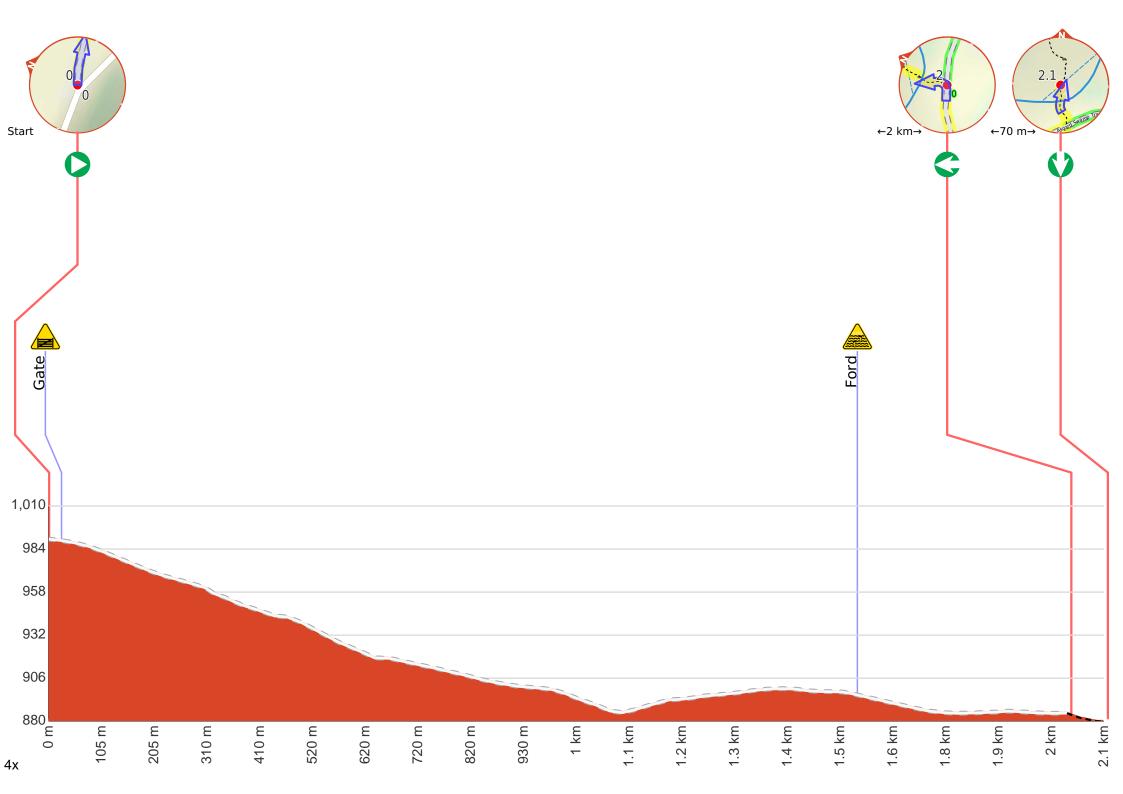
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







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.



Start



After 25 m head through/around the gate.



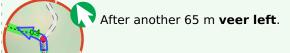
After another 1.5 km cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Asgard Kiln.

To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start** heading along *Asgard Swamp Track*.

After another 245 m continue straight, to head along Asgard Swamp Track.

After another 105 m cross the ford.



After another 230 m find the "Asgard Mine" (35 m on your right).



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.)

Then find the "Asgard Kiln" (15 m on your right).



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.



After another 145 m come to the end.



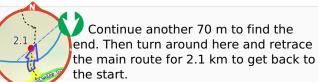
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 780 m to the main route.



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



After another 420 m turn left.





About 10 m past the end is "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.