



# Governor Phillip Walk

(Guringai Country)

 2 h 30 min to 3 h 45 min

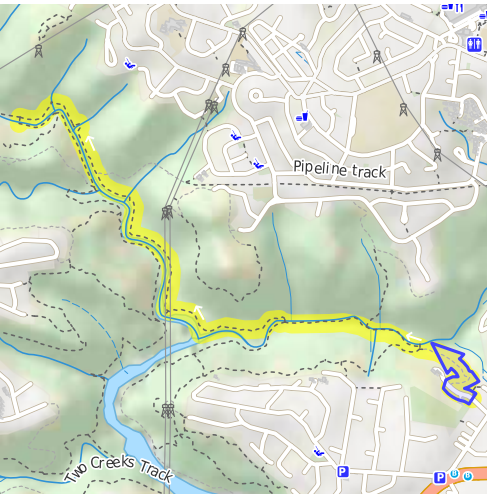
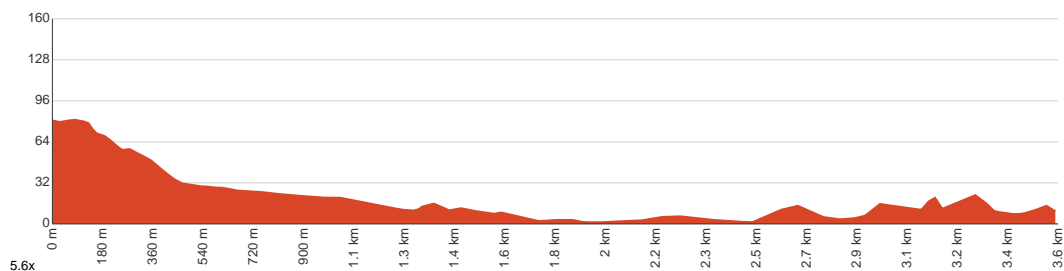
  
7.2 km  
Return

  
↑ 205 m  
↓ 205 m

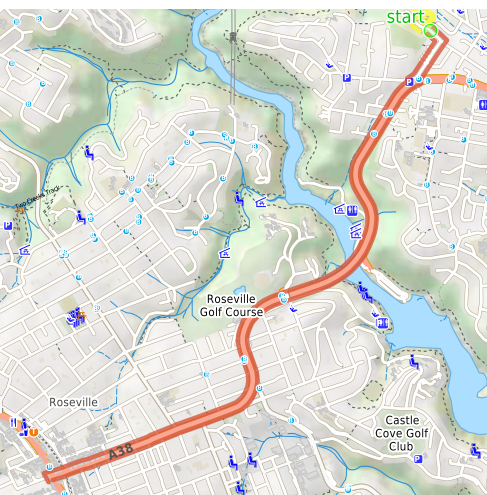
  
Moderate track



Named in honour of NSW's first Governor, this walk follows in the footsteps of his 1788 expedition to find farm land. The walk starts at the end of Ferguson St, Forestville. Passing the NPWS office and depot, the walk then follows Carroll Creek down to the official start of the Governor Phillip Walk. For the most part, this walk follows a bush track along Middle Harbour creek, to the stepping stones crossing, before returning the same way. Let us begin by acknowledging the 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	Short steep hills (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



**Getting to the start:** From Pacific Highway, A1, A38

- Turn on to Boundary Street, A38 then drive for 10 m
- Turn slight right onto Boundary Street, A38 and drive for another 4.8 km
- Turn left onto Arthur Street and drive for another 20 m
- Turn right onto Woodlands Road and drive for another 370 m
- Turn left onto Ferguson Street and drive for another 115 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

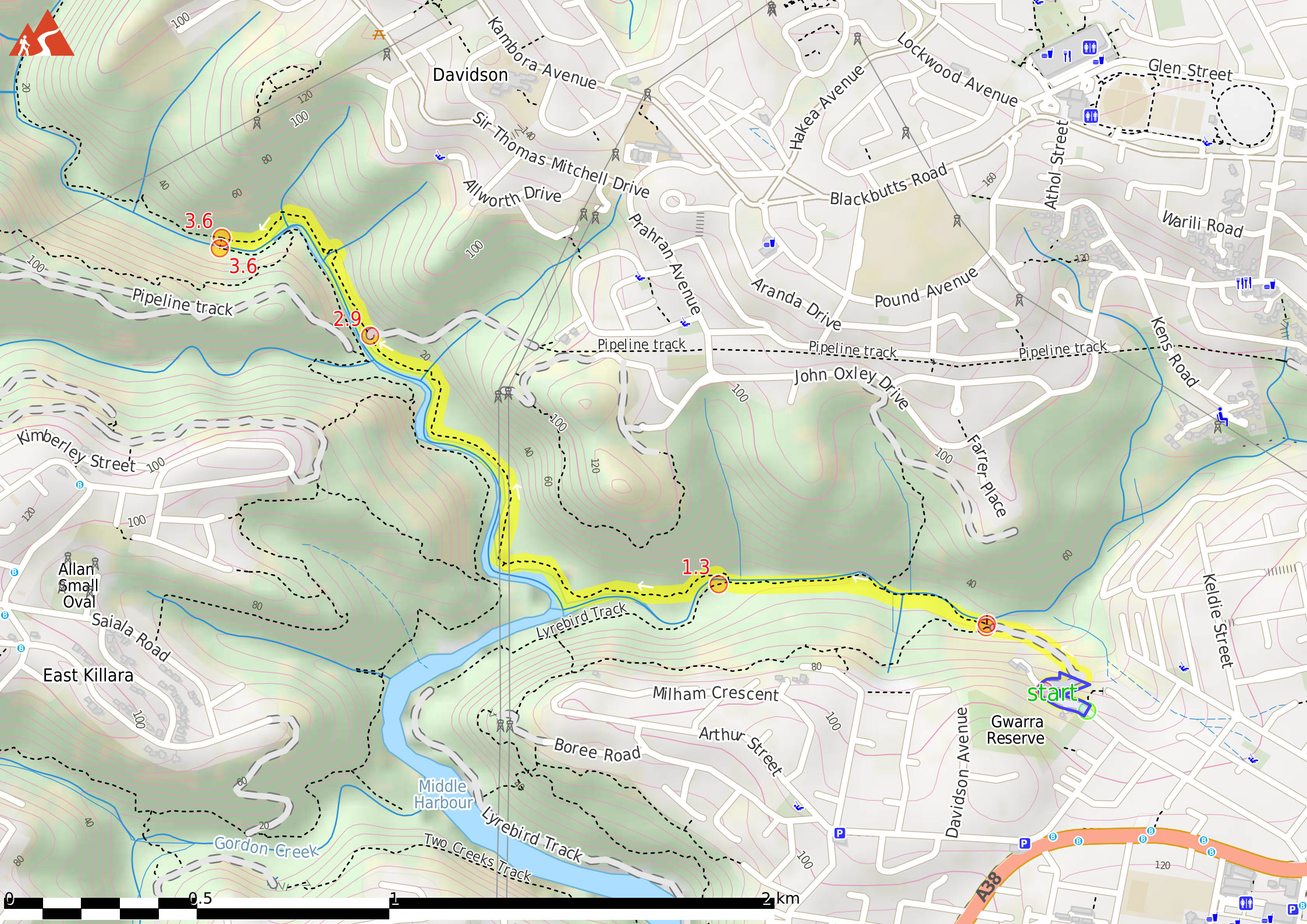
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

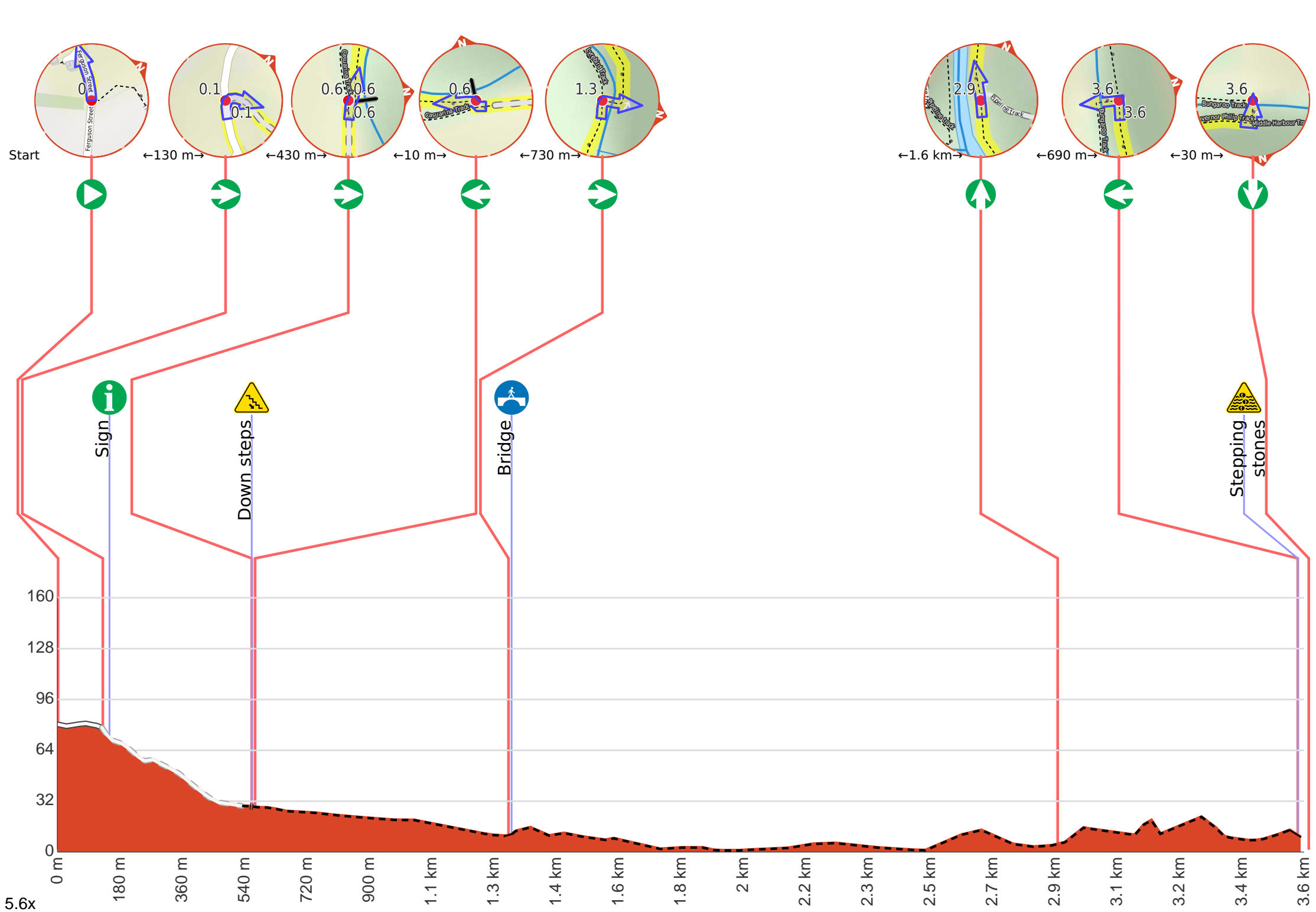
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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**Getting started:** From the end of Ferguson Rd, Forestville, this walk heads through the Garigal National Park gate and along the driveway. Soon this walk passes the 'Northern Beaches Area Office and Depot' on the left (and a small car park on the right) and a short distance further, the driveway come to an intersection with a service trail on the right and a sign to "Casuarina and Carroll Creek ->".

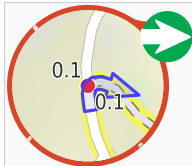
From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Carroll Creek Track' signs down the hill and along the service trail, winding down past a short loop service trail, before coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Casuarina and Carroll Creek' tracks.



**Start.**



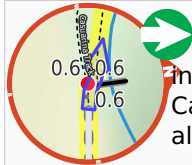
After another 65 m **continue straight**, to head along Ferguson Street.



After another 65 m **turn right**.



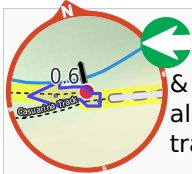
After another 20 m pass the sign.



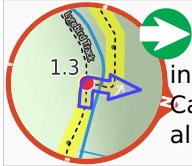
After another 410 m (at the intersection of Casuarina Track & Carroll Creek Track) **turn right**, to head along Casuarina Track (a steps).



Then head down the steps (about 10 m long)



At the intersection of Casuarina Track & Carroll Creek Track **turn left**, to head along Carroll Creek Track (a walking track).



After another 730 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Carroll Creek Track) **turn right**, to head along Governor Philip Track (a footpath).



After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Pipeline track & Governor Philip Track) **continue straight**, to head along Governor Philip Track.



After another 690 m (at the intersection of Governor Philip Track & Bungaroo Crossing) **turn left**, to head along Bungaroo Crossing (a footpath).



Then cross the stepping stones



Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 3.6 km to get back to the start.



About 20 m past the end is "Bungaroo".



Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo.