



Mt Hay

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

1 h 30 min to 1 h 45 min

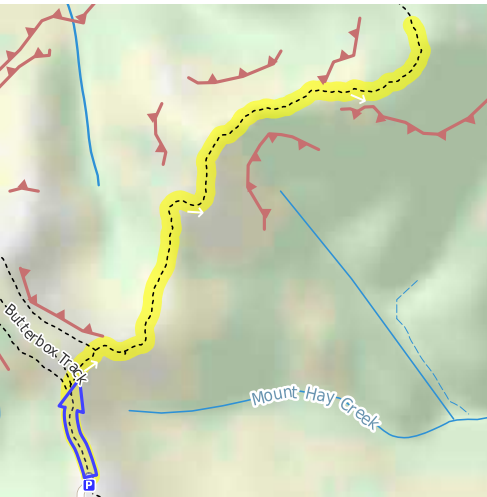
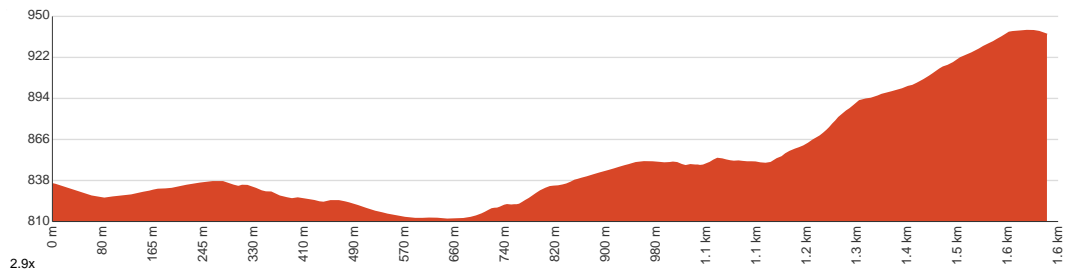
3.2 km
Return

↑ 200 m
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Hard track



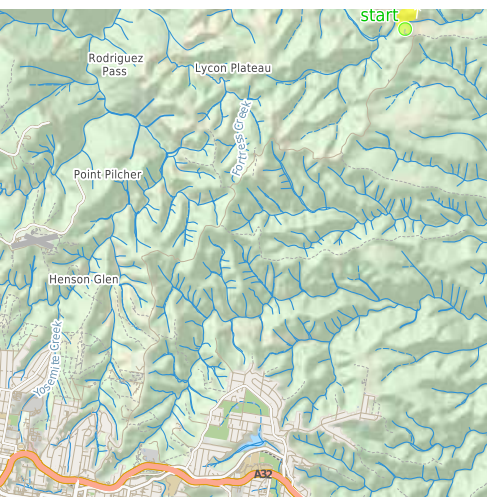
This is an excellent walk across the exposed ridges of the Mt Hay area. There are great views of the swamps below Mt Hay and further into the Grose Valley. The basalt-capped Mt Hay provides a change in vegetation towards the top of the hill, which also blocks the view from the top. Let us begin by acknowledging 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	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Alexandra Terrace

- Turn on to Leura Mall then drive for 155 m
- Turn right onto Victory Lane and drive for another 115 m
- Keep right onto Churchill Street and drive for another 265 m
- Turn left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 760 m
- Turn right onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 6.8 km
- Keep left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 7.4 km
- Turn left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 310 m
- Turn left and drive for another 10 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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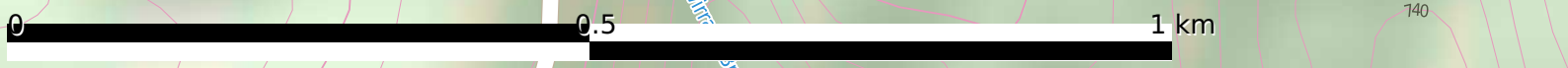
Butterbox Track

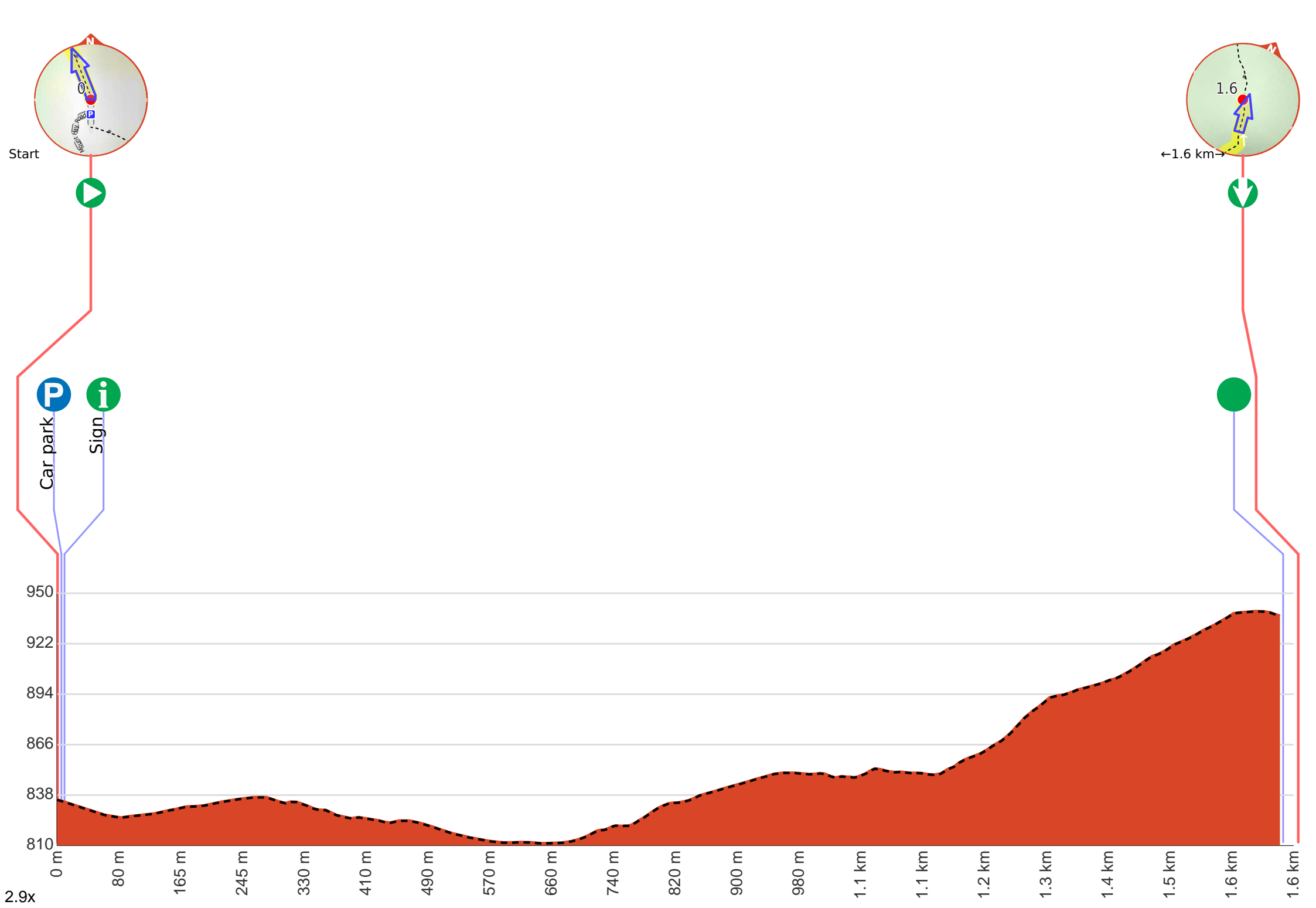
Mount Hay Creek

start

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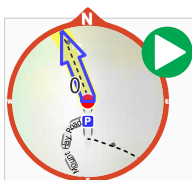




Getting started: From the car park, this walk heads past the gap in the train track-style fencing, passing a sign for 'Butterbox Canyon'. The track traverses the saddle to rise up onto a flat area, continuing for approximately 20m to an intersection with a track to the left.

From the intersection, this walk heads approximately 20m up the hill, keeping the rocky knoll to the left of the track, soon coming to the intersection.

From the intersection, this walk follows the overgrown management trail up the hill, keeping the rocky outcrops on the hill to the left and the large hill, Mt Hay, directly ahead of the track. The track heads down to an unsigned intersection.



Start.



Find the car park at the start.



Find the Butterbox Canyon at the start.



After another 185 m **continue straight.**



After another 25 m **continue straight.**



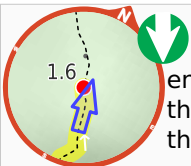
After another 100 m **continue straight.**



After another 1.3 km find the "Mt Hay" (10 m on your right).



Mt Hay, Blue Mountains National Park, is a large basalt-capped mountain, which creates a more fertile environment for different plant species. The mountain is accessed by Mt Hay Rd, with a defined bush track which leads to the top. At the top of Mt Hay, there is a large cairn, made from basalt bricks from the surrounding prominent knoll, which is the highest point. Excellent views are gained into the Grose Valley, from the track up Mt Hay, however the summit itself does not have views, blocked by the tree canopy.



Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.6 km to get back to the start.



"Mount Hay".