




Larapinta Trail, S6 Old: Hugh Gorge to Ellery Creek

(Arrente Country)

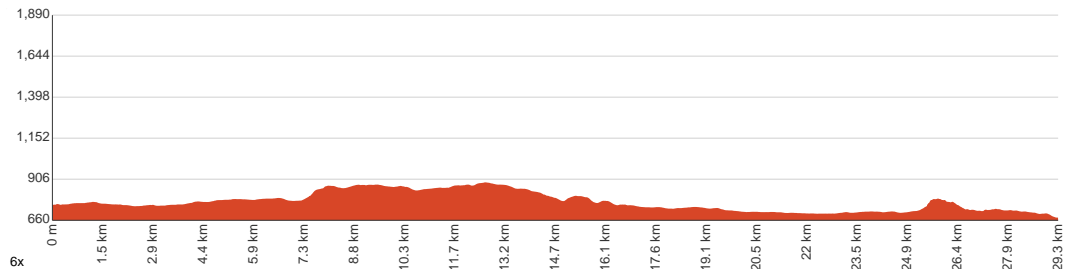
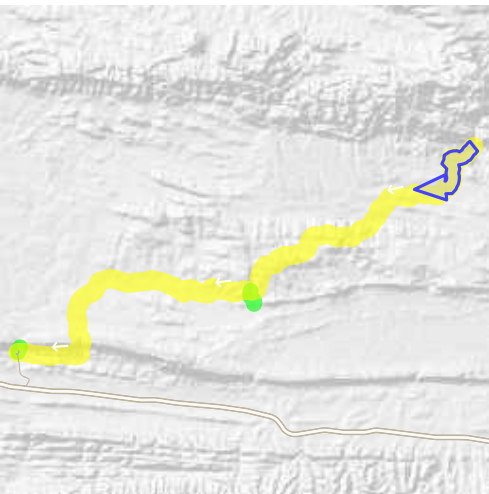
 11 h 30 min to 2 days


29.3 km
One way


↑ 523 m
↓ 599 m


Hard track

Starting from the designated campground along Hugh Gorge, Burt Plain, this walk takes you to Ellery Creek South, exploring the vast Alice Valley along the way. This is the former sixth section of the 223km long Larapinta Trail, starting/finishing at the Ellery Creek South Day Use Area. A relatively undulating part of Larapinta, this section is known for its long straightforward valley tracks and interesting birdlife. The birds you might come across vary from spinifex pigeons to wedge-tailed eagles. Try to be sneaky and keep an eye out especially during the early mornings and late afternoons to increase your chance of seeing them. This section is one of the longest ones, yet the relatively forgiving gradient makes it bearable. You can camp at Rocky Gully or Ghost Gum Flat along the way, but keep in mind that the Ghost Gum Flat campsite doesn't have a water tank. The Big Hole (Udepata) along Ellery Creek is an exceptional spot to take a break. Cool off in this ancient waterhole and make camp if you'd like to. Keep in mind that you will need a high clearance 4WD vehicle to get to the Hugh Gorge trailhead. Let us begin by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

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	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Telegraph Terrace, 87

- Turn on to 6 then drive for 25 m
- Continue onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 850 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 880 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 44.3 km
- Turn right onto Namatjira Drive, 2 and drive for another 9.4 km
- Keep right onto Larapinta Trail Access and drive for another 22.8 km

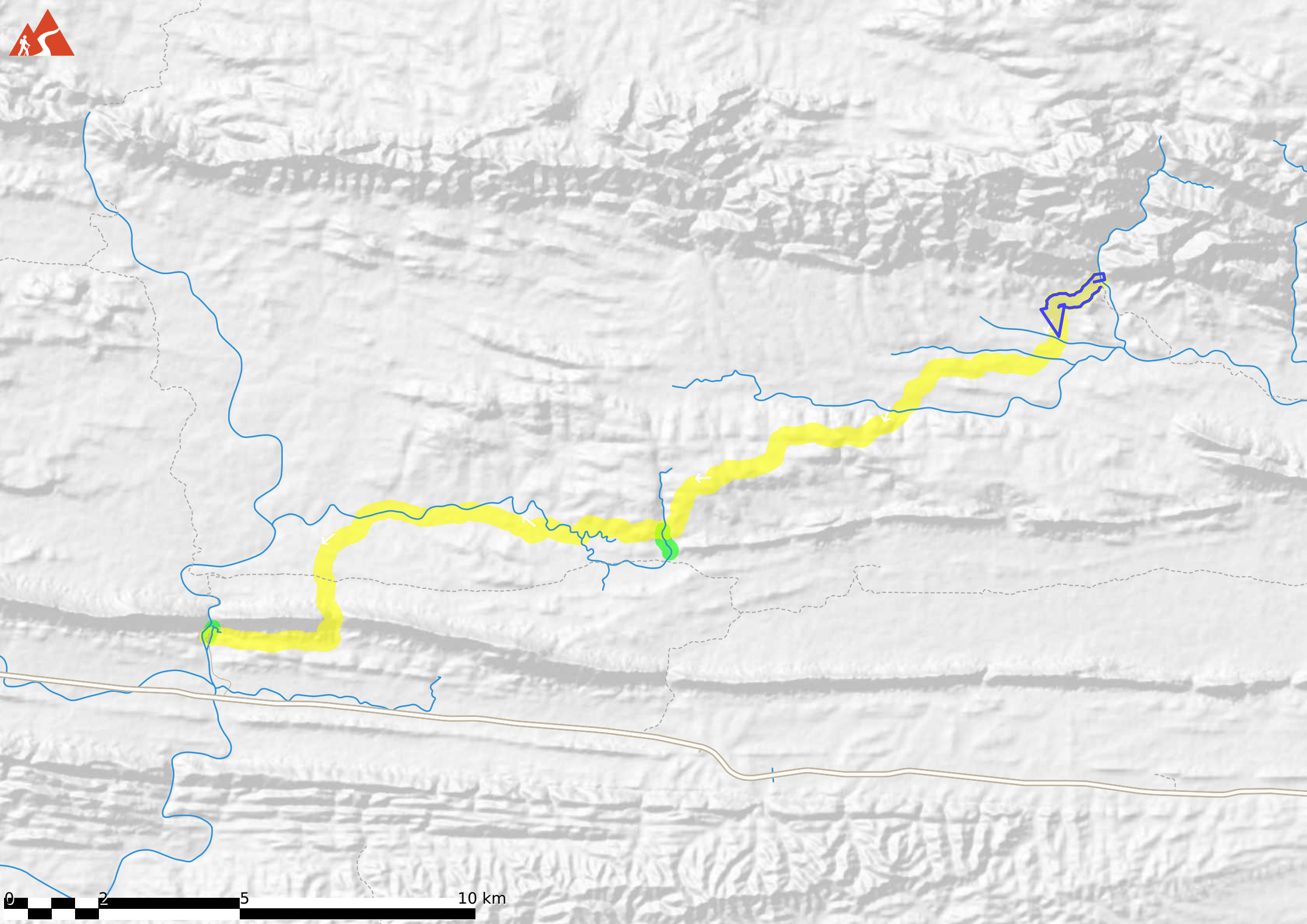
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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

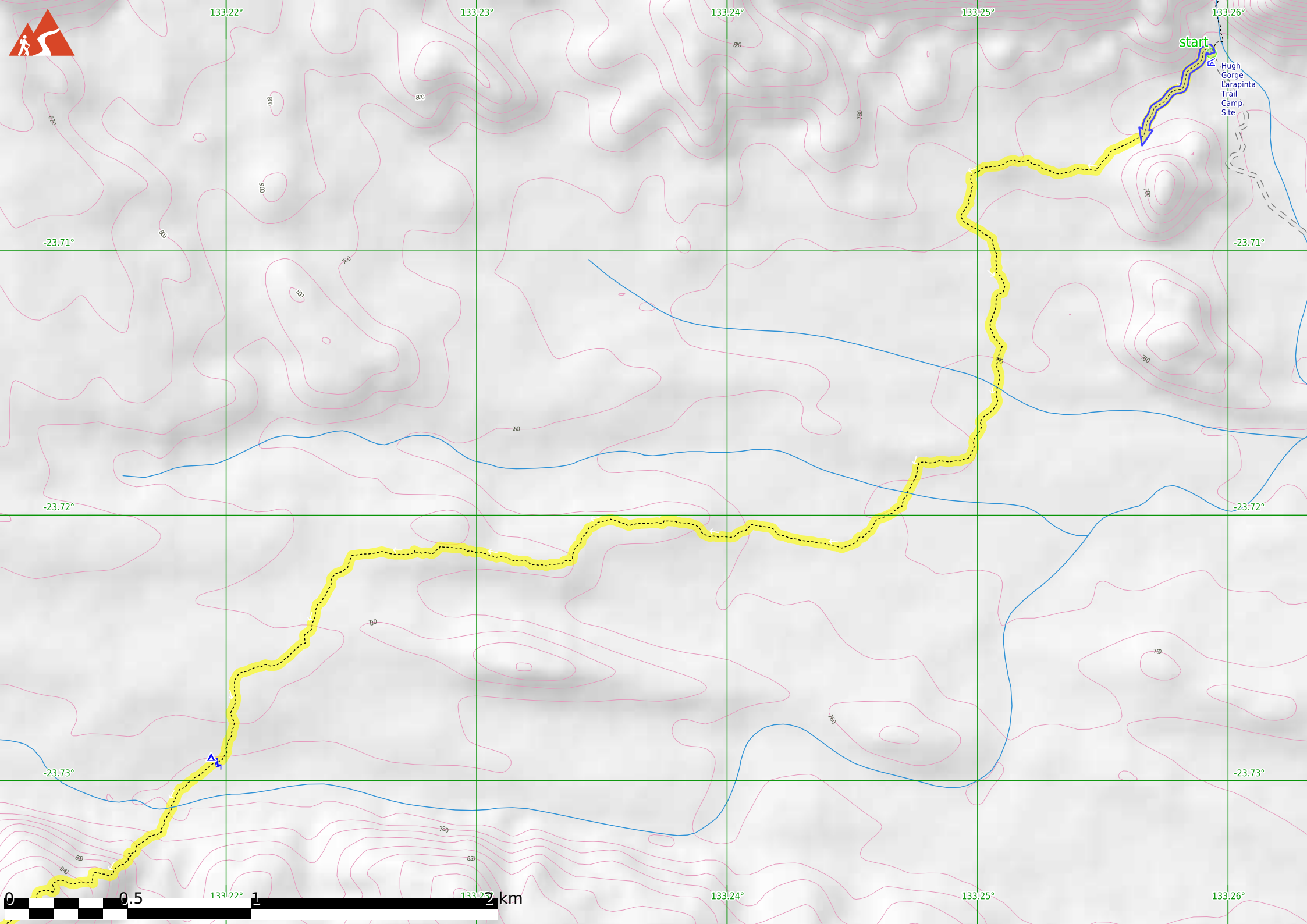
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

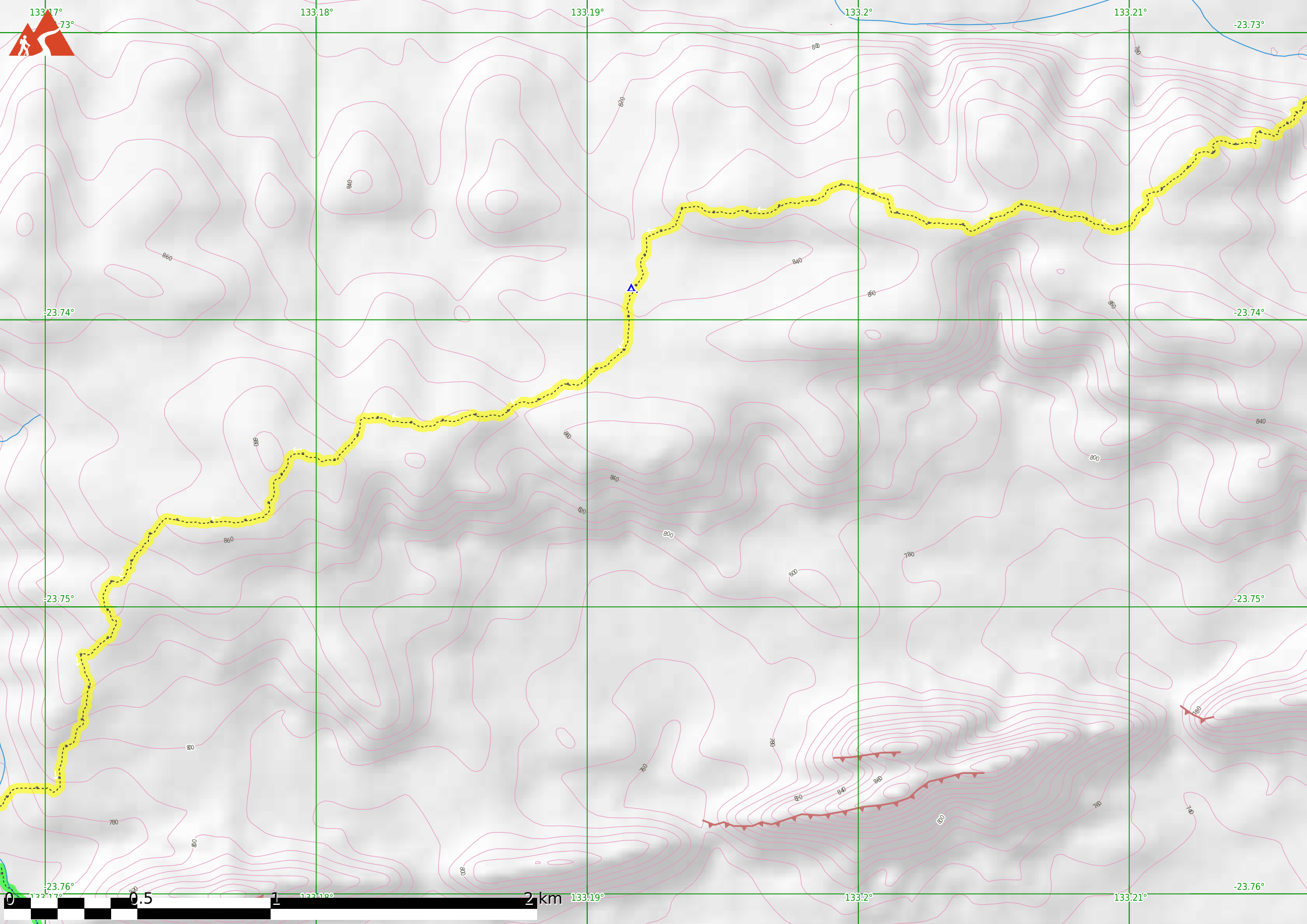
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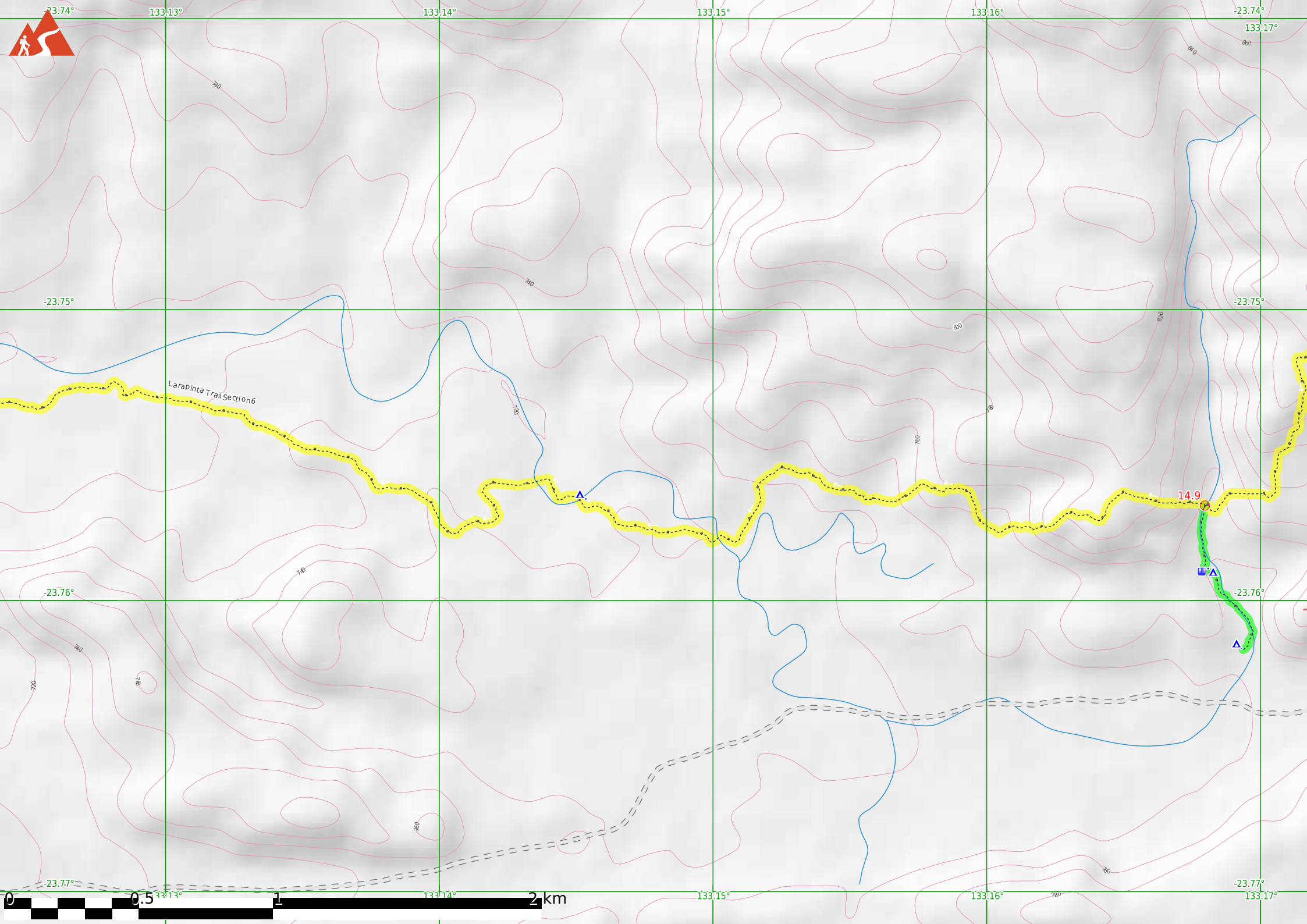


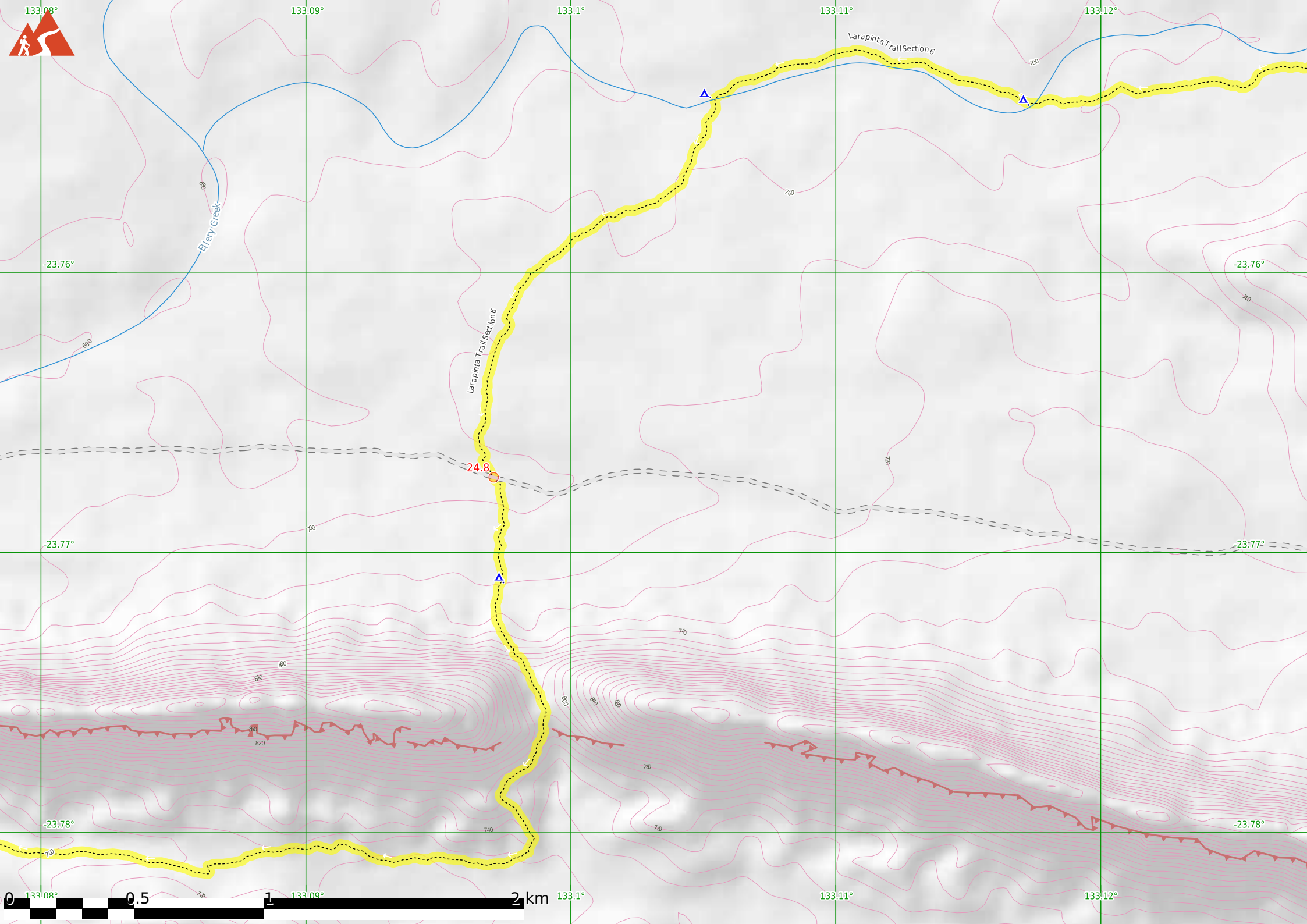


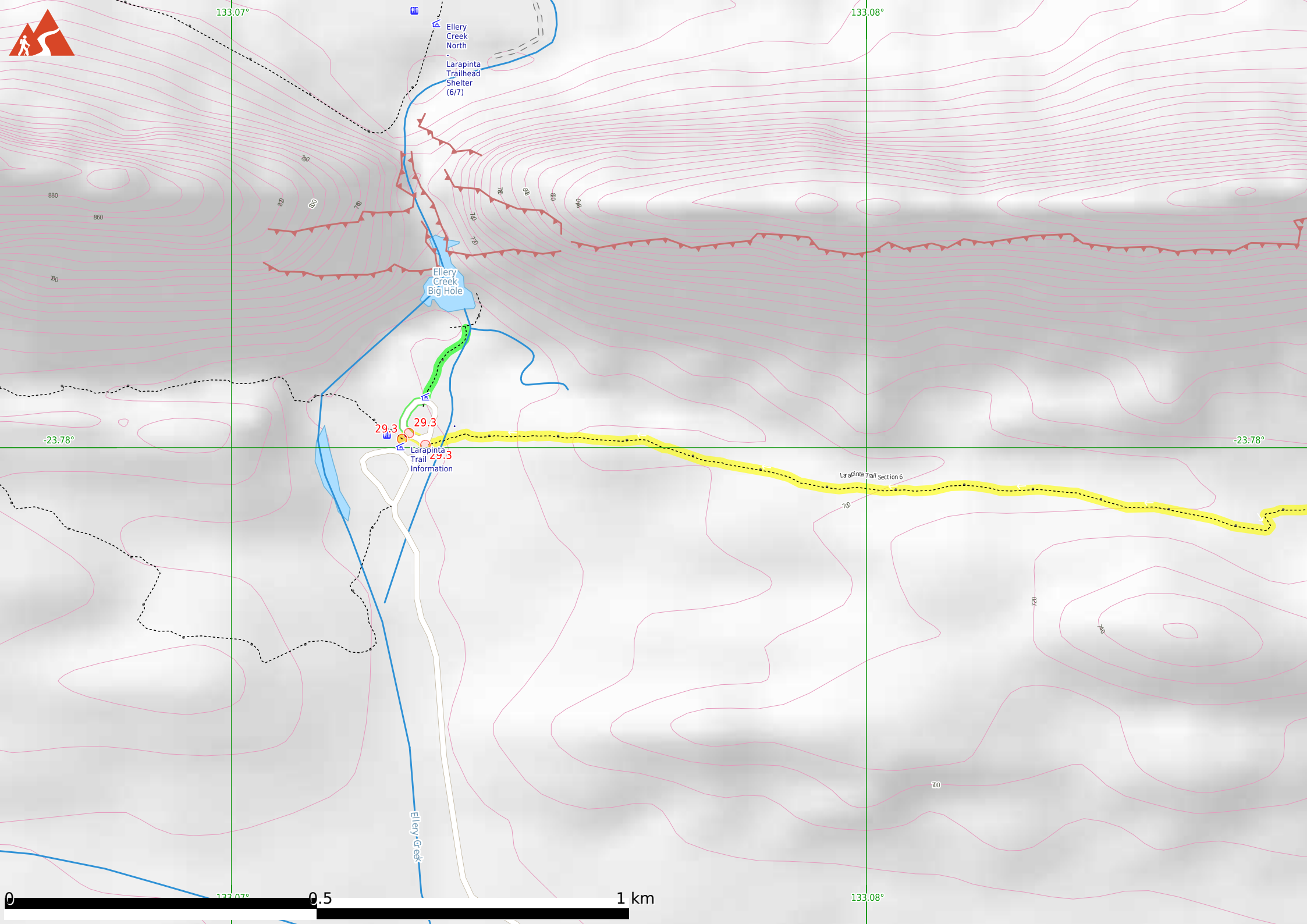
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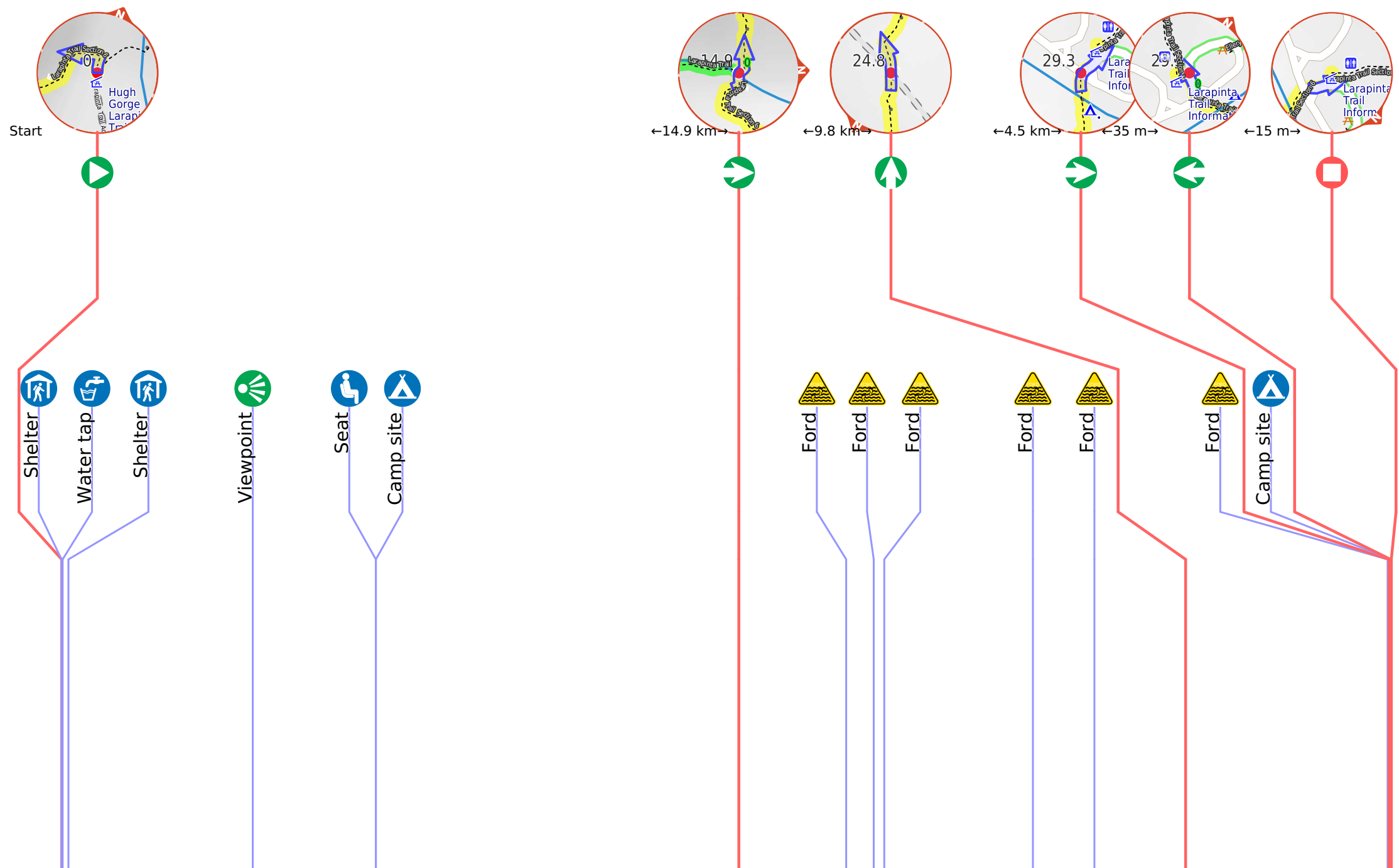






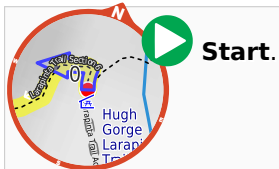







Shape must have at least 2 pairs of points


Getting started: From Hugh Gorge Campground, Burt Plain, head southwest along the dirt track, moving directly away from the creek bed/gorge. Stay on the designated track and cross two creek beds to continue along Larapinta Trail, S6 Old: Hugh Gorge to Ellery Creek South.





 Hugh Gorge Larapinta Trail Camp Site.

 After 25 m pass the water tap (on your right).

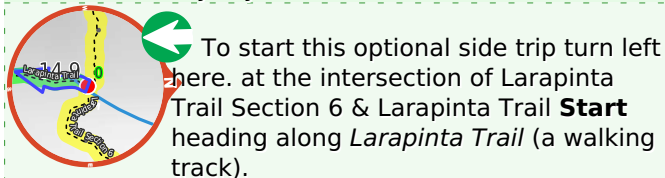
 After another 125 m pass the "Hugh Gorge Campsite" (20 m on your left).

 After another 4.1 km come to the "Hugh View" (on your left).


 After another 2.7 km pass a seat (6 m on your left).


 Then come to the "Ghost Gum Flat" (on your right).


Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to Rocky Gully Campsite, which is located on the bed of a usually dry stream.

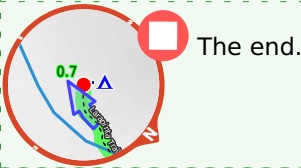



 After 280 m pass the toilet (8 m on your right).


 Then come to the "Rocky Gully camp site" (15 m on your left).

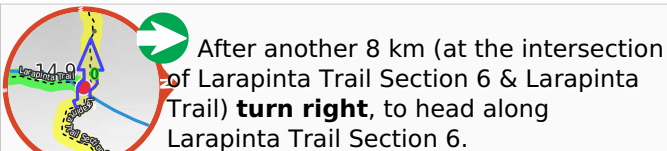
 After another 15 m pass the water tap (on your right).


 After another 360 m come to "Rocky Gully group camp site".





 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 660 m to the main route.


 Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 14.9 km waypoint.




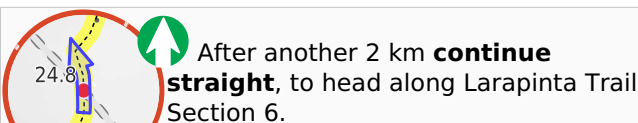
 After another 2.4 km cross the ford.

 After another 610 m cross the ford.

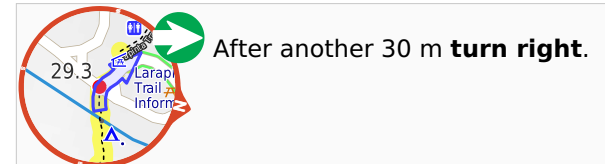
 After another 230 m cross the ford.


 After another 3.3 km cross the ford.

 After another 1.4 km cross the ford.

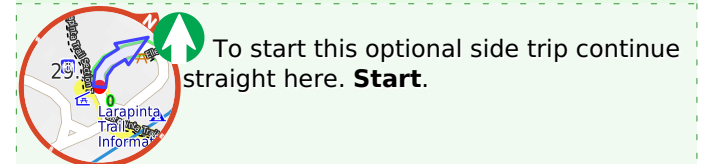



 After another 4.5 km cross the ford.





 After another 50 m come to the "Ellery Creek Big Hole - West MacDonnell NP" (50 m on your left).

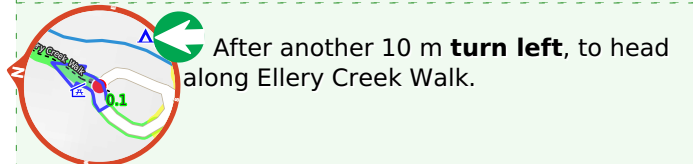
Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the Big Hole along Ellery Creek. This ancient waterhole is an exceptional spot to take a break and cool off.





 Find the toilet at the start.

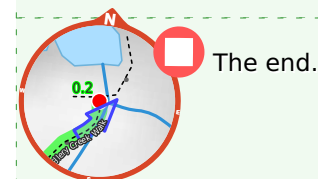
 After another 35 m pass the BBQ (15 m on your right).


 Then pass the "Picnic Shelter" (7 m on your right).



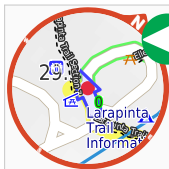
 After another 20 m pass the shelter (on your left).

 After another 140 m come to "Ellery Creek Big Hole".



 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 250 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 29.3 km waypoint.



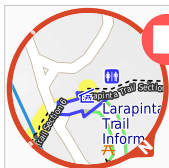
Turn left.



After another 15 m come to "Larapinta Trail Information".



About 30 m past the end is a toilet.



The end.