



Mount Painter Circuit from Coulter Drive

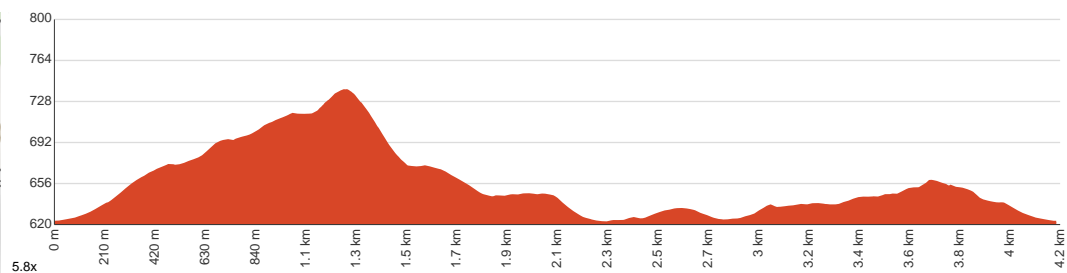
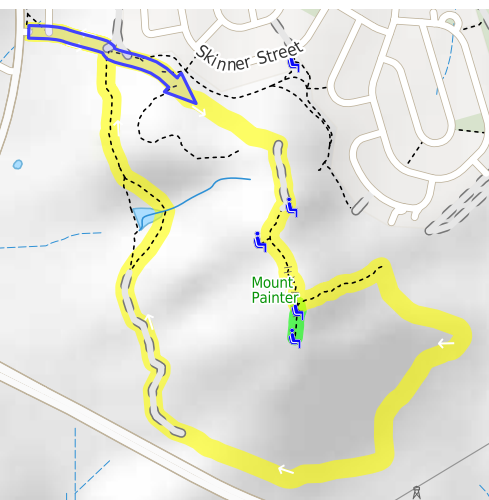
 1 h 15 min to 2 h


4.2 km
Circuit


↑ 173 m
↓ 173 m

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Moderate track

Starting from Colter Drive, Belconnen, this circuit walk explores the hills and grassland of Mount Painter Nature Reserve, visiting the summit of the mount along the way. The summit provides you with one of the most picturesque sunset views in Canberra, and is well worth the climb. And don't worry about that huge alien-tech looking tower in the distance, it's human-made and is called Telstra Tower. Take the scenery in as your heart rate goes down, and maybe have a little bird spotting competition amongst your friends/family. In fact, a small portion of the woodland contains the endangered Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy trees, which you can spot more bird species on. Keep in mind that dogs are allowed but have to be on lead. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



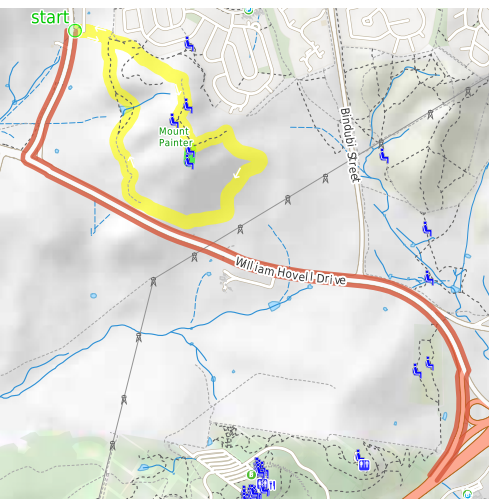
Class 3 of 6

Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Parkes Way

- Turn on to William Hovell Drive Onramp then drive for 490 m
- Keep right onto William Hovell Drive Onramp and drive for another 45 m
- Turn left onto William Hovell Drive and drive for another 3 km
- Keep right and drive for another 1 km



Before you start any journey ensure you;

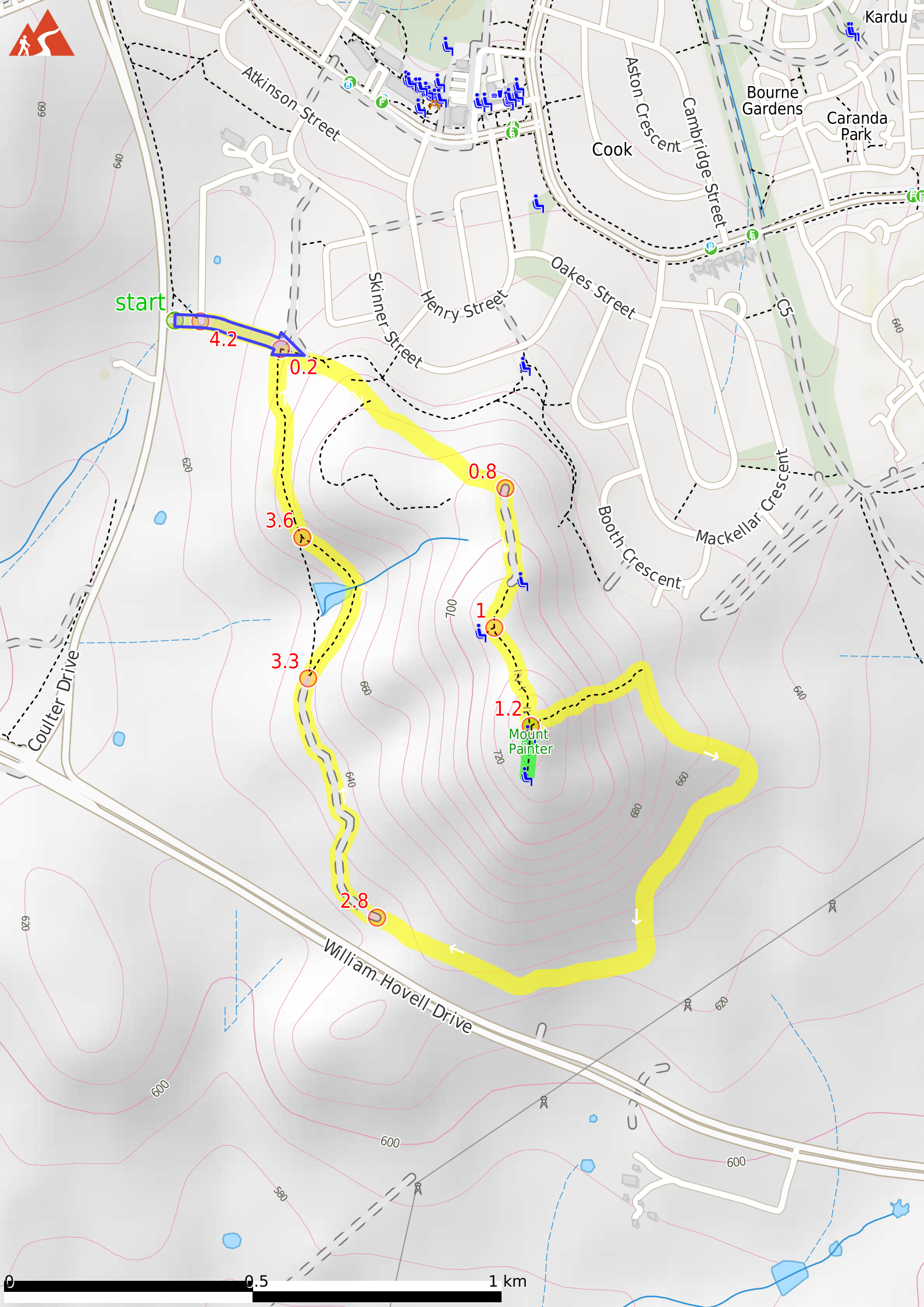
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

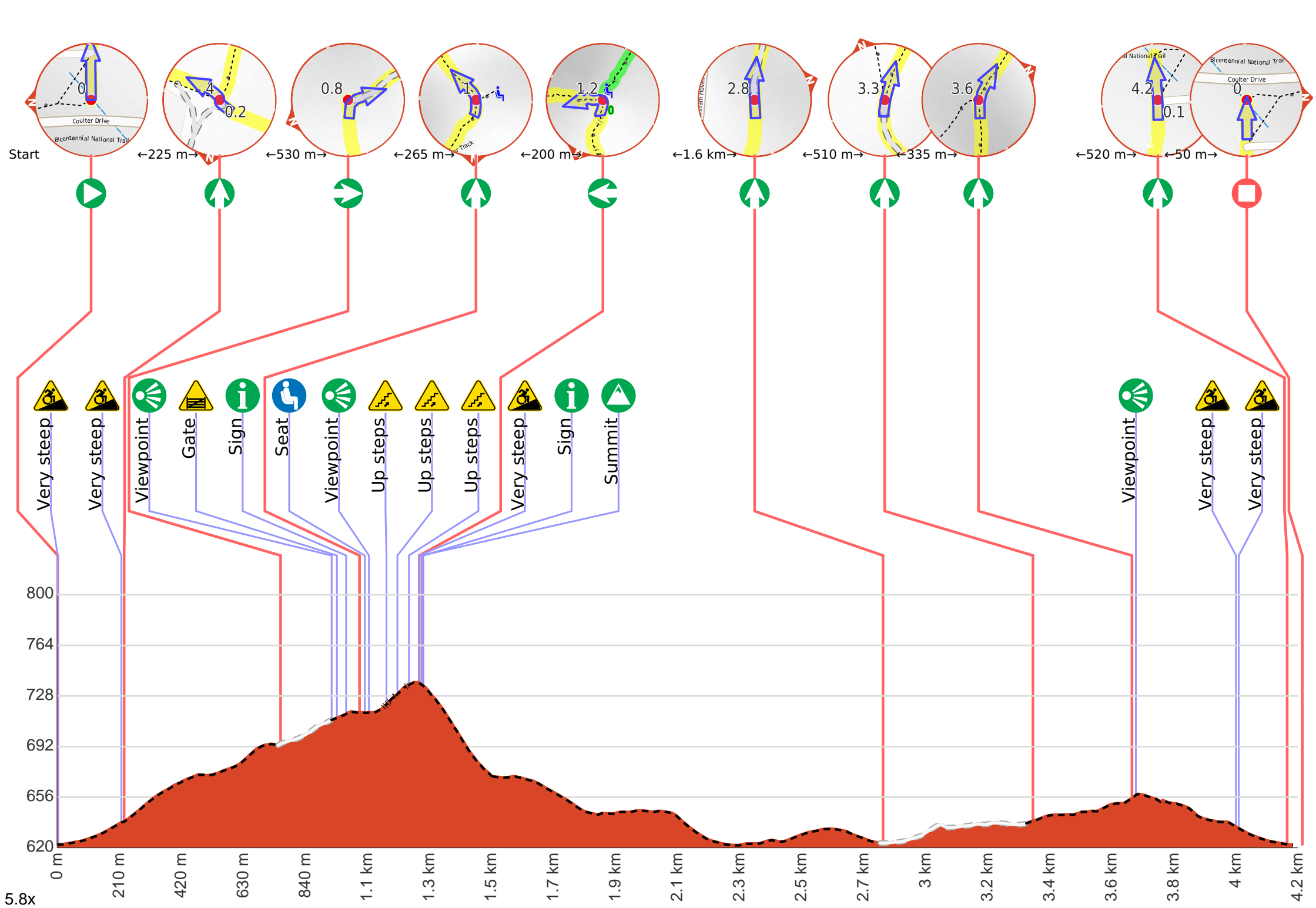
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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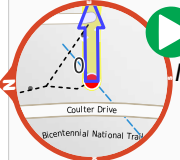
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Getting started: From Coulter Drive(800 metres north of intersection with William Hovell Drive), head towards the creek crossing with wooden railing along the paved way, moving directly away from the road. Pass over the crossing and follow the dirt fire trail(BNT) as it skirts the fenceline to your left. After about 210 metres continue straight through the intersection to continue along Mount Painter Circuit from Coulter Drive Track.

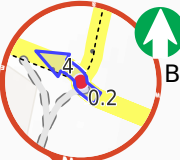


Start heading along *Bicentennial National Trail*.

Then head up the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline (about 750 m long)

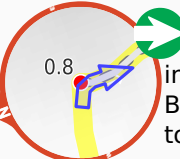
Continue straight, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.

After another 165 m head up the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline (about 540 m long)




Continue straight, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.

After another 155 m **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.




After another 370 m (at the intersection of Painter Reservoir Track & Bicentennial National Trail) **turn right**, to head along Painter Reservoir Track (a vehicle track).

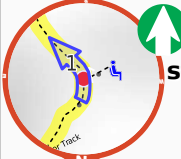
After another 170 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left)., has no backrest.




After another 20 m head through/around the gate.




After another 30 m pass the sign (on your left).




After another 45 m **continue straight**.




After another 20 m pass a seat (35 m on your right).




After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).



After another 60 m head up the surface|compacted steps (about 7 m long)




After another 30 m head up the surface|compacted steps (about 4 m long)




After another 35 m head up the surface|compacted steps (about 9 m long)


Start of an optional side trip: A little side trip taking you to another viewpoint to get a better angle on the southern part of the reserve.




To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.



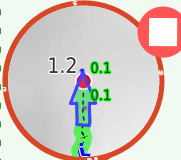
Find the Mount Painter at the start.




After 30 m pass the sign (on your right).




Then head up the surface|compacted steps (about 3 m long)




After another 55 m come to the end.




A viewpoint.




A seat., has no backrest.



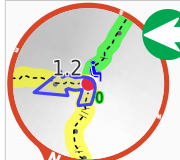
A sign.




Turn around and retrace your steps back the 90 m to the main route.




Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 1.2 km waypoint.




After another 25 m **turn left**.




Then head down the very steep (20% ~ 11.3°) earthen incline (about 260 m long)




Then pass the sign (110 m on your right).



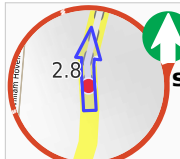
Then pass the "Mount Painter" (on your right).



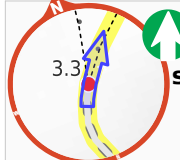
After another 250 m **turn right**.



After another 910 m **continue straight**. Keep right.



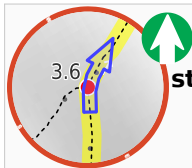
After another 390 m **continue straight**.



After another 510 m **continue straight**.



After another 255 m cross the ford.



After another 80 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m come to the viewpoint (on your left).



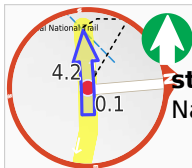
After another 340 m head down the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline



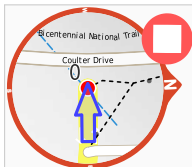
After another 9 m **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.



Then head down the very steep (15% ~ 8.5°) surface|gravel incline



After another 165 m **continue straight**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail.



After another 50 m come to the end.