




Darri and Warrimoo to the Sphinx Memorial

 2 h 30 min to 2 h 45 min

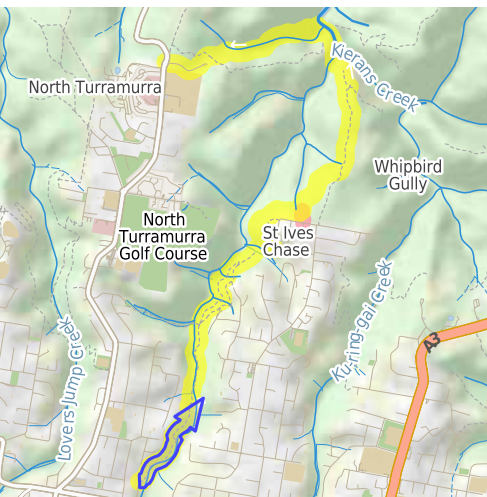
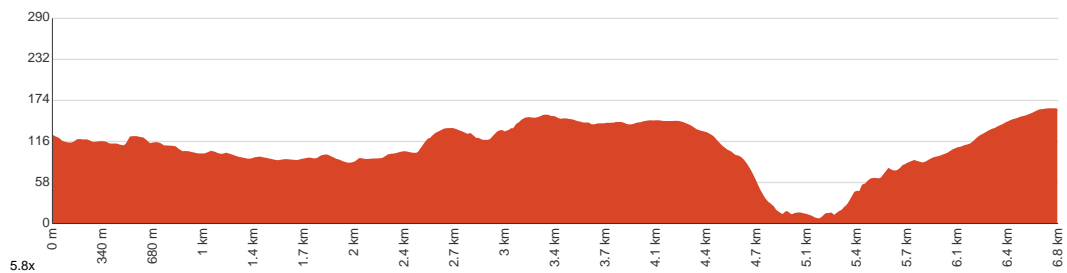

6.8 km
One way


↑ 308 m
↓ 271 m

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Moderate track



This nice walk starts from North Turramurra and follows the Darri and Warrimoo tracks into Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. The walk follows Cowan Creek through the lush green forest, then takes the Sphinx Track, climbing out of the valley to the war memorial, finishing on Bobbin Head Road. 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.



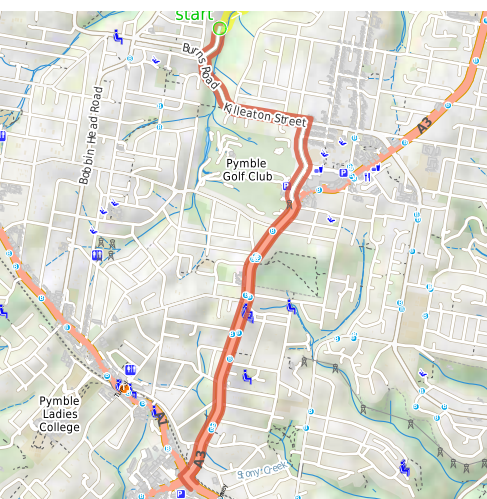
Class 3 of 6

Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	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	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway, A1

- Turn on to then drive for 2.3 km
- Keep left onto Cowan Road and drive for another 700 m
- Turn left onto Killeaton Street and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn right onto Bedford Avenue and drive for another 30 m
- Turn slight right onto Bedford Avenue and drive for another 245 m
- Turn right onto Bedford to Waipori Trail and drive for another 3 m



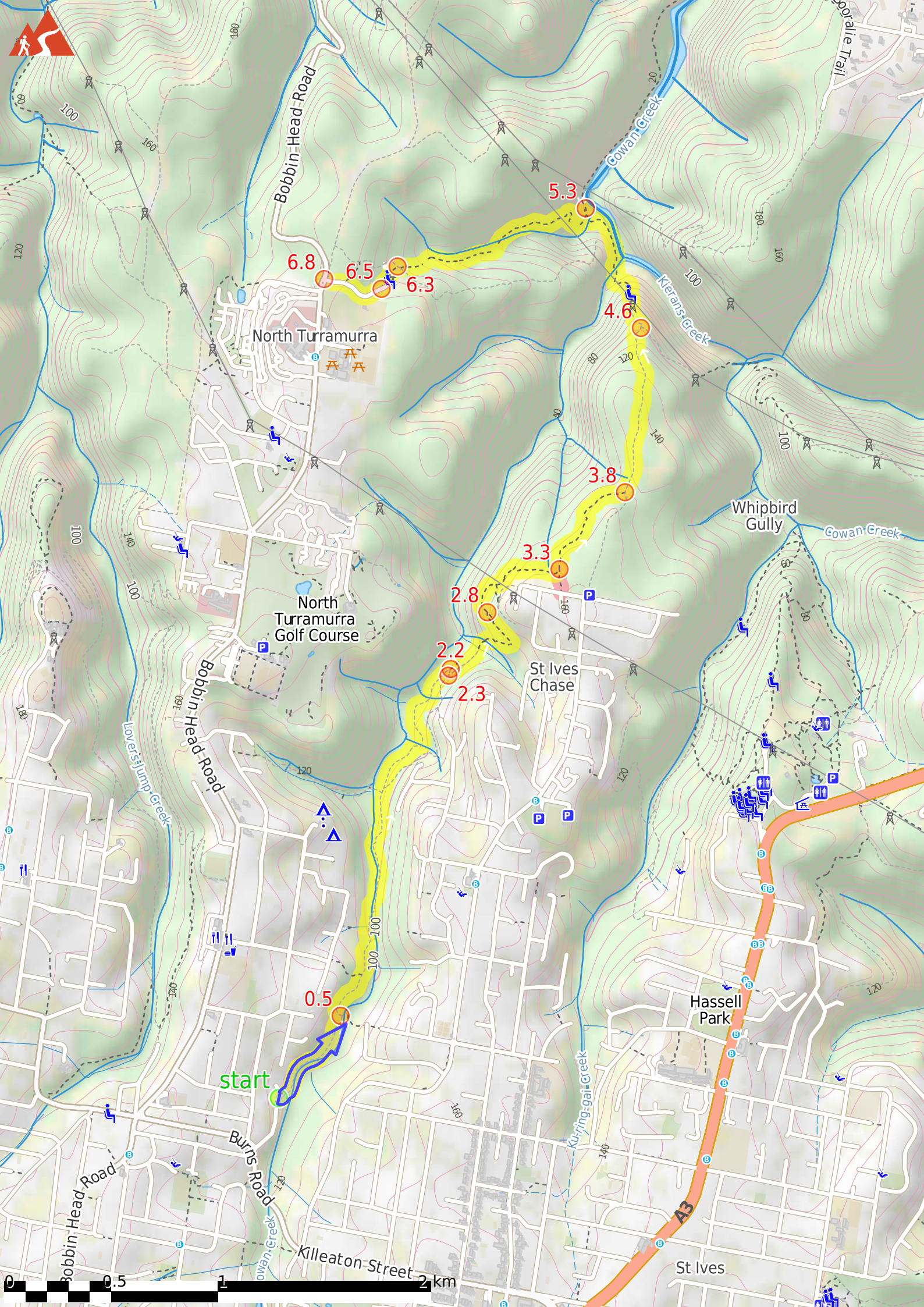
Before you start any journey ensure you;

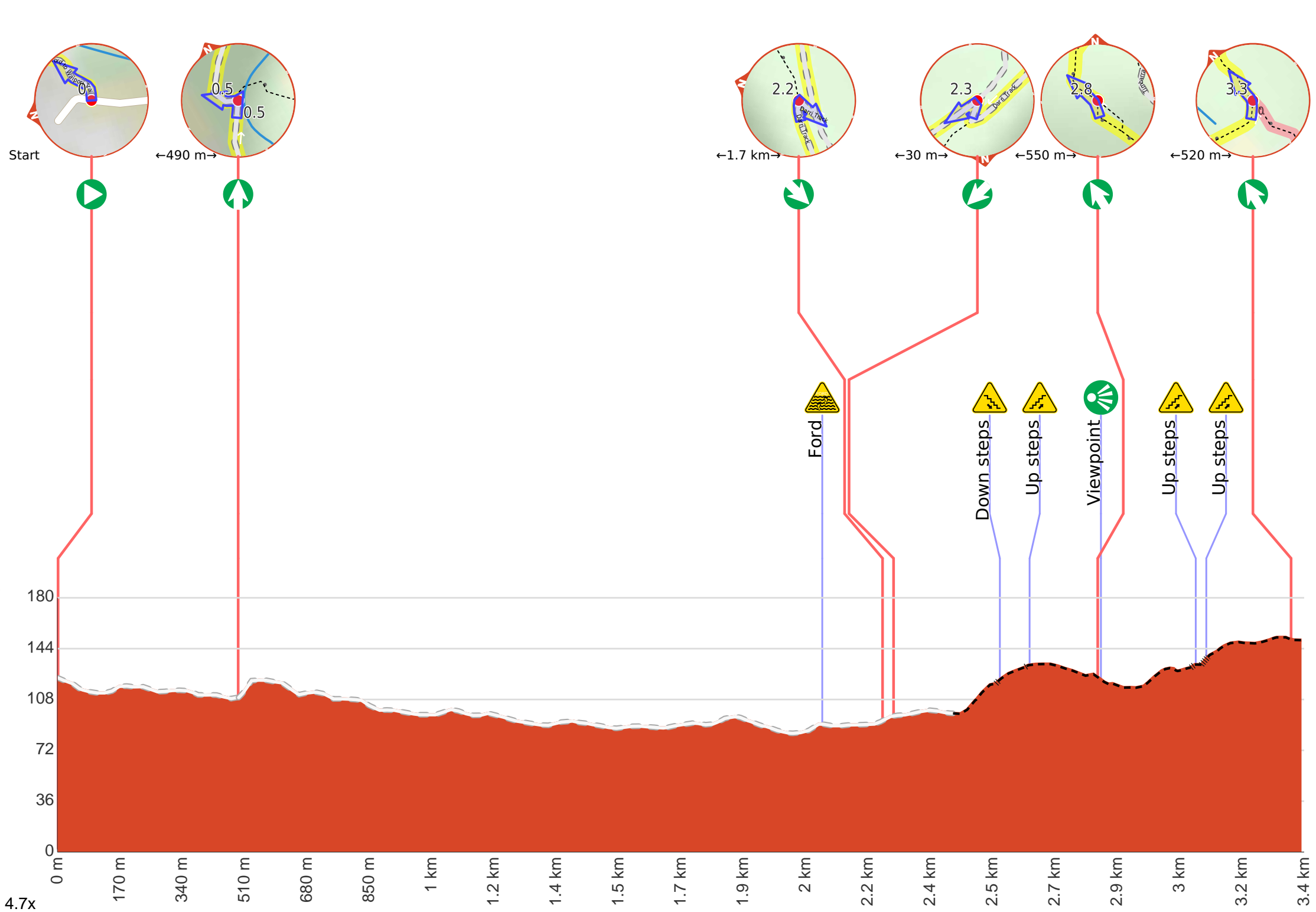
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

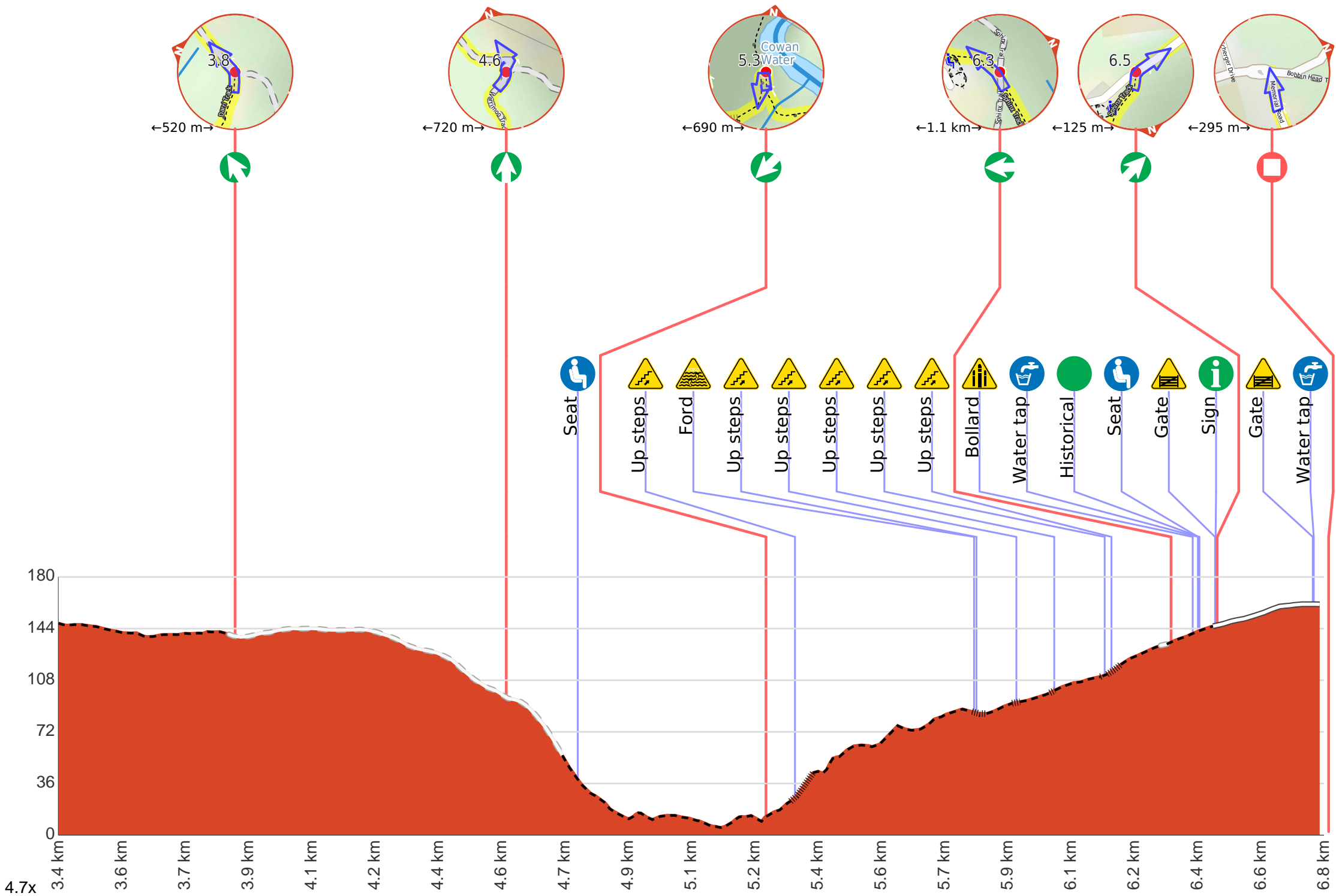
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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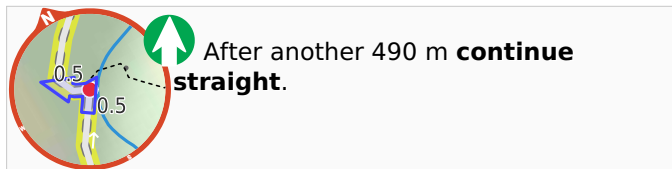
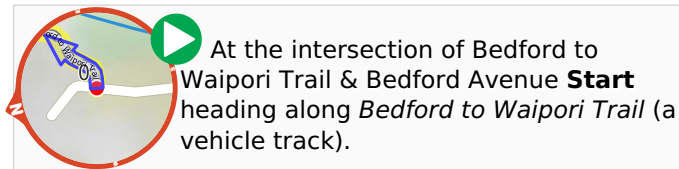








Getting started: From opposite 18 Bedford Ave, this walk follows the service trail around the metal gate and past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign, soon passing the information sign about the Darri Track. This wide track winds down the hill and crosses a small creek, and then follows Cowan Creek downstream. After passing through the dense bush, enjoying the occasional view of the small creek (and avoiding a small false track off to the right), this track comes to an intersection with a service trail coming in from the left, at the concrete ditch.



After another 490 m **continue straight**.

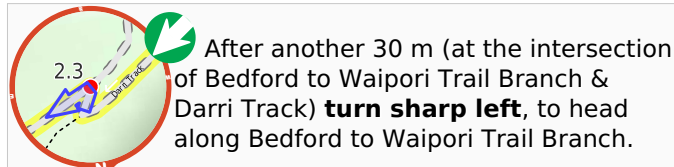
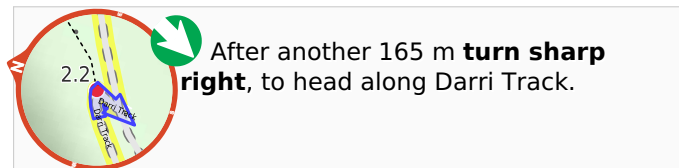
After another 235 m **continue straight**, to head along Bedford to Waipori Trail.

After another 790 m (at the intersection of Bedford to Waipori Trail & Glengarry Fire Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Bedford to Waipori Trail.

After another 20 m (at the intersection of Bedford to Waipori Trail & Darri Track) **continue straight**, to head along Darri Track.



After another 530 m cross the ford.



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Bedford to Waipori Trail Branch & Darri Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Bedford to Waipori Trail Branch.



After another 285 m head down the 7 steps (about 6 m long)



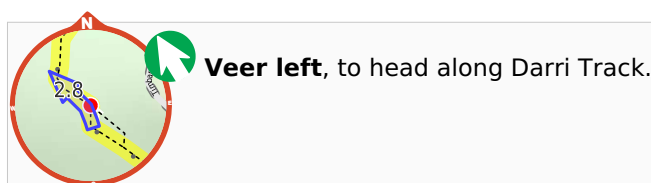
After another 75 m head up the 17 metal steps (about 3 m long)



After another 125 m **continue straight**.



After another 65 m come to the viewpoint (10 m on your left).



Veer left, to head along Darri Track.



After another 165 m **continue straight**, to head along Darri Track.

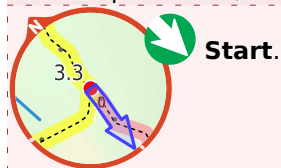


After another 100 m head up the 20 steps (about 10 m long)

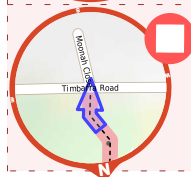


After another 20 m head up the 24 steps (about 20 m long)

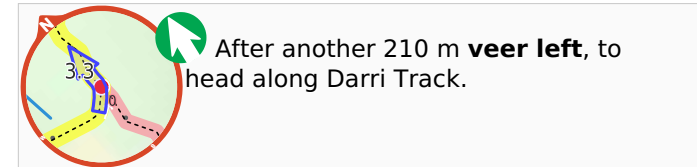
Start of an alternate access route: An alternate access point from/to Timbarra Road.



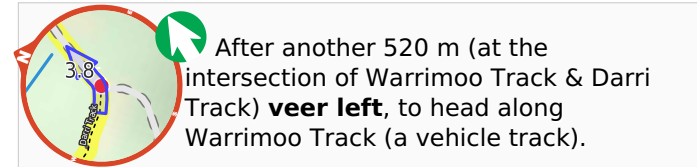
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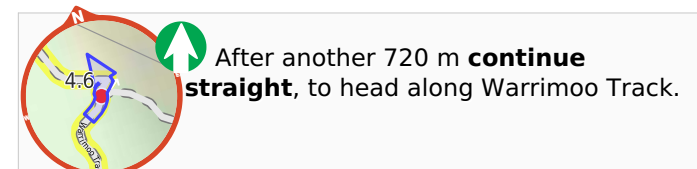
After another 105 m come to the end.



After another 210 m **veer left**, to head along Darri Track.



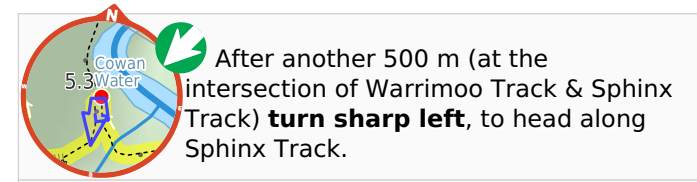
After another 520 m (at the intersection of Warrimoo Track & Darri Track) **veer left**, to head along Warrimoo Track (a vehicle track).



After another 720 m **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.



After another 190 m pass a seat (on your right), has a backrest.



After another 500 m (at the intersection of Warrimoo Track & Sphinx Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Sphinx Track.



After another 75 m head up the 89 earthen steps (about 60 m long)



After another 420 m cross the ford.



After another 6 m head up the 68 earthen steps (about 40 m long)



After another 70 m head up the 18 earthen steps (about 20 m long)




After another 80 m head up the 15 earthen steps (about 10 m long)





After another 120 m head up the 7 earthen steps (about 5 m long)





After another 15 m head up the 36 earthen steps (about 35 m long)

 After another 105 m (at the intersection of Sphinx Trail & Sphinx Track) **veer right**, to head along Sphinx Trail (a vehicle track).

 After another 15 m (at the intersection of Sphinx Trail & Sphinx Track) **turn left**, to head along Sphinx Track (a walking track).


 After another 60 m head through the bollard.


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


 Then find the "Sphinx Memorial" (25 m on your left).





Private Shirley spent one and a half years carving this monument whilst a patient of the Lady Davidson Convalescent Hospital. William Shirley was in hospital, being treated after serving in WW1. Shirley died in 1929, leaving this memorial to fallen A.I.F. comrades. "To my glorious comrades of the A.I.F by the late W. Shirley No 5756 Pte. 13th Battalion Died 27th August 1928"


 **Continue straight**, to head along Sphinx Track.


 After another 10 m pass a seat (10 m on your left)., has a backrest.

 After another 45 m head through/around the gate.


 Then pass the "Sphinx Track / Warrimoo Track" (on your left).


 After another 4 m (at the intersection of Memorial Road & Sphinx Track) **veer right**, to head along Memorial Road (a service road).

 After another 200 m **continue straight**, to head along Memorial Road.

 After another 55 m head through/around the gate.

sunrise-sunset

 Then pass the water tap (7 m on your right).

 After another 40 m come to the end.