



Clarinda Falls from Faulconbridge

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

1 h 45 min to 2 h

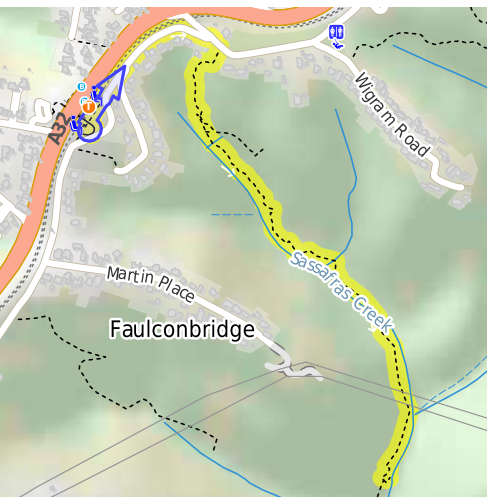
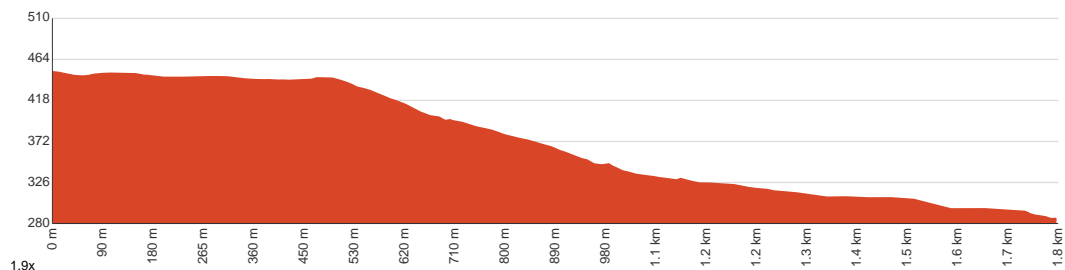
3.6 km
Return

↑ 187 m
↓ 187 m

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Hard track



This walk takes you down the start of the Victory Track to see Clarinda Falls. The falls are found in a magnificent eroded bowl covered in ferns and moss. After heavy rain, Clarinda Falls would make for an amazing site. 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.



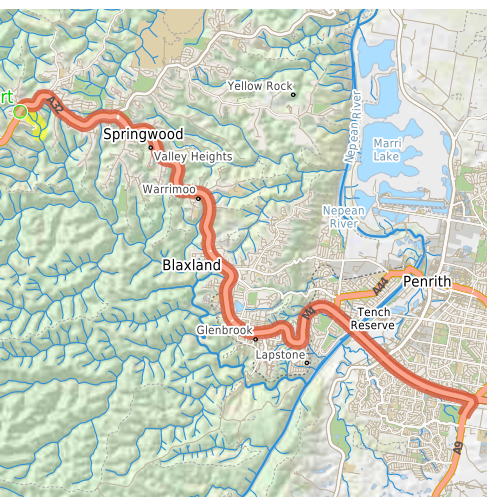
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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From The Northern Road, A9

- Turn on to Western Motorway Onramp, M4 then drive for 7.4 km
- Keep right onto Great Western Highway, A32 and drive for another 17.2 km



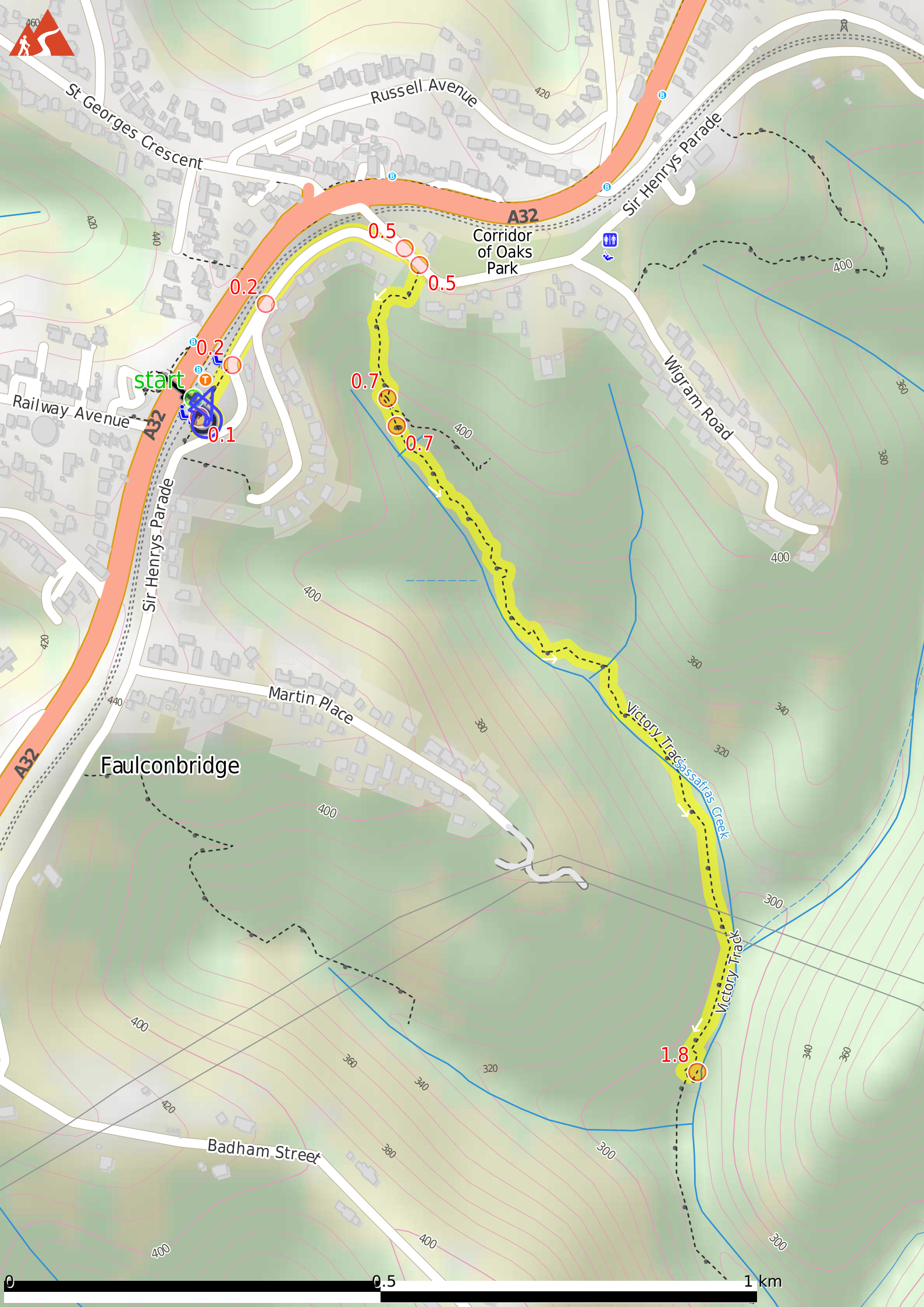
Before you start any journey ensure you;

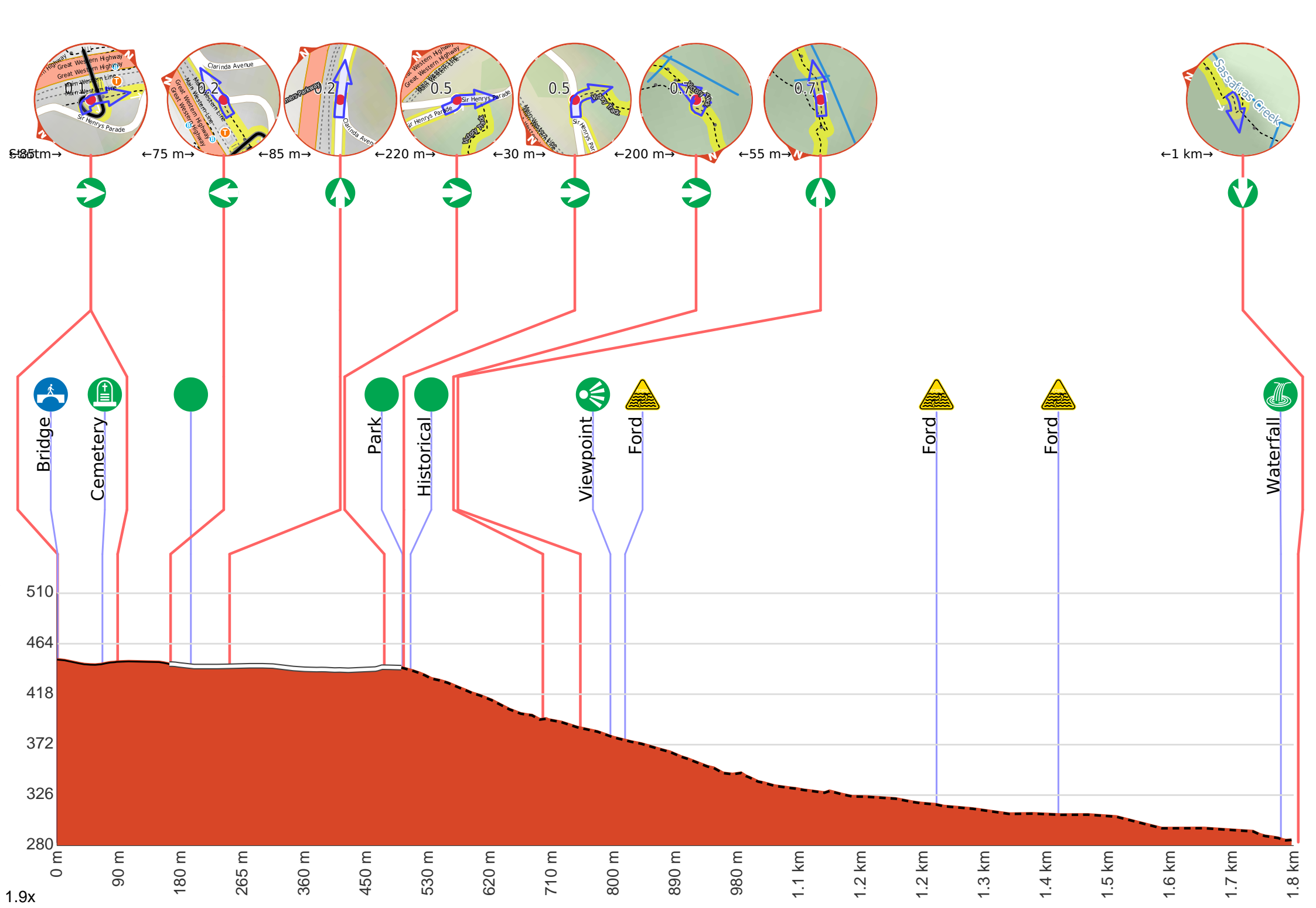
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

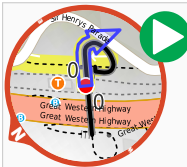
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Getting started: From the top of Faulconbridge Station, the walk heads off the station overpass to the bushland side of the station (if you come to a car park, you have gone to the wrong side of the station). The walk then keeps the rail line on the left as it follows the footpath down to the road. After a while, the walk comes to an intersection with Sir Henrys Pde, opposite house number 10.



Start.



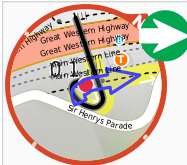
Then cross the Centenary Bridge (about 85 m long)



Continue straight.



After another 55 m pass the "Faulconbridge Cemetery" (15 m on your left).



After another 20 m **turn right.**

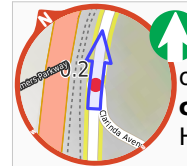


After another 105 m find the "Faulconbridge" (20 m on your left).

Faulconbridge, in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales, was named after the maiden name of Sir Henry Parkes' mother. Faulconbridge sits on the Great Western Highway and is surrounded by valleys of lush bushland. This picturesque town was a home, and final resting place, for Sir Henry Parkes', heralded as the 'Father of Federation'. Faulconbridge was originally explored by non-indigenous Australians in 1813, by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson who were searching for a route over the Blue Mountains .



Turn left, to head along Sir Henrys Parade.



After another 85 m (at the intersection of Sir Henrys Parade & Clarinda Avenue) **continue straight,** to head along Sir Henrys Parade.



After another 220 m **turn right,** to head along Sir Henrys Parade.



After another 25 m pass the "Corridor of Oaks Park" (25 m on your left).



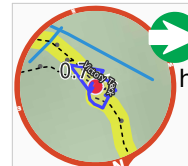
After another 2 m (at the intersection of Victory Track & Sir Henrys Parade) **turn right,** to head along Victory Track (a walking track).



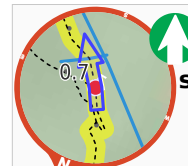
After another 10 m find the "Victory Track" (8 m on your right).



The Victory Track is more formally known as the 'Sir Henry Parkes Victory Track' and is called the 'Victoria Track' in many guide books. The track starts near Sir Henry Parkes' grave in Faulconbridge and leads to Sassafrass Gully Creek. Sir Henry Parkes (1815-1896) was a politician and journalist, born in England. He is considered to be the 'Father of Federation' for Australia, although he died of natural causes 5 years before Australia's federation. Parkes was the premier of New South Wales five times. The town Parkes was named in his honour. Parkes would sometime write under the pseudonym 'Faulconbridge' (his mother's maiden name) for the Sydney Morning Herald and other papers and Faulconbridge (the township) was named after his mother when Parkes purchased 600 acres in 1877.



After another 190 m **turn right,** to head along Victory Track.



After another 55 m **continue straight,** to head along Victory Track.



After another 45 m come to the viewpoint (10 m on your left).



After another 20 m cross the ford.



After another 450 m cross the ford.



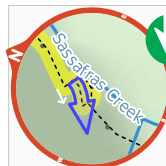
After another 175 m cross the ford.



After another 320 m find the "Clarinda Falls" (8 m on your left).



Clarinda Falls is a charming waterfall on Sassafras Creek. The water cascades over a near-vertical wall, into a sandy pool below. The falls are signposted from the main track and provide a nice cool detour, especially on warmer days. The falls are named for the first wife of Sir Henry Parkes, 'Father of Australian Federation'.



Continue another 25 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.8 km to get back to the start.