



# Fiddens Wharf Walking Track

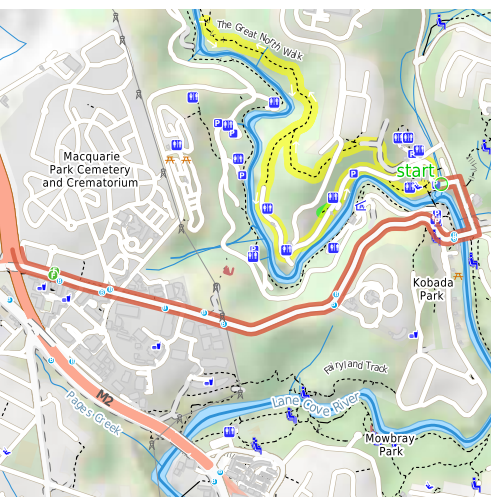
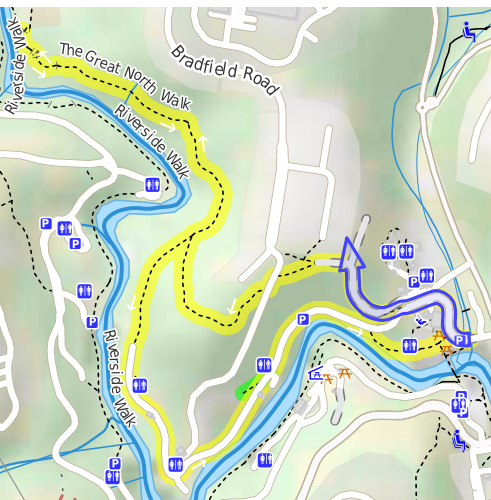
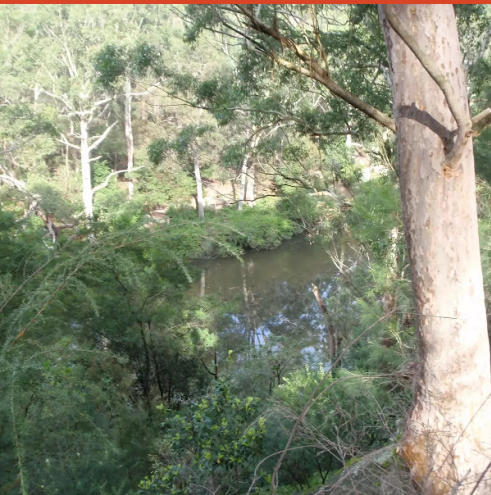
(Darug Country)

 1 h 30 min to 3 h

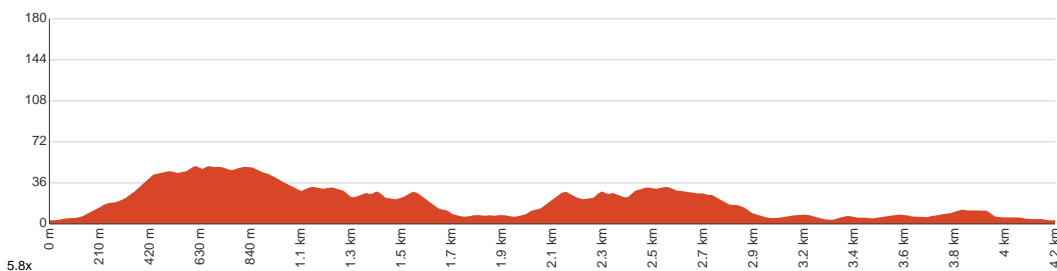
  
4.2 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 130 m  
↓ 130 m

  
Moderate track



This walk explores some of the hills and river banks of the Lane Cove National Park. Leaving the weir precinct on Max Allen Drive, the walk follows the Great North Walk over the hill and down to Fiddens Wharf (just near the oval). The return journey, past Schwartz Homestead, provides a great chance to see some local heritage. The track passes several picnic areas by the river providing a great chance to rest, eat and enjoy the view. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug people, 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	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Delhi Road Offramp

- Turn on to Delhi Road Offramp then drive for 2.3 km
- Turn left onto Lady Game Drive and drive for another 235 m
- Turn left onto Max Allen Road and drive for another 75 m

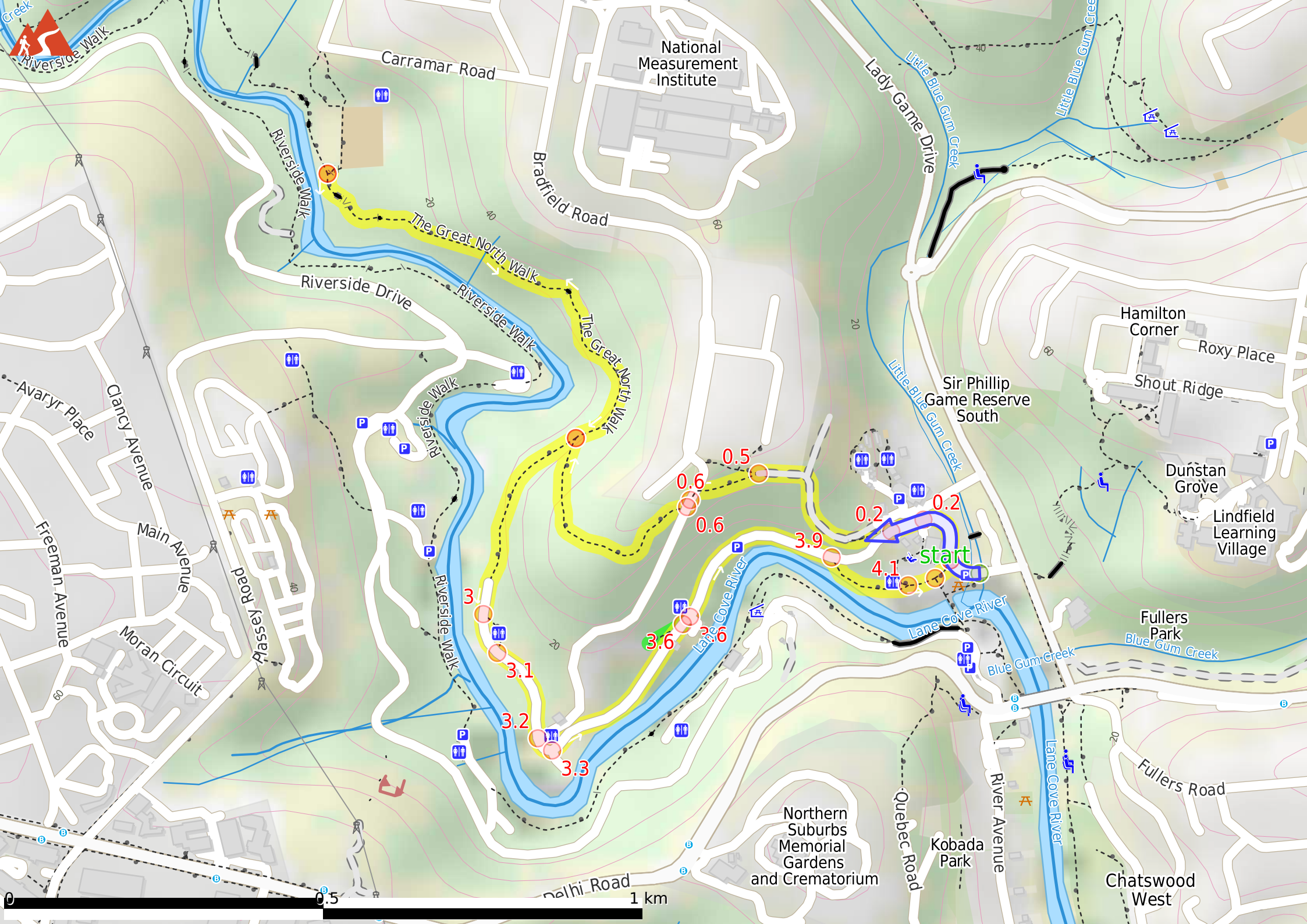
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

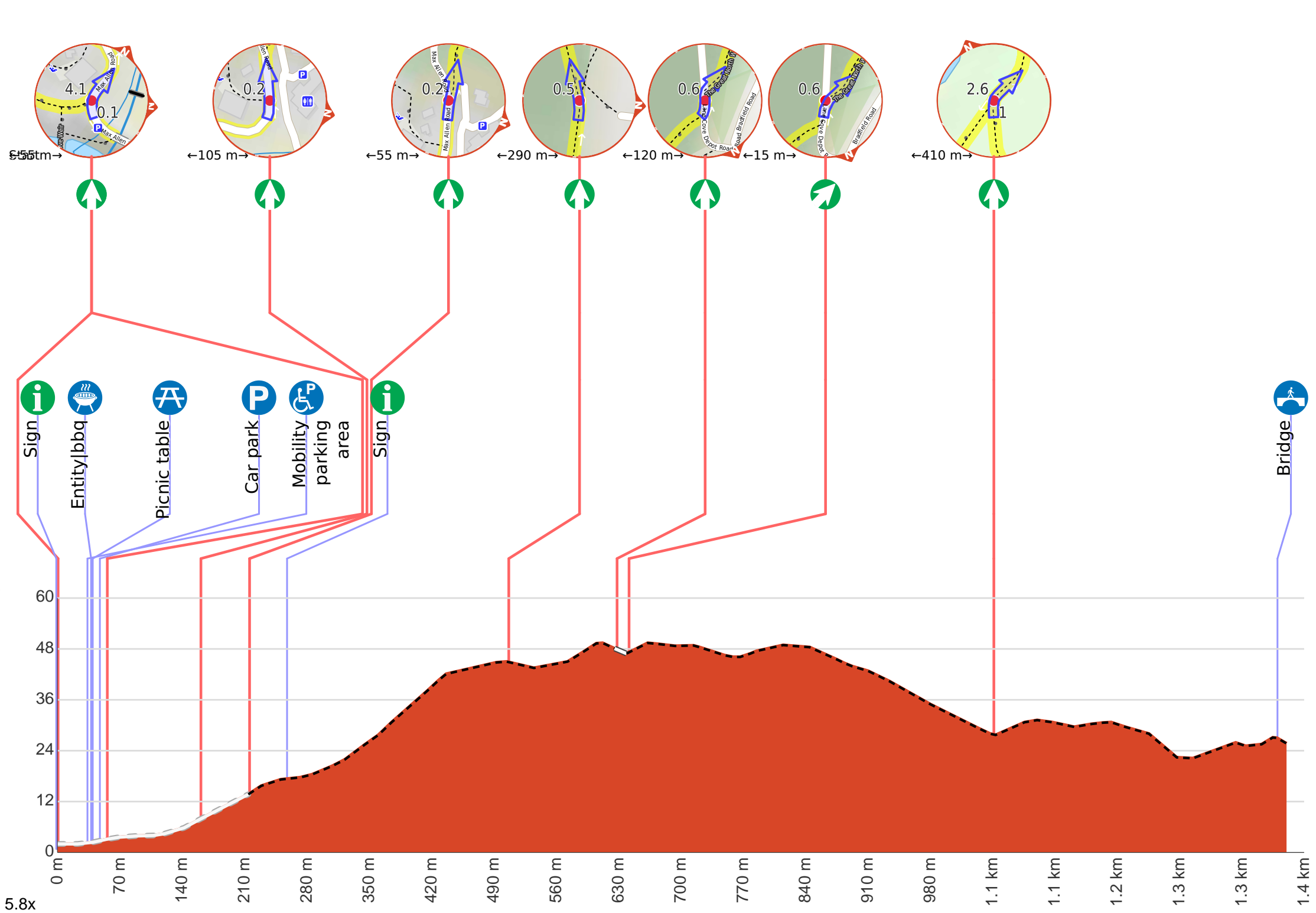
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

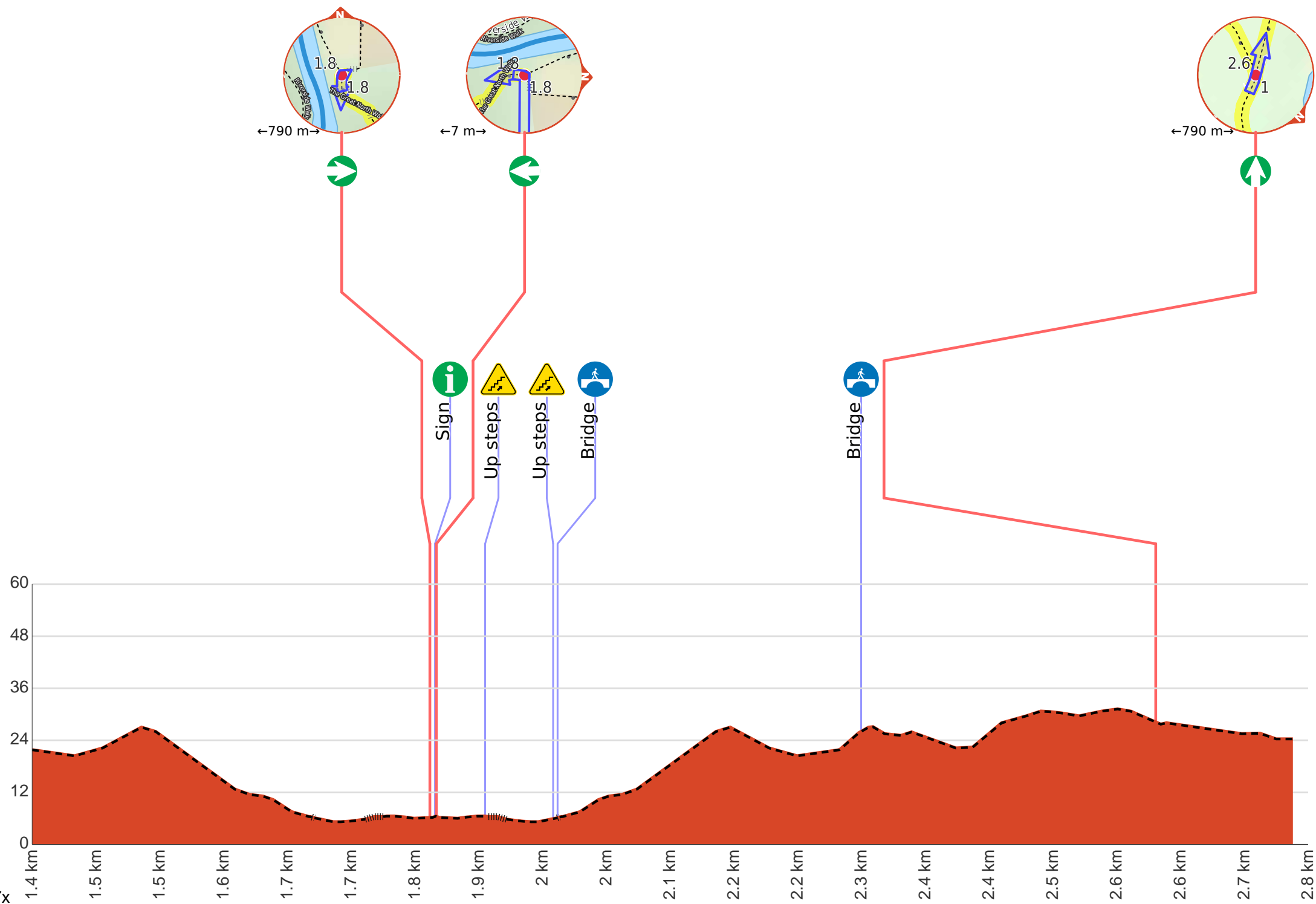
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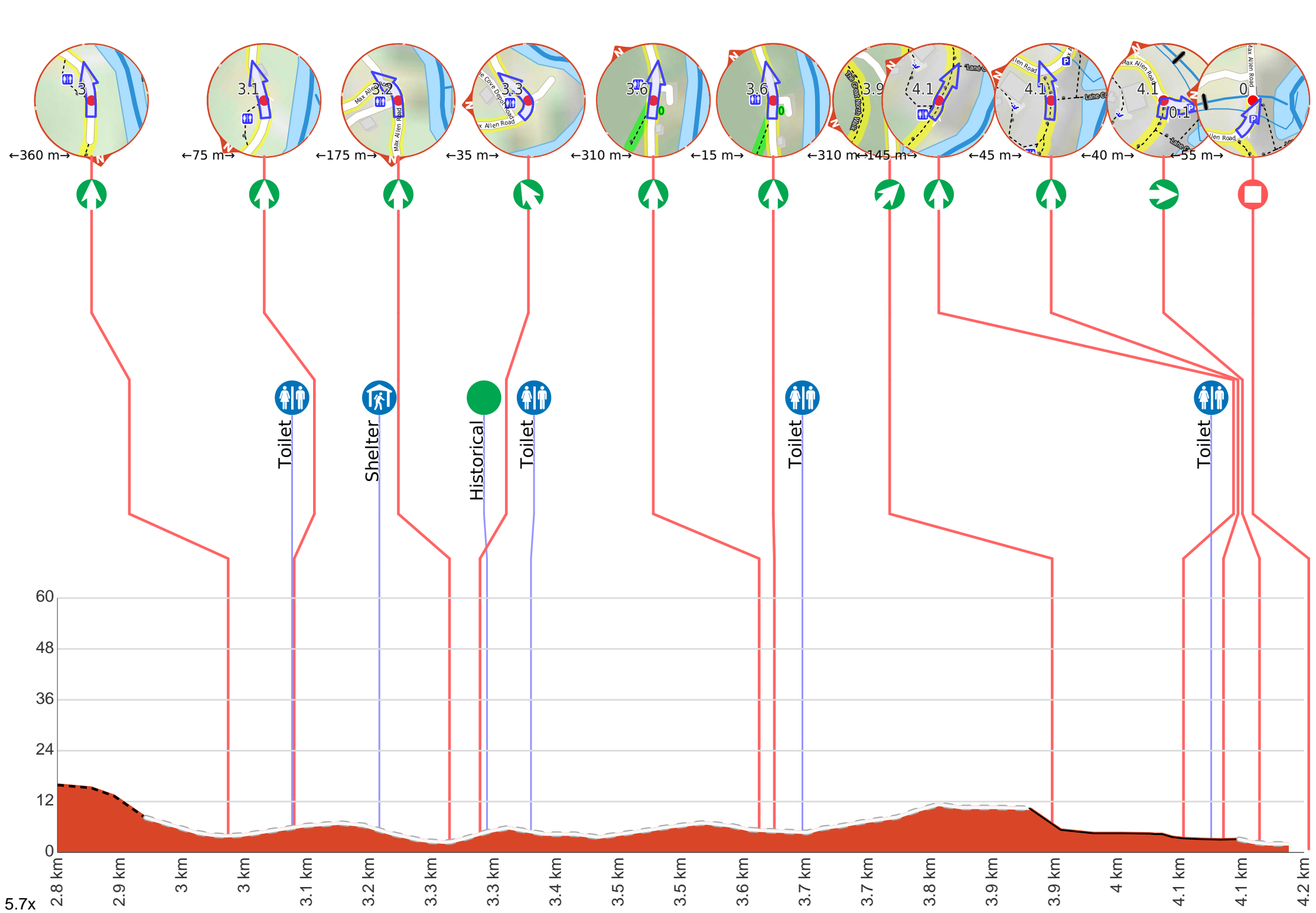






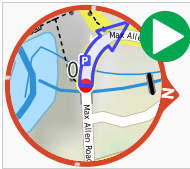
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**Getting started:** From the bridge, this walk heads gently uphill along the road to the intersection with the visible concrete stairs just below the National Parks Office.

From the intersection, this walk follows the road uphill, keeping the short sandstone wall and National Parks office on your left. The road soon bends left and leads up past the staff parking, to an intersection (with a track on your right) marked with a large 'Great North Walk' sign.



**Start** heading along *Max Allen Road*.



The Great North Walk (about 15 m back from the start).



After 40 m find the "BBQ" (15 m on your left).



Two free electric BBQs hotplates in sheltered picnic area. The BBQ table is 92cm high, 2.05m wide and 75cm deep. Hot plates are 45/45cm.



Then find the "Picnic Table" (10 m on your left).



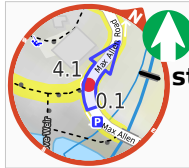
Two timber slat picnic tables. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 3.3m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest). Room for a few chairs at end. 4x2.7m slab.



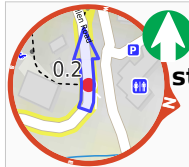
After another 8 m pass the car park (5 m on your left).



Then find the "Parking Accessible" (on your left). There are 8 car parking bays in the immediate area. Three are marked mobility parking bays at the southern edge. The mobility parking area is asphalt, 2.4m wide and 6.3m deep.



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



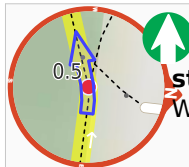
After another 105 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



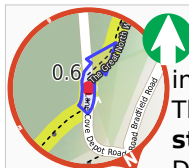
After another 55 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Max Allen Road) **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).



After another 40 m pass the sign (25 m on your left).



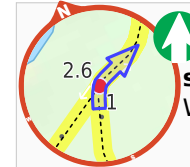
After another 250 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Lane Cove Depot Road & The Great North Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Lane Cove Depot Road (a service road).



After another 15 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Lane Cove Depot Road) **veer right**, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).



After another 410 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 315 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 200 m cross the ford.



After another 130 m cross the bridge



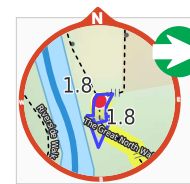
Then head down the 7 stone steps (about 3 m long)



After another 55 m head down the 26 steps (about 20 m long)



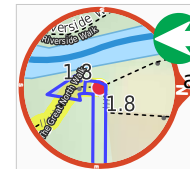
Then cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 40 m **turn right**.



After another 6 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 2 m **turn left**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 55 m head up the 26 steps (about 20 m long)



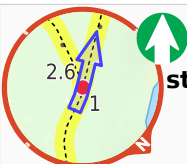
After another 55 m head up the 7 stone steps (about 3 m long)



Then cross the bridge



After another 330 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 315 m **continue straight**.



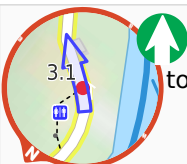
After another 225 m come to the viewpoint (9 m on your right).



After another 135 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



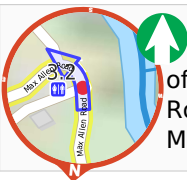
After another 70 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



After another 2 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



There is a shelter (about 5 m back from the start).



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Max Allen Road & Lane Cove Depot Road) **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



After another 40 m find the "Schwartz Homestead" (20 m on your left).



The Schwartz Homestead is a neat little white and green 1920's timber cottage with a balcony on three sides. It was probably built by orchardist George Warr, who leased the land from 1917.



**Veer left**, to head along Max Allen Road.



After another 55 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



After another 255 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Baker's Cottage.



To start this optional side trip turn around here. **Start** heading along Max Allen Road.



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



Continue another 65 m to find Baker's Cottage at the end.



About 50 m past the end is "Baker's Cottage".



Baker's Cottage was built in 1865 as the residence of William Baker and his family. The cottage once stood in the middle of a well-kept garden and orchard. The cottage itself was once larger, with more rooms and a verandah surrounding it. The residence changed hands only twice, and was then appropriated by the Minister of Lands in 1938.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 80 m to the main route.



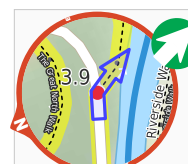
Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 3.6 km waypoint.



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Max Allen Road.



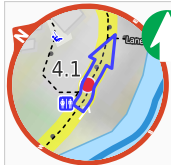
After another 30 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



After another 280 m **veer right**.



After another 180 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).



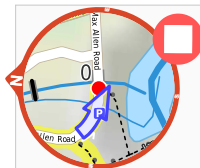
**Continue straight.**



After another 45 m **continue straight.**



After another 40 m **turn right**, to head along Max Allen Road.



After another 55 m come to the end.