



Desert View Walk Trail

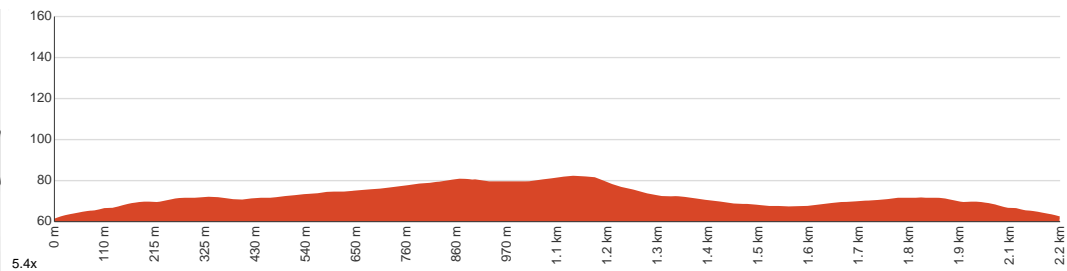
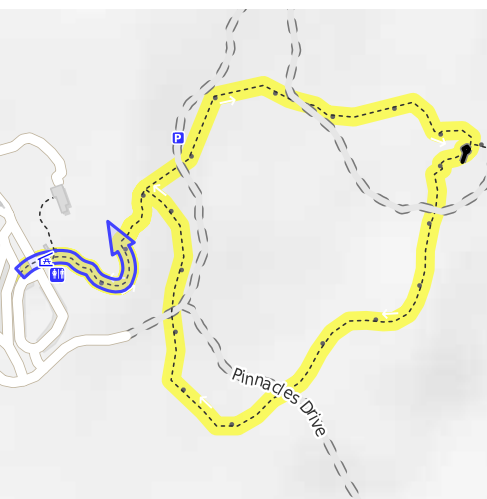
 45 min to 1 h


2.2 km
Circuit


↑ 28 m
↓ 27 m


Easy track

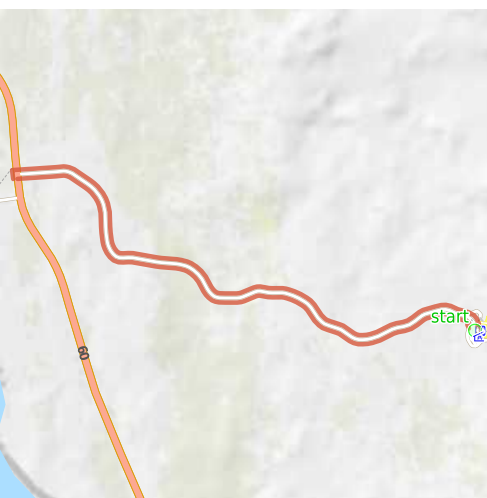
Starting from the car park at the end of Pinnacles Drive, Nambung National Park, this walk takes you on a circuit through the Pinnacles Desert and past the Pinnacles View Lookout via the Desert View Walk Trail. This is one of the park's most popular trails because of the views and easy access to the Pinnacles Desert. From the main car park area, a concrete path leads to the start of the Desert View Walk Trail. The concrete path ends as it leaves the heathland, providing the first sight of the Pinnacles Desert. The trailhead is well signed, providing a map of the walk and some safety information. Comprised of naturally well-compacted sand, the trail is mostly flat with only a few gentle rises. An interesting aspect of this trail is that there is no set path. Instead, walkers can choose their own course between the marker posts placed at regular intervals and freely explore the otherworldly environment. The best time of the year to go is spring, with blooming wildflowers and cooler weather. Summer is very hot and dry. It is advisable to avoid visiting from December to March. Wear sunscreen, long sleeves and a hat to avoid sunstroke and sunburn, and carry enough drinking water. The trail crosses the vehicle track at various points (which is well marked with rocks), so watch out for cars. Please treat the Pinnacles with respect and never attempt to climb these fragile structures. 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 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

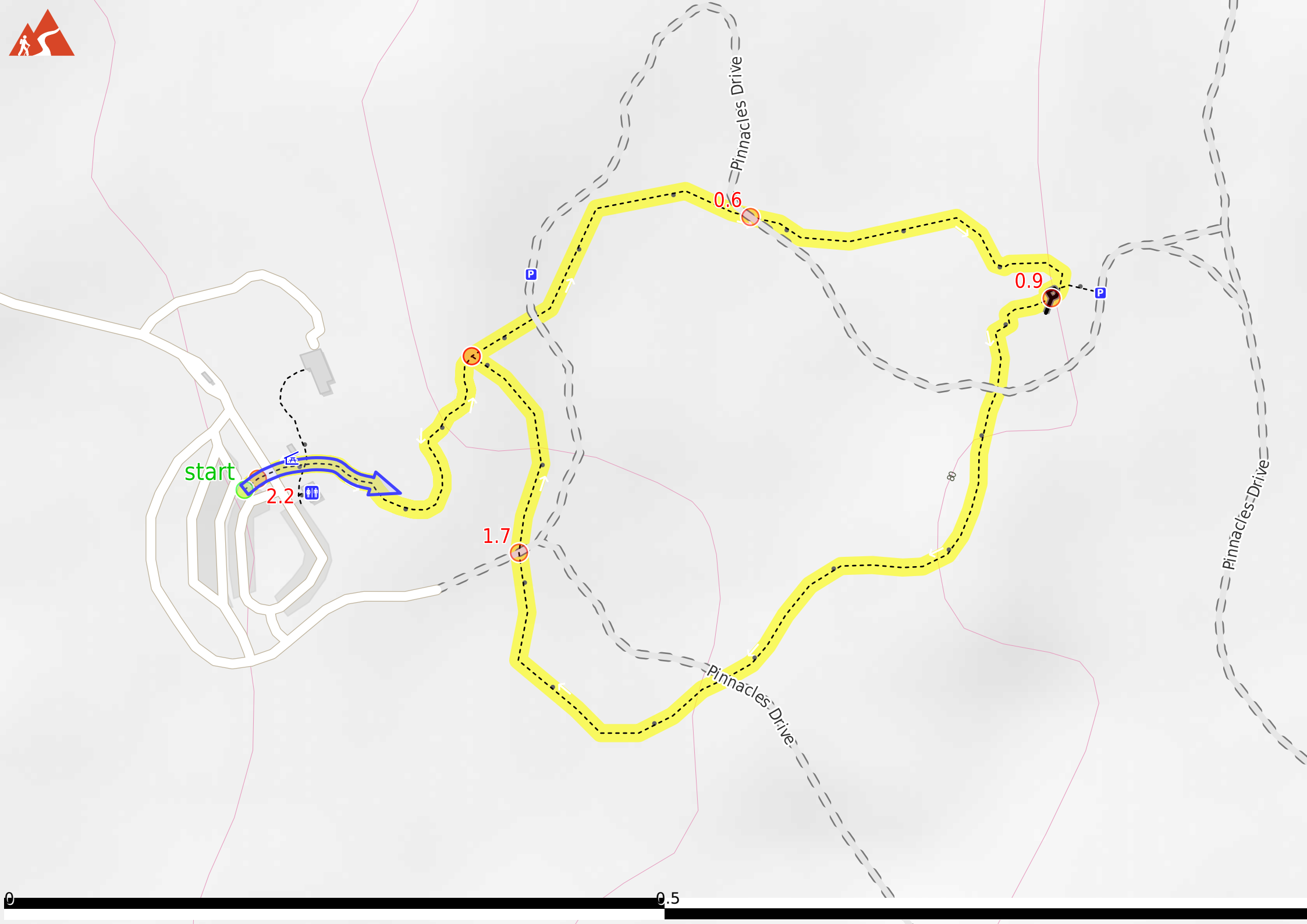
Getting to the start: From Indian Ocean Drive, 60

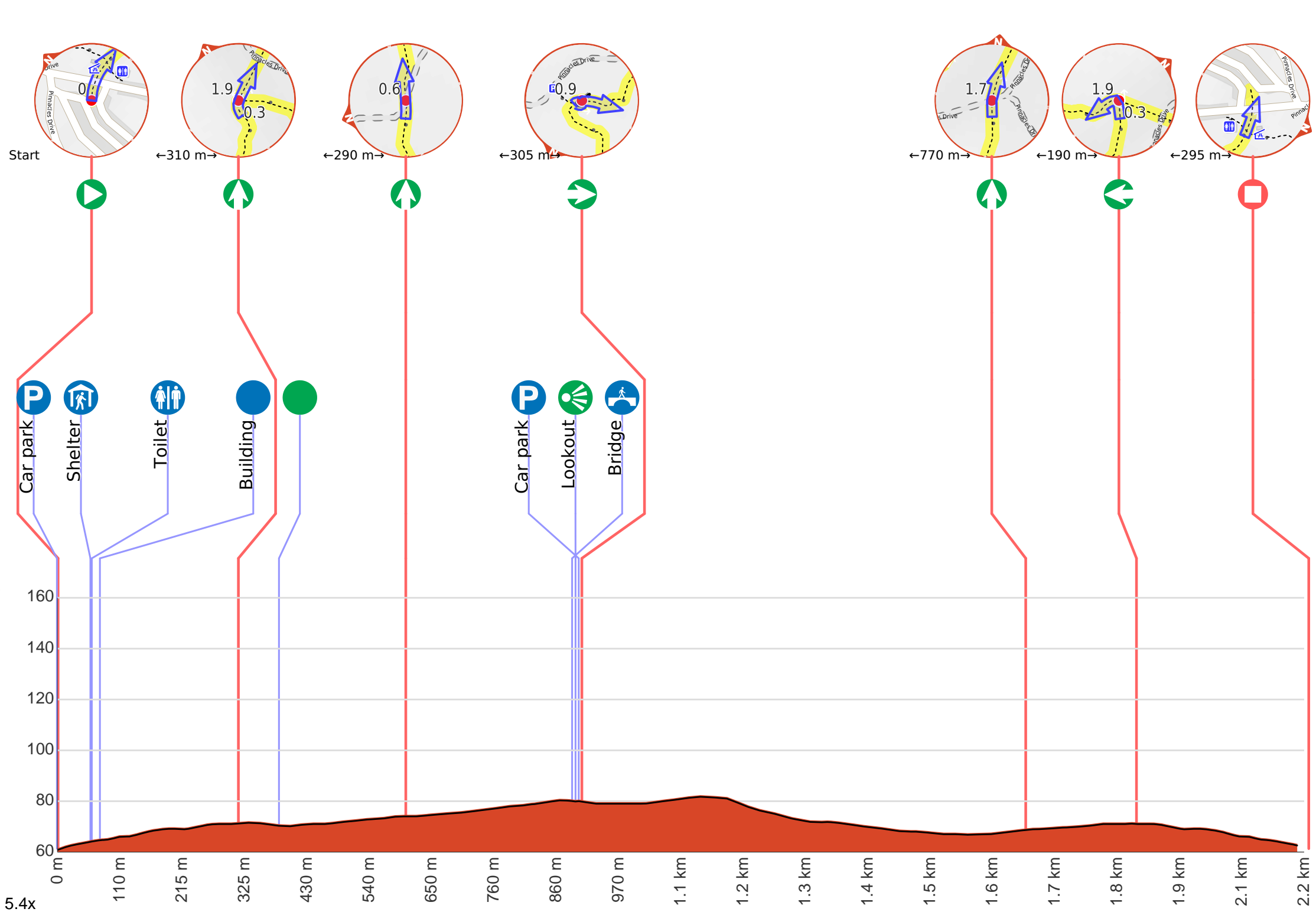
- Turn on to Pinnacles Drive then drive for 5.3 km
- Turn right onto Pinnacles Drive and drive for another 20 m
- Turn left and drive for another 15 m
- Keep left and drive for another 40 m



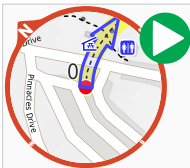
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Getting started: From the car park at the end of Pinnacles Drive, Nambung National Park, head along the concrete path, passing a 'Take time to explore...' sign. After passing a sheltered seating area (to your left), head up the steps past the 'Walk Trail & Pinnacles View' sign and follow the concrete path ahead for about 250m as it winds through the heathland. Once the concrete path ends, keep left and proceed past the 'Desert View Walk Trail' sign (to your right) into the Pinnacles Desert and continue the Desert View Walk Trail (clockwise).



Start.



There is a car park.



After 60 m pass the shelter (15 m on your left).



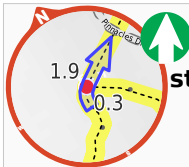
Continue straight.



After another 6 m pass the toilet (30 m on your right).



After another 15 m find the "Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre" (90 m on your left). Set in low heath at the edge of the Pinnacles Desert, the discovery centre is a stepping stone into Nambung National Park. There are displays, objects and soundscapes in the discovery centre that give you information about the geology of the rock formations and the culture & history of the area. The building has been designed to blend with the surrounding environment and incorporates solar power, passive solar building design and rainwater collection. There are also toilets in the centre.



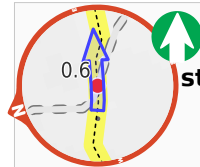
After another 240 m **continue straight.**



After another 70 m find the "Pinnacles Desert" (on your right). Thousands of huge limestone pillars mysteriously rise from the yellow sands to form one of Western Australia's most iconic and unusual landscapes. The Pinnacles formed approximately 25,000 to 30,000 years ago after the sea receded and left deposits of seashells. Coastal winds cleared the sand around the pillars, exposing them. The variation in colours (due mainly to the variation in soil types) and the stark relief of the Pinnacles against a backdrop of constantly shifting sand dunes together create an eerie landscape of ever-changing moods. Dawn and dusk are the best times to experience this change of colour and shadow length.



Continue straight.



After another 230 m **continue straight.**



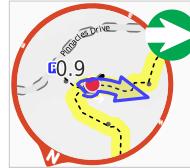
After another 300 m pass the car park (35 m on your left).



Then find the "Pinnacles View Lookout" (on your right). A raised, decked platform is the centrepiece of the trail, offering walkers (and drivers who have parked their cars) an excellent vantage point from which to survey the land. This wooden structure allows you to get above the desert floor, providing impressive views in all directions. The Pinnacles View Lookout also provides side trip options for those who want to extend their walk.



Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



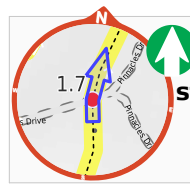
Turn right.



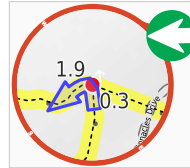
After another 105 m **continue straight.**



After another 370 m **continue straight.**



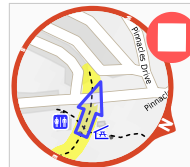
After another 295 m **continue straight.**



After another 190 m **turn left.**



After another 260 m **continue straight.**



After another 40 m come to the end.