



# Cronulla to Botany Bay Discovery Centre (Dharawal Country)

4 h to 4 h 30 min

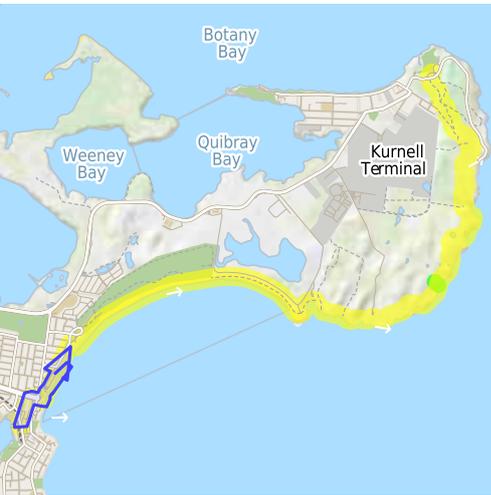
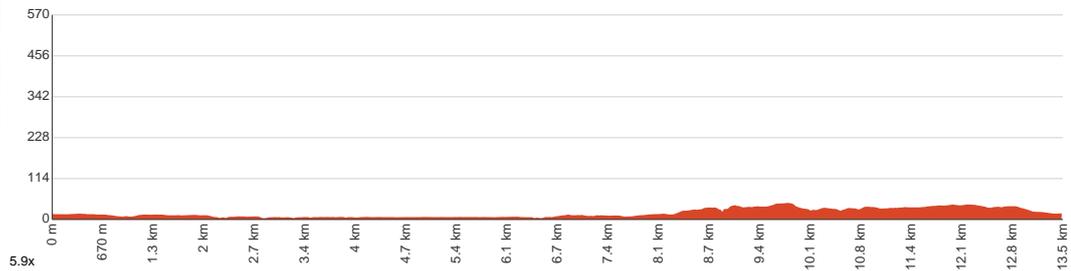
13.4 km  
One way

↑ 146 m  
↓ 144 m

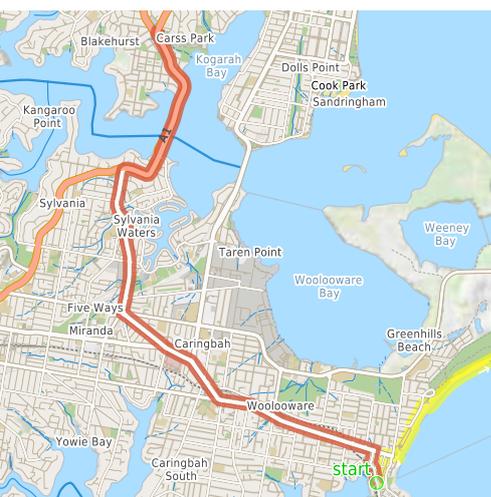
4  
Hard track



This coastal walk starts from Cronulla station and follows the beaches around to the Boat Harbour Aquatic reserve, then continues along the Cape Bailey walk, winding through thick heath and between hanging swamps. The walk finishes at the Botany Bay Discovery Centre. There is an alternate exit to the end of Polo street for those wishing to exit outside the park. There is a good, optional side trip up to the Cape Bailey lighthouse. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



<b>Class 4 of 6</b> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



**Getting to the start:** From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Port Hacking Road then drive for 3.9 km
- Keep right onto Kingsway and drive for another 3.6 km
- Turn right onto Wilbar Avenue and drive for another 230 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Purley Place and drive for another 360 m

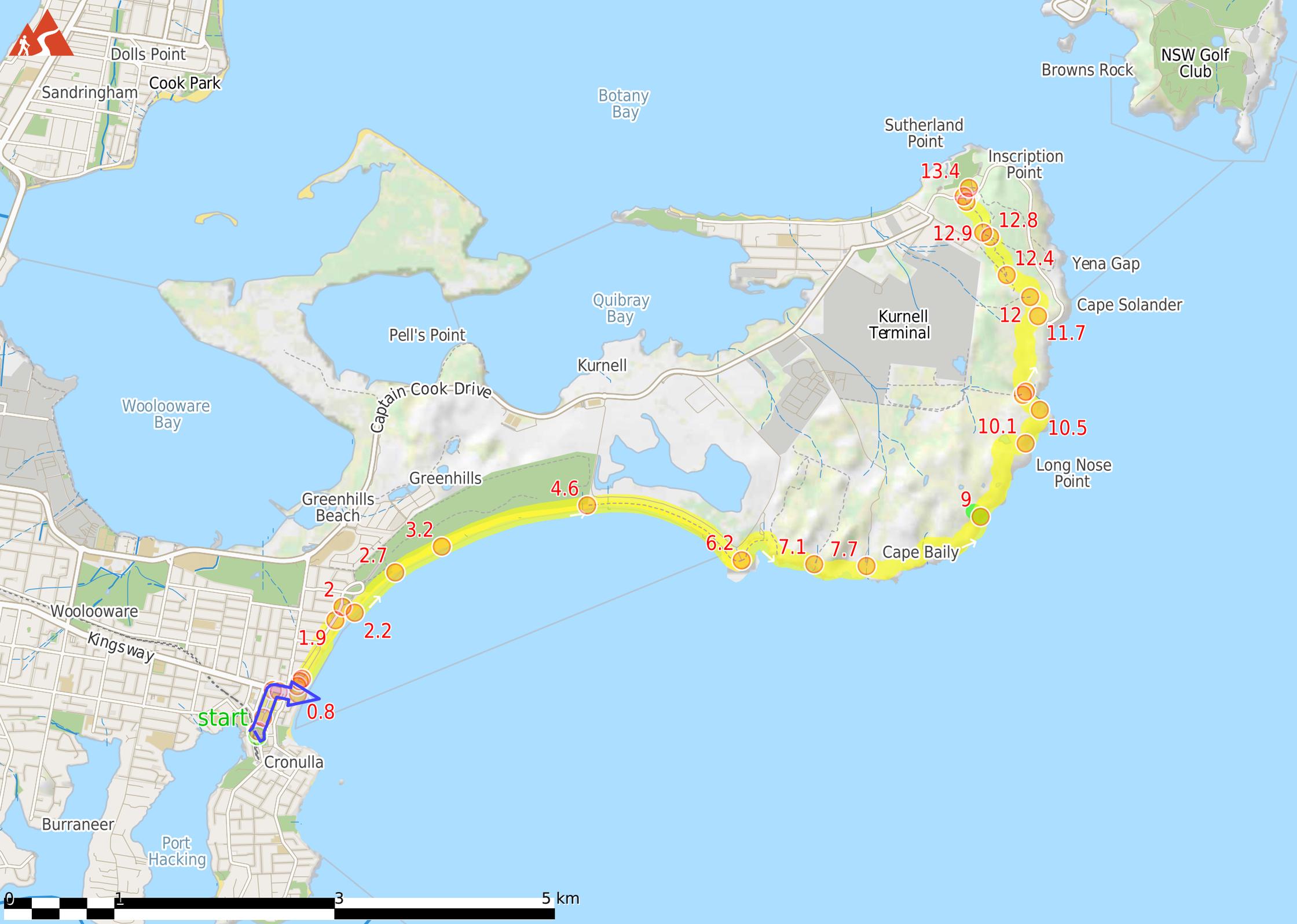
**Before you start any journey ensure you;**

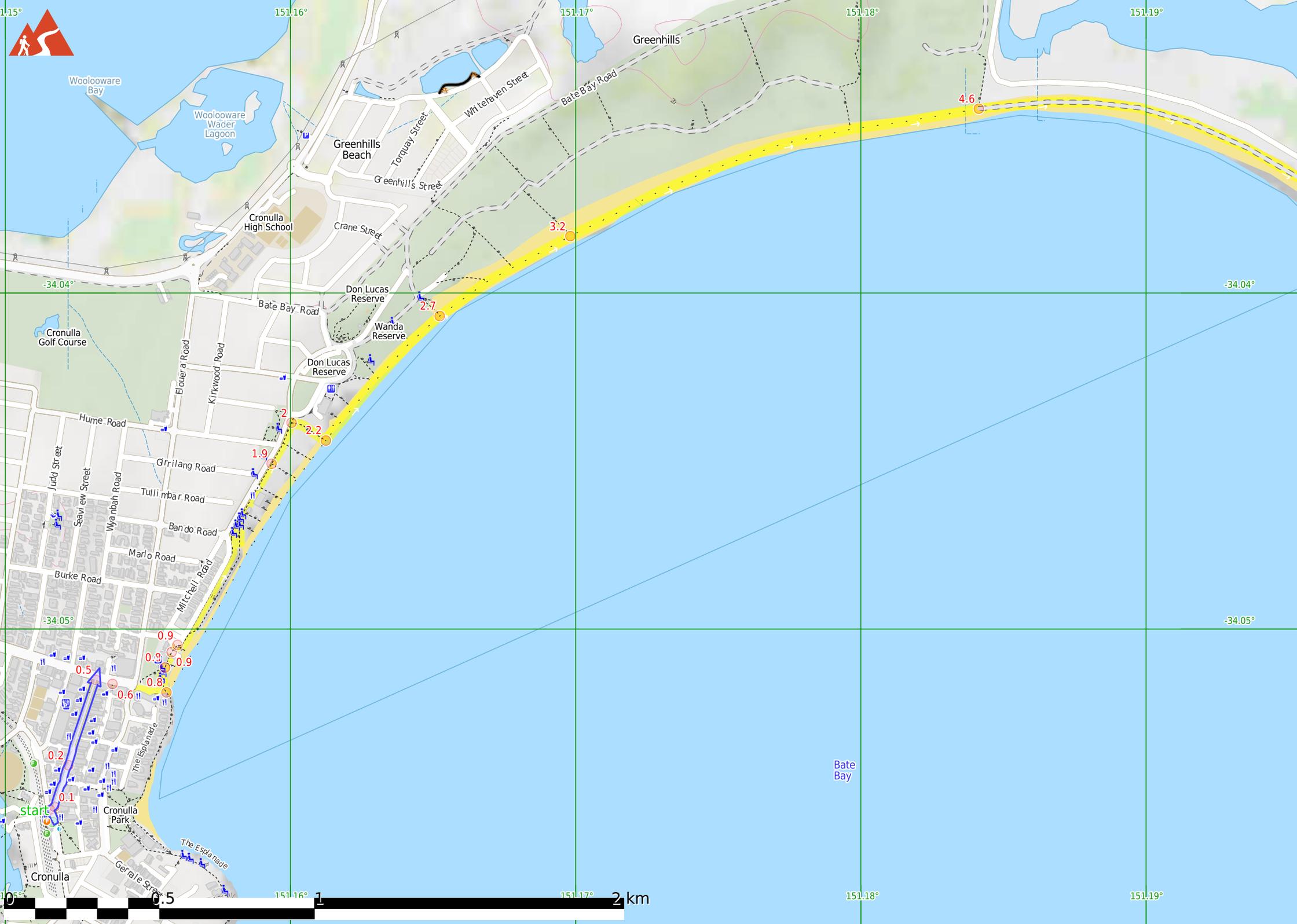
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

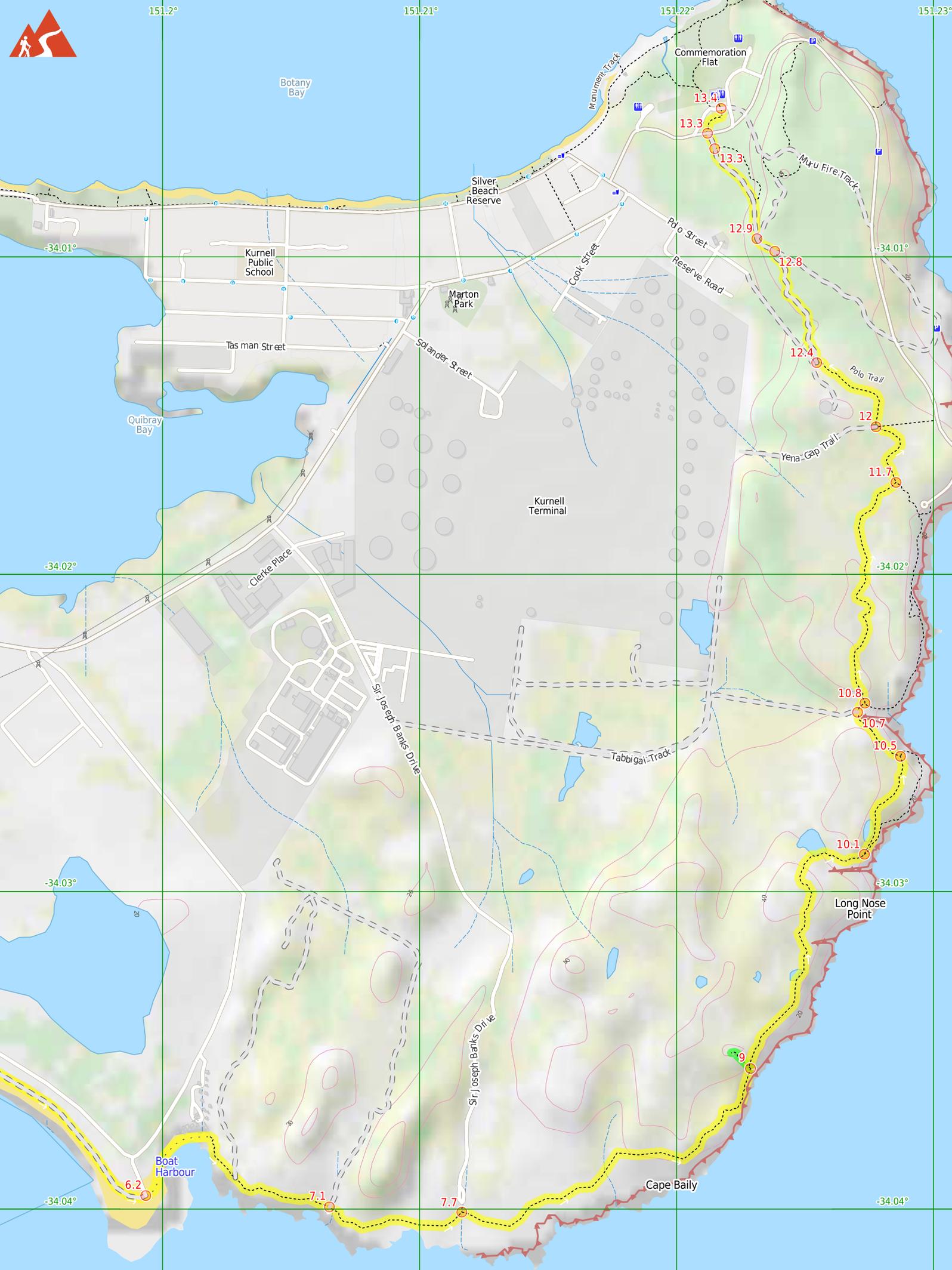
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

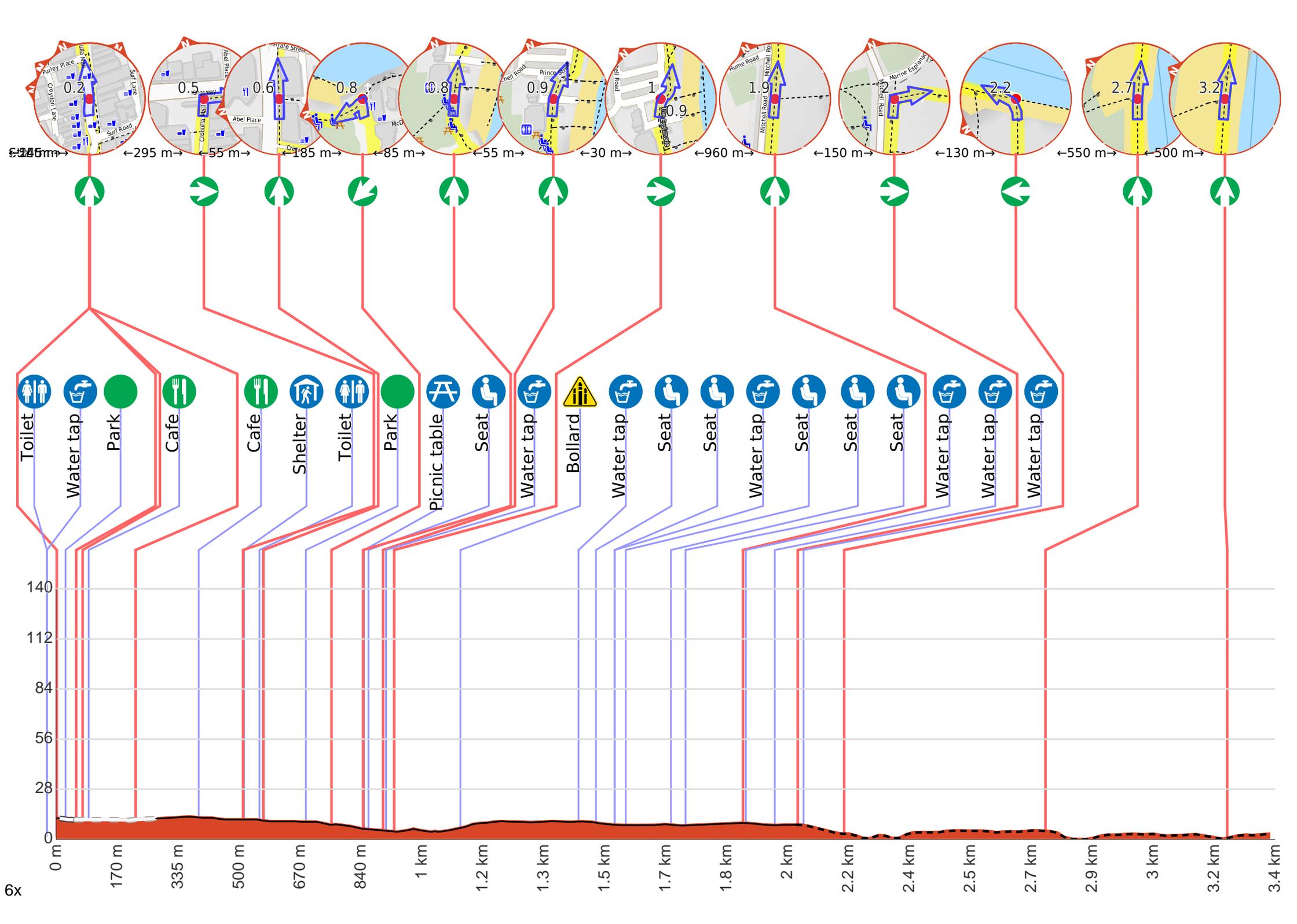
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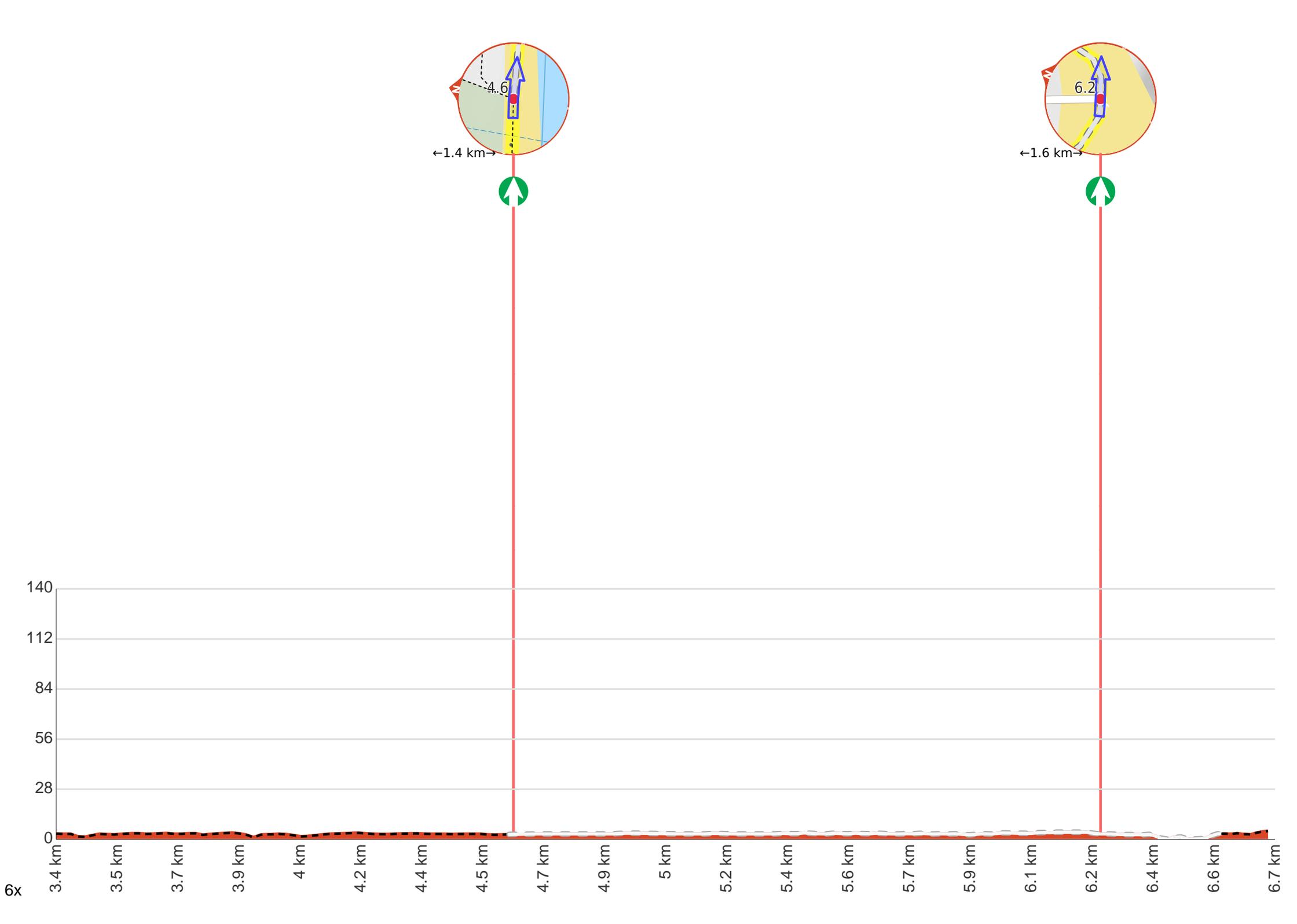


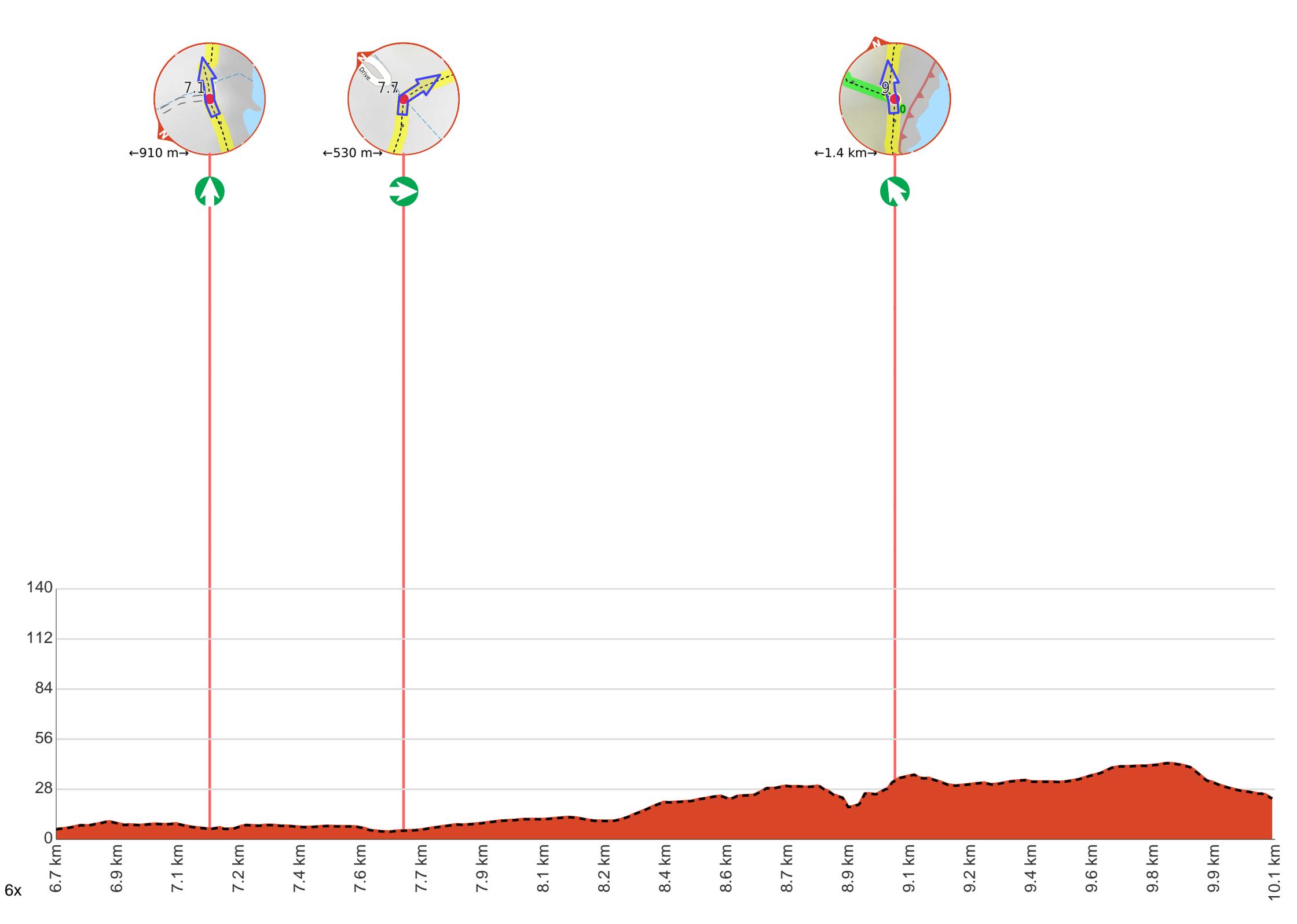


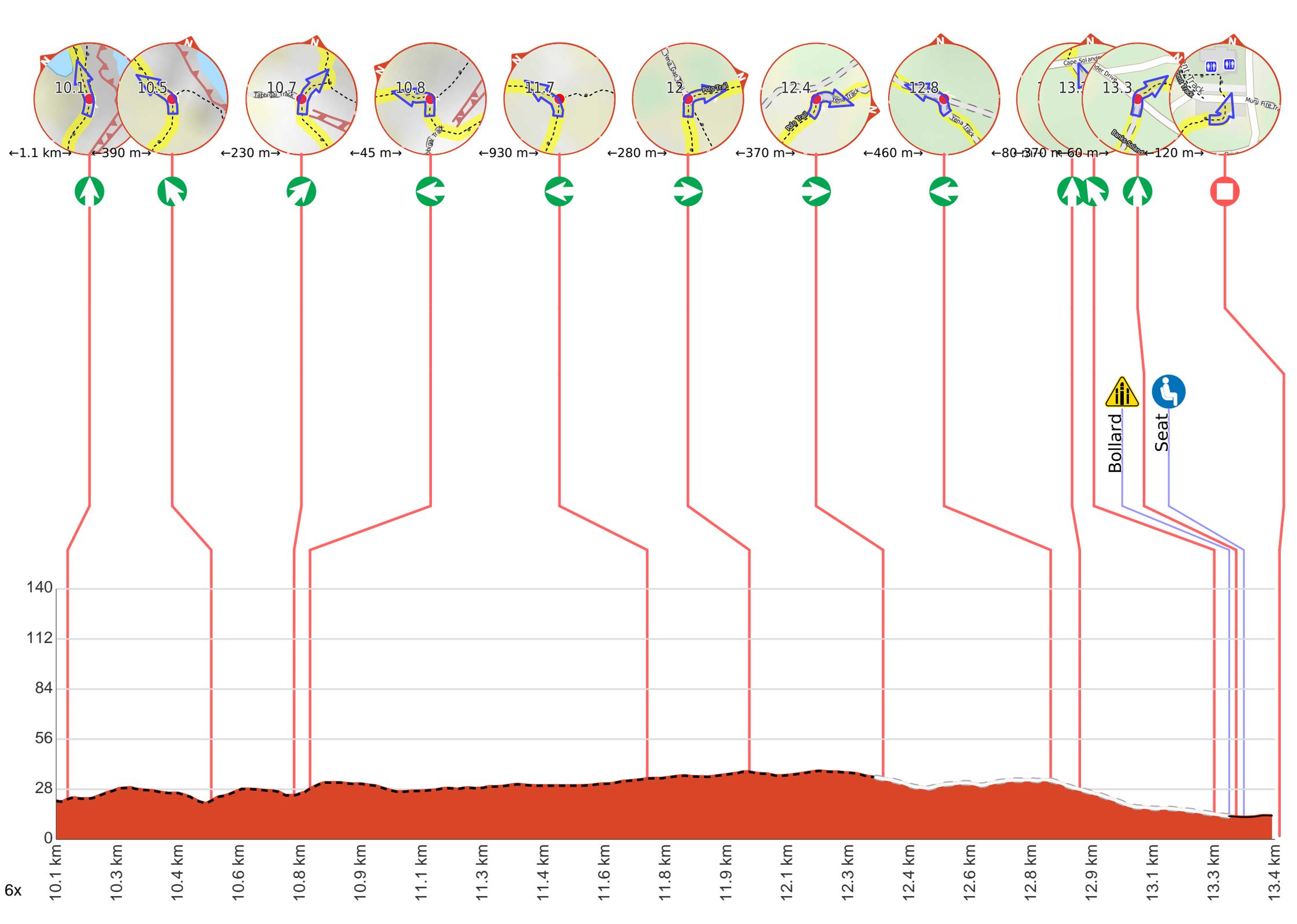












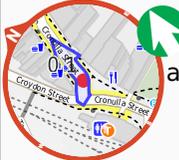
**Getting started:** From the train station, the walk crosses Cronulla street at the traffic lights and continues along the laneway running between the park and the row of shops. The walk then crosses Surf lane at the pedestrian crossing and continues along the wide laneway to the intersection with Gerrale street, at the pedestrian crossing.

From the intersection, the walk crosses the road at the pedestrian crossing and follows the footpath into the park for a short distance before turning left onto another footpath. The walk follows this footpath (passing two intersecting footpaths) to the intersection with another footpath at the edge of the beach.



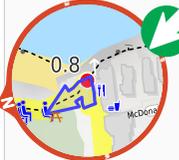
**Start** heading along *Beach Park Avenue*.

-  There is a toilet (about 25 m back from the start).
-  There is water tap (about 25 m back from the start).
-  Find the Monro Park at the start.
-  At the intersection of Beach Park Avenue & Cronulla Street **turn left**, to head along Cronulla Street (a highway|tertiary).



After another 20 m **veer left**, to head along Cronulla Street.

-  After another 15 m pass the cafe (15 m on your left).
-  After another 65 m **continue straight**, to head along Cronulla Street.



After another 70 m **turn sharp left**.

-  After another 90 m pass the picnic table (10 m on your left).
-  After another 10 m pass a seat (on your left), has a backrest.



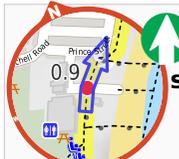
After another 65 m **continue straight**, to head along Cronulla Street.

-  After another 60 m (at the intersection of Cronulla Mall & Cronulla Street) **continue straight**, to head along Cronulla Mall (a highway|pedestrian).
-  After another 115 m pass the "Cronulla Pie Shop" (15 m on your left).
-  After another 125 m pass the shelter (10 m on your left).
-  After another 40 m pass the toilet (7 m on your left).



**Continue straight**, to head along The Esplanade.

-  After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along The Esplanade.



After another 40 m **continue straight**, to head along The Esplanade.

-  After another 8 m pass the water tap (5 m on your left).



**Turn right**.

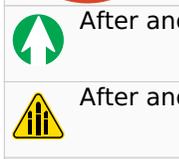


After another 20 m **turn right**.



After another 55 m **continue straight**.

-  After another 80 m **continue straight**.
-  After another 35 m pass the "Dunningham Park" (30 m on your left).



After another 175 m **continue straight**.

-  After another 8 m head through the bollard.
-  After another 325 m pass the water tap (on your left).
-  After another 50 m pass a seat (on your right), has a backrest.

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 Then pass the water tap (on your left).

 After another 30 m pass a seat (on your left), has a backrest.

 After another 125 m pass a seat (on your right), has a backrest.

 After another 40 m pass a seat (on your right), has no backrest.

 **Continue straight.**

 After another 185 m **continue straight.**

 After another 8 m pass the water tap (7 m on your right).

 After another 80 m pass the water tap (8 m on your right).

 After another 65 m **turn right.**

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

 After another 110 m **turn left.**

 After another 55 m **continue straight.**

 After another 190 m **continue straight.**

 After another 310 m **continue straight.**

 After another 185 m **continue straight.**

 After another 315 m **continue straight.**

 After another 980 m **continue straight.**

 After another 420 m **continue straight.**

 After another 1.6 km **continue straight.**

 After another 540 m **continue straight.**

 After another 370 m **continue straight.**

 After another 530 m **turn right.**

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Cape Bailey Lighthouse.

 To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start.**

 After another 95 m come to "Cape Baily Lighthouse".



Established in 1950, the lighthouse was required so north-bound shipping could hug the coast and avoid the strong southerly currents further out to sea. This lighthouse can be found a stone's-throw from the Cape Bailey coastal walk, about 1.5 kilometres north from the Joseph Banks Drive car park.

"Cape Baily Lighthouse".

W: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

 The end.

 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 95 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 9 km waypoint.

After another 1.4 km **veer left**.

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

After another 1.1 km **continue straight**.

After another 460 m **turn left**, to head along Yena Track.

After another 390 m **veer left**.

After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Yena Track.

After another 230 m **veer right**.

After another 155 m (at the intersection of Yena Track & Banks-Solander Track) **continue straight**, to head along Yena Track.

After another 45 m **turn left**.

After another 215 m (at the intersection of Banks-Solander Track & Yena Track) **veer left**, to head along Yena Track.

After another 40 m head through the bollard.

After another 930 m **turn left**.

After another 20 m (at the intersection of Cape Solander Drive & Yena Track) **continue straight** (a footpath).

After another 280 m (at the intersection of Polo Trail & Yena Gap Trail) **turn right**, to head along Polo Trail.

After another 20 m find the "Seat" (on your right).



A timber bench seat, 54cm high, 20cm deep and 1.4m wide with no arm or backrest.

After another 100 m come to "Visitor Centre".



This visitors' centre can be found on Cape Solander Drive, inside Kamay Botany Bay National Park. It provides great information about the area's history and environment, plus there is a souvenir shop, where some simple food and drink is also available. A Trailrider is also available for free hire for people with limited mobility. There is a male & female toilet block on the eastern side of the Visitor Centre. And a large parking area in front.

About 20 m past the end is "Parking Accessible".



There are about 60 car parking bays in front of the visitors center. Two are marked mobility parking bays. The mobility parking area is asphalt, 3.8m wide and 4.6m deep.

The end.