



Yardie Gorge Trail

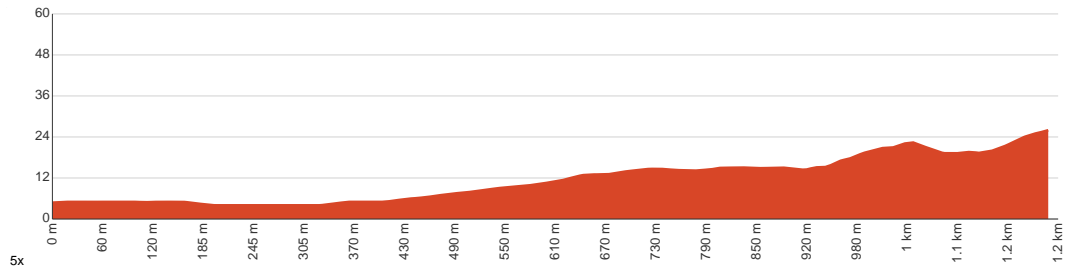
45 min to 1 h 30 min

2.4 km
Return

↑ 33 m
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Hard track

Starting from the car park at the end of Yardie Creek Road, Cape Range National Park, this walk takes you along the creek's edge, then up along the northern side of the gorge via the Yardie Nature Walk and Yardie Gorge Trail. The first section (Yardie Nature Walk) meanders along Yardie Creek, part of it being wheelchair-friendly. Several vantage points give excellent views of the gorge, the creek mouth and Ningaloo Reef. There is seating located along the trail for visitors to rest and enjoy the contrasting colours of the surrounding landscape. The Yardie Nature Walk ends as the gorge walls start to rise. The Yardie Gorge Trail is initially an easy walk but becomes more difficult as you ascend the range. Following a series of white marker poles, the trail passes multiple vantage points looking down into the creek. The trail crosses a series of smaller side gorges, requiring some mild scrambling to traverse. The Yardie Gorge Trail ends just as the creek bends, with a sign marking the end of the walk. Returning back along the gorge, walkers can see the course of Yardie Creek as it heads towards the ocean filled with water. This is a moderately challenging walk, with a mix of gentle walking along the creek's edge and occasionally steep ascents and descents in and out of the side gorges. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear and carry plenty of drinking water. This walk is best done on cooler days and preferably early in the morning. Avoid doing this walk on very hot days. 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 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

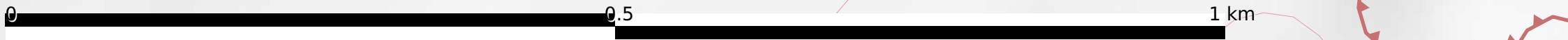
Getting to the start: From North West Coastal Highway, 1

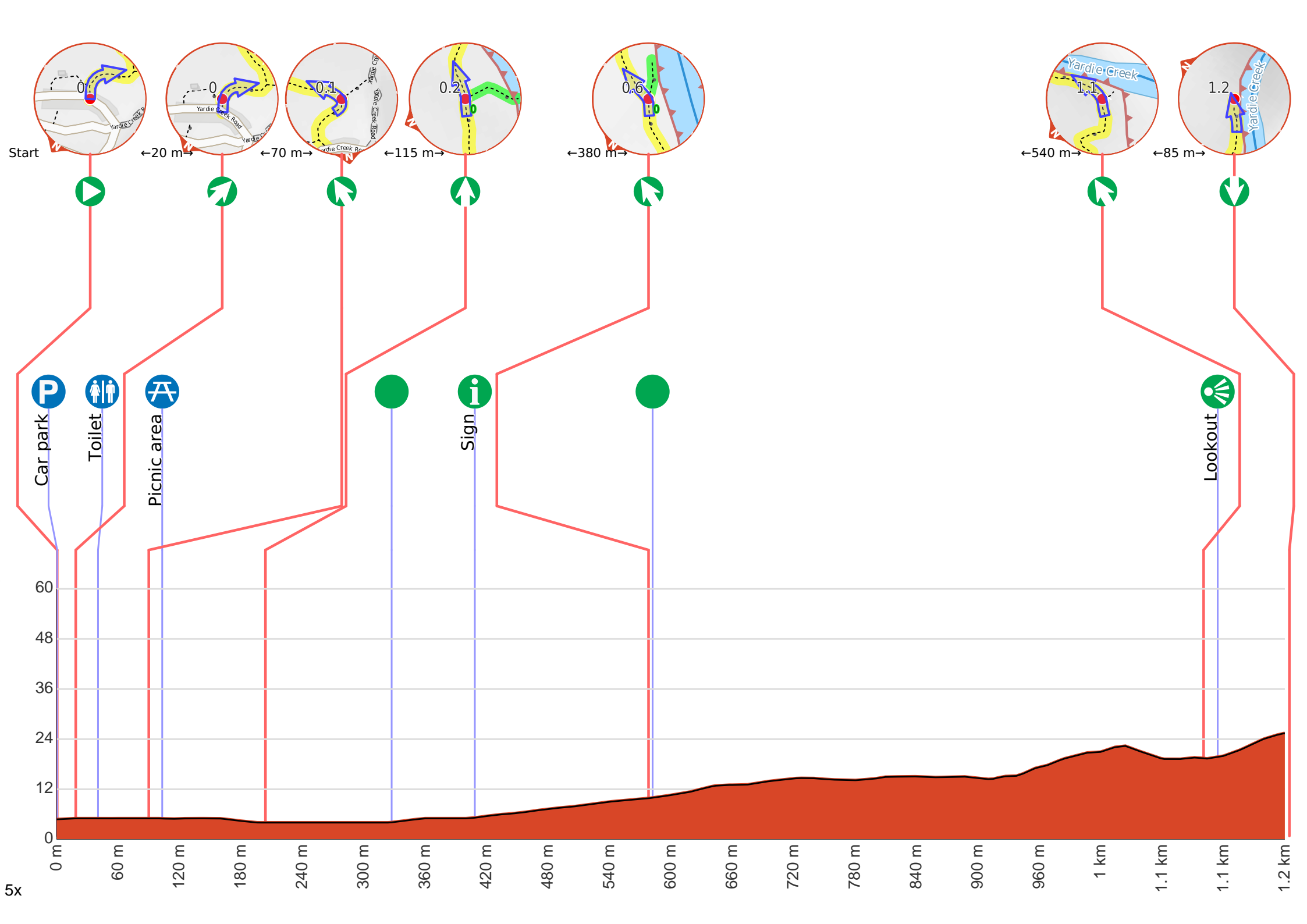
- Turn on to Burkett Road then drive for 78.5 km
- Turn right onto Minilya-Exmouth Road and drive for another 98.8 km
- Turn left onto Yardie Creek Road and drive for another 76 km



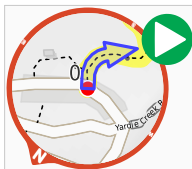
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Getting started: From the carpark at the end of Yardie Creek Road, Cape Range National Park, head along the wide dirt trail to the left of the informative shelter, passing a 'Yardie Nature Walk' and 'Yardie Gorge Trail' informative sign shortly ahead. Follow the flat dirt trail ahead, keeping the creek to your right, and continue the Yardie Gorge Trail.



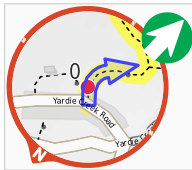
Start.



Find the car park at the start.



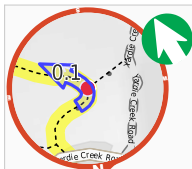
Find the toilet at the start.



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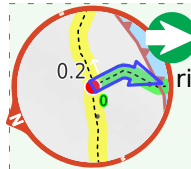


After another 85 m find the "Picnic Area - Yardie Gorge" (8 m on your right). Located in a grove of trees about 100m from the carpark to the north, this picnic area has plenty of picnic tables in the shade.



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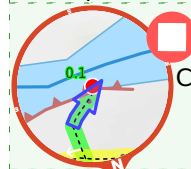
Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the departure point for the one-hour boat cruise which gives you a tour of the gorge.



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



After another 80 m come to "Boat Cruise departure point - Yardie Creek". The boat tours involve a leisurely and relaxing, eco-friendly cruise aboard a safe, comfortable and well-shaded vessel named "Yardi". Experience the rugged beauty of this gorge and learn about the flora, fauna and history of this special location with a one-hour cruise along the protected waters of Yardie Creek.



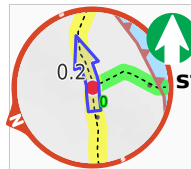
Continue another 0 m to find Yardie Creek Boat Tours at the end.



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 205 m waypoint.



After another 115 m **continue straight.**

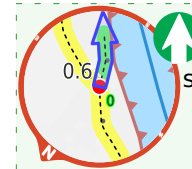


After another 125 m find the "Yardie Creek" (15 m on your right). Yardie Creek is unique amongst Cape Range's gorges, being the only gorge in the park that is permanently filled with water. Yardie Creek is the only creek that is not dried up in the area. Therefore, the flora and fauna around it are relatively thriving.



After another 80 m pass the sign (on your right).

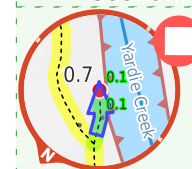
Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to a viewpoint closer to the creek, where you can view the creek's mouth and the ocean. This place is also the end of the wheelchair-friendly section of the journey.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



After another 55 m come to "Yardie Nature Walk viewpoint". A limestone ledge overlooks the creek, with views towards the creek mouth and the ocean. This viewpoint features an informative panel that marks the end of the wheelchair-friendly section.



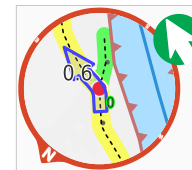
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 55 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 580 m waypoint.



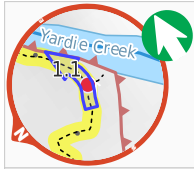
After another 170 m **veer left.**



Then find the "Yardie Gorge Trail Start" (on your left). The remainder of the trail is unpaved and can be jagged and loose underfoot, so please take care. From this point, you may be able to spot black-footed rock wallabies as they shelter on ledges along the southern cliff face, waiting for the evening before coming out to feed. You must stay on the trail on the northern side of the gorge so that you do not disturb these animals.



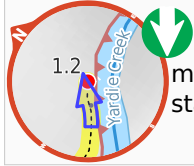
After another 550 m find the "Yardie Creek cliff viewpoint" (20 m on your right). This viewpoint at the bend offers an iconic view of the creek and the reddish limestone walls around it. Take your time to appreciate mother nature.



Veer left.



After another 85 m come to a viewpoint.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.2 km to get back to the start.