




Cliff Top Track

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 1 h 30 min to 1 h 45 min

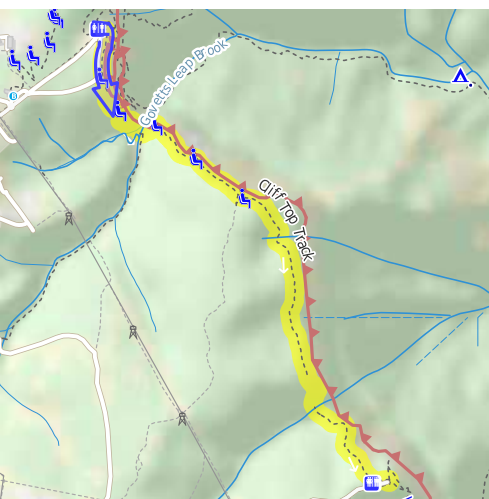
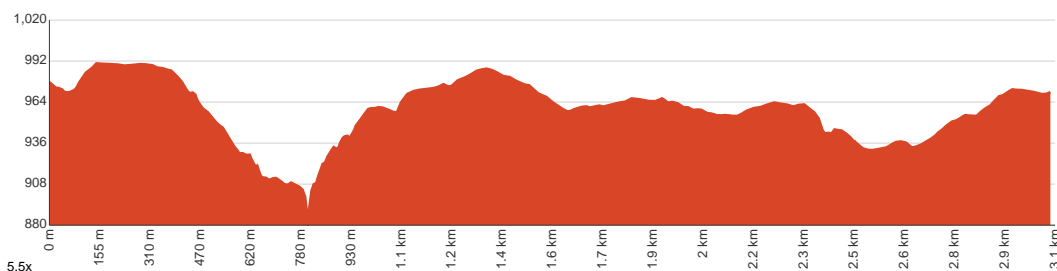

3.1 km
One way


↑ 212 m
↓ 219 m


Hard track



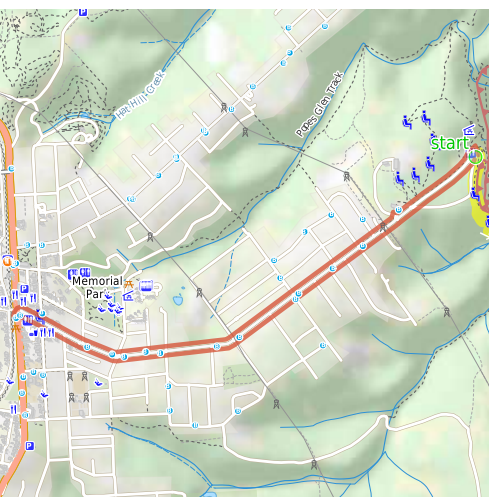
The Cliff Top Track is a breath-taking walk around the edge of the Grose Valley, between Govetts Leap and Evans lookouts. The many lookouts along this track show off the stunning Grose Valley. The track also showcases Govetts Leap from close up, at Barrows Lookout, and further away, from Govetts Leap Lookout. 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.



Class 4 of 6 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 Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to then drive for 40 m
- Turn slight right onto Govetts Leap Road and drive for another 2.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Govetts Leap Road and drive for another 570 m



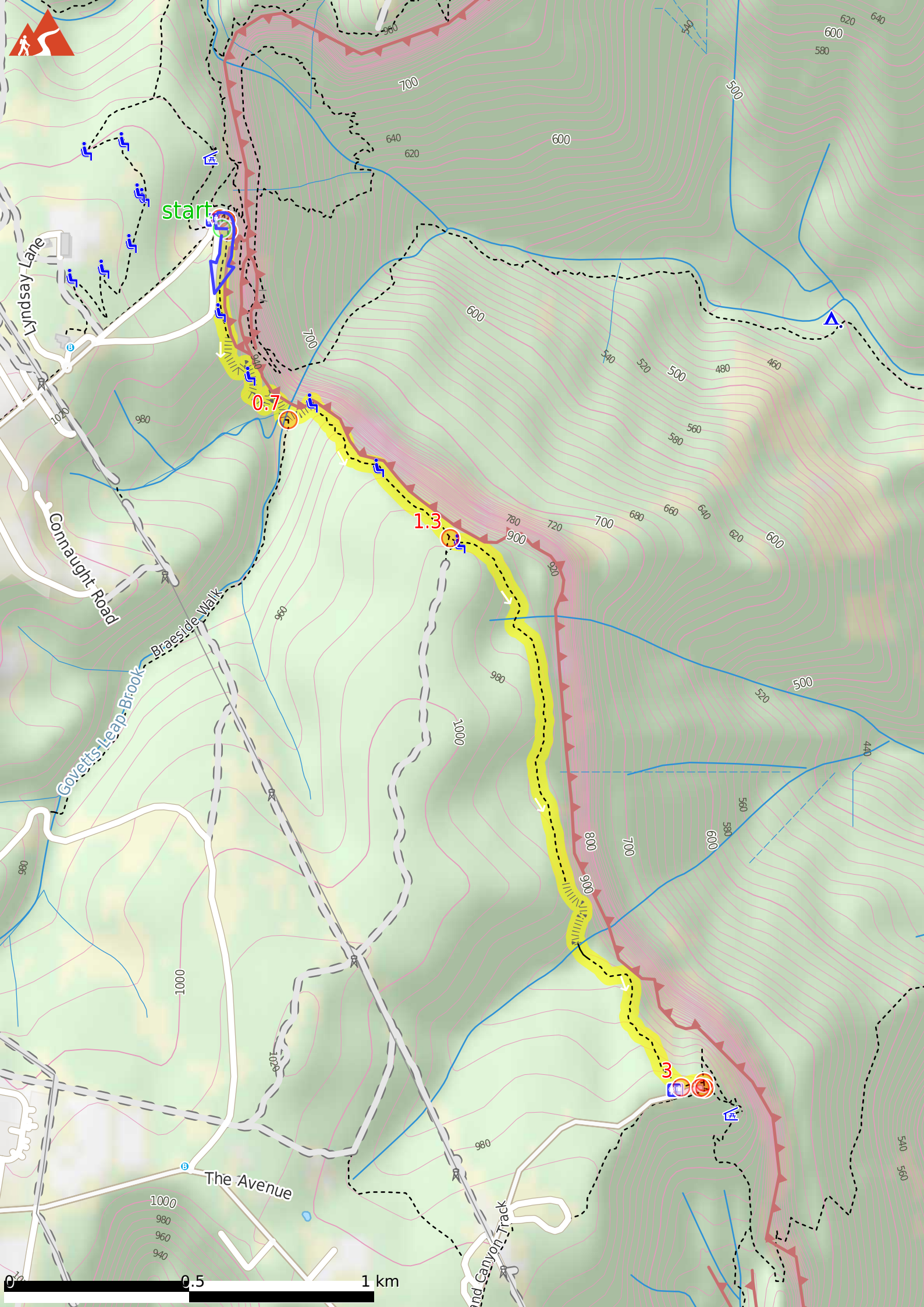
Before you start any journey ensure you;

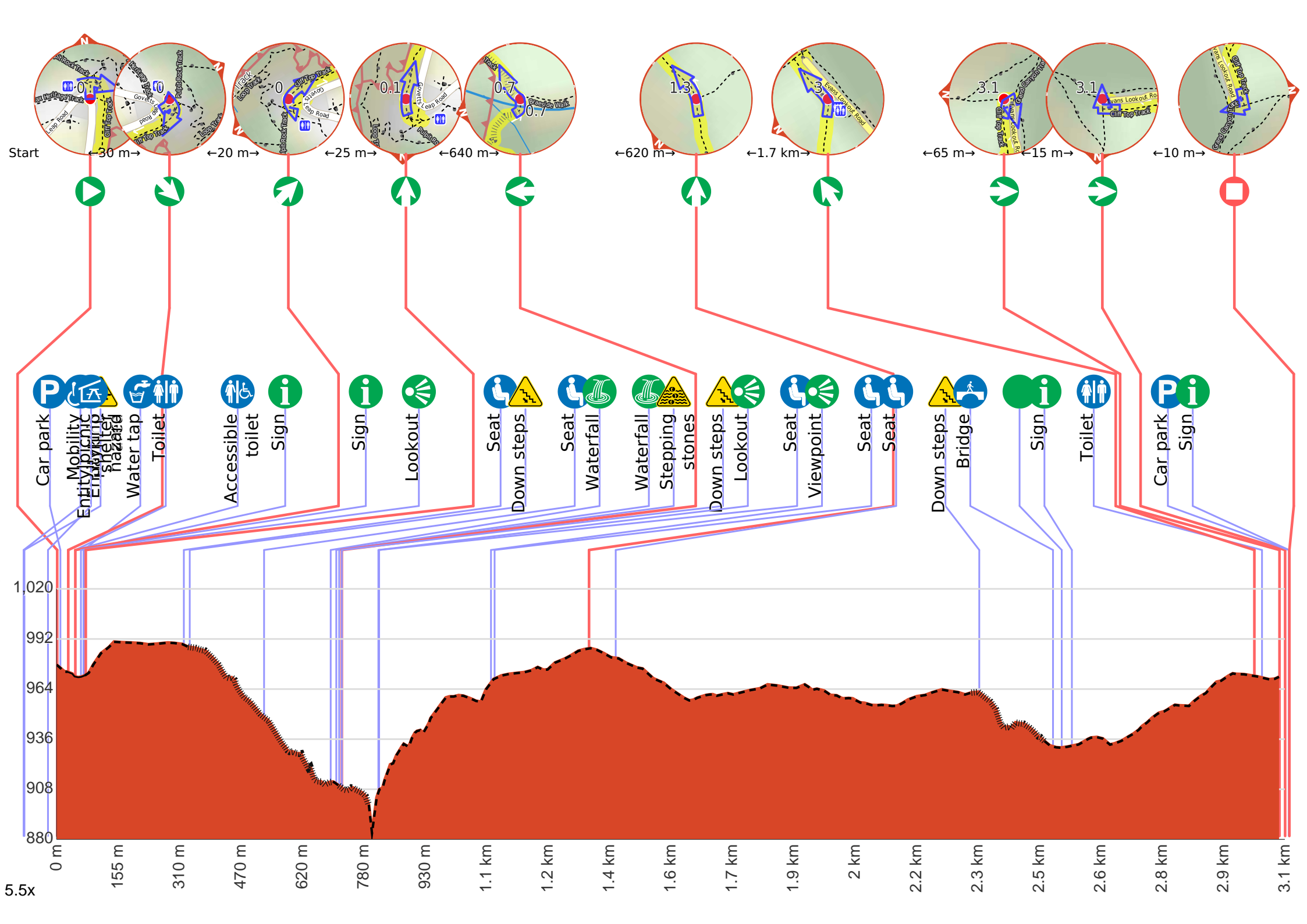
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 intersection, the walk heads up the hill, following the sign to 'Evans Lookout' and keeping the Grose Valley below on the left. The track rises for approximately 400m and then heads down the hillside. The walk zigzags down the hill, with stairs, and then crosses a creek with cement steppingstones, coming to a signposted intersection on the other side.

From the intersection, this walk heads up the winding stairs towards the cliffs. The soon comes to the railed Barrow Lookout, where there is a bench seat.



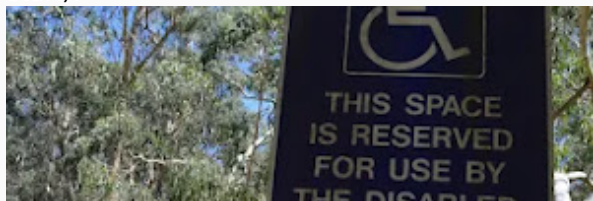
At the intersection of Cliff Top Track & Loop Track **Start** heading along Loop Track (a walking track).



Find the car park at the start.



Parking Accessible (about 105 m back from the start).



There are two signposted parking places at the lower end of the sealed Fairfax track. Specific parking bays are not marked with lines. The carpark has a loose gravel surfaces with some eroded sections.



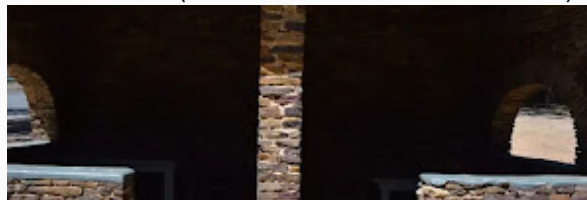
Trip Hazard (about 100 m back from the start).



A 5 to 10cm step between carpark and track. Access is between bollards that are 110cm apart.



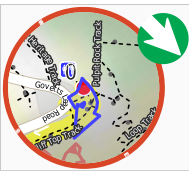
Picnic Shelter (about 45 m back from the start).



Picnic shelters at the end of Govetts Leap Road. Seats are ~45cm high and benches 75cm high. Most shelters have an entrance ~1.2m wide with, and similar gap between table and wall. The largest shelter has an entrance wider than 4m, bench seating but no tables.



After 90 m pass the water tap (5 m on your right).



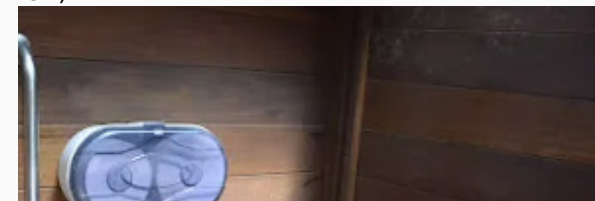
Turn sharp right.



After another 20 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



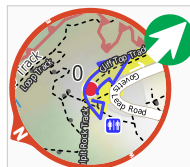
Then find the "Toilet Accessible" (30 m on your left).



Signposted accessible and general use male and female toilets. Access via concrete ramp, however, the top of the ramp is accessed via loose gravel carpark with some steep eroded sections.



After another 20 m pass the sign (25 m on your left).



Veer right.



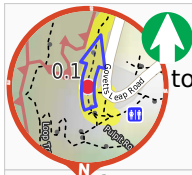
After another 15 m pass the sign.



After another 10 m find the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (6 m on your right).



Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.



After another 1 m **continue straight**, to head along Cliff Top Track.



After another 245 m pass a seat (5 m on your right).



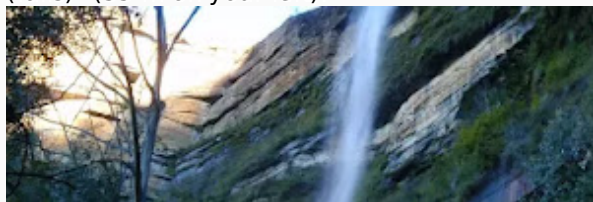
After another 15 m head down the earthen steps (about 370 m long)



Then pass a seat (5 m on your right) ., has no backrest.



After another 165 m find the "Govetts Leap (falls)" (35 m on your left).



Govetts Leap, is a waterfall in the Blue Mountains National Park. The fall is fed by Govetts Leap Brook which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The falls are best viewed from Govetts Leap and Barrow Lookouts. Leap is a scots dialect word for cataract or waterfall.



After another 15 m pass the "Bridal Veil Falls" (30 m on your left).



After another 7 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 7 m (at the intersection of Braeside Walk & Cliff Top Track) **turn left**, to head along Cliff Top Track (a steps).



Then head down the earthen steps (about 75 m long)



After another 15 m find the "Barrow Lookout" (5 m on your right).



Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.



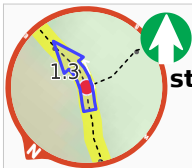
Then pass a seat (on your right) ., has a backrest.



After another 280 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 9 m pass a seat (5 m on your right) ., has no backrest.



After another 235 m **continue straight**, to head along Cliff Top Track.



After another 65 m pass a seat (7 m on your right) ., has no backrest.



After another 910 m head down the earthen steps (about 185 m long)



Then cross the bridge (about 40 m long)



Then find the "Hayward Gully" (15 m on your left).



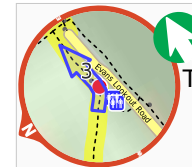
Hayward Gully, Blue Mountains National Park, is named after the first white man, William Hayward, to reach the floor of Govetts Gorge, in 1847. The area is a small gully along the Cliff Top Walk between Evans Lookout and Barrows Lookout. The gully is a quiet place, with a bench seat to enjoy the flora and fauna, and views through the trees into the Grose Valley.



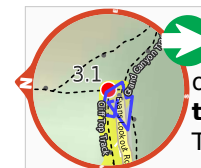
After another 25 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 480 m pass the toilet (15 m on your right).



Veer left, to head along Cliff Top Track.

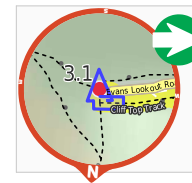


After another 65 m (at the intersection of Grand Canyon Track & Cliff Top Track) **turn right**, to head along Grand Canyon Track.



About 80 m past the end is "Valley View Lookout".

Valley View Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the spectacular Grose Valley with its deep gorges, green forest and prominent cliff lines.



Turn right.



After another 9 m to find the "Evans lookout parking".



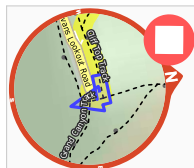
Then pass the sign (on your left).



About 30 m past the end is a BBQ.



About 100 m past the end is a shelter.



The end.