



Ivan Evans Walk from Ellen Close

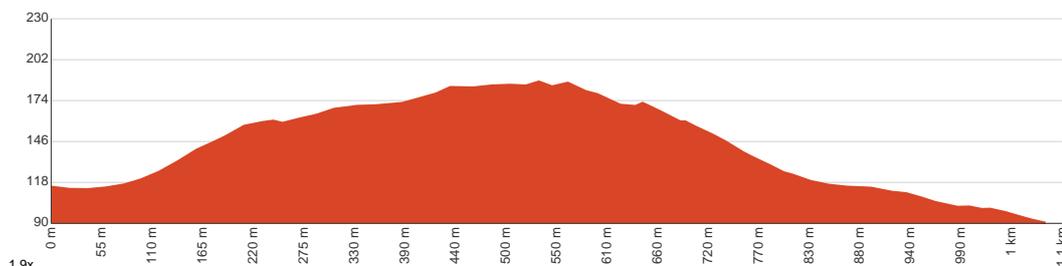
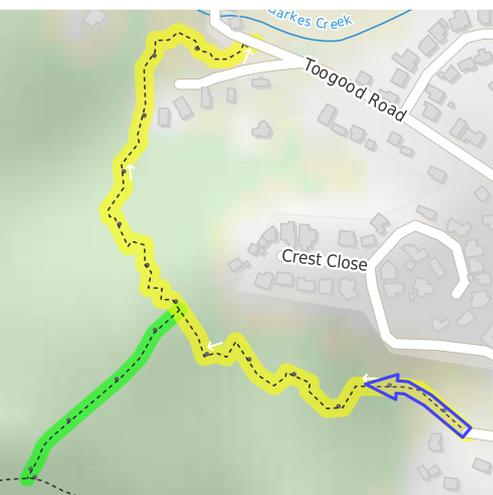
1 h to 1 h 15 min

2.2 km
Return

↑ 183 m
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Moderate track

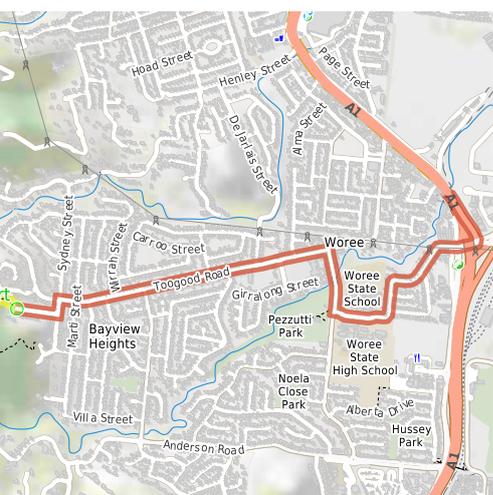
Starting from the end of Ellen Close, Bayview Heights, this return walk explores the dense rainforest of Ellen Close Reserve via the Ivan Evans Walk Track, visiting Boiboi's Lookout along the way. Conveniently reachable and well-shaded, this walk can for a great family trip, including your dog. Step into the lush rainforest and just listen to the birdsong as the hypnotising scenery makes you forget how close to the city you actually are. You may even spot a Buff-breasted paradise kingfisher (bird) if lucky. The lookout provides you peaceful views towards Cairns and Trinity Bay, but they are somewhat impeded by the foliage. The walking track was named after Ivan Evans, who was a landowner that donated his land for a water reservoir. Short and sweet, this tranquil stroll in the woods becomes truly magical when it starts drizzling. Not too much though, as a decent rainfall can make the rocks and the trail a bit slippery. Watch out for snakes and keep an eye on your children at all times. Keep in mind that you can also make this a one-way trip and exit to Toogood Road midway if you'd like to. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Bruce Highway, A1

- Turn on to then drive for 245 m
- Keep right onto Bruce Highway and drive for another 70 m
- Turn right onto Ray Jones Drive and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn right onto Windara Street and drive for another 360 m
- Turn left onto Toogood Road and drive for another 1.6 km
- Turn left onto Sydney Street and drive for another 85 m
- Turn right onto Ellen Close and drive for another 235 m



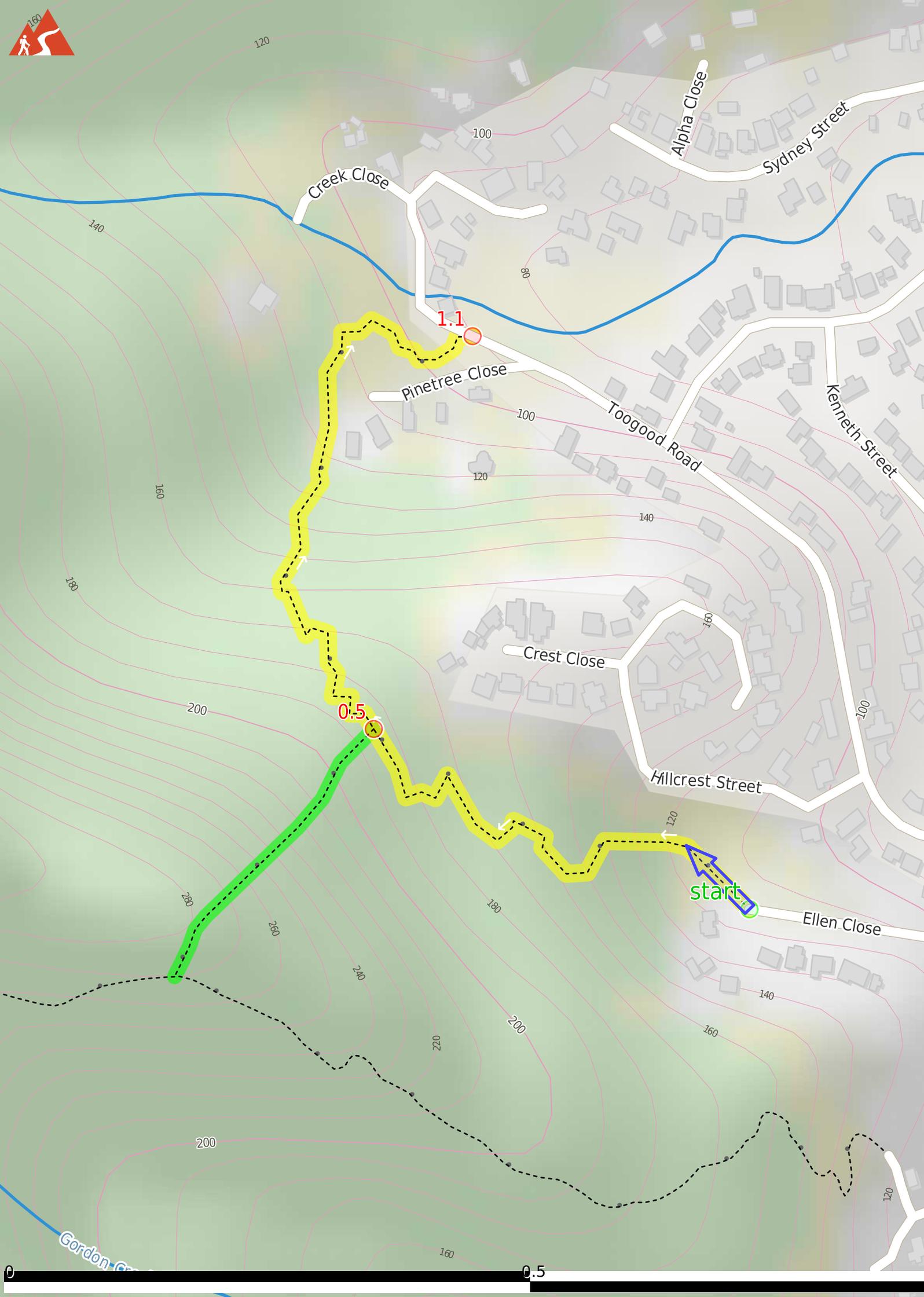
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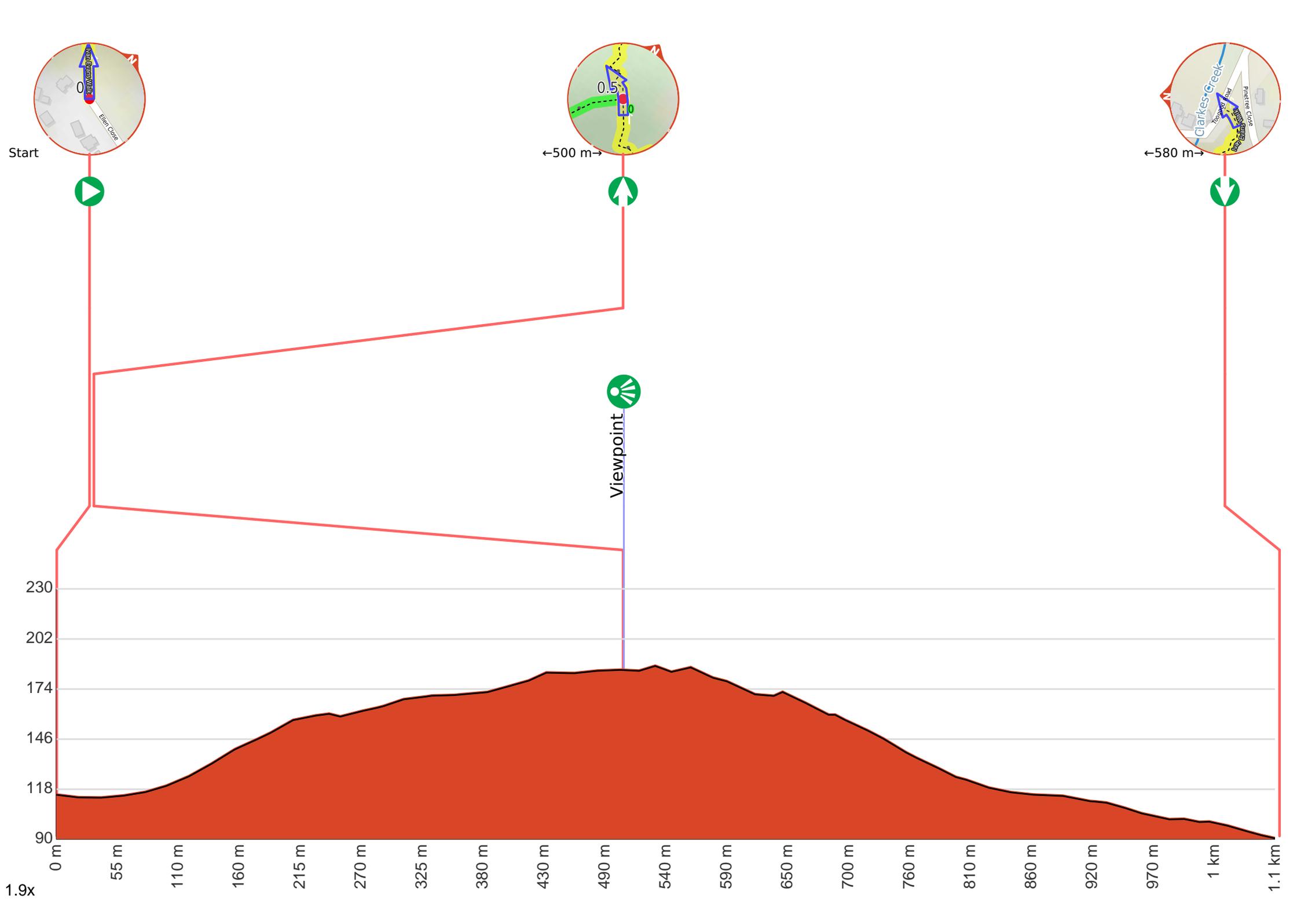
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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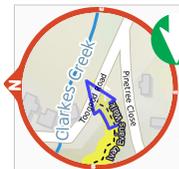




Getting started: From the end of Ellen Close(Bayview Heights), head towards the metal gate next to the “Ivan Evans Walk” sign along the bollard. Head around/over the gate, then head towards the woodland gently downhill as you join the Ivan Evans Walk Track. Follow the said track as it meanders deep into the woodland to continue along Ivan Evans Walk from Ellen Close Track.



Then come to the "BoiBoi's Viewpoint" (on your right).

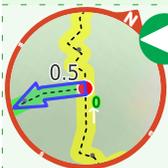


Continue another 580 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.1 km to get back to the start.

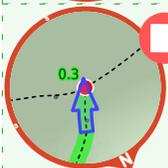


Start.

Start of an optional side trip: This 500 metre optional side trip takes you higher up the ridge. Keep in mind that the track is steeper, quite slippery and also a MTB(mountain bike) track so you have to watch out for bikers as well.



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

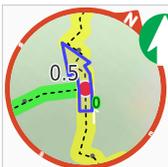


After another 285 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 285 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 500 m waypoint.



After another 500 m **continue straight**, to head along Ivan Evans Walk.