



Jack Evans Track to Erskine Creek

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

1 h 30 min to 2 h

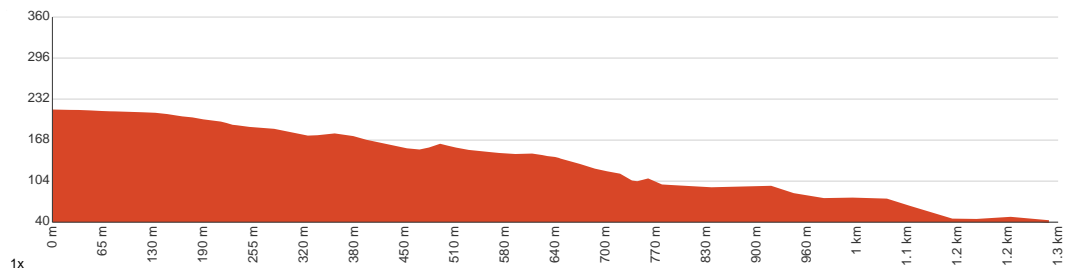
2.5 km
Return

↑ 220 m
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Very challenging



This walk explores the Jack Evans Track, from the end of Nepean Lookout fire trail to Erskine Creek. The walk boasts fantastic rock formations, great views, grass trees and mosses, and gets up close to Erskine Creek. Erskine Creek is a great place to rest, and wet the toes, before the climb back up to the car park. 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.

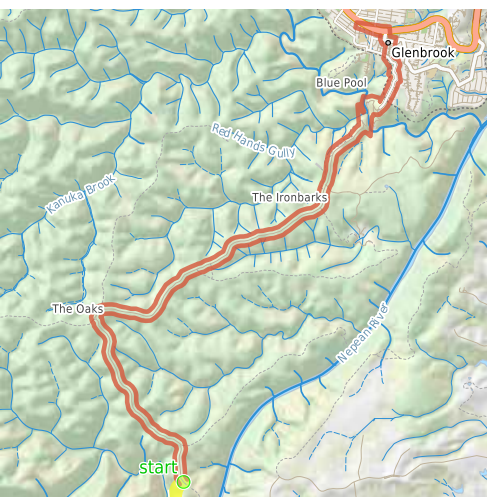


Class 5 of 6
Rough unclear track

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	No directional signs (5/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Great Western Highway, A32 then drive for 215 m
- Turn right onto Ross Street and drive for another 285 m
- Turn right onto Eureka Road and drive for another 2.5 km
- Turn left onto The Oaks Trail and drive for another 6.9 km
- Keep left onto Nepean Lookout Firetrail and drive for another 3.8 km



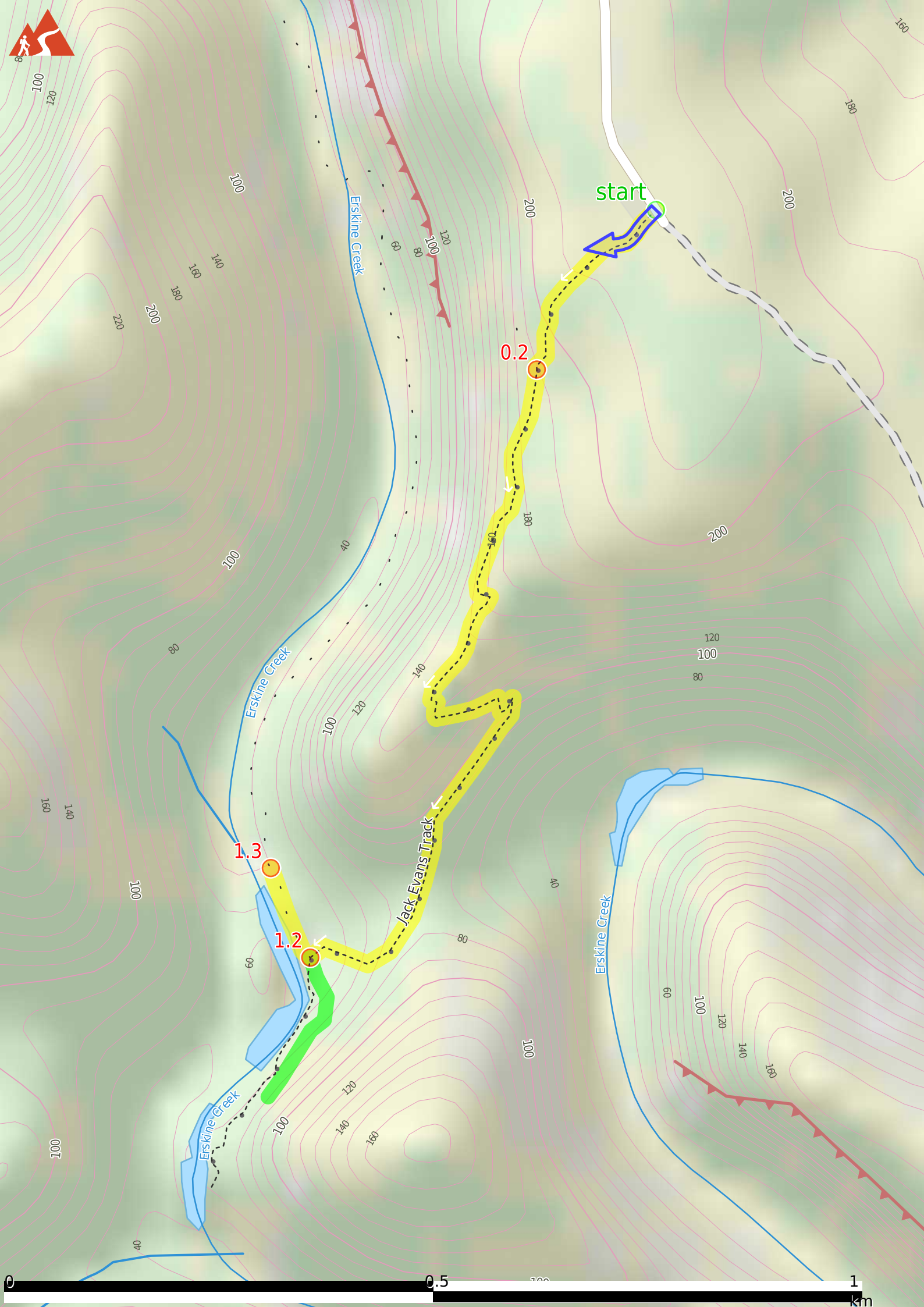
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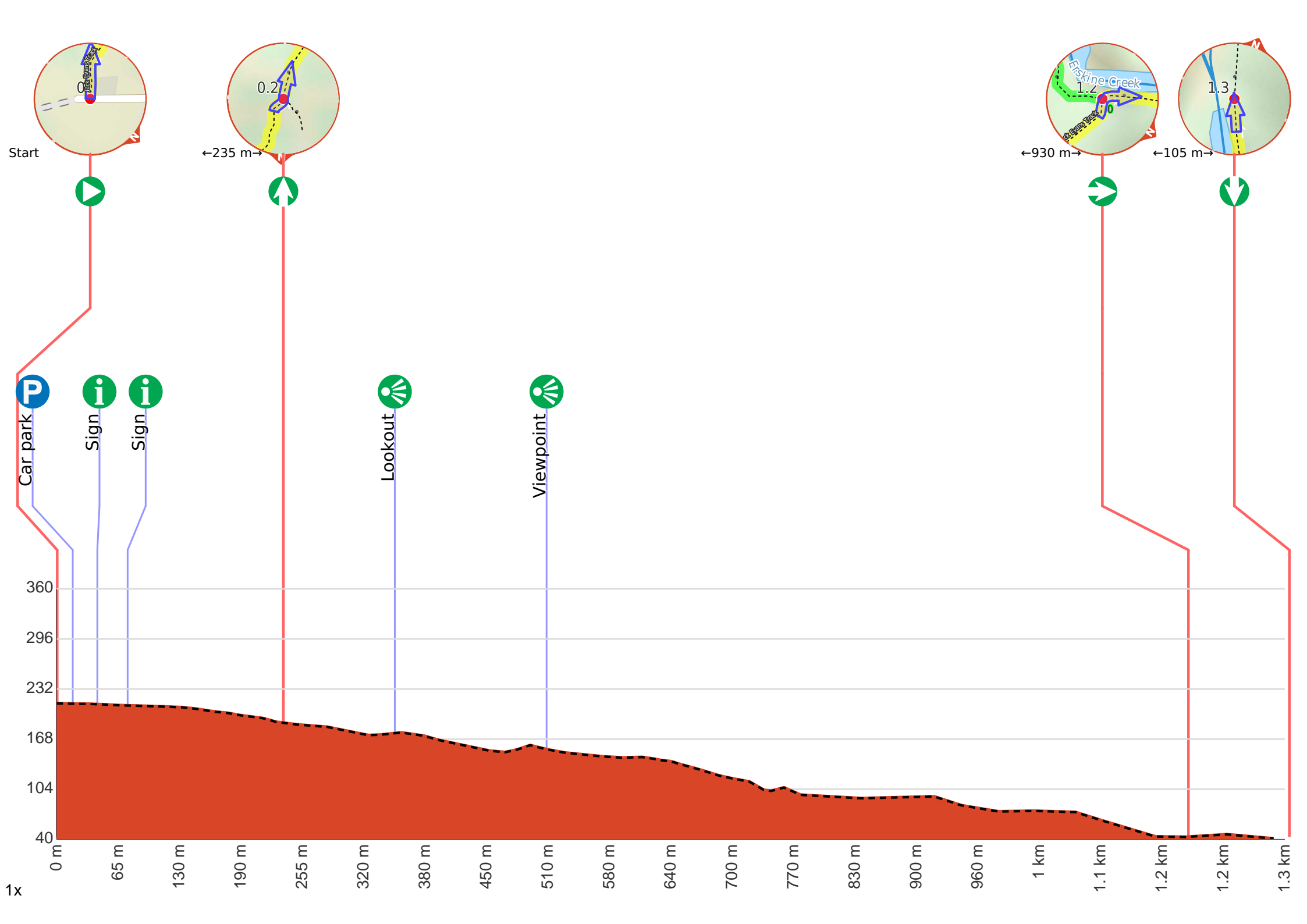
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

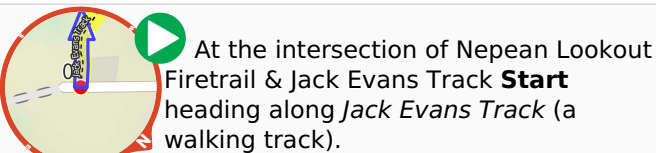
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Getting started: From the car park, at the end of the publicly accessible section of the Nepean Lookout Fire Trail, this walk heads through the gap in the wire fence next to the large 'Blue Mountains National Park' information sign. The walk soon passes a silver information sign about 'Jack Evans Track', where the sandy track starts to head down hill, with the occasional wooden step. Passing a burnt 'take care when walking near cliffs' sign the track passes several informal tracks off to the right. The main track continues down the hill until a larger sandy area gives way to a rock platform and view on the right, this is Erskine Lookout, an unfenced informal lookout.




P Find the car park at the start.

i After another 25 m pass the "Blue Mountains National Park" (5 m on your right).


i After another 30 m pass the "Jack Evans Track" (6 m on your left).



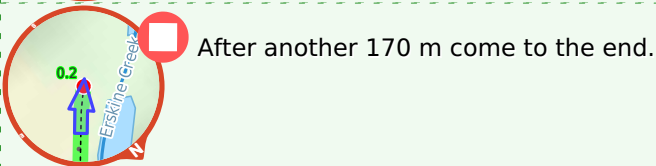
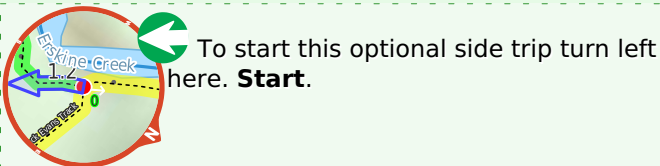
 After another 115 m find the "Erskine Lookout" (5 m on your left).




This informal and unfenced lookout on Jack Evans Track is in the lower Blue Mountains south west from the end of Nepean Lookout Fire Trail. The lookout is perched high above Erskine Creek and provides wonderful view upstream, and good views downstream. The view down in to the gorge gives a unique perspective of the lower section of Erskine Creek.

 After another 155 m come to the viewpoint (9 m on your right).


Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Eastern side of natural dam wall.




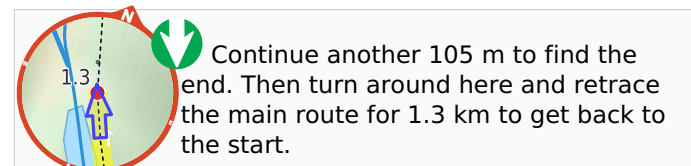
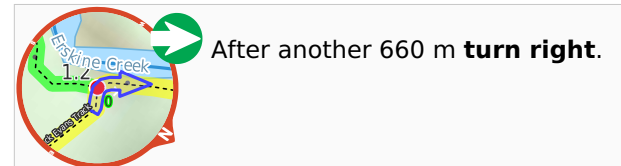
 About 50 m past the end is "Natural dam pool".



A series of very large boulders have formed a natural dam on Erskine Creek, about 170m north of Big Crater Creek. The dam forms a large lovely pool upstream. The pool is used by Sydney Water for measurements, and a water depth indicator is bolted to the rock. The pools is not safe to dive or jump into, there are many submerged objects.

 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 170 m to the main route.

 Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 1.2 km waypoint.





About 110 m past the end is "Lower Erskine Campsite".



A small campsite, just up from the eastern bank of Erskine Creek, a short distance north of where Jack Evans track crosses the creek. The campsite has a small fire circle, and enough space for one maybe two tents. Erskine creek is a handy water supply (treat before drinking).