



# Lane Poole Falls



1 h 30 min to 2 h



45 min to 1 h 15 min



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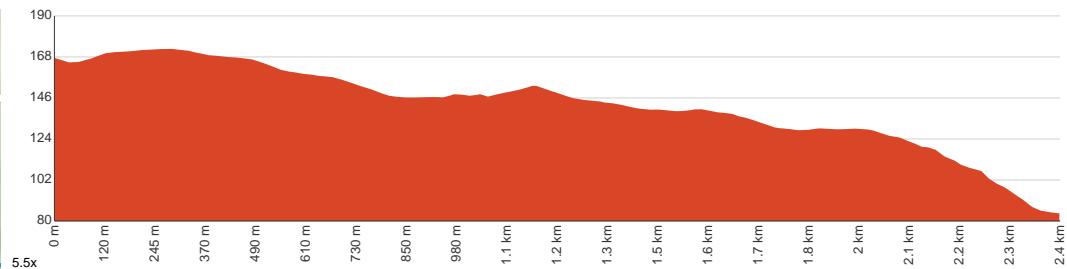


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Moderate track

Starting from the Boorara Tree car park off Boorara Road, Boorara-Gardner National Park, this walk takes you to Lane Poole Falls and back via the Lane Poole Falls Walk Trail. The first thing you notice when you arrive in the car park is the giant Boorara Tree, one of the last lookout trees pegged in the Southern Forests. There is a replica cabin of the original lookout tower on the grounds of the picnic area, as well as toilet facilities and picnic benches. The trailhead for the walk is really close to the cabin. The walk follows an old firebreak, passing through majestic stands of karri and marri forest that are full of wildflowers in spring. Interpretive signs along the way display interesting details about these magnificent trees and the local environment. The path is fairly flat for much of its distance, with a gentle downhill gradient before a steep descent to the falls. There are no trail markers, but the trail is fairly easy to follow. Some distance into the trail is a forest lookout that also serves as a rest stop and shelter. From the lookout, the gradient increases in steepness, eventually featuring a metal handrail that has been installed to assist with balance. Upon reaching the end of the descent, you'll be rewarded with a lovely wooden platform overlooking Lane Poole Falls. If you visit after heavy rains, the falls thunder noisily into the creek bed, in stark contrast to the peacefulness of the surrounding forest. The falls dwindle to just a trickle in the dryness of summer, but you can still enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of this hidden valley with its towering river banksias. 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.



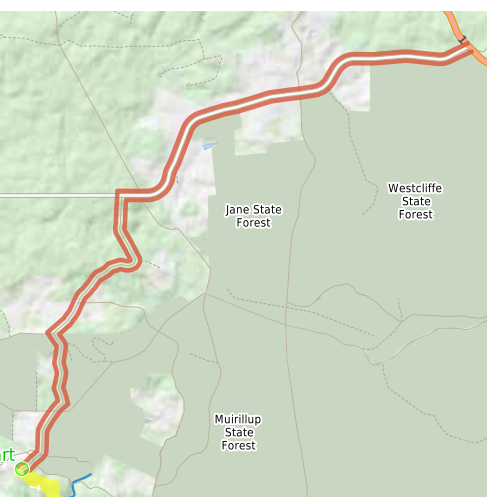
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Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From South Western Highway, 1

- Turn on to Middleton Road, 10 then drive for 11.5 km
- Turn left onto Rudd Road and drive for another 4 km
- Continue onto Muirillup Road and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn left onto Moore Road and drive for another 4.3 km



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start



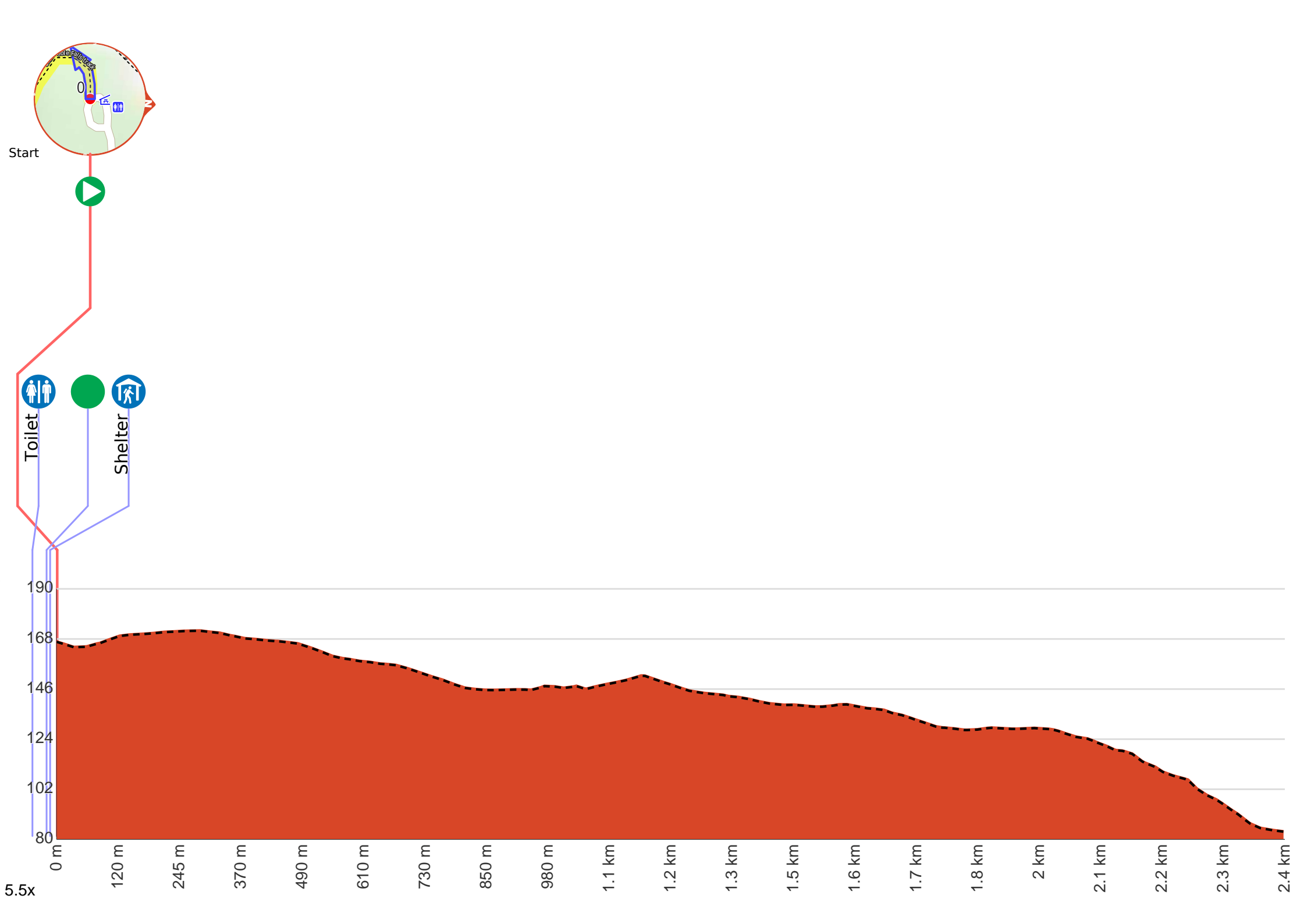
Boorara Road

Canterbury River

2.5



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**Getting started:** From Boorara Tree car park at the end of the road (325 metres southwest of Boorara Rd/Moore Rd intersection), head towards the green slanted "Lane Poole Falls Walk Trail" sign along the dirt path. Head along the said singular track and stay on it as it veers left to continue along Lane Poole Falls Track. Keep an eye out for the informative signposts along the way.



**Start** heading along *Lane Poole Falls* track.



There is a toilet (about 50 m back from the start).



Boorara Tree (about 20 m back from the start). Boorara Tree was once part of a network of 18 fire lookout towers in the Warren region. It was pegged in 1952 and a cabin was built at the top. During fire season, a fire lookout worker would spend up to 12 hours a day in the cabin, keeping a watchful eye over the forest for any sign of smoke. After the upper truck was not stable enough, the cabin was removed. A larger replica cabin was built on the ground to simulate the tower cabin experience. The cabin features interesting information about the life of the fire lookout workers, as well as a replica of the old phones they would have used to ring in information about their observations. A decal on the cabin's window gives walkers an impression of what it would be like to see the forest canopy from the original lookout above Boorara Tree.



Find the shelter at the start.



After another 2.5 km come to "Lane Poole Falls".

Located in the relatively obscure Boorara-Gardner National Park, Lane Poole Falls is the park's crown jewel and one of the most highly regarded attractions in the region. A wooden platform provides a spectacular view of the falls as they cascade 12 metres over polished granite rock into foaming pools below. The falls are best viewed in winter or spring, when rains have produced a decent flow in the Canterbury River.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.4 km to get back to the start.