



Great North Walk: Cedar Brush to Watagan Creek

(Awabakal Country)

Road

6 h to 9 h

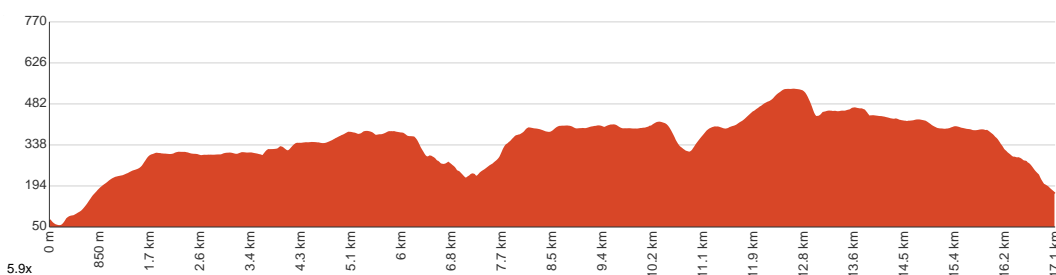
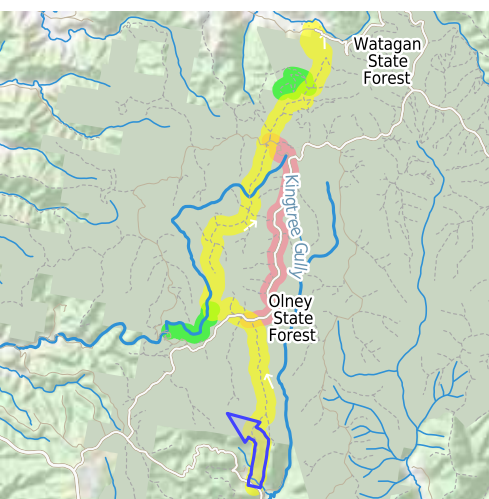
17 km
One way

↑ 894 m
↓ 802 m

4
Hard track



This section of the Great North Walk makes a good walk along the Lyrebird Trail by Wollombi Brook. From Cedar Brush track head, the walk winds up into the Olney State Forest through bushland (crossing over two moist gullies). Once most of your height is gained, this walk follows an unsealed road before dropping down into the Wollombi Brook gully. From here, the walk follows bush tracks along Lyrebird Trail, past Basin Campsite (side trip) into the Olney State Forest to wind north into the Watagans, via the Warrawolong Flora Reserve. This walk also offers a side trip from Turners Road up to the top of Mt Warrawolong, which is the highest point along the Great North Walk. The walk finishes at Watagan Creek Road and gives a nice opportunity for that quiet drive in the country. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

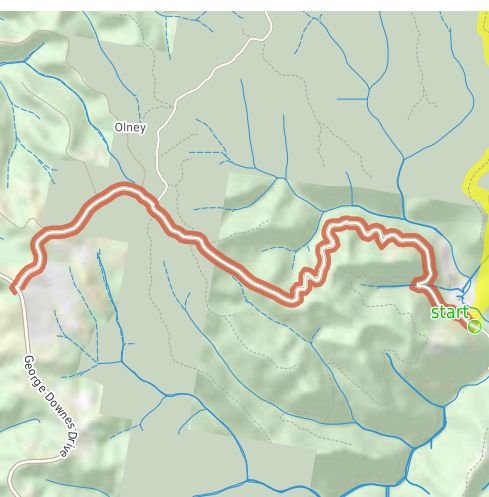


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

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 (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From George Downes Drive, 33

- Turn on to Walkers Ridge Road then drive for 2.2 km
- Turn slight right onto Brush Creek Road and drive for another 5.9 km



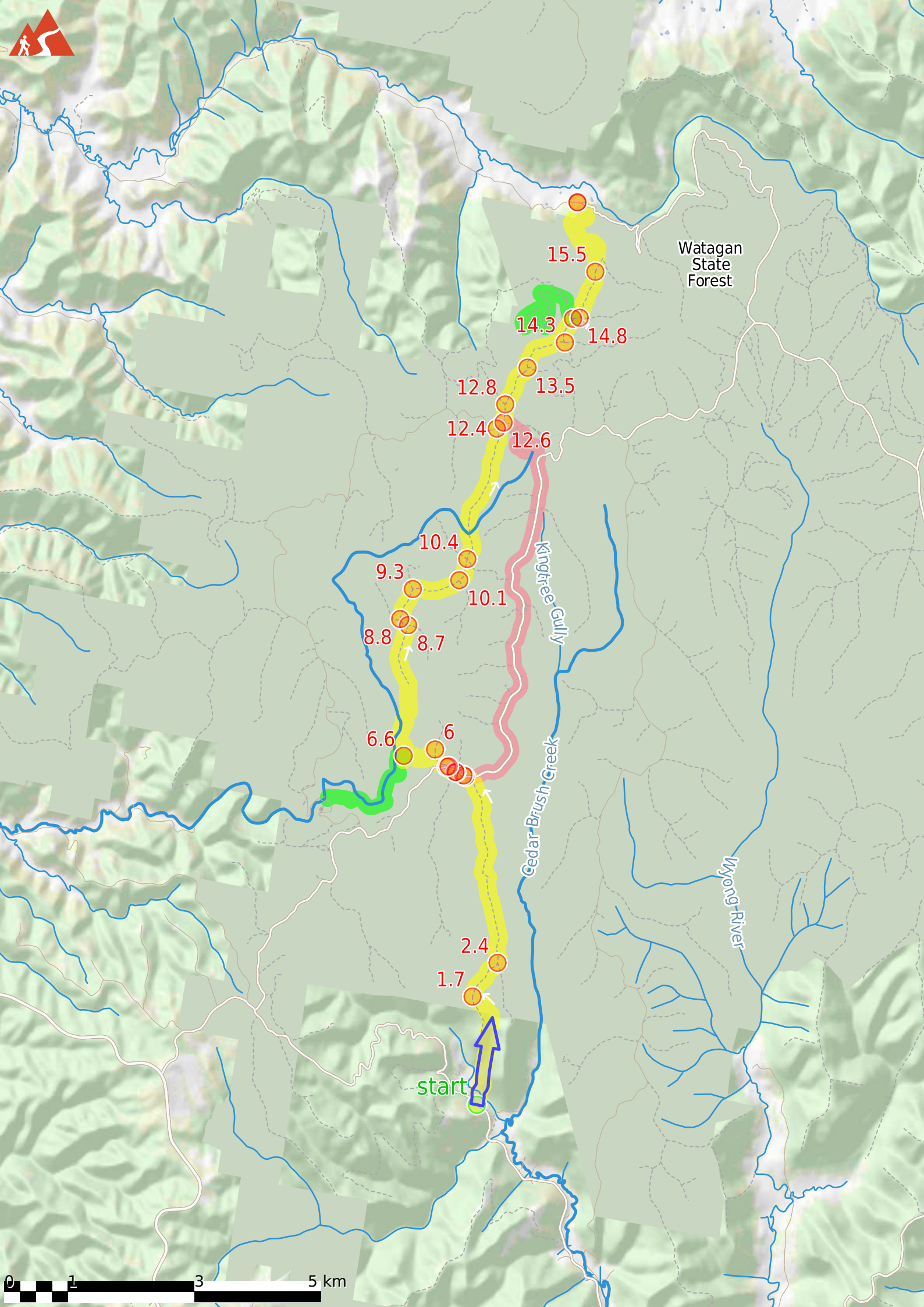
Before you start any journey ensure you;

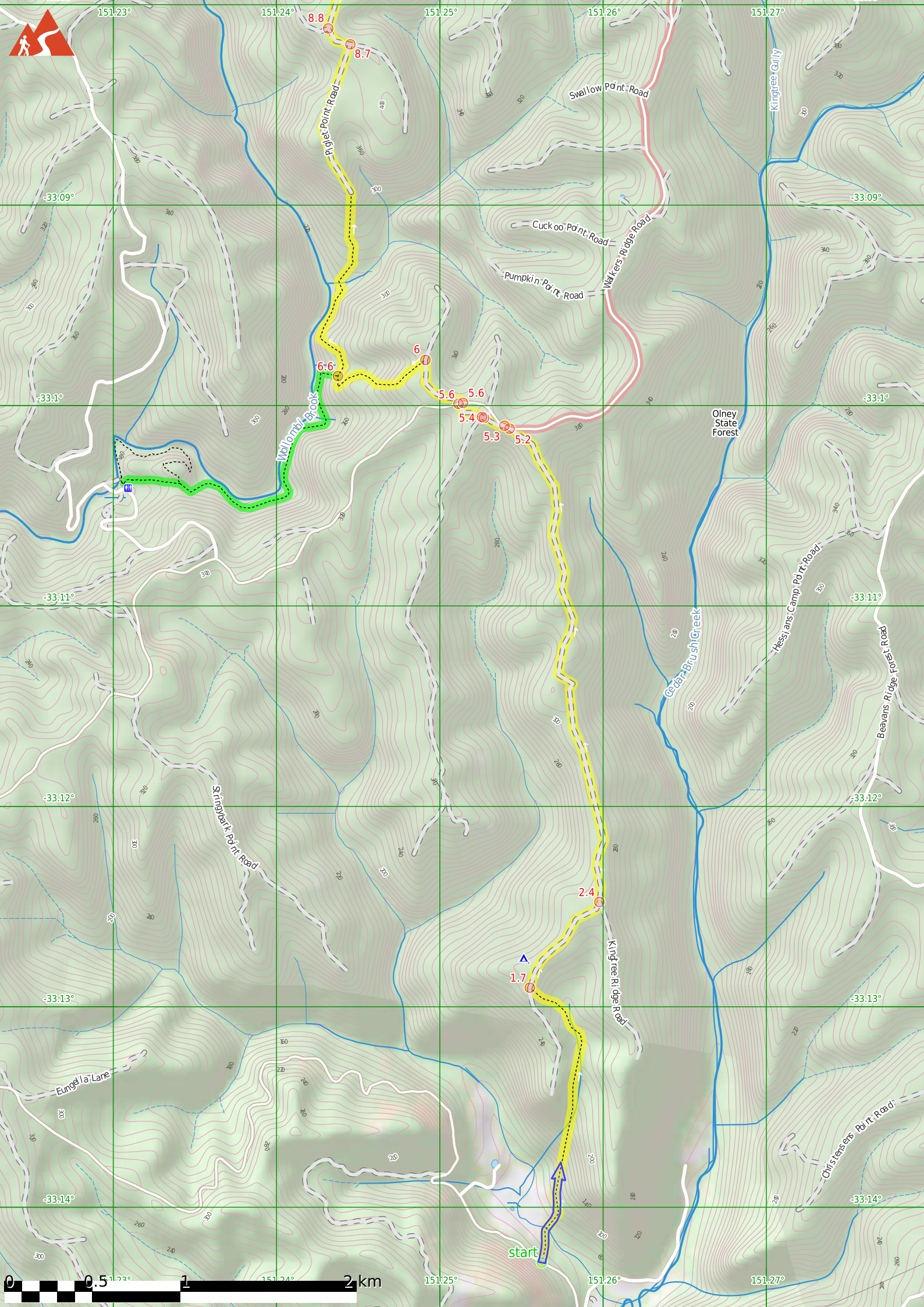
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

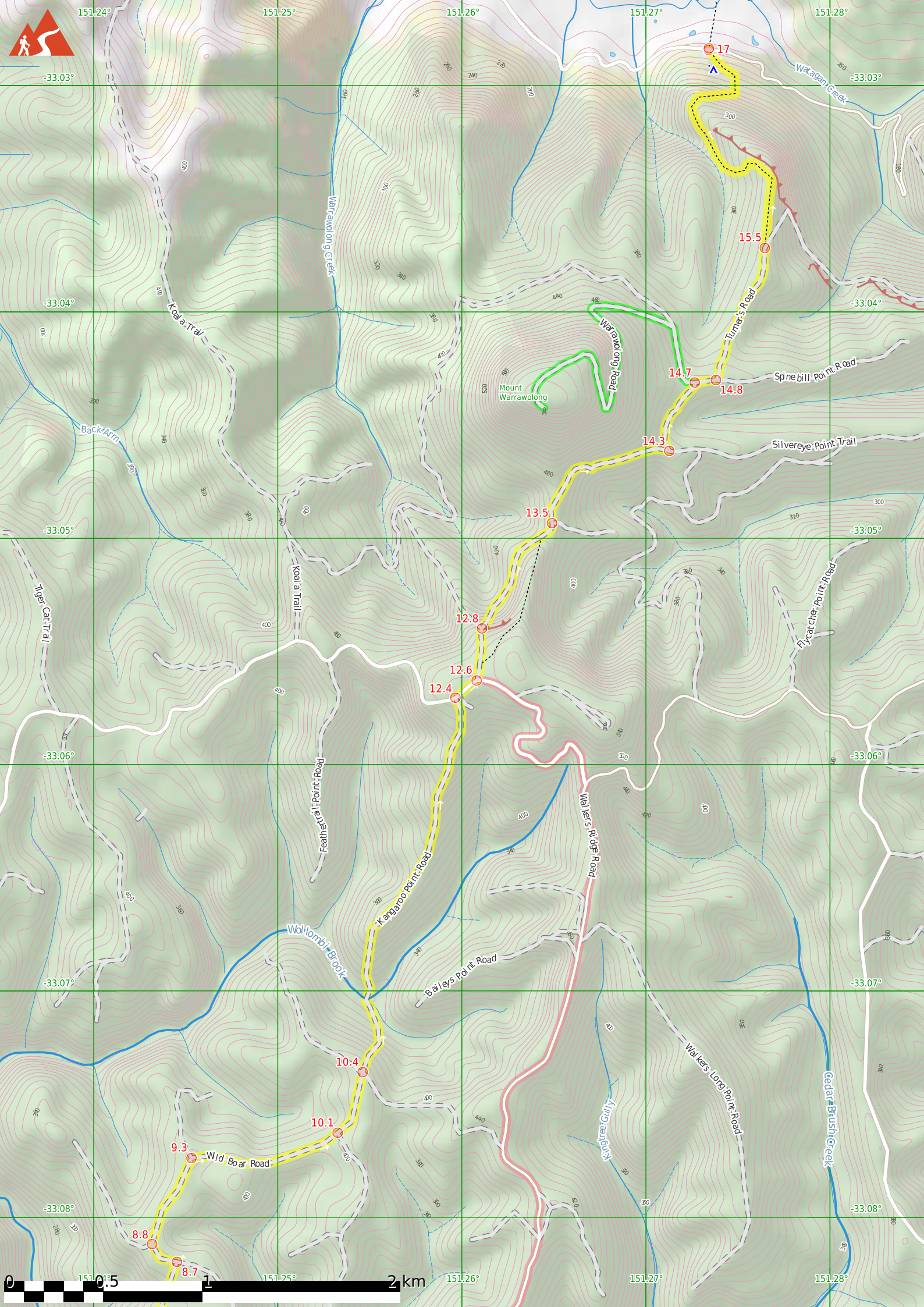
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

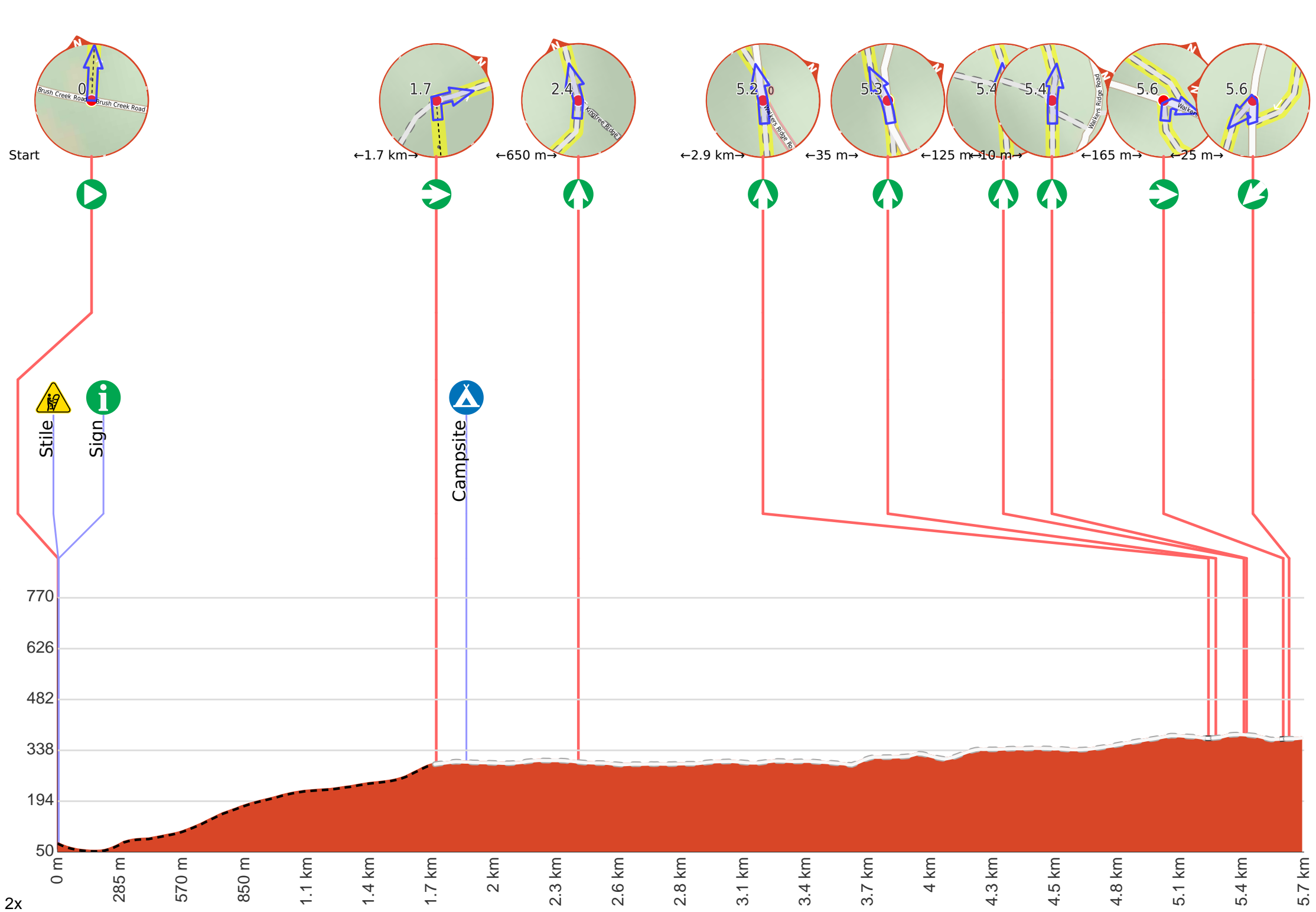
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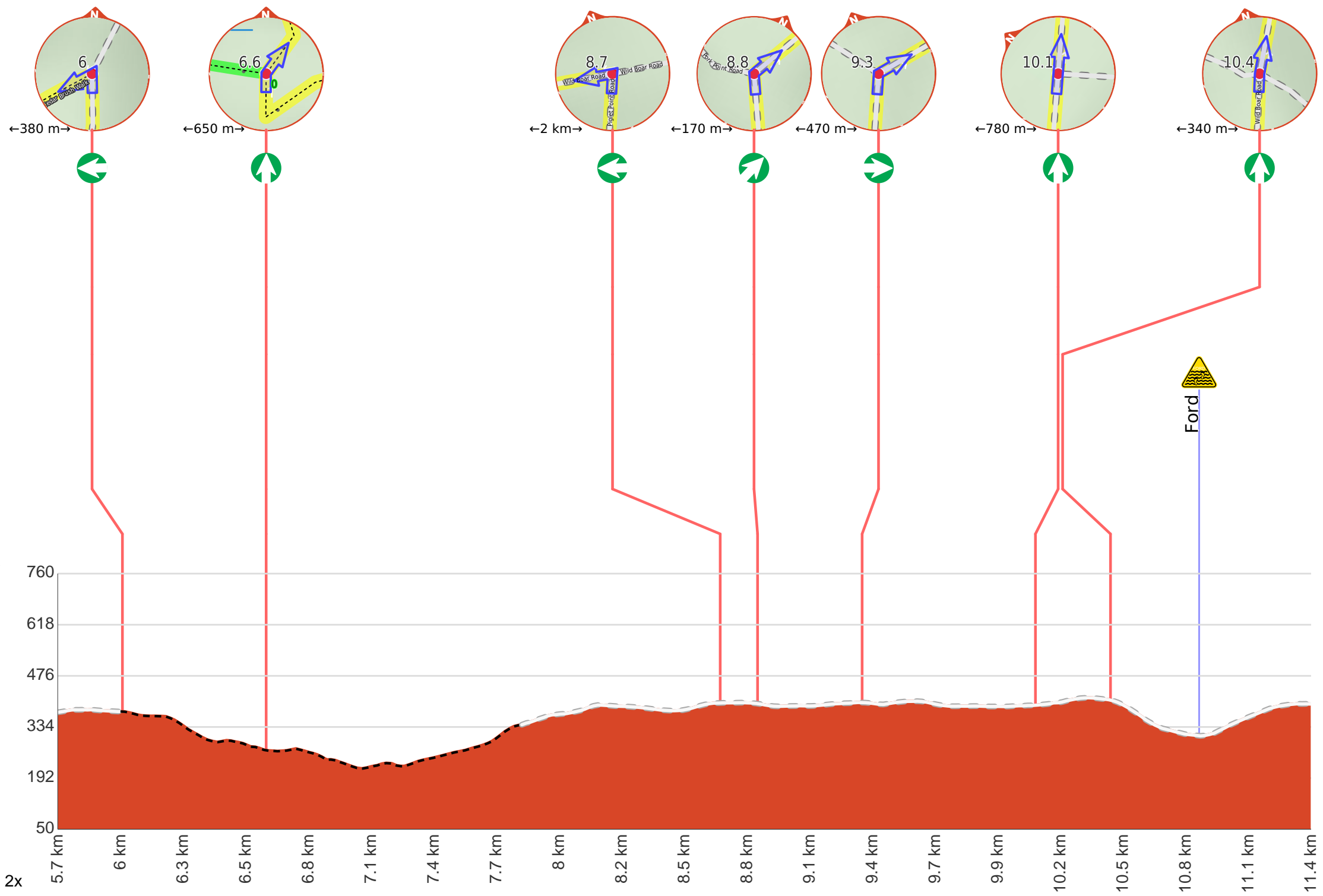


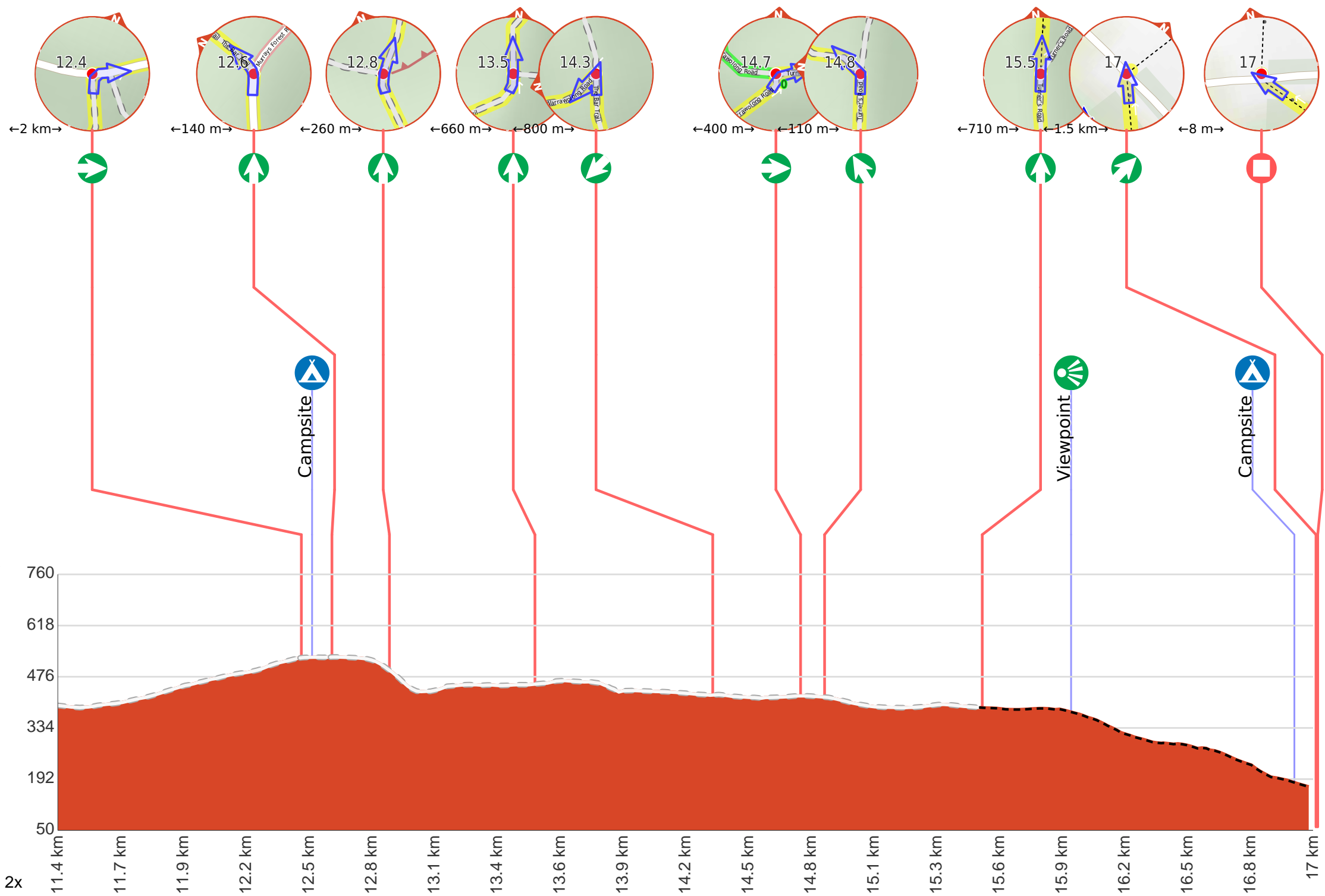














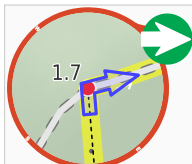
Start.



Find the stile at the start.



Find the Great North Walk at the start.



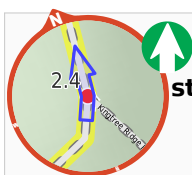
After another 1.7 km **turn right**.



After another 135 m find the "Walkers Rest Area" (15 m on your left).

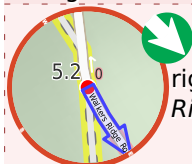


This GNW walkers rest area (signposted) is located beside King Ridge Road, and consists of two benches, a campfire and enough room for four or five tents on a grassy level surface. There is no water available.

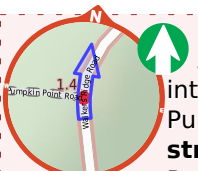


After another 510 m **continue straight**.

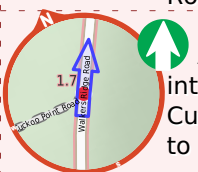
Start of an alternate route: Alternate route along Walkers Ridge Road to be used during elevated fire danger.



To take the alternate route turn sharp right here. **Start** heading along Walkers Ridge Road.



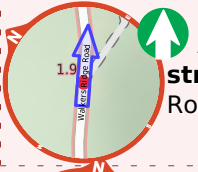
After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Pumpkin Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



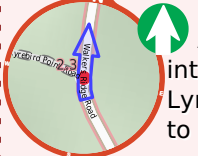
After another 300 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Cuckoo Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



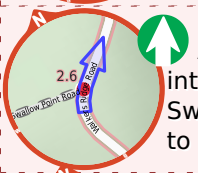
After another 115 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Owl Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 90 m **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 430 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Lyrebird Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



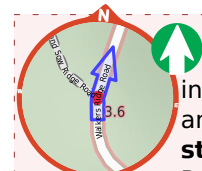
After another 320 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Swallow Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



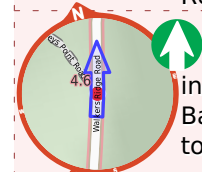
After another 420 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Maggie Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 225 m (at the intersection of Walkers Short Point Road & Walkers Ridge Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Pig and Sow Ridge Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



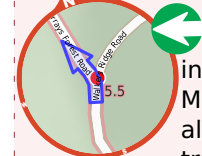
After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Baileys Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 90 m (at the intersection of Walkers Long Point Road & Walkers Ridge Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Joes Point Road) **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



After another 760 m (at the intersection of Walkers Ridge Road & Murrays Forest Road) **turn left**, to head along Murrays Forest Road (a vehicle track).

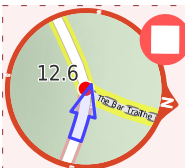


After another 1 km (at the intersection of Murrays Forest Road & Bar lookout Road) **continue straight**, to head along Murrays Forest Road.



After another 220 m come to "Mt Warrawolong Campsite".

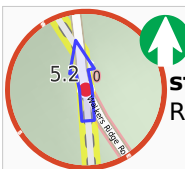
This relatively small campsite is a flat open clearing a stones throw away from the dirt road with a small fire pit and enough room to comfortably pitch three tents. There is no water available at this campsite so you will need to make sure you have enough to last until you get to the next water source.



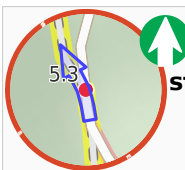
The end.

At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.

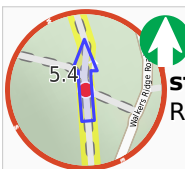
The alternate route finishes here. Turn sharp right to rejoin the main route at the 12.6 km waypoint.



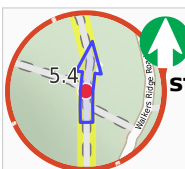
After another 2.9 km **continue straight**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.



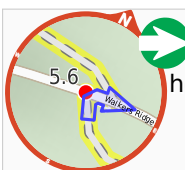
After another 35 m **continue straight**.



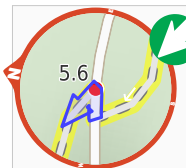
After another 125 m **continue straight**, to head along Bobs Point Road.



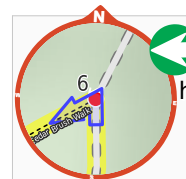
After another 10 m **continue straight**.



After another 165 m **turn right**, to head along Walkers Ridge Road.

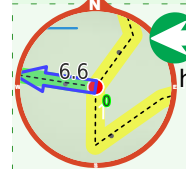


After another 25 m **turn sharp left**.

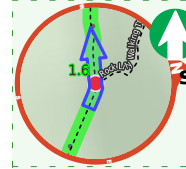


After another 380 m **turn left**, to head along Cedar Brush Walk.


Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to the comfortable Basin Campsite with a nice walk along the Lyrebird Trail by the Wollombi Brook.




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



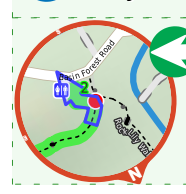
After another 1.6 km **continue straight**.



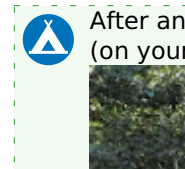
After another 270 m cross the bridge




After another 70 m pass the picnic table (15 m on your right).



Turn left.



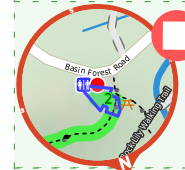
After another 25 m find the "Basin Campsite" (on your left).



This large campsite sits by Wollombi Brook on the Great North Walk and is accessible by car. The campsite provides a range of facilities such as a pit toilet, picnic tables and chairs, wood BBQs and fireplaces. Water is usually available from the water tank or the nearby creek - treat before use.

After another 6 m come to a car park.

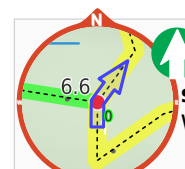
About 15 m past the end is a toilet.



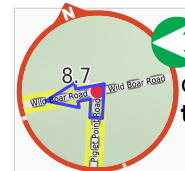
The end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 2 km to the main route.

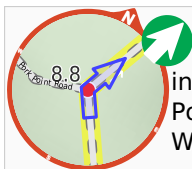
Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 6.6 km waypoint.



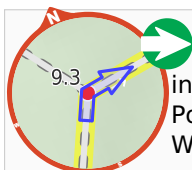
After another 650 m **continue straight**, to head along Cedar Brush Walk.



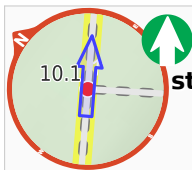
After another 2 km (at the intersection of Wild Boar Road & Piglet Point Road) **turn left**, to head along Wild Boar Road.



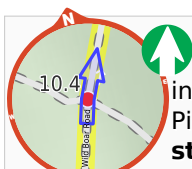
After another 170 m (at the intersection of Wild Boar Road & Pork Point Road) **veer right**, to head along Wild Boar Road.



After another 470 m (at the intersection of Wild Boar Road & Bacon Point Road) **turn right**, to head along Wild Boar Road.



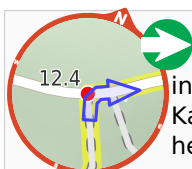
After another 780 m **continue straight**, to head along Wild Boar Road.



After another 340 m (at the intersection of Kangaroo Point Road & Pig and Sow Ridge Road) **continue straight**, to head along Kangaroo Point Road.



After another 400 m cross the ford.



After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Murrays Forest Road & Kangaroo Point Road) **turn right**, to head along Murrays Forest Road (a vehicle track).



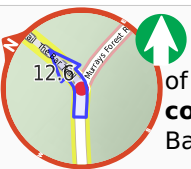
After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Murrays Forest Road.



After another 25 m find the "Mt Warrawolong Campsite" (55 m on your left). This relatively small campsite is a flat open clearing a stones throw away from the dirt road with a small fire pit and enough room to comfortably pitch three tents. There is no water available at this campsite so you will need to make sure you have enough to last until you get to the next water source.



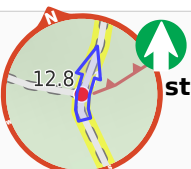
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After another 90 m (at the intersection of Murrays Forest Road & The Bar Trail) **continue straight**, to head along The Bar Trail (a vehicle track).



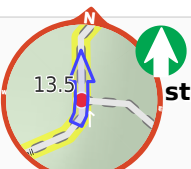
After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along The Bar Trail.



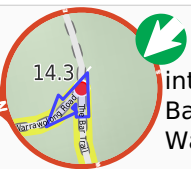
After another 180 m **continue straight**, to head along The Bar Trail.



After another 560 m **continue straight**, to head along The Bar Trail.



After another 95 m **continue straight**, to head along The Bar Trail.

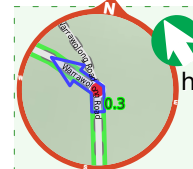


After another 800 m (at the intersection of Warrawolong Road & The Bar Trail) **turn sharp left**, to head along Warrawolong Road.

Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to the top of Mt Warrawolong, the highest point along the Great North Walk for great views over the country.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Warrawolong Road & Turner's Road **Start** heading along Warrawolong Road (a vehicle track).



After another 320 m **veer left**, to head along Warrawolong Road.



After another 75 m head through/around the gate.



After another 1.7 km find the "Mt Warrawolong" (25 m on your right).

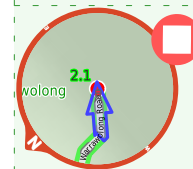


At 642m above sea level, Mount Warrawolong is the highest point along the Great North Walk.

About 40 m past the end is "Mount Warrawolong".



About 20 m past the end is a viewpoint.



The end.



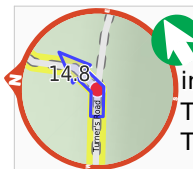
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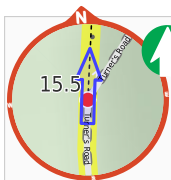
Back at the main route turn around and follow on from the 14.7 km waypoint.



After another 400 m (at the intersection of Turner's Road & Warrawolong Road) **turn right**, to head along Turner's Road.



After another 110 m (at the intersection of Spinebill Point Road & Turner's Road) **veer left**, to head along Turner's Road.



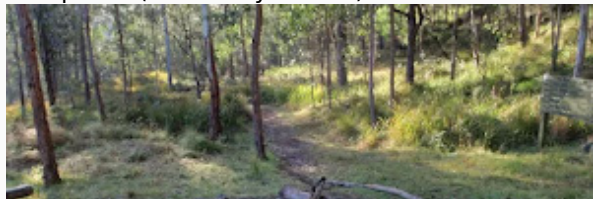
After another 710 m **continue straight**.



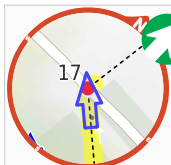
After another 400 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your right).



After another 1 km find the "Watagan Creek Campsite" (35 m on your left).



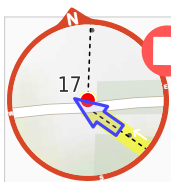
This is a Great North Walk signposted campsite, with plenty of room for a few tents but providing minimal facilities ie. no water, toilets or tables. There is, however, a bench and room for a fire.



After another 100 m **veer right**.



After another 8 m come to "Great North Walk".



Continue another 0 m to find Great North Walk at the end.