



Bungaroo Track

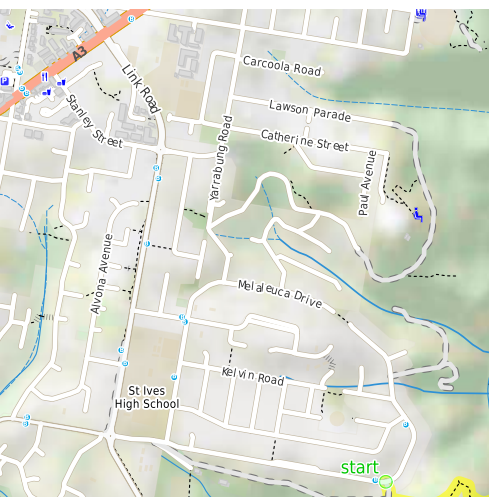
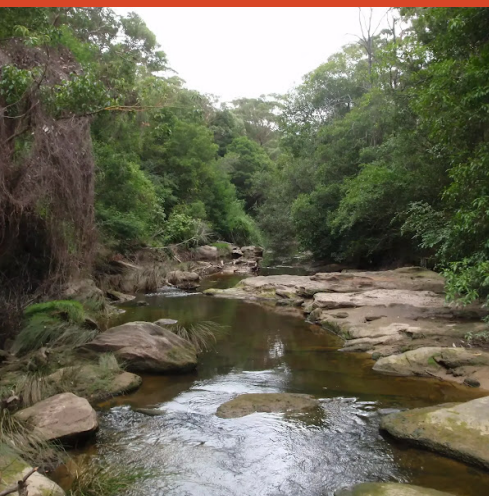
(Darug Country)

 1 h 30 min to 3 h

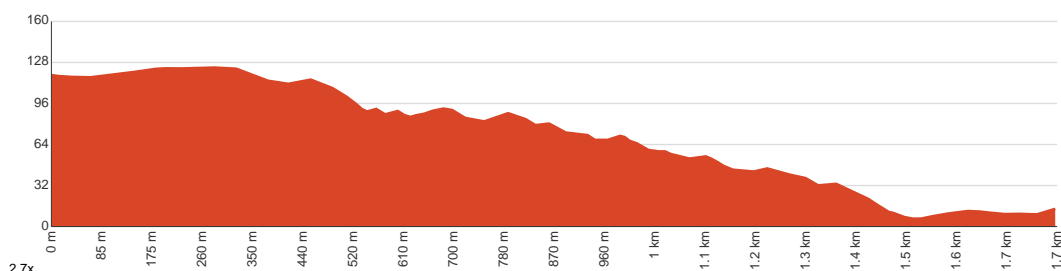

3.5 km
Return


↑ 202 m
↓ 202 m


Hard track



This walk explores a section of bush between Hunter Ave, St Ives, and Middle Harbour Creek. The walk follows a reasonably well defined bush track, passing several rocky outcrops with views across the valley. The walk is named after Bungaroo, a spot of Middle Harbour creek which was described by the first Governor of NSW when he and his party were exploring this area for farmland. Follow these historic footsteps and explore a piece of wonderful bushland. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Mona Vale Road, A3

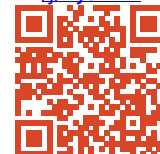
- Turn on to Link Road then drive for 490 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Horace Street and drive for another 1.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Hunter Avenue and drive for another 1.1 km

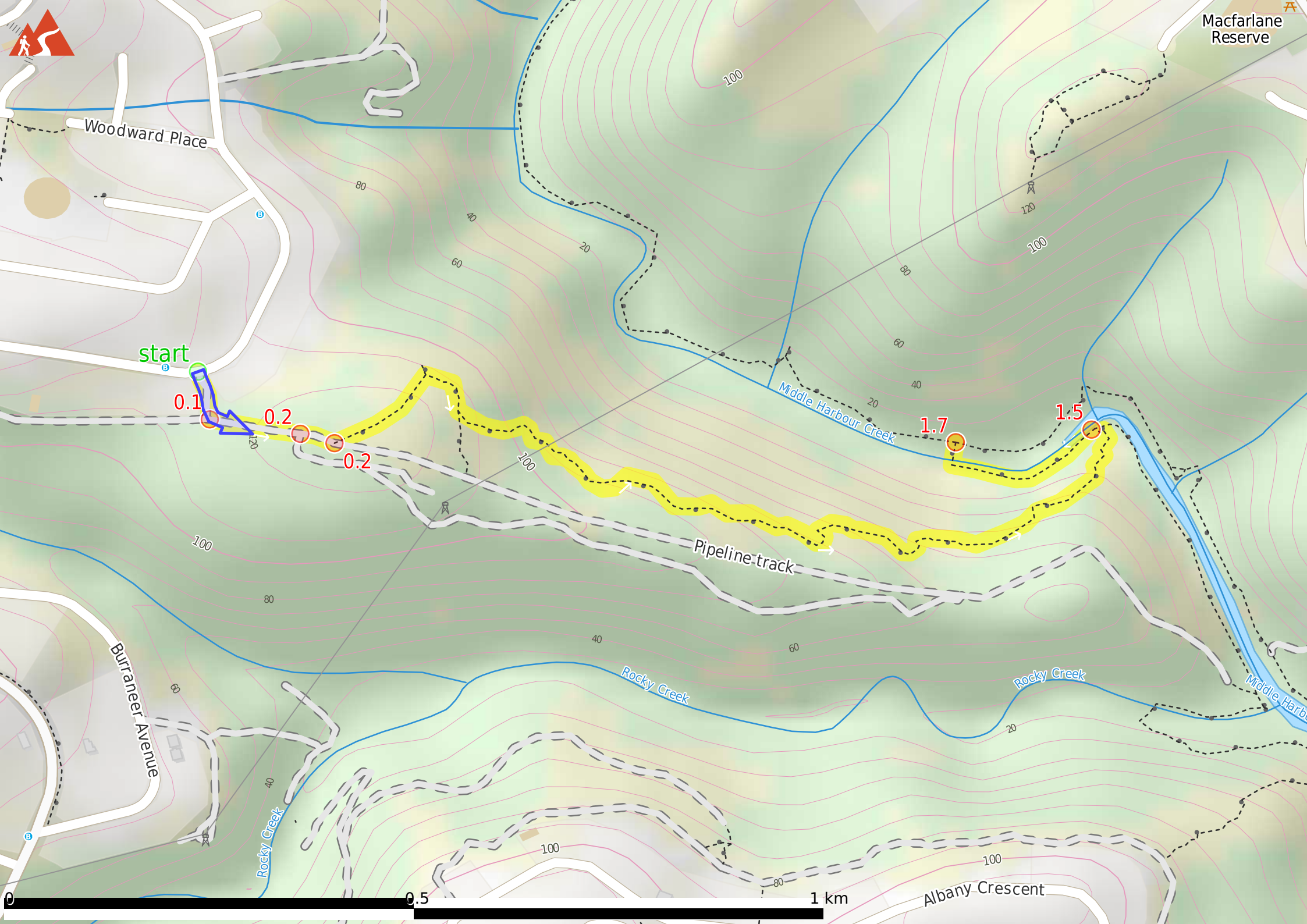
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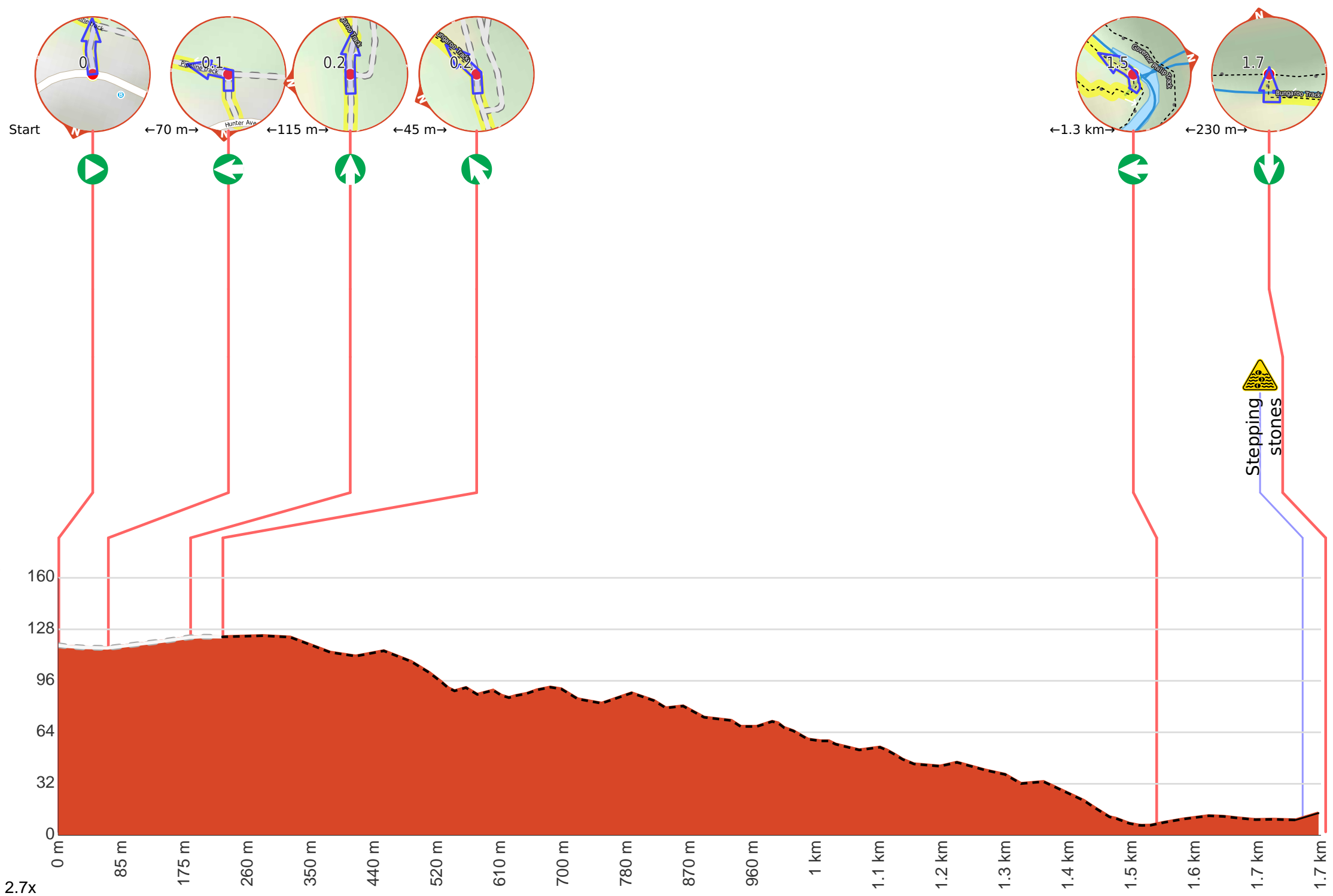
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

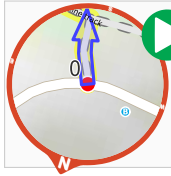
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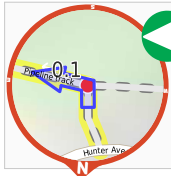




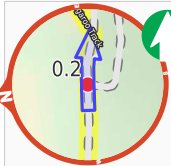
Getting started: From the intersection, this walk follows the Founders Way service trail, heading away from the road and past a picnic seat, continuing along to the 'T' intersection with the pipeline track.



Start.



After another 70 m **turn left.**



After another 115 m **continue straight.**



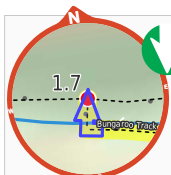
After another 45 m **veer left.**



After another 1.3 km **turn left.**



After another 200 m cross the stepping stones



Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.7 km to get back to the start.



About 20 m past the end is "Bungaroo".



Governor Arthur Phillip (first governor of NSW) described this section of the river as where "the flowing of the tide ceased". Phillip and his party of nine camped here in 1788 whilst looking for land suitable for farming. John White (Surgeon General) described the the area as "the most desert, wild and solitary seclusion that the imagination can form any idea of". Over the past 200 years the river has changed, but somewhere not far upstream of the stepping stone is Bungaroo.