



Porcupine Walk

(Ngarigo Country)

 2 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

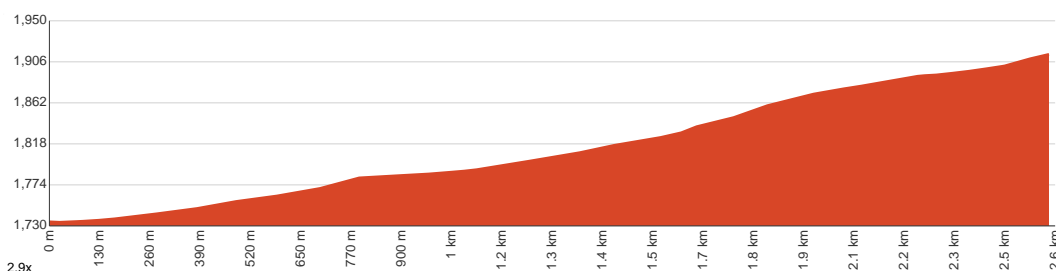
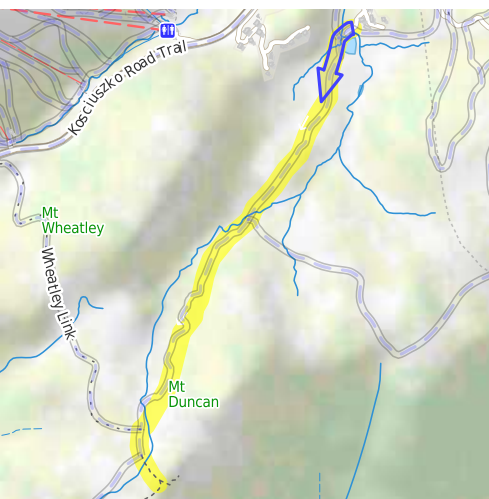

5.1 km
Return


↑ 181 m
↓ 181 m


Hard track



Starting at the Perisher Valley Reservoir, this walk heads up through Rock Creek valley to the the panoramic views from Porcupine Rocks. On this walk, you will wander through button grass plains and among groves of snow gums whilst passing some granite tors. From the top of this walk, there are great views down both Perisher Valley and Thredbo River Valley as well as to Mt Duncan. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo 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

Very steep (4/6)

Signage

Minimal directional signs (4/6)

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

Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Kosciuszko Road

- Turn on to then drive for 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 18.5 km
- Turn left onto Porcupine Road and drive for another 240 m
- Continue onto Porcupine Road and drive for another 90 m
- Keep right onto Porcupine Road and drive for another 240 m
- Turn right onto Galaxia Place and drive for another 110 m



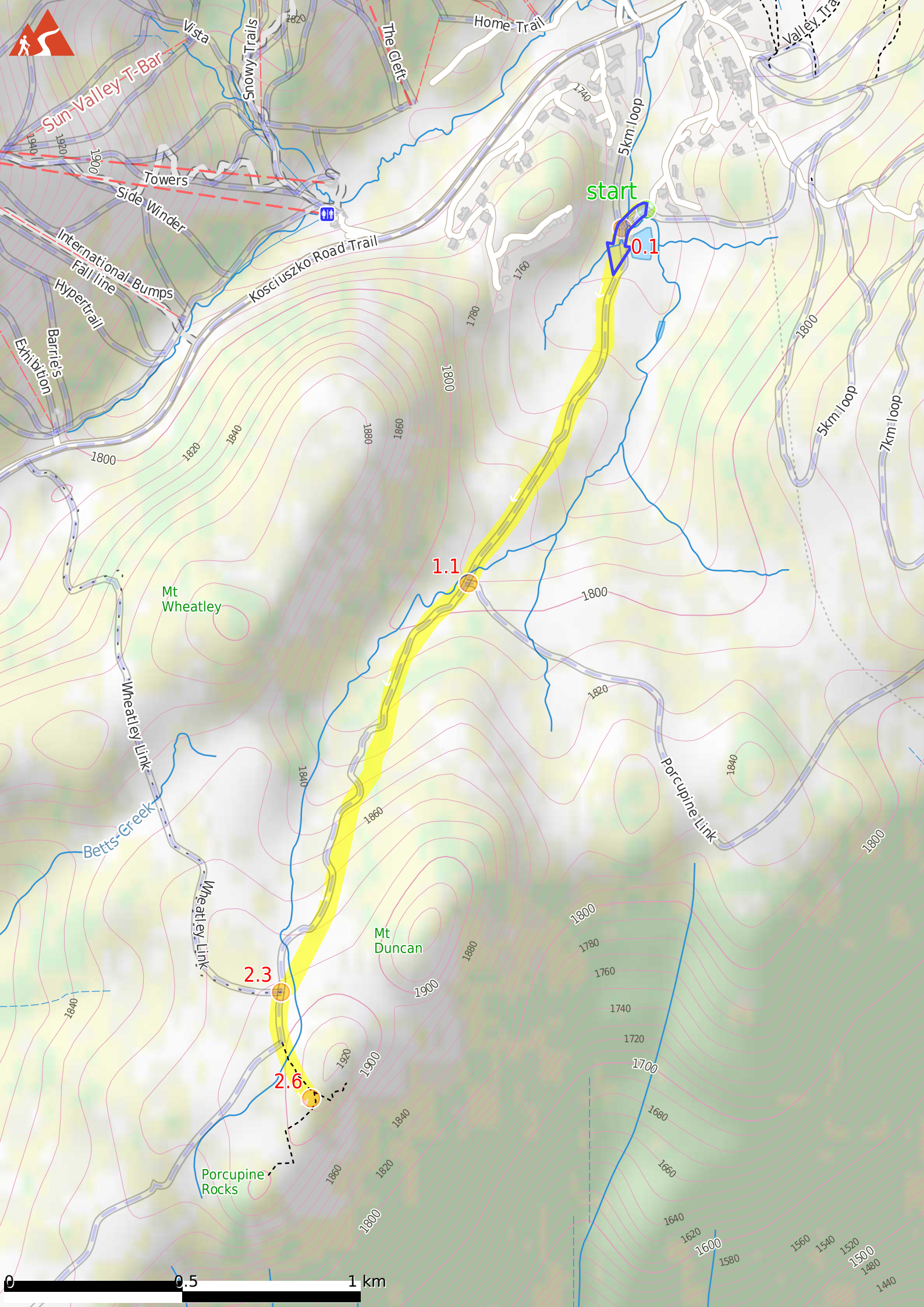
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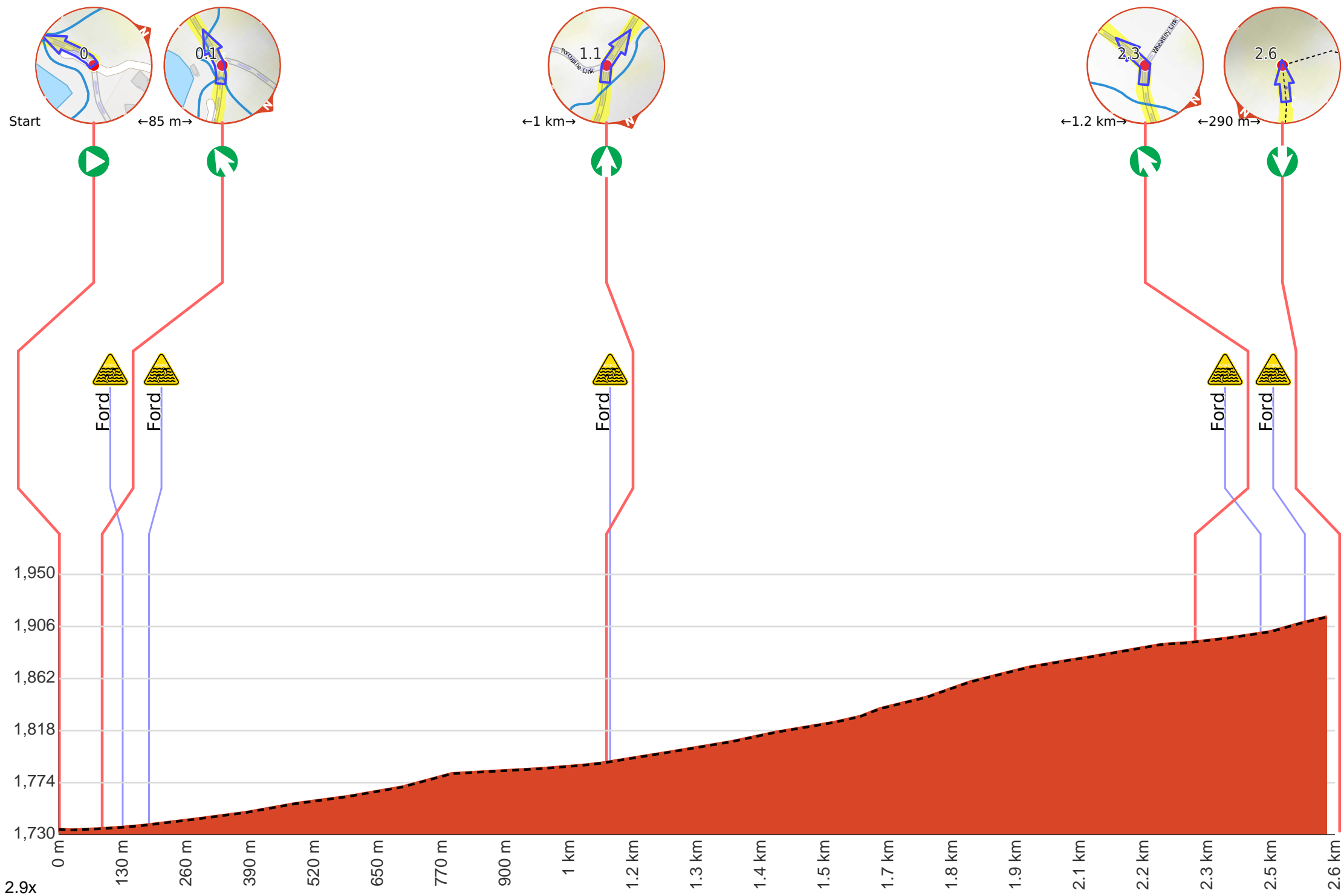
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

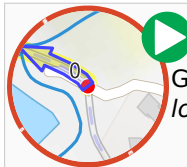
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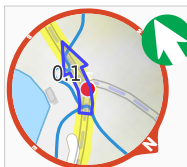
Getting started: From the car park at the end of Water Supply Storage Road in Perisher Valley, this walk passes the 'Porcupine Track' sign and crosses Rock Creek using the metal bridge. The walk then turns right and follows the next 'Porcupine Track' sign towards the pump house. At the pump house, this walk follows the narrow track on the other side of the building and heads left, up past the reservoir. Soon the track bends right and heads up the hill through the open grassland following the line of snow poles. About 300m from the pump house, the track follows the first in a series of metal (erosion control) grates. About 650m after this, the walk crosses Rock Creek again on a flat timber bridge then, 60m later, comes to a signposted three-way intersection with Porcupine Link Track (on your left).




At the intersection of 5km loop & Galaxia Place **Start** heading along 5km loop (a walking track).




After 125 m cross the ford.




Veer left.




After another 95 m cross the ford.



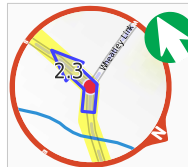
After another 920 m cross the ford.




Continue straight.




After another 1.3 km cross the ford.



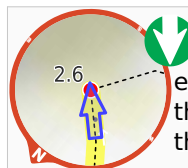
Veer left.




After another 130 m **continue straight.**



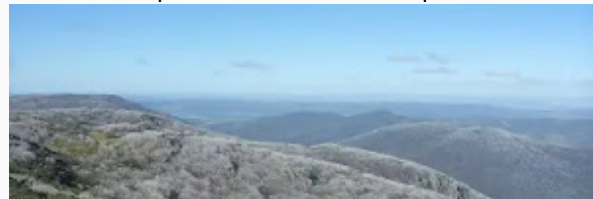
After another 90 m cross the ford.



Continue another 70 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.6 km to get back to the start.



About 85 m past the end is "Porcupine Rocks".



The Porcupine Rocks are a large granite outcrop on the ridge, south of Perisher Valley. There are two main peaks, and a rock scramble leads to the top of the southern peak, providing fantastic views of Perisher Valley, Mt Duncan, Thredbo River Valley and Bullocks Flat. The gap between the two summits provides some shade and protection from the wind. An amazing place to visit - allow time to just relax and enjoy this place. The summit can be slippery and icy, and there is a shear drop and other hazards. Much care is required.