



# Wentworth Falls Loop

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 6 h 30 min to 8 h

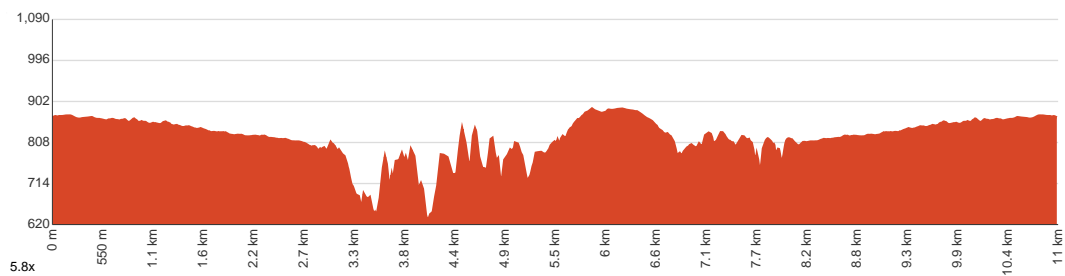
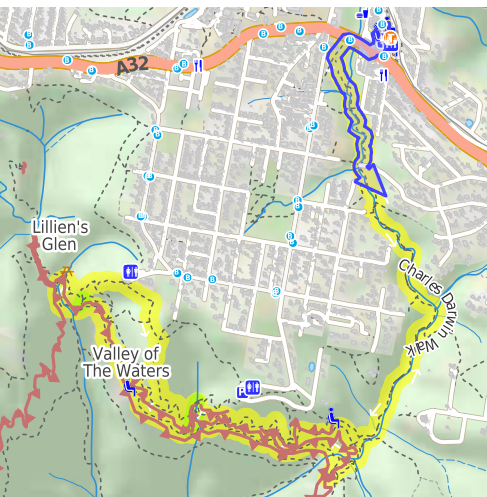
  
11 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 1543 m  
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Hard track



This is a great walk, both in size and spectacular views. The walk makes its way from Wentworth Falls train station and drops off the plateau, passing the cliffs and waterfalls of the National Pass trail. The track passes many falls, with Empress Falls arguably the most stunning. The walk then heads up to Conservation Hut, a great spot for lunch before continuing along the Over- and Undercliff Tracks back to the train station. An excellent walk. 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 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, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

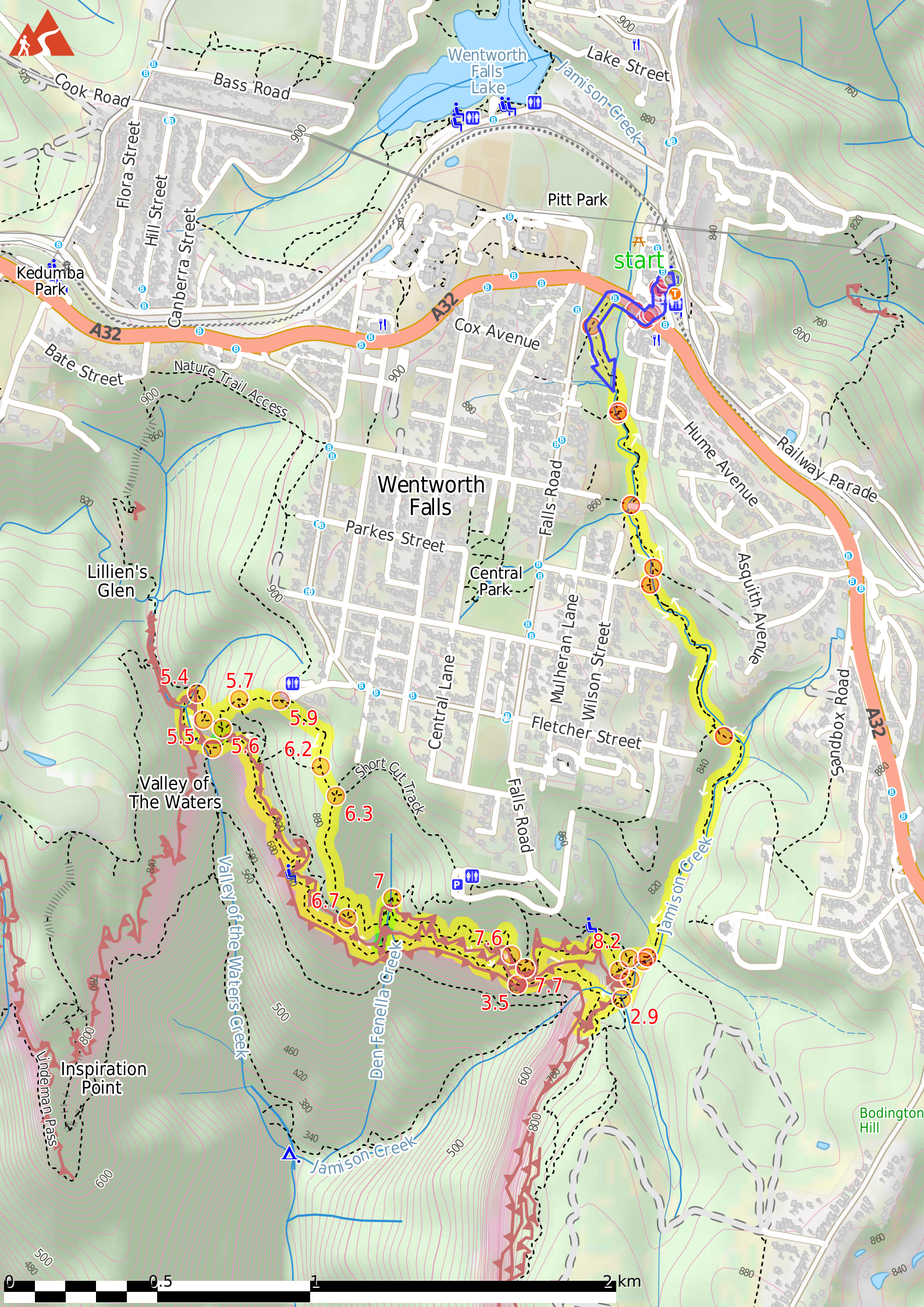
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

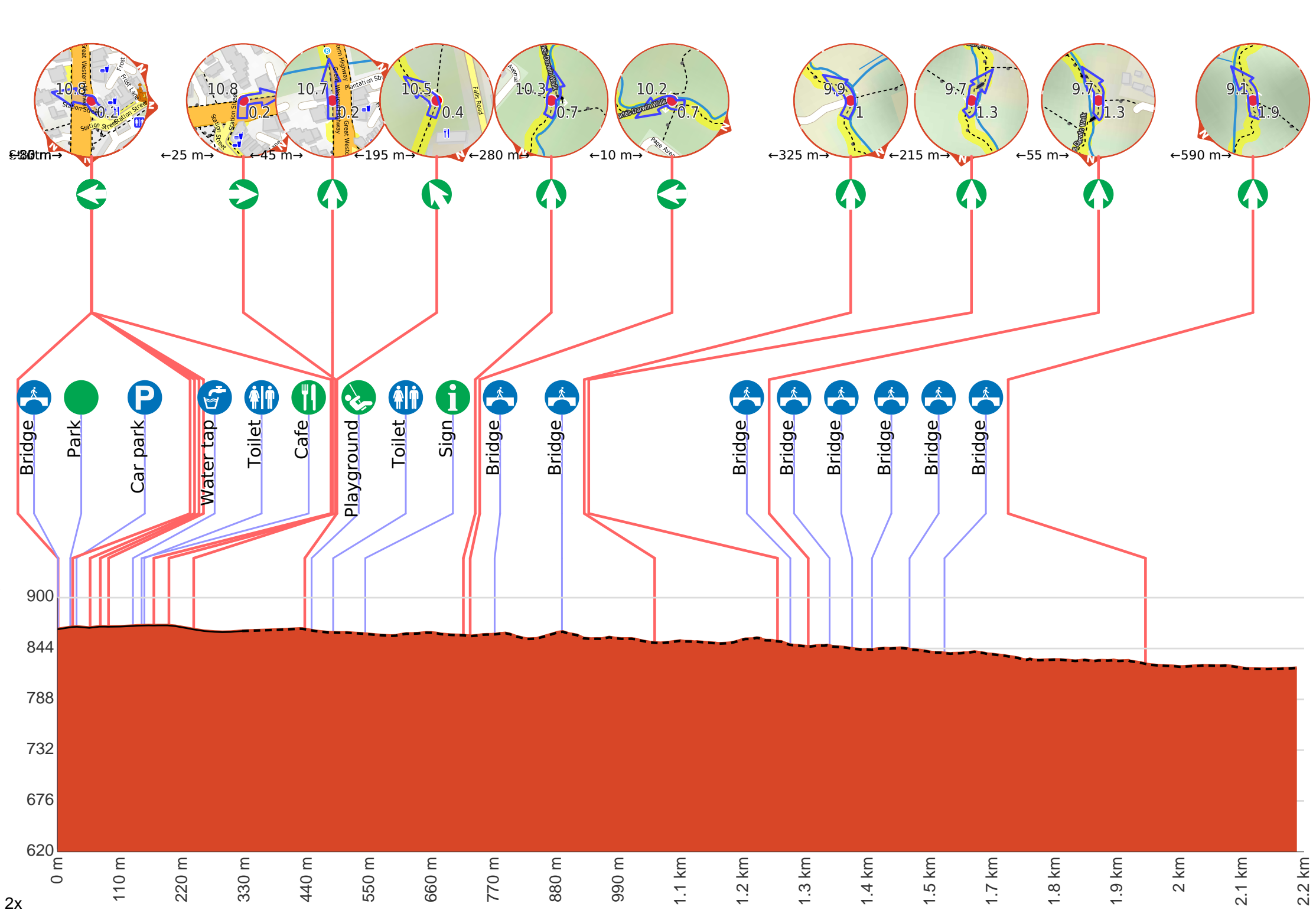
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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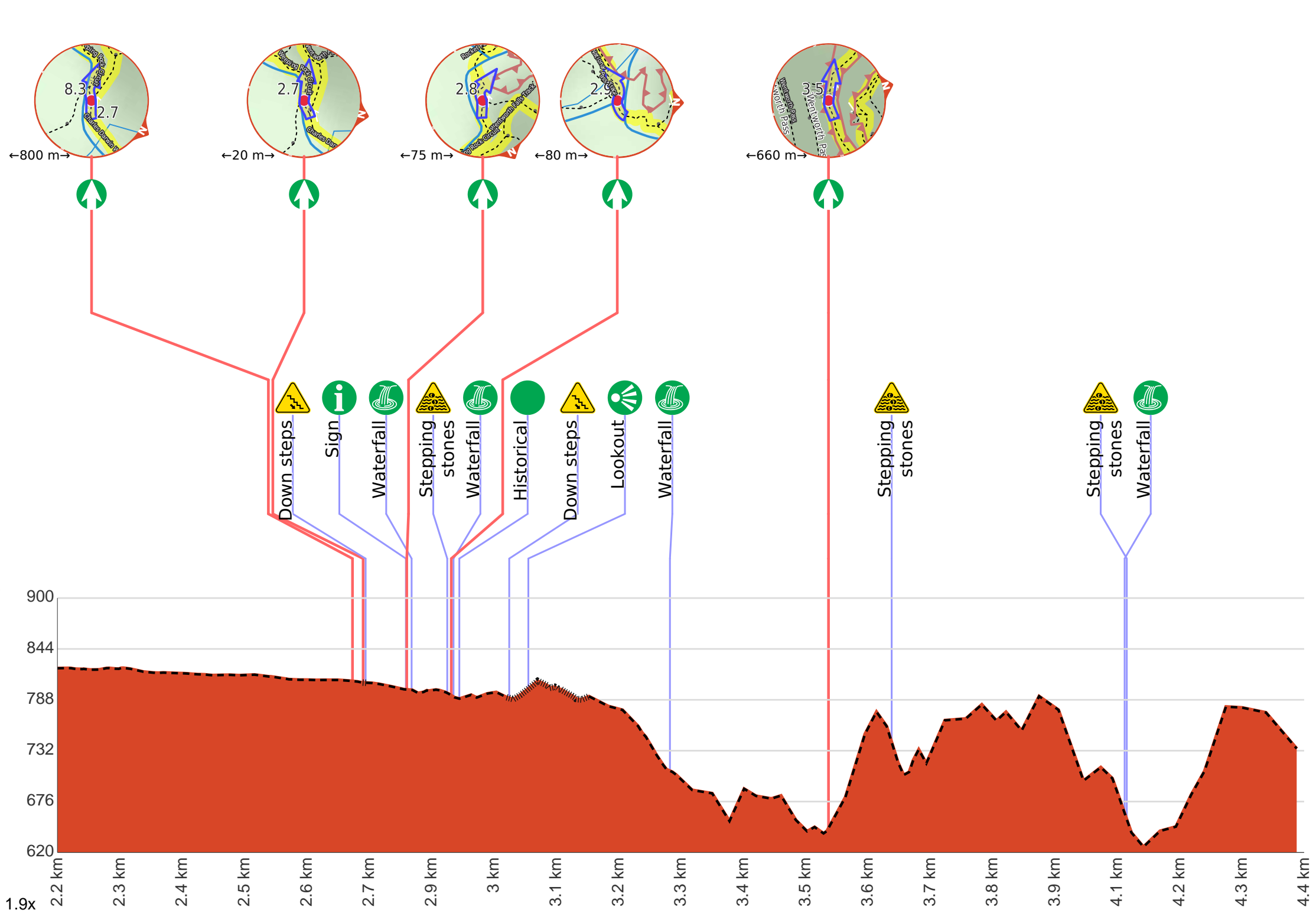


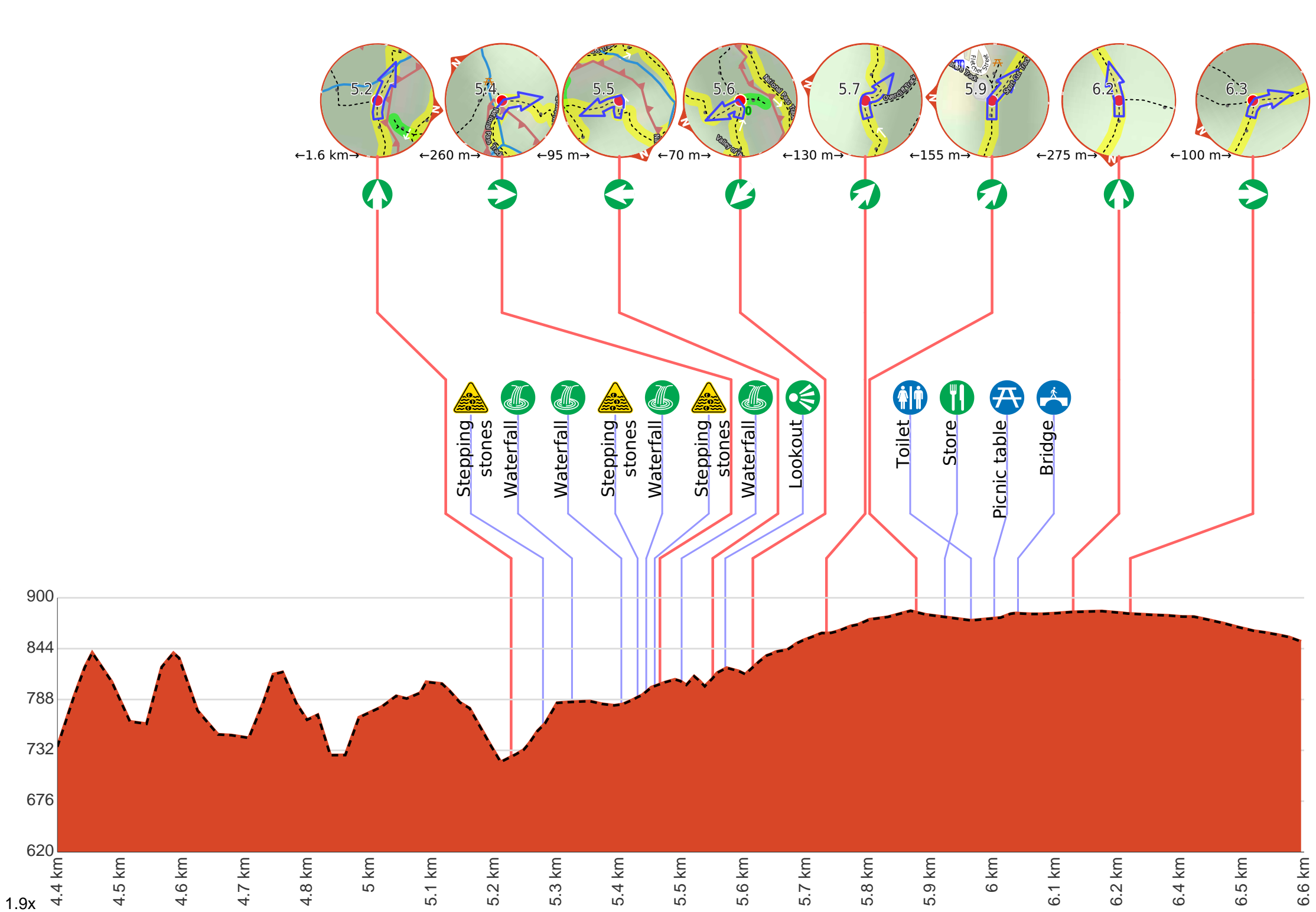


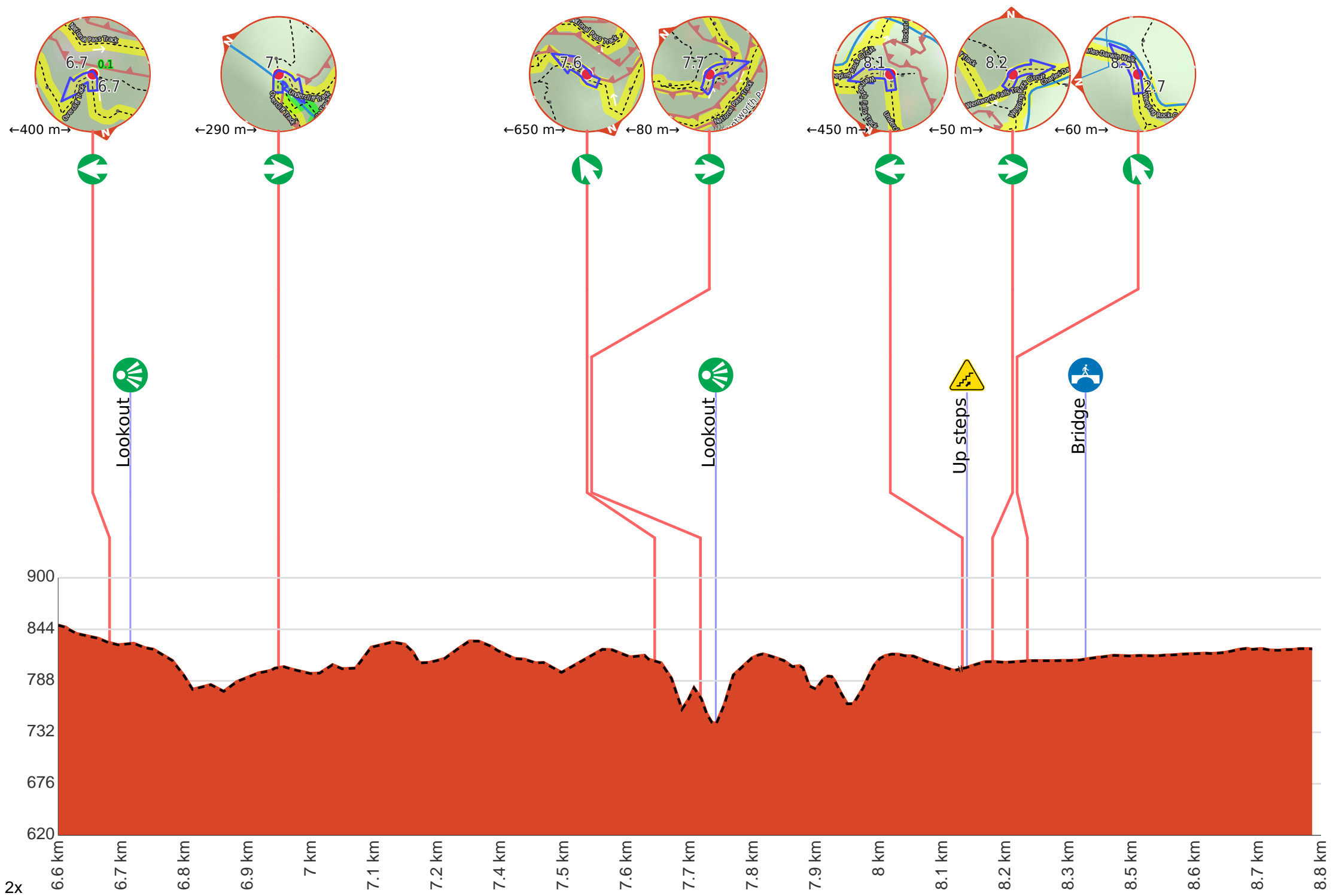


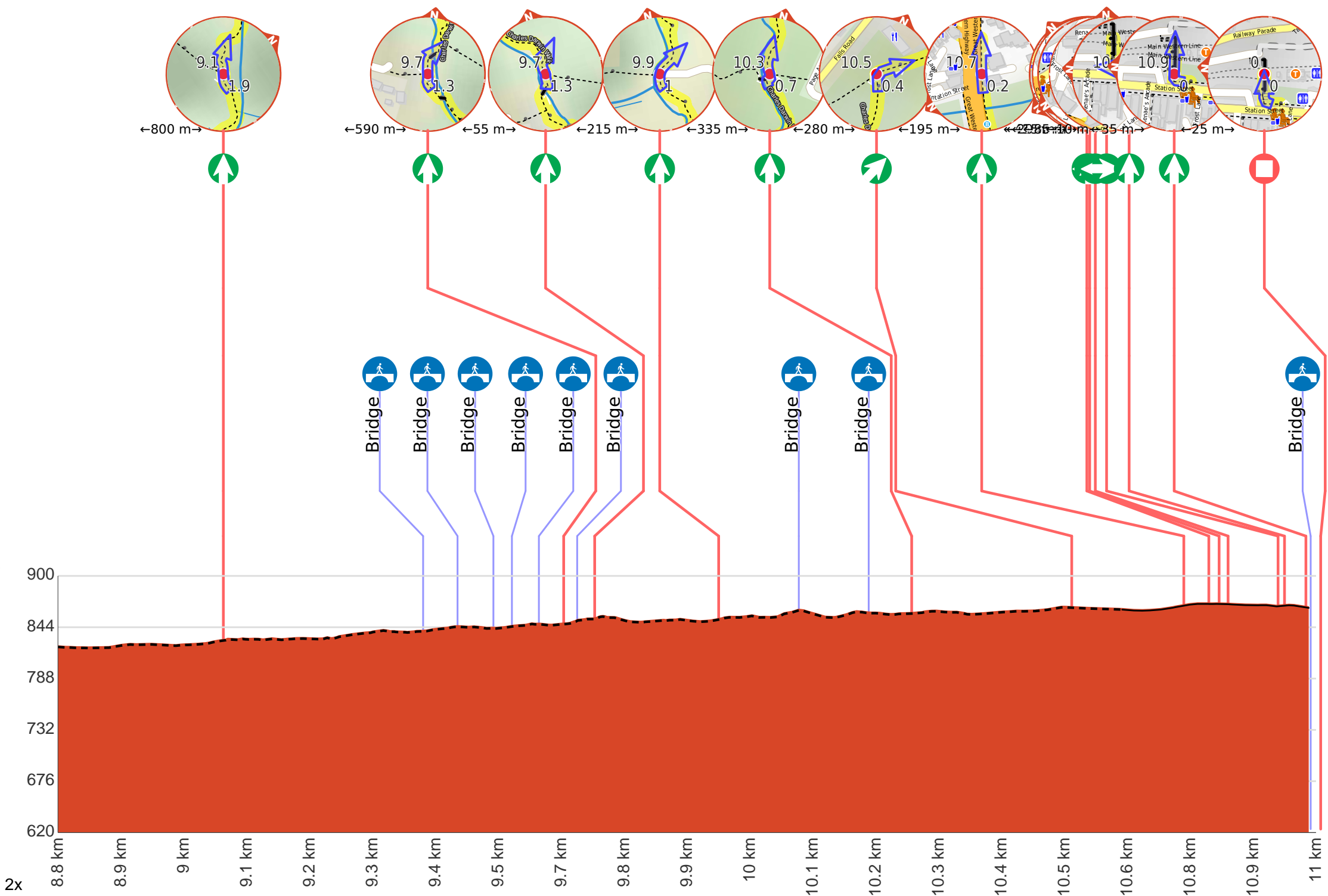






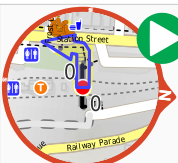






**Getting started:** From Wentworth Falls Railway Station, this walk exits the station on the western side, on Station St, and turns left to head down to the Great Western Highway past the shops. At the highway, the walk crosses at the lights and turns right, heading down the hill along the foot path. This walk then turns left into Wilson Park soon after the colourful bus stop. The walk follows the footpath through Wilson Park. At the toilet block in the centre of the park, the walk tends slightly more to the left until coming to a large archway entrance to the Charles Darwin Walk, near the tennis courts.

From the south-east corner of Wilson Park (near the tennis courts), this walk heads under the large wooden archway signposted as 'Charles Darwin Walk'. The walk follows the track passing a blue sign pointing to 'Wentworth Falls Waterfall' and soon after crosses the creek on a small wooden bridge. On the other side of the creek the track meanders through the open pine forest. After heading up some steps the track comes to an intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Wilson Park' (the steps on the left head up to Page Ave).



**Start.**



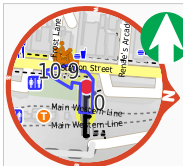
Then cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



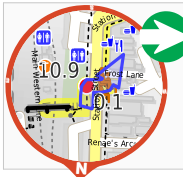
Then pass the "Coronation Park" (on your left).



After another 10 m pass the car park (15 m on your right).



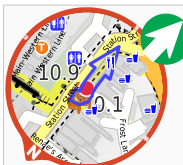
**Continue straight.**



After another 30 m **turn right.**



After another 20 m **turn left.**



After another 15 m **veer right.**



After another 45 m pass the water tap (25 m on your left).

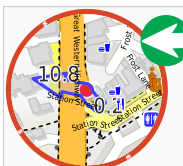


After another 20 m pass the toilet (30 m on your left).

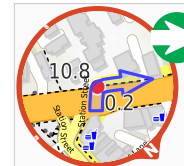
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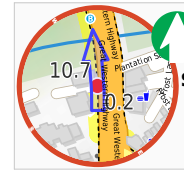
Then pass the "Blue Mist Cafe" (9 m on your right).



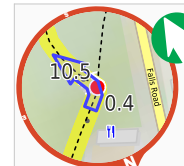
After another 20 m **turn left.**



After another 25 m **turn right.**



After another 45 m **continue straight.**



After another 195 m **veer left.**



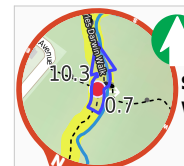
After another 10 m pass the playground (25 m on your right).



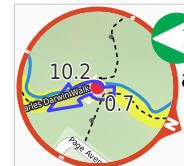
After another 40 m pass the toilet (6 m on your left).



After another 55 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 170 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 10 m **turn left**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.

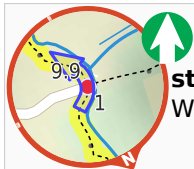


After another 45 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 110 m cross the bridge (about 25 m long)





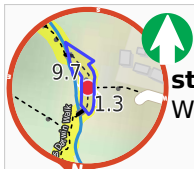
After another 140 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 215 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 35 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



After another 35 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



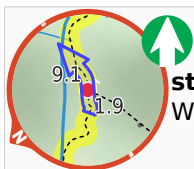
After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 345 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



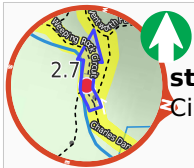
After another 600 m pass the waterfall (10 m on your left).



After another 95 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 100 m (at the intersection of Weeping Rock Circuit & Charles Darwin Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Weeping Rock Circuit.



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Weeping Rock Circuit.



Then head down the steps (about 6 m long)



After another 65 m pass the "Charles Darwin passed this way 1836" (on your right).



After another 10 m find the "Weeping Rock" (9 m on your left).



Weeping Rock is a waterfall on Jamison Creek, upstream of Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains National Park. The water falls over the wide circular top overhang, to then cascade down the rocks to a pool below. A staircase beside the falls helps walkers view this waterfall from different angles. This is a nice cool spot on hot days. The rocks are slippery and there are no fences, care is needed.



At the intersection of Wentworth Falls Track & Weeping Rock Circuit **continue straight**, to head along Wentworth Falls Track.



After another 70 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 10 m find the "Queen's Cascades" (5 m on your left).



Queen's Cascades are a lovely set of falls on the Jamison Creek at the top of Wentworth Falls. The creek heads down the wide, two-stage cascades into a sandy pool. From the pool, the water flows between the stepping stones, under the fence and down the very tall Wentworth Falls. There are also great views to Sublime Point across the valley.



At the intersection of National Pass Track & Wentworth Falls Track **continue straight**, to head along National Pass Track.



After another 15 m find the "Grand Stairway" (6 m on your left).



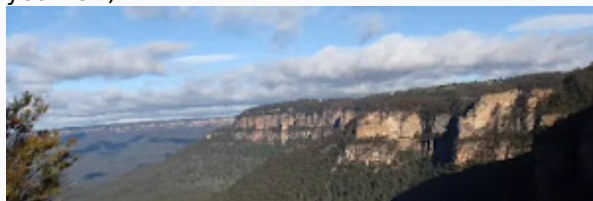
The Grand Stairway is a very memorable section of the National Pass in the Blue Mountains National Park. The stairway is reported to be 'the tallest outdoor staircase in Australia' and was built in the early 1900's by hand (and dynamite). This stairway, and the rest of the National Pass, was built by a team nicknamed 'the Irish Brigade' for the cost of £430 . Today, the Grand Stairway is well-maintained and provides walkers access to the valley below Wentworth Falls.



After another 90 m head down the rock steps (about 145 m long)



Then find the "Rocket Point Lookout" (8 m on your left).



Rocket Point Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout, high on the cliff south-west of Wentworth Falls, in the Blue Mountains National Park. The lookout provides a good view down Wentworth Falls and into the valley. There is also a great view of the Sublime Point escarpment. The lookout itself has an interesting sandstone wall and is just down from a natural rock arch.



After another 250 m find the "Middle of Wentworth Falls" (on your left).



The National Pass crosses Wentworth Falls halfway down its long drop. At this crossing, NPWS have installed sandstone block bridges to improve access for walkers. There are a few side tracks that have been used to explore the area - beware of the slippery rocks and unfenced ledges. There is also a great view into the valley from where the water continues to fall on its long journey further into the valley. This is a lovely spot to cool down on a warm day.



After another 280 m (at the intersection of Slacks Stairs & National Pass Track) **continue straight**, to head along National Pass Track.



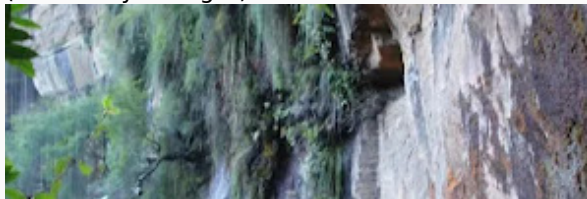
After another 110 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 410 m cross the stepping stones.



Then find the "Den Fenella falls (National Pass)" (20 m on your right).



The Den Fenella Creek falls down the cliff to this halfway point on the National Pass. Here, the timber platform and handrails, installed by the NPWS, allow walkers to cool off at the pass under the dripping water. As with much of this pass, there are great views into the valley.



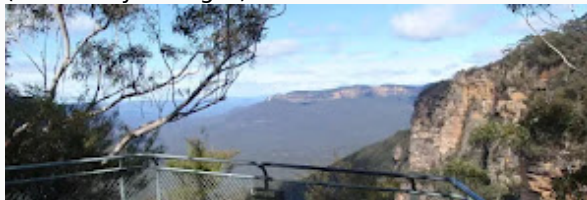
After another 540 m pass a seat (7 m on your left)., has a backrest.



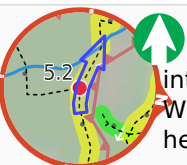
After another 40 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 420 m find the "Lyrebird Lookout" (35 m on your right).



Lyrebird Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout on the Overcliff Walk, south of the Conservation Hut in the Blue Mountains National Park. The lookout hosts a great view of Sublime Point (right) and Mount Solitary (centre). A welcome gap in the trees reveals this great view.



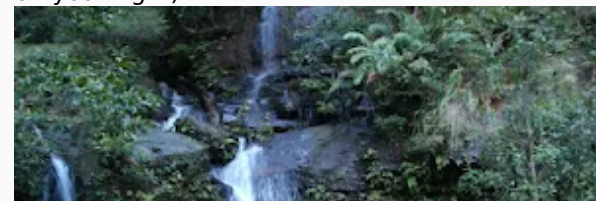
After another 120 m (at the intersection of National Pass Track & Wentworth Pass) **continue straight**, to head along National Pass Track.



After another 55 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 50 m find the "Lodore Falls" (25 m on your right).



Lodore Falls are a lovely set of falls on the Valley of the Waters Creek. The narrow falls have a staircase on one side and stepping stones (and handrail) crossing the bottom, making it easier for walkers to appreciate this waterfall from many angles. Just beyond the handrail, the water falls over another cliff, providing a great view down the valley.



After another 85 m find the "Sylvia Falls" (30 m on your right).



Sylvia Falls on the Valley of the Waters Creek is a lovely tall cascade. The falls are in a deep sandstone canyon with mossy walls. The stairs and handrail pass closely to these falls, helping walkers get nice and close. From near the top of the falls, there is a great view down the valley looking between the canyon walls.



After another 30 m cross the stepping stones.





After another 15 m find the "Empress Falls" (on your left).



Empress Falls is a spectacular waterfall in the Valley of the Waters. The Valley of the Water Creek comes out of the slot in the cliff and tumbles down a series of cliffs to a sandy pool. The fall is the site of the last abseil in a popular canyon, making a great site for walkers in the area. Stepping stones help walkers cross below the falls. There is a small overhang next to the falls, giving the area shade and offering a great place to rest.



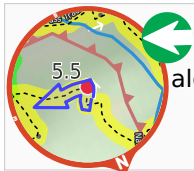
After another 15 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 9 m (at the intersection of Valley of the Waters Track & National Pass Track) **turn right**, to head along Valley of the Waters Track.



After another 40 m pass the "Isobel Falls" (15 m on your left).



After another 55 m **turn left**, to head along Valley of the Waters Track.



After another 20 m find the "Empress Lookout" (10 m on your left).



Empress Lookout is a fenced and signposted lookout, perched on a sandstone overhang above the Valley of the Waters Creek. There is a view down to part of the Empress Falls and into the canyon. The views are filtered through the surrounding trees. It makes for a good spot to catch your breath when walking into, or out of, the Valley of the Waters.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Queen Victoria Lookout.



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



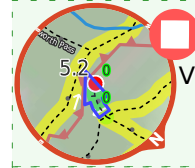
After another 25 m **continue straight.**



After another 10 m come to "Queen Victoria Lookout".



The Queen Victoria Lookout is perched above the Valley of the Waters, south-west of Conservation Hut. The fenced lookout has views into the narrow section of the valley. The views are made more dramatic by the roar of the waterfalls below and the mists which frequent the area. Empress Falls are only just visible - the main views extend down Jamison Valley. Kings Tableland (left) and Sublime Point (right) dominate the views and the eastern edge of Mount Solitary and beyond is also visible.



Continue another 0 m to find Queen Victoria Lookout at the end.



"Queen Victoria Lookout".



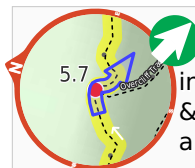
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 35 m to the main route.



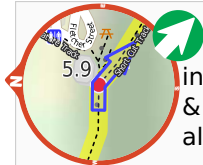
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 5.6 km waypoint.



After another 50 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Valley of the Waters Track.



After another 130 m (at the intersection of Valley of the Waters Track & Overcliff Track) **veer right**, to head along Valley of the Waters Track.



After another 155 m (at the intersection of Valley of the Waters Track & Short Cut Track) **veer right**, to head along Short Cut Track.



After another 95 m pass the toilet (75 m on your left).



Then find the "Conservation Hut" (40 m on your left).



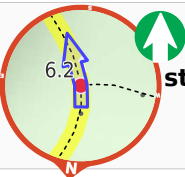
Conservation Hut is a small cafe perched above the Valley of the Waters, Blue Mountains National Park. The hut was opened in 1963 as a meeting place for the local conservation movement. Rebuilt, Conservation Hut opened as a cafe in 1993, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week. Around the Conservation Hut is a small parking area, public toilets, picnic shelters, town water and B&B's. For further information or bookings call (02) 4757 3827.



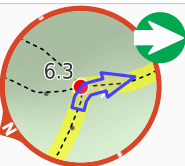
After another 85 m pass the picnic table (30 m on your left).



After another 40 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 90 m **continue straight**, to head along Short Cut Track.



After another 100 m **turn right**.



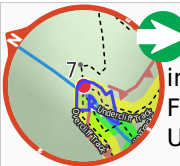
After another 400 m (Breakfast Point Lookout) **turn left**, to head along Overcliff Track.



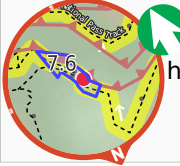
After another 35 m find the "Breakfast Point Lookout" (8 m on your right).



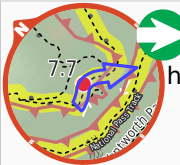
Breakfast Point Lookout is on the Overcliff Walk, west of Den Fenella Creek. The lookout has a short stone wall and great views across the Jamison Valley. The center piece of the view is out to Mount Solitary and beyond, there are also good views to Kings Tableland (left). This is a good spot to stop and enjoy the sweeping views of the majestic valley.



After another 255 m (at the intersection of Undercliff Track & Den Fenella Track) **turn right**, to head along Undercliff Track.



After another 650 m **veer left**, to head along Undercliff Track.



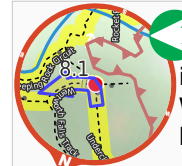
After another 80 m **turn right**, to head along Undercliff Track.



After another 25 m find the "Princes Rock" (25 m on your left).



Princes Rock is a great fenced lookout, to the west of Wentworth Falls. There are extensive views into the Jamison Valley below. The lookout has an excellent view of Wentworth Falls, cascading over the cliffs opposite.



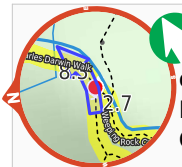
After another 430 m (at the intersection of Undercliff Track & Wentworth Falls Track) **turn left**, to head along Wentworth Falls Track.



After another 8 m head up the steps (about 7 m long)



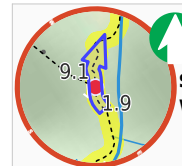
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Weeping Rock Circuit & Wentworth Falls Track) **turn right**, to head along Weeping Rock Circuit.



After another 60 m (at the intersection of Weeping Rock Circuit & Charles Darwin Walk) **veer left**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 100 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 700 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.





After another 345 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



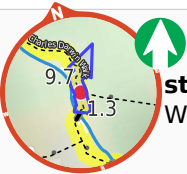
After another 35 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 25 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



After another 215 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



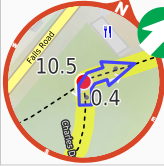
After another 140 m cross the bridge (about 25 m long)



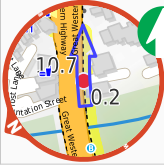
After another 100 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



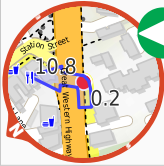
After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along Charles Darwin Walk.



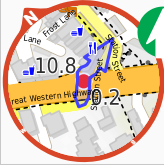
After another 280 m **veer right**.



After another 195 m **continue straight**.



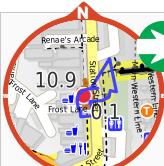
After another 45 m **turn left**.



After another 20 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m **turn left**.



After another 85 m **turn right**.



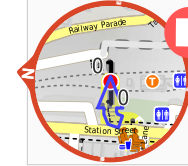
After another 10 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m **continue straight**.



After another 8 m cross the bridge



After another 15 m come to the end.