



Paton's Hut

(Wiradjuri Country)



2 h, 4 h to 2 days



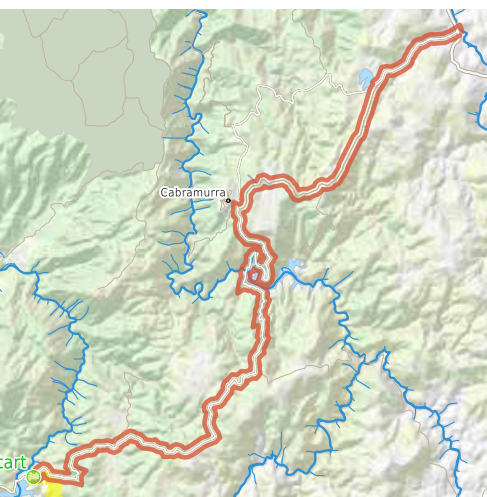
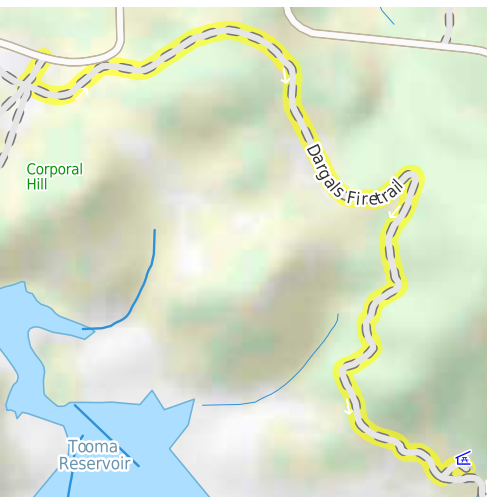
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Return



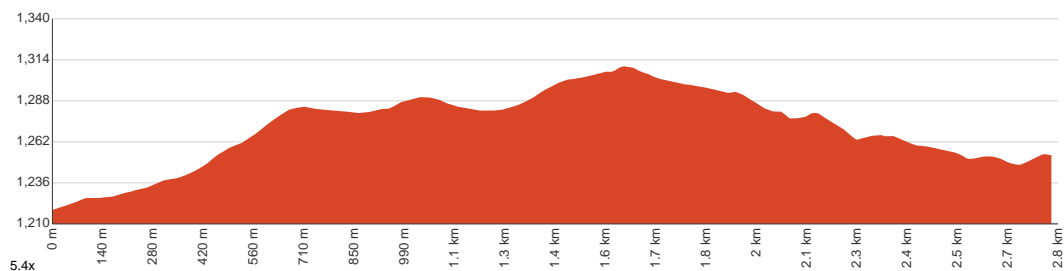
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Hard track



This walk (or mountain bike ride) follows the Dargals Trail from near the Tooma Reservoir spillway to Paton's Hut. Most of this walk is through tall eucalypt forest before heading down to the edge of the Tooma Plain to find Paton's Hut. The iron hut was originally built in 1934 for grazing and was rebuilt in 2005, after the 2003 fires. The hut provides a great place to camp overnight or just rest before walking back. Let us begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
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	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Snowy Mountains Highway, B72

- Turn on to Link Road then drive for 4.8 km
- Turn left onto Kings Cross Road and drive for another 11.1 km
- Turn sharp left onto Snow Ridge Road and drive for another 29.9 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

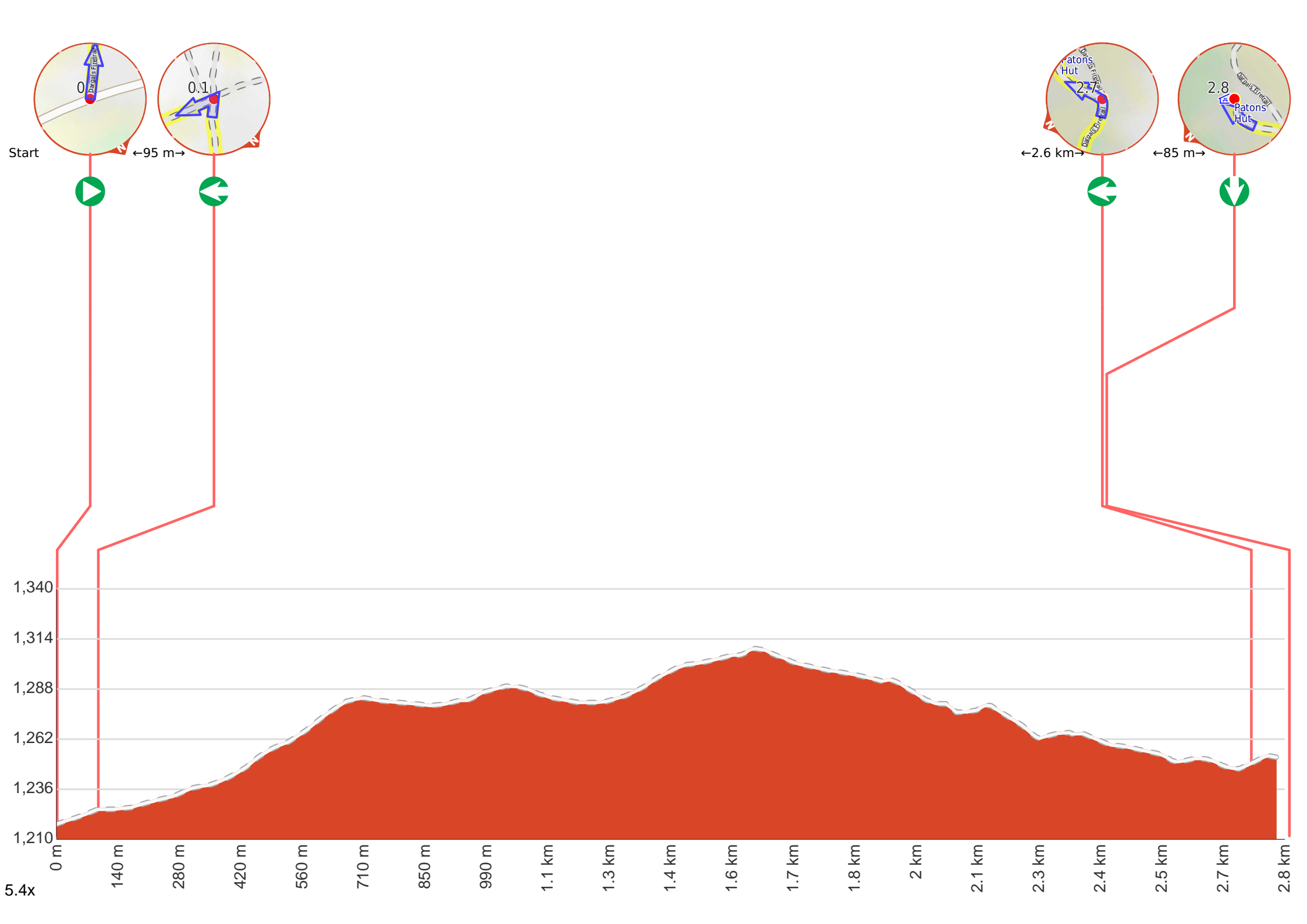
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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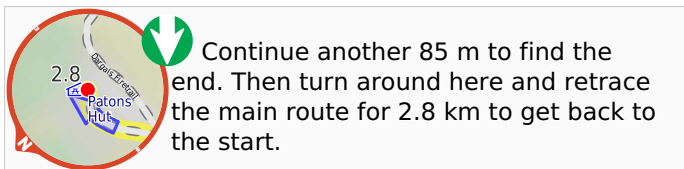
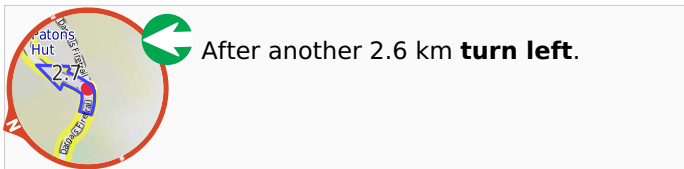
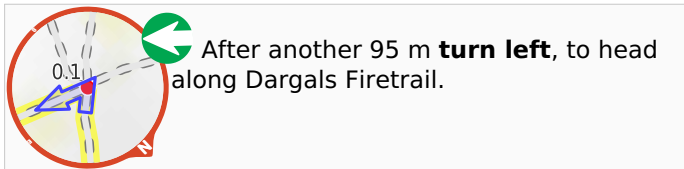
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Getting started: From the 'Trail Head Car Park' (on Tooma Rd, about 850m east of the Tooma Reservoir spillway), this walk heads uphill around the locked gate. The walk immediately heads past a toilet (on your left) then comes to a large five-way intersection, with a glimpse of Tooma Reservoir (straight ahead).



About 10 m past the end is "Patons Hut".



Patons Hut is a 7.5m x 5m iron hut, originally built in 1934 for grazing by the Paton family. It burnt down during the 2003 fires, but was rebuilt in 2007-08. The hut has a fireplace and some interesting relics. Around the hut is a grassy flat with some bench seating and a few creeks flow nearby (treat water before drinking).



About 20 m past the end is "Patons Hut".