



Red Gum Walk

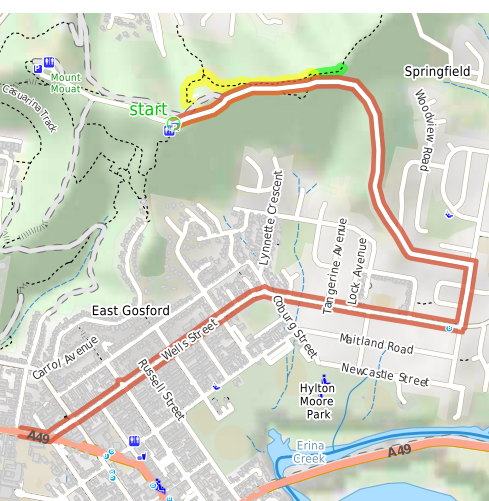
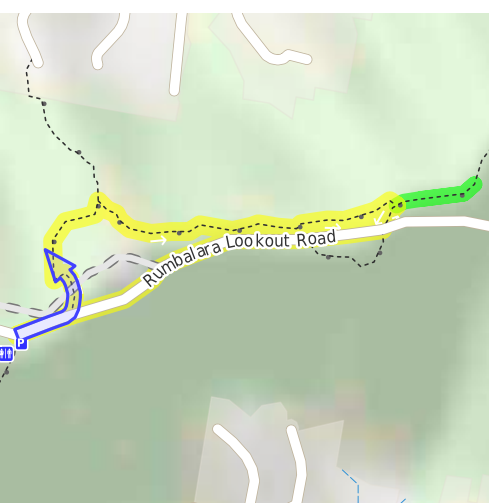
(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 40 min to 45 min

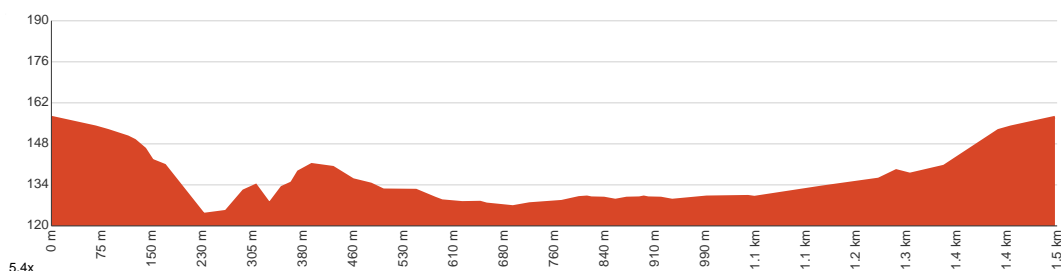

1.5 km
Circuit


↑ 58 m
↓ 58 m


Hard track



At the time of writing, some or all of the southern leg of the Red Gum Track was closed. The walk described here returns along the road instead. Despite these changes, this is still a worthwhile walk with some nice scenery along the way. Wannagan Lookout has some great views over North Gosford and surrounds. Note that the entrance gate on Dolly Ave, for the upper section of Rumbalara, is locked at 8pm each evening. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
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 York Street, A49

- Turn on to Wells Street then drive for 360 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Wells Street and drive for another 700 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Wells Street and drive for another 810 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Springfield Road and drive for another 260 m
- Turn left onto Dolly Avenue and drive for another 345 m
- Continue onto Dolly Avenue and drive for another 1.4 km

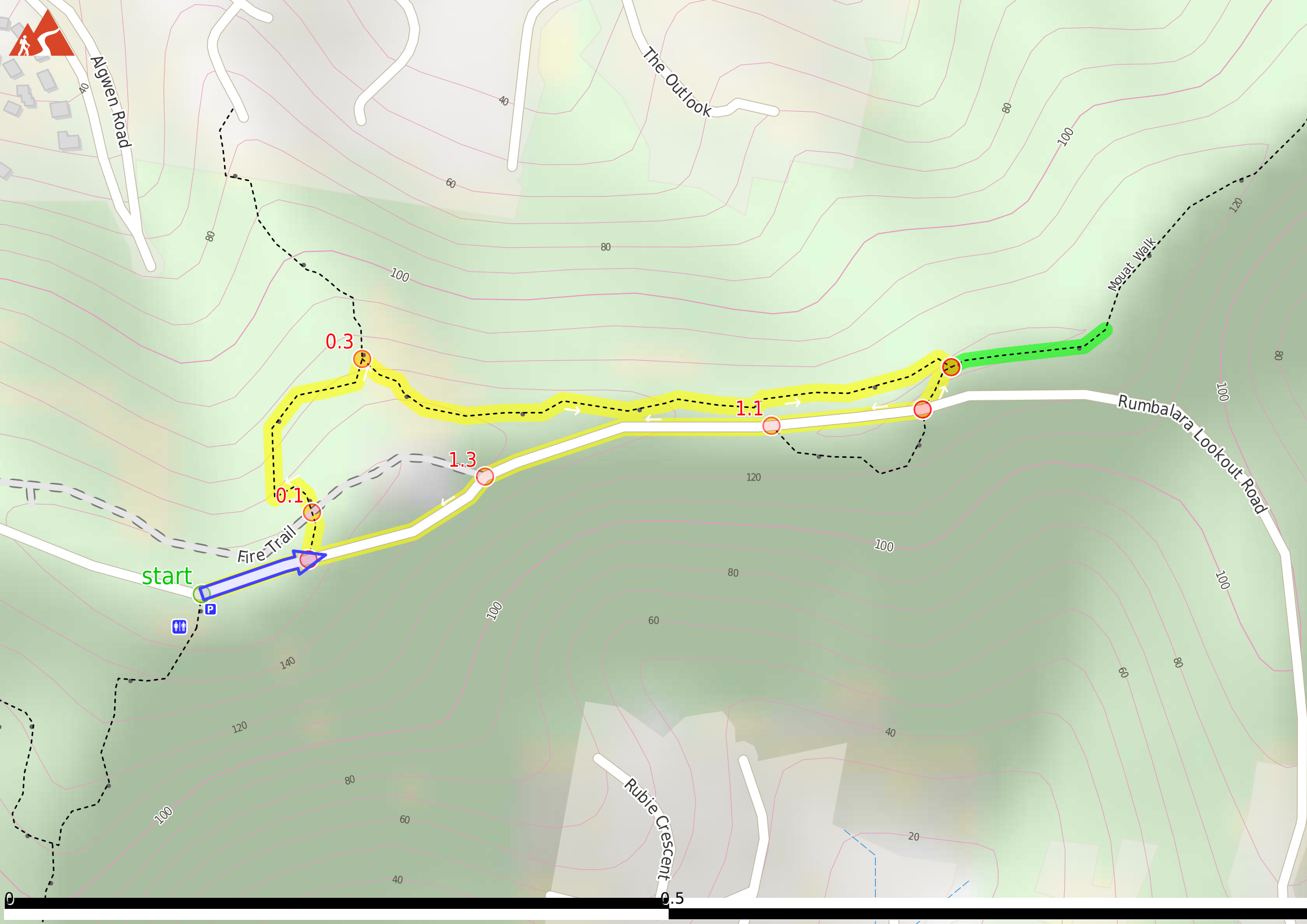
Before you start any journey ensure you;

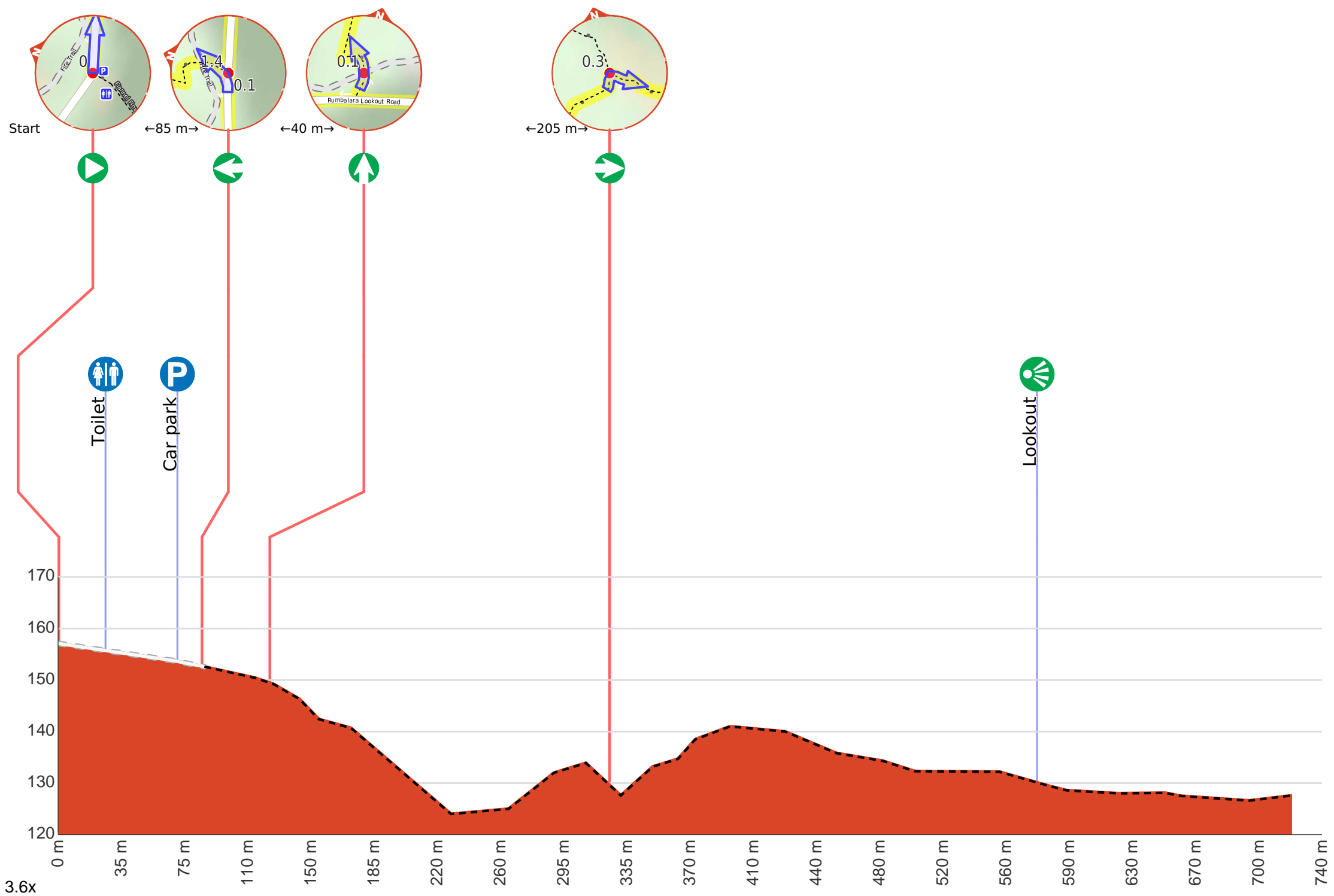
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

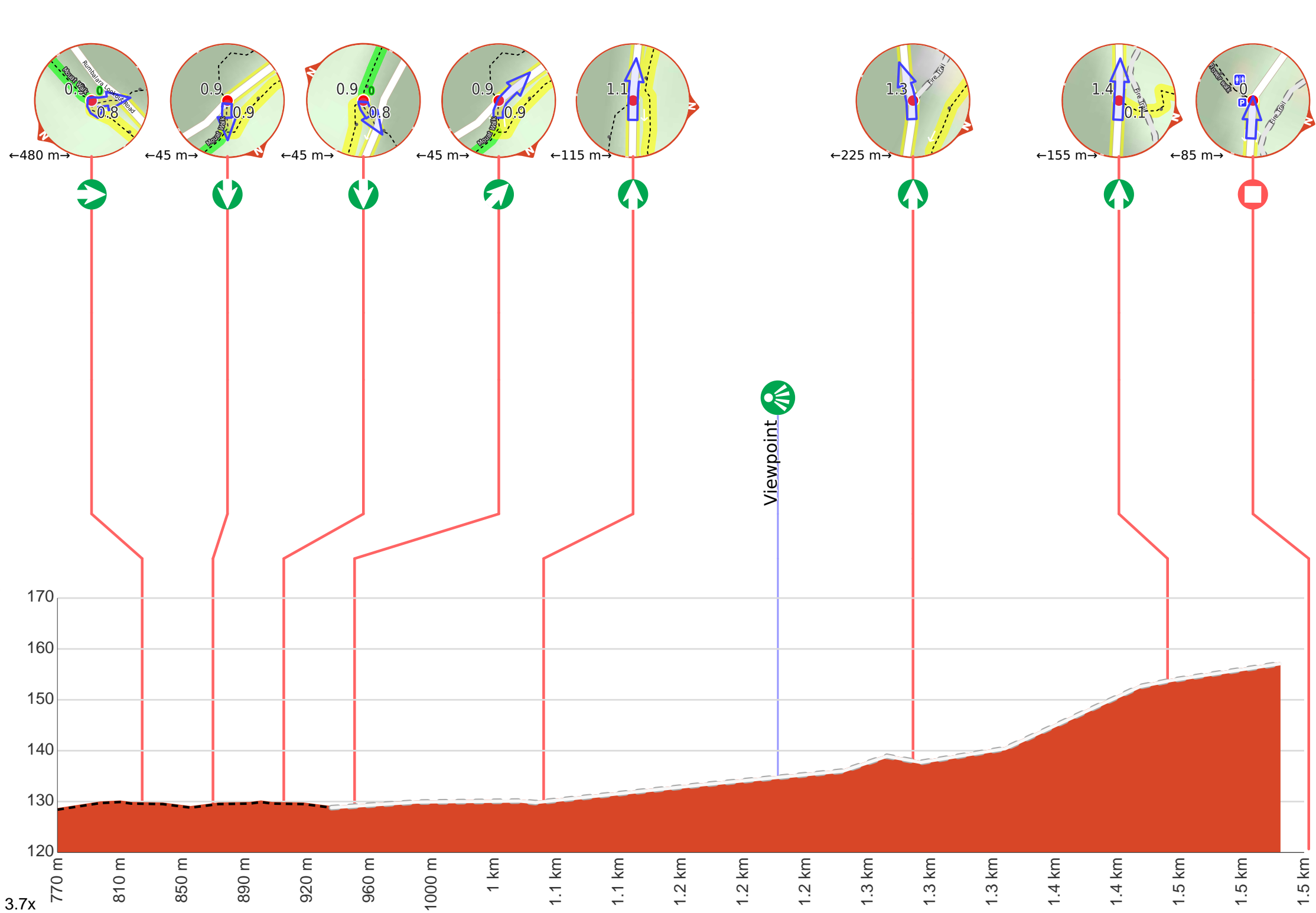
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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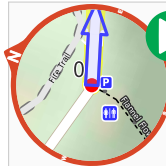








Getting started: From the BBQs, this walk goes across the picnic area towards the road and down the steps. The walk veers to the right, following the road gently down the hill for a short distance to an intersection with a bush track, beside a low boulder, on the left (some distance before the nearby water reservoir).



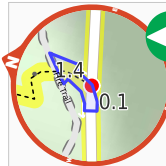
Start heading along *Rumbalara Lookout Road*.



There is a toilet (about 40 m back from the start).



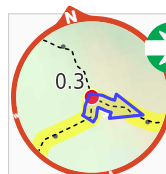
After another 45 m pass the car park (15 m on your right).



After another 15 m **turn left**.



After another 40 m **continue straight**.



After another 205 m **turn right**.

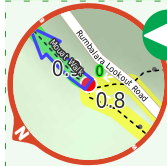


After another 255 m find the "Wannagan Lookout" (6 m on your left).



The fenced Wannagan Lookout, on the Red Gum Walk, has great views over North Gosford. The fenced lookout sits at the top of a small cliff. Out of sight, beneath the lookout, is some great cliff and overhang scenery.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Sculpture of Edward John Eyre.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start** heading along *Mouat Walk*.



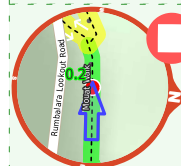
After 175 m find the "Edward John Eyre" (20 m on your left).



The Sculpture of Edward John Eyre is found near the southern end of the Mouat Trail in Rumbalara Reserve. Commissioned by Sara Lee Kitchens and the State Bicentennial Commission, this 1.25 scale figurative work was sculptured by Carl Merten. A circular inscription at the base declares this to be 'Edward John Eyre 1815-1901'. Eyre is one of Australia's more famous explorers. A father of 5, he was awarded the founder's gold medal from the Royal Geographical Society in 1847. In 1841, Eyre was appointed as resident magistrate and protector of Aborigines. He summed up his work like this - "*Moorundie was a District densely populated by Natives and in which prior to 1841 no settler had ventured to locate, and where (before I was stationed there) frightful scenes of bloodshed, rapine and hostility between the Natives and Parties coming overland with Stock had been of very frequent occurrence, but where, from the time of my arrival, and up to the date of my leaving not a single case of serious injury or aggression ever took place on the part of the Natives against the Europeans, whilst the district became rapidly and extensively occupied by Settlers and by Stock*". Eyre also served as lieutenant-governor for New Zealand, lieutenant-governor for St Vincent (West Indies), governor for Leeward Islands, governor for Antigua and governor-in-chief for Jamaica.



Then pass the "Statue of Edward John Eyre" (45 m on your left).

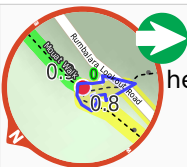


After another 35 m come to the end.

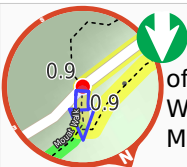
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 210 m to the main route.

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 810 m waypoint.

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 900 m waypoint.

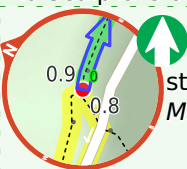


After another 225 m **turn right**, to head along Mouat Walk.



After another 45 m (at the intersection of Rumbalara Lookout Road & Mouat Walk) **turn around**, to head along Mouat Walk.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Sculpture of Edward John Eyre.



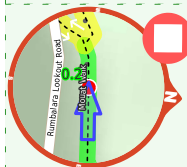
To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start** heading along Mouat Walk.



After 175 m find the "Edward John Eyre" (20 m on your left).



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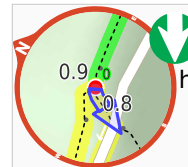


After another 35 m come to the end.

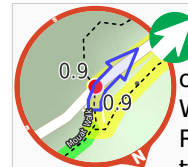
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Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 810 m waypoint.

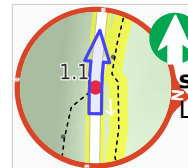
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 900 m waypoint.



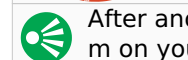
After another 45 m **turn around**, to head along Mouat Walk.



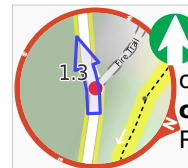
After another 45 m (at the intersection of Rumbalara Lookout Road & Mouat Walk) **veer right**, to head along Rumbalara Lookout Road (a vehicle track).



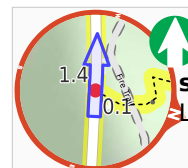
After another 115 m **continue straight**, to head along Rumbalara Lookout Road.



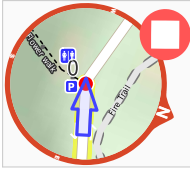
After another 140 m come to the viewpoint (25 m on your left).



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Fire Trail & Rumbalara Lookout Road) **continue straight**, to head along Rumbalara Lookout Road.



After another 155 m **continue straight**, to head along Rumbalara Lookout Road.



After another 85 m come to the end.