




Mares Forest Creek Walking Track

(Gundungurra Country)

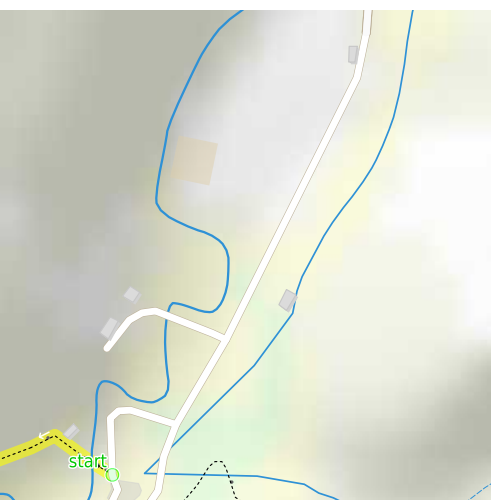
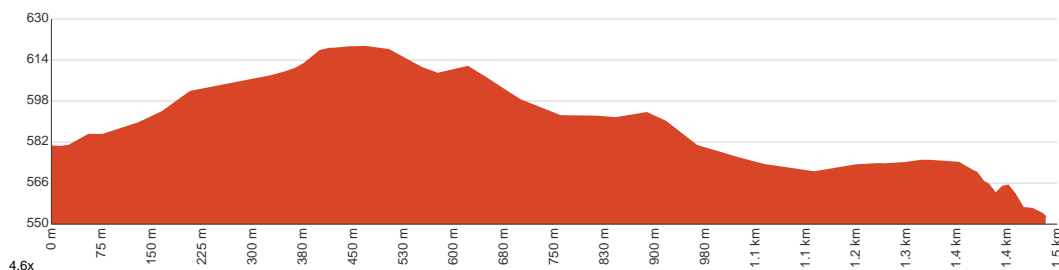
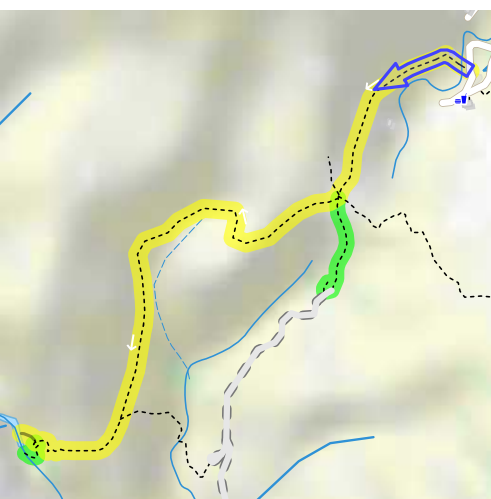
 1 h to 1 h 30 min


3 km
Return


↑ 131 m
↓ 131 m


Hard track

This return walk in Wombeyan Karst Conservation Reserve takes you past Wollondilly and Koorunga Caves. If you take a side trip you can also visit the Fig Tree Cave. Enjoy the views from the lookout or walk to the creek for a swim. Let us begin by acknowledging the 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Wombeyan Caves Road

- Turn on to then drive for 350 m
- Turn right and drive for another 110 m

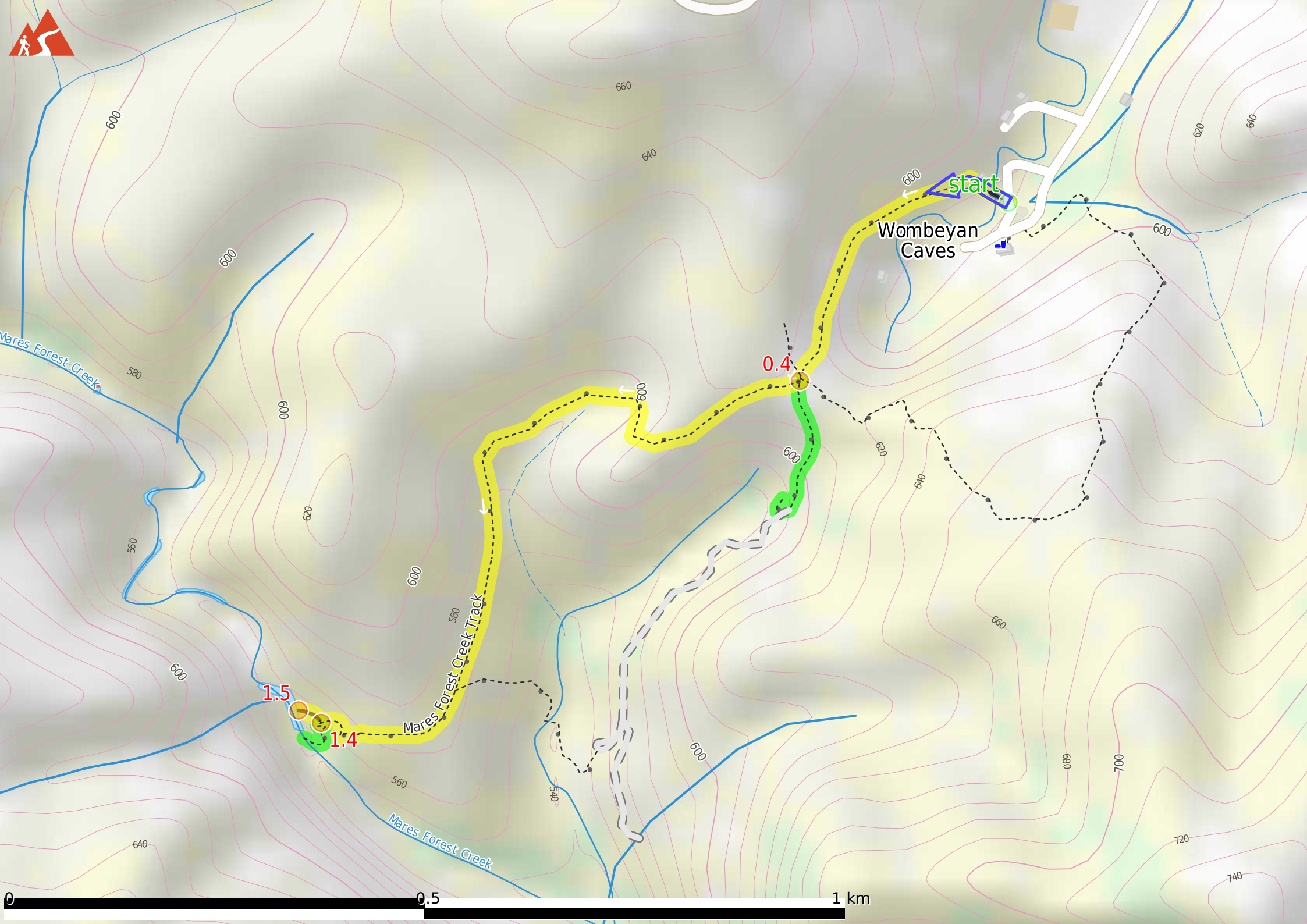
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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start

Wombeyan Caves

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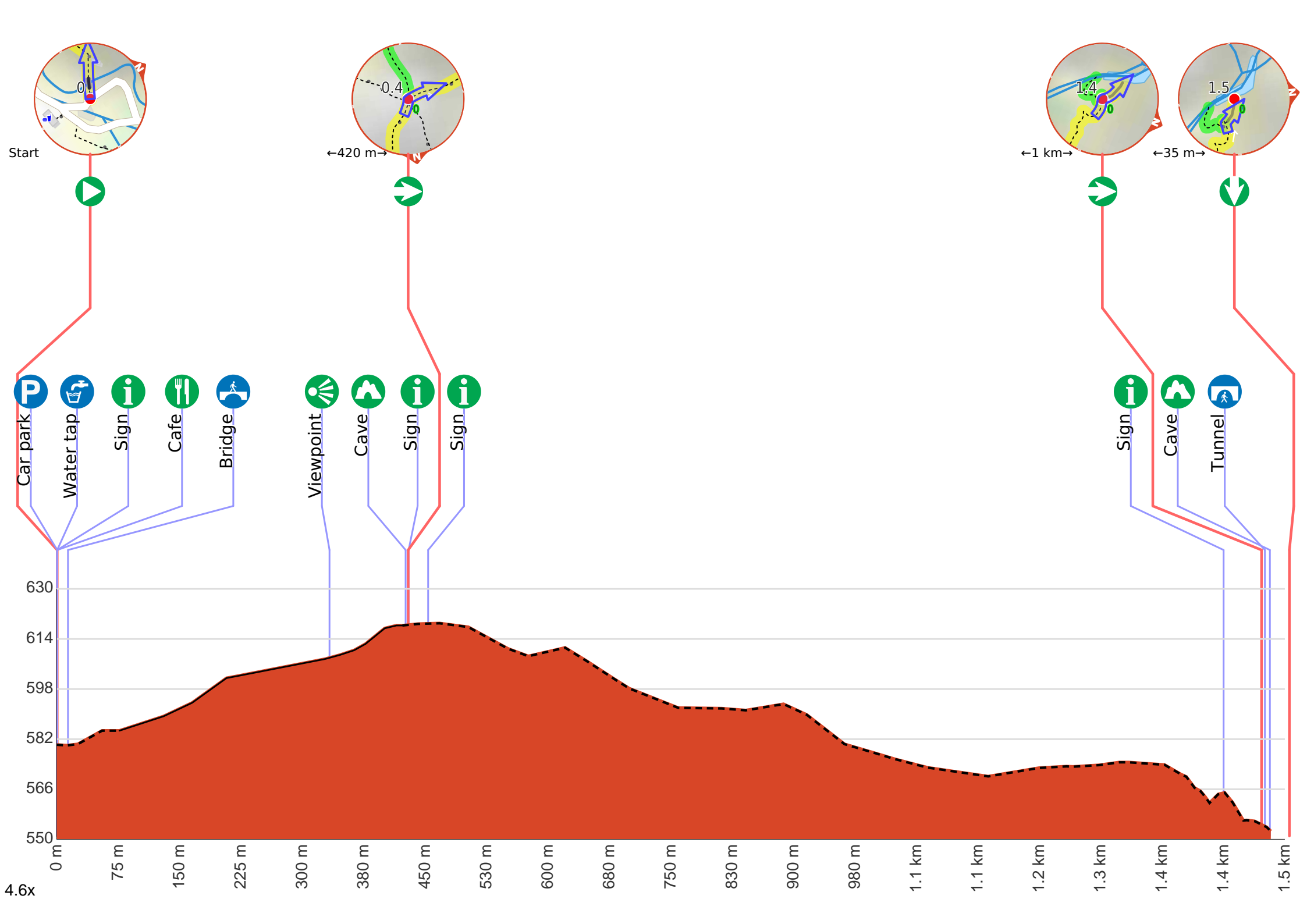
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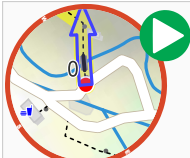
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1 km





Start.



Find the car park at the start.



Find the water tap at the start.



Find the sign at the start.



Find the cafe at the start.



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



After another 300 m come to the viewpoint (on your left).



After another 90 m pass the cave (on your left).

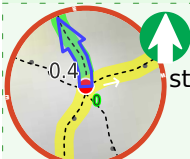


Continue straight.



Then pass the sign (on your right).

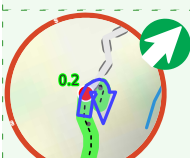
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Fig Tree Cave.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



Find the cave at the start.



After another 185 m **veer right.**



After another 35 m come to a cave.



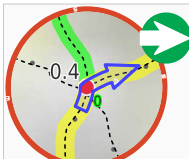
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 420 m waypoint.



Turn right.



After another 25 m pass the sign (on your left).

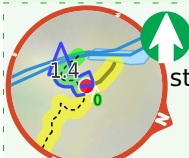


After another 790 m **continue straight.**



After another 170 m pass the "Vegetation of Mares Forest Creek" (5 m on your left).

Start of an optional side trip: Take the side trip to Mares Forest Creek for a refreshing swim.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**



Find the Tinted Cave at the start.

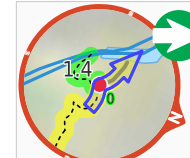


After another 70 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 70 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 1.4 km waypoint.



After another 45 m **turn right.**



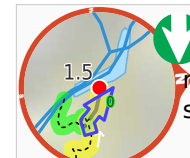
After another 10 m come to the "Tinted Cave".



Then head through the tunnel



After another 30 m come to a viewpoint.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.5 km to get back to the start.