



The Oaks Picnic Area to Woodford Station

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

6 h 10 min to 7 h

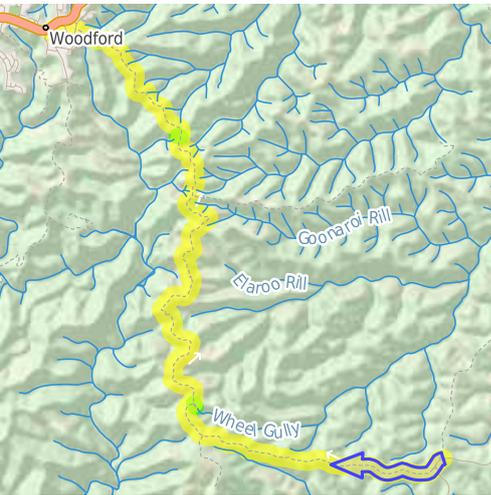
18 km
One way

↑ 663 m
↓ 319 m

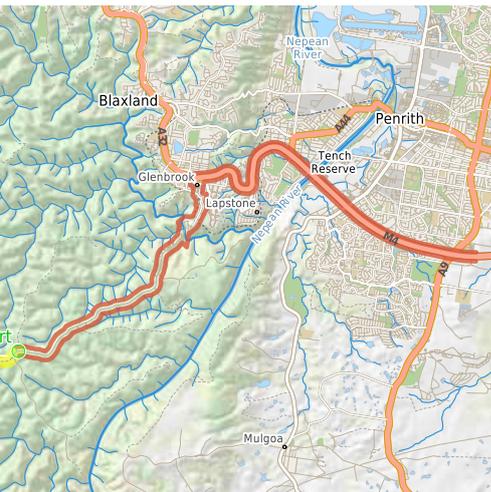
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Hard track



The Oaks Picnic Area is the starting point for this long walk across the ridge line linking to Woodford. The Oaks Fire Trail winds its way over the hills, with many views into the surrounding valleys and bush land. This is a great walk to start extending your walking distance and stamina, while enjoying a scenic track. It does follow a management trail and is popular with mountain bike riders. 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	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



Getting to the start: From Western Motorway, M4

- Turn on to Ross Street then drive for 275 m
- Turn right onto Eureka Road and drive for another 2.5 km
- Turn left onto The Oaks Trail and drive for another 6.7 km

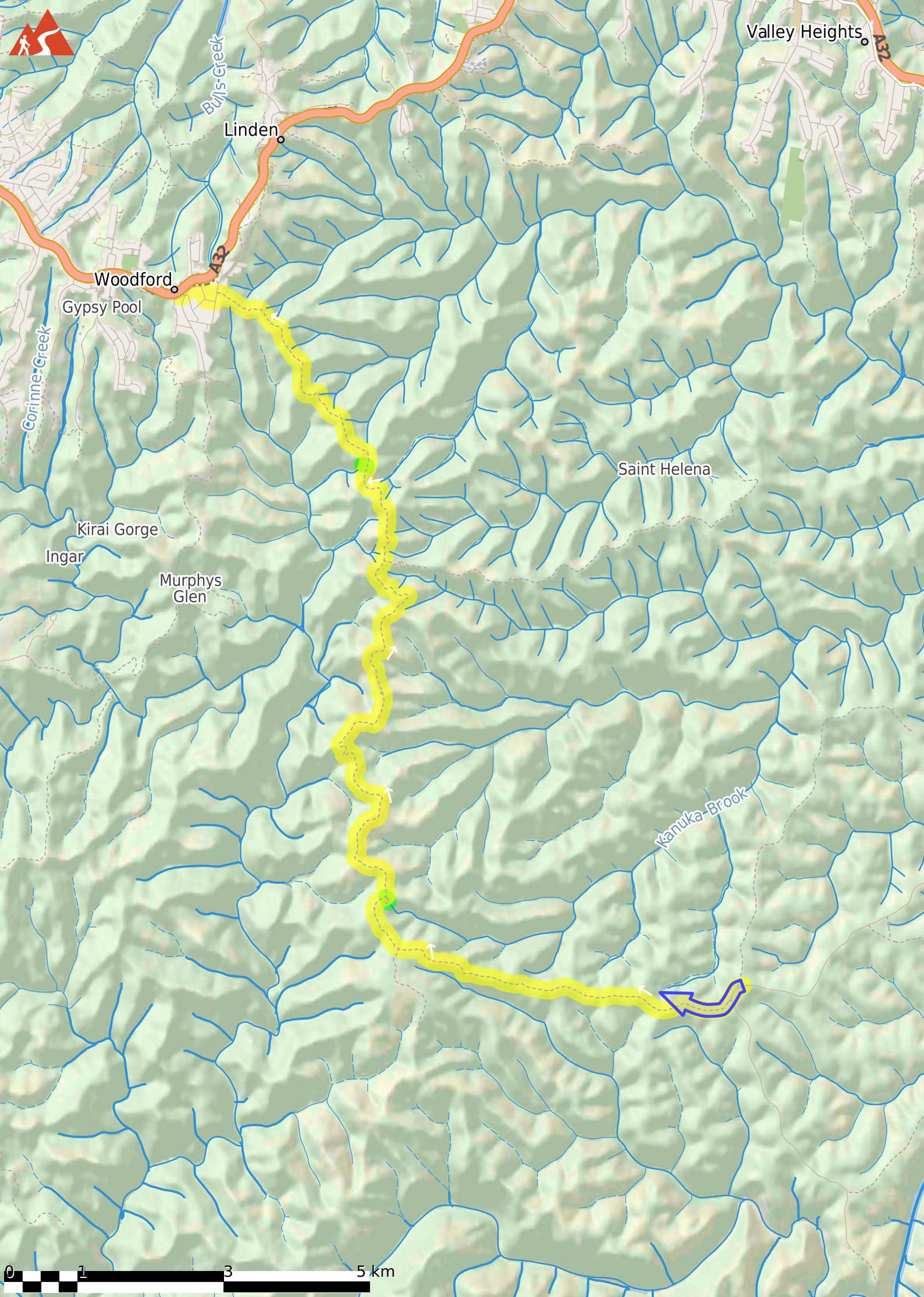
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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Valley Heights

Linden

Woodford

Gypsy Pool

Saint Helena

Kirai Gorge

Ingar

Murphys
Glen

Kanuka Brook

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start

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Woodford Oaks Trail

White Gully

Kangaroo Creek

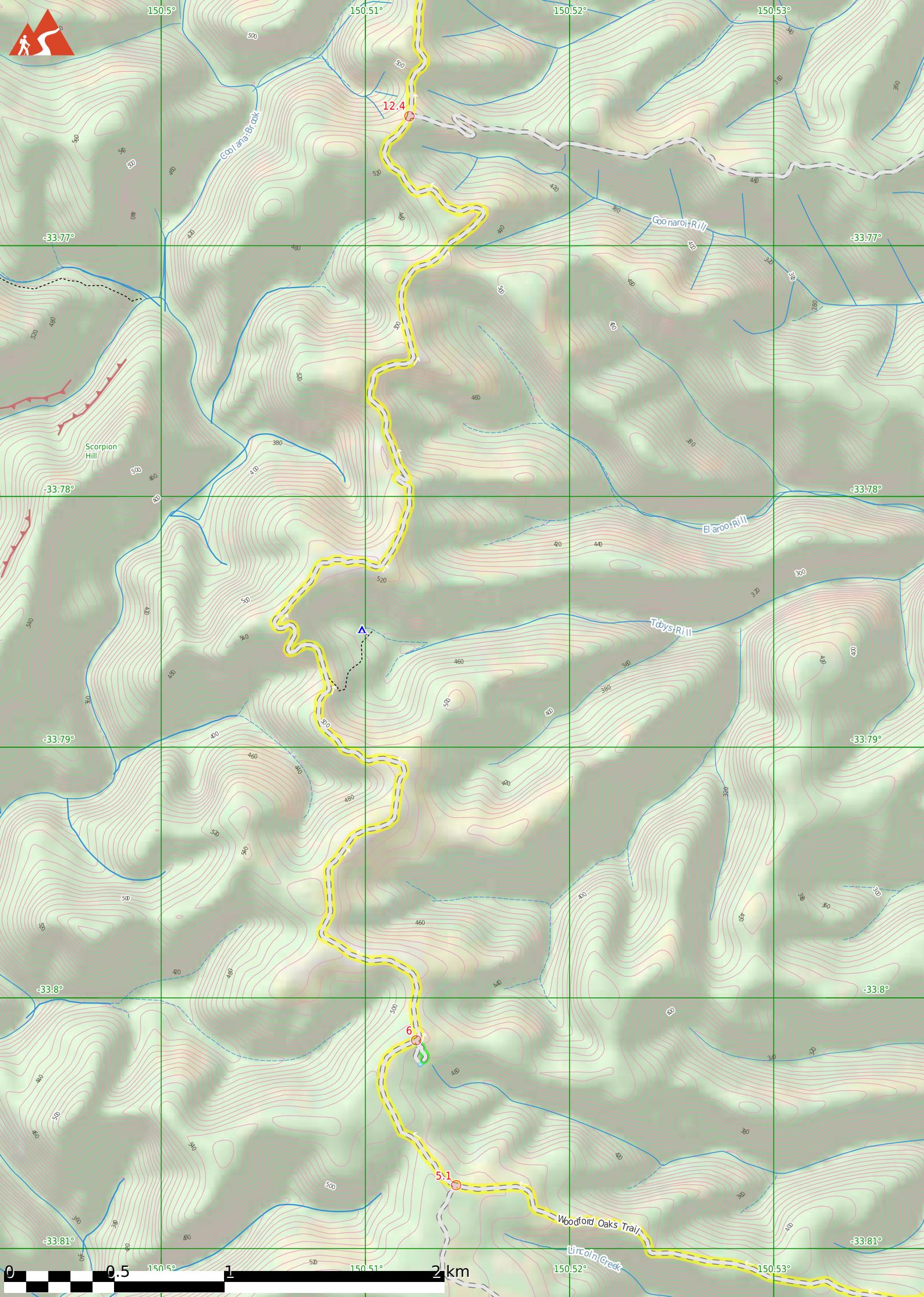
Cedar Creek

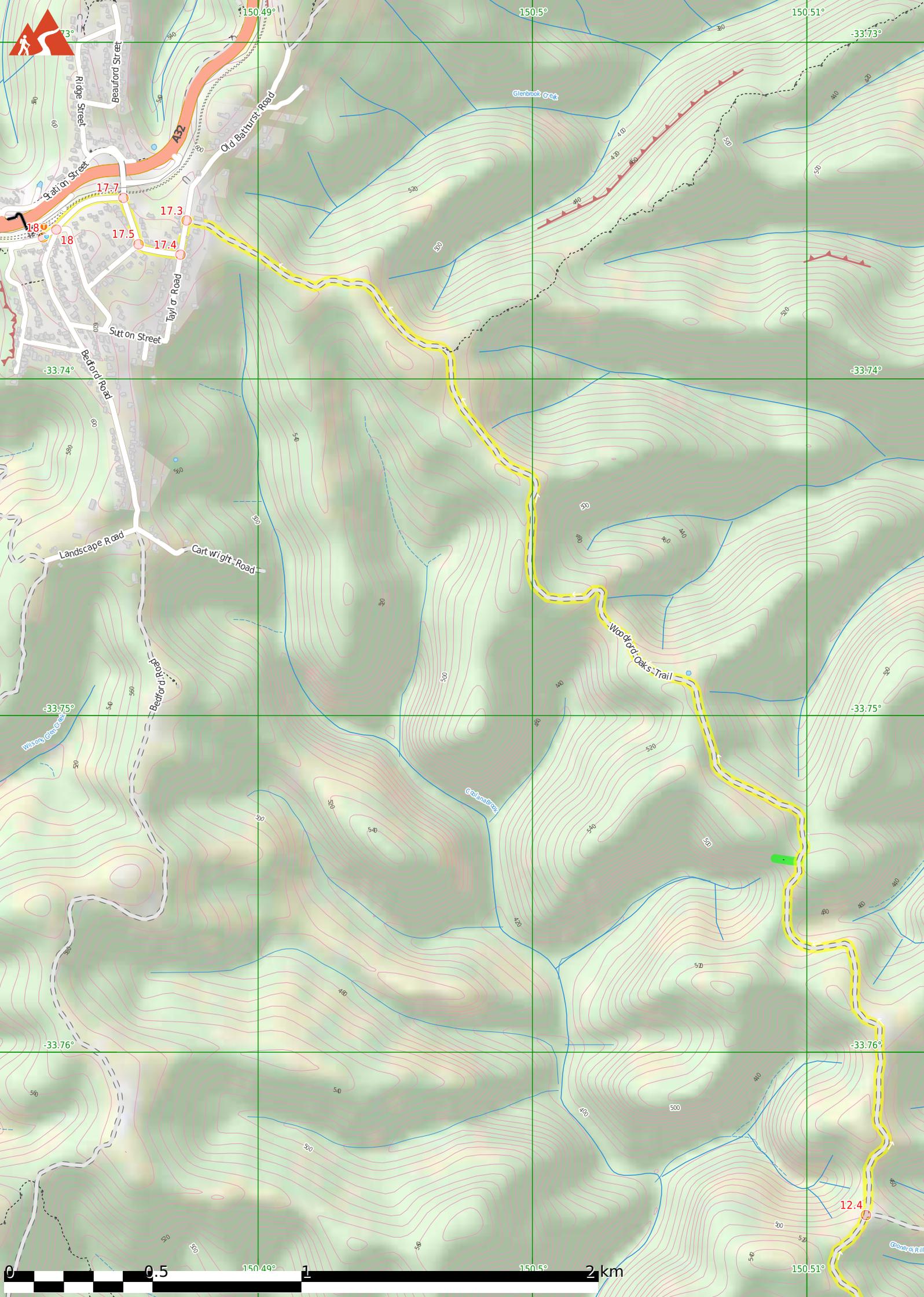
Duncan Creek

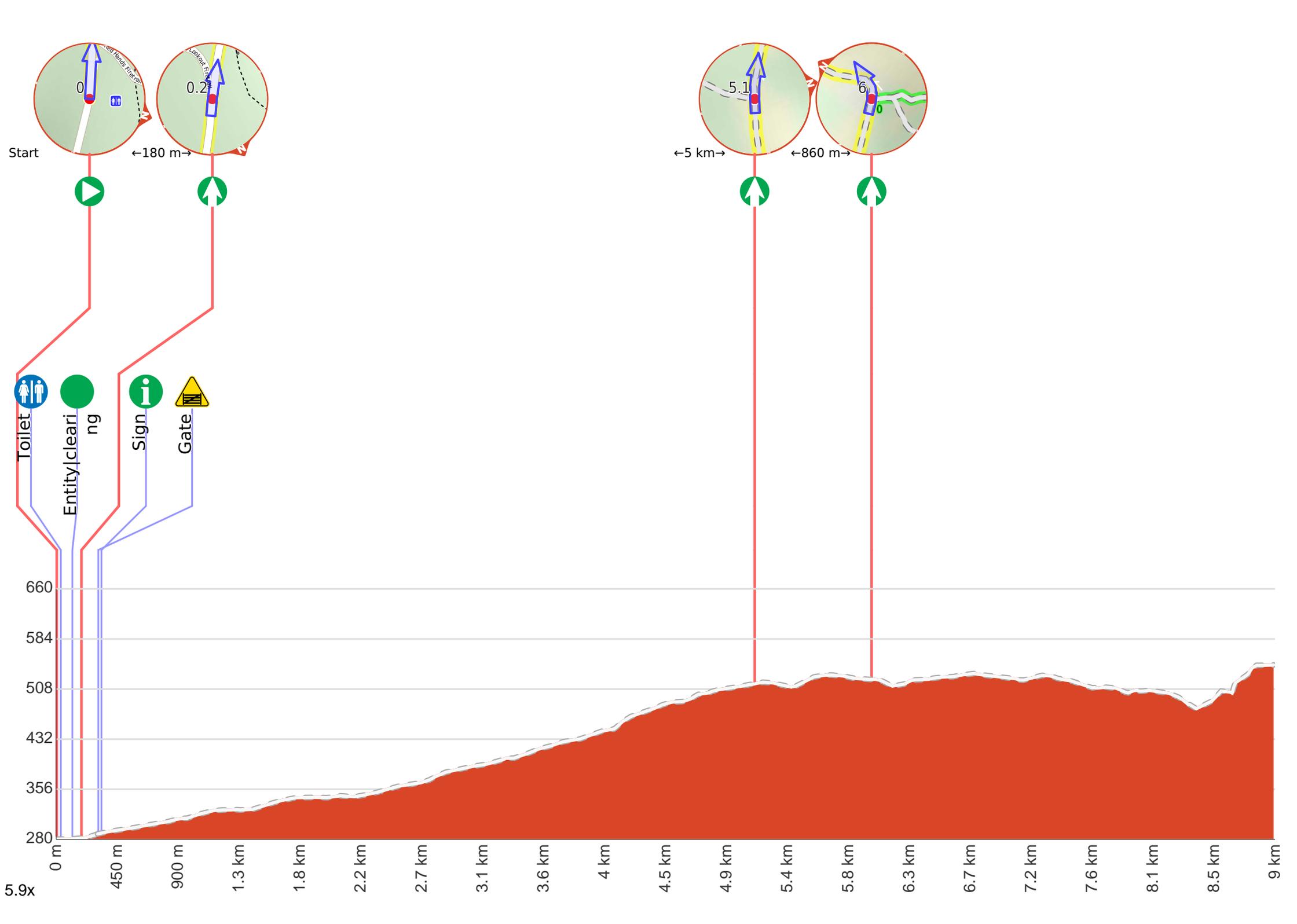
Kangaroo Creek

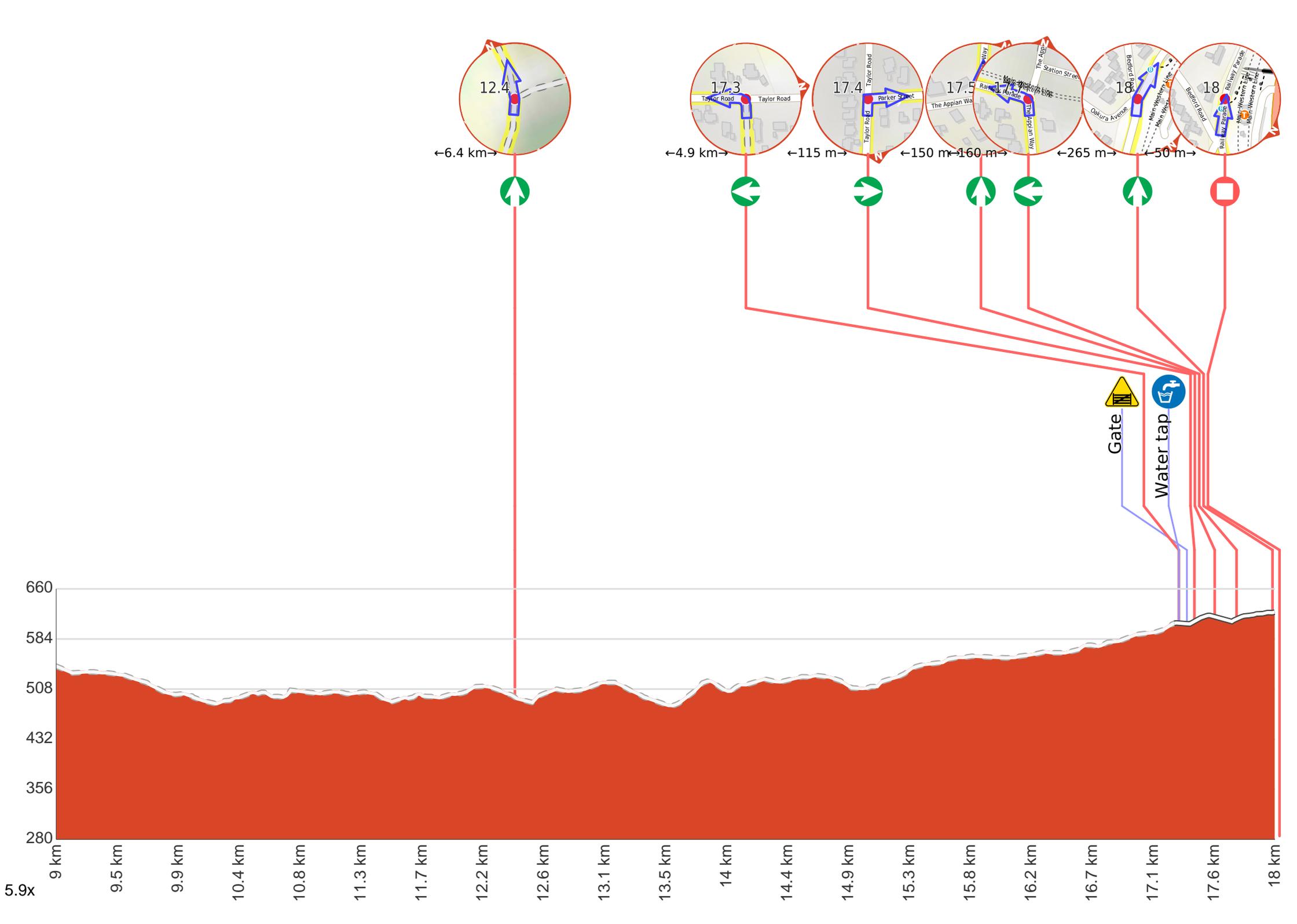
Glenn View Creek

Red Hand's Fire Trail









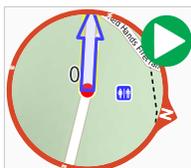
Getting started: From the car park, the walk heads along the management trail, with the picnic area on the right and car park to the left. The walk heads down the road for a very short time to the signposted intersection.

From the intersection, the walk heads past the Red Hand Cave intersection and west along the management trail, with the picnic area on the right and car park to the left. The walk heads down the road for a very short time, to the signposted intersection.

From the intersection, the walk does not head in the direction of 'Nepean lookout' but leads to the gate and fence up the other trail.

From the intersection, the walk heads up the slight hill, passing the gate. The trail winds slowly as it climbs the gentle slope for quite some time. The trail then flattens out and leads to a steeper gradient, and at the top, comes to a '15km to Woodford' sign.

From the sign, the walk continues upwards along the trail, winding slowly for some kilometres. The vegetation either side of the trail stays relatively the same, passing some clearings with demolished trees in them. As the trail begins to head north, it continues to wind uphill, passing a large clearing on the left. Soon after the large clearing, the walk comes to an intersection on the right, before the track turns left sharply.



Start.

After another 75 m (at the intersection of Red Hands Firetrail & The Oaks Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along The Oaks Firetrail.

There is a toilet (about 45 m back from the start).

After another 85 m find the "The Oaks Picnic Area" (on your left).



The Oaks Picnic Area, is an established picnic area with shelter, bench seats and a pit toilet. The picnic area also boasts a water tank and adequate parking. It is a quiet area, just off the road, making it a fantastic spot for a rendezvous with family and friends after a long walk or ride.



After another 65 m (at the intersection of The Oaks Firetrail & Nepean Lookout Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along The Oaks Firetrail.

After another 100 m **continue straight**, to head along The Oaks Firetrail.

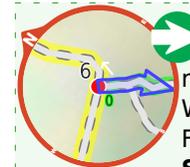
After another 50 m pass the sign (10 m on your right).

Then head through/around the gate.



After another 4.8 km **continue straight**, to head along Woodford Oaks Trail.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Int. in Wheel Gully loop.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Woodford Oaks Trail & The Wheel Firefighting Reservoir Access Track **Start** heading along *The Wheel Firefighting Reservoir Access Track* (a vehicle track).

After another 30 m **continue straight**, to head along The Wheel Firefighting Reservoir Access Track.

After another 75 m come to the end.

About 45 m past the end is "Wheel Gully".



Wheel Gully has a management trail which loops down to a large dam. It is a nice shady place to stop for a bite to eat along the Oaks Fire Trail. This site is also used as an informal campsite with no facilities. The water in the dam is not suitable for drinking, nor is it reliable. Carry enough water.

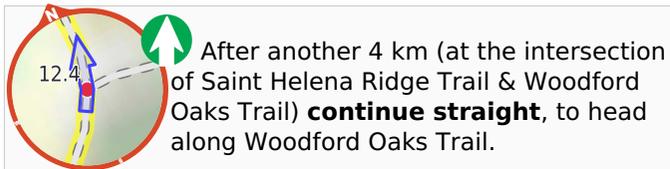
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 105 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 6 km waypoint.



After another 860 m (at the intersection of The Wheel Firefighting Reservoir Access Track & Woodford Oaks Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Woodford Oaks Trail.

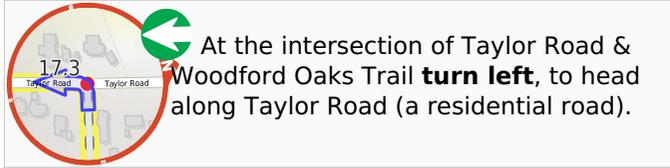
After another 2.4 km (at the intersection of Toby's Glen Fire Trail & Woodford Oaks Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Woodford Oaks Trail.



After another 4 km (at the intersection of Saint Helena Ridge Trail & Woodford Oaks Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Woodford Oaks Trail.



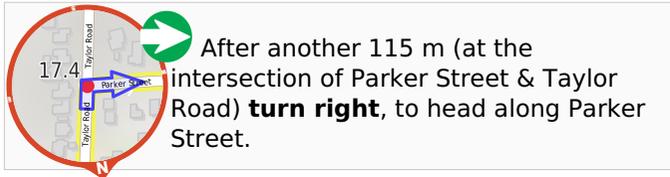
After another 5 km head through/around the gate.



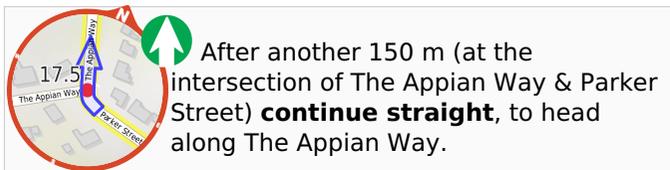
At the intersection of Taylor Road & Woodford Oaks Trail **turn left**, to head along Taylor Road (a residential road).



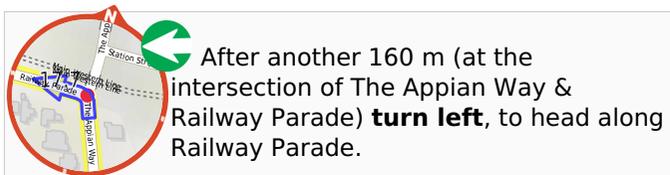
Then pass the water tap (on your right).



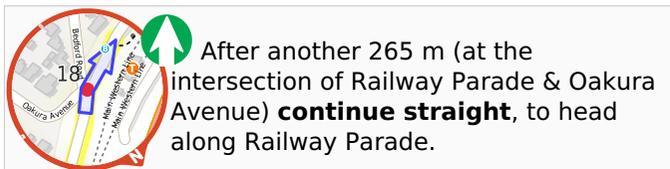
After another 115 m (at the intersection of Parker Street & Taylor Road) **turn right**, to head along Parker Street.



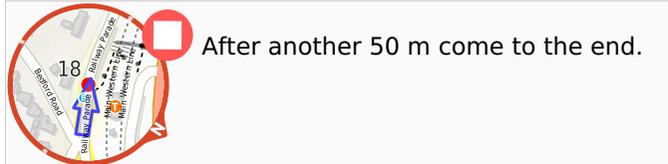
After another 150 m (at the intersection of The Appian Way & Parker Street) **continue straight**, to head along The Appian Way.



After another 160 m (at the intersection of The Appian Way & Railway Parade) **turn left**, to head along Railway Parade.



After another 265 m (at the intersection of Railway Parade & Oakura Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Railway Parade.



After another 50 m come to the end.



"Woodford".

Woodford is situated along the Great Western Highway in the Blue Mountains. Woodford boasts one of the Blue Mountains oldest buildings, with the Woodford Academy dating back to 1833 . Access to the academy is made easy by Woodford train station and other public transport connections. Woodford is also the start of the popular Woodford to Glenbrook mountain bike which follows the Oaks Fire trail. Woodford station offers a public telephone and toilets. There are no commercial facilities in the area.



About 30 m past the end is a car park.