



Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

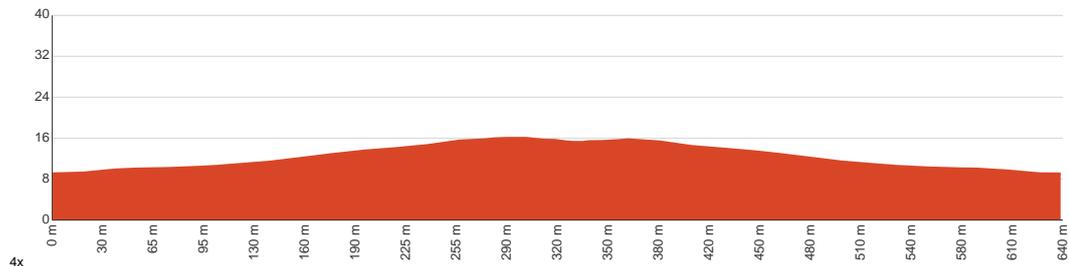
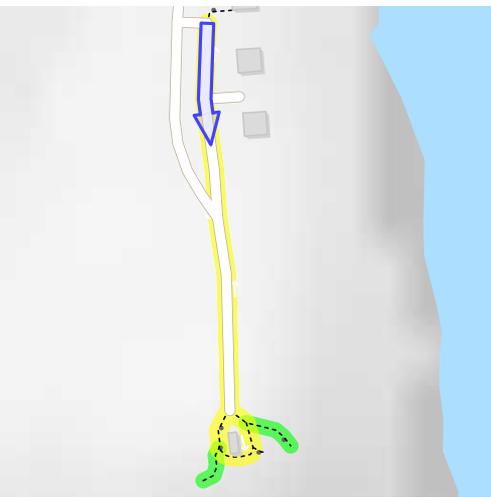
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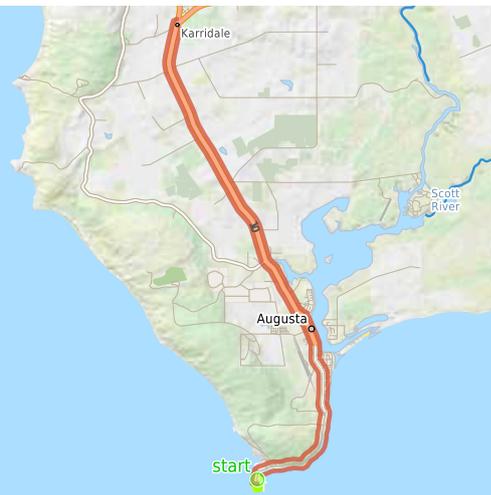
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Easy track

Starting from the car park at the end of Leeuwin Road, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, this walk explores Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and the lighthouse's buildings and grounds. The historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse stands on the tip of a spectacular peninsula, where the Southern and Indian Oceans meet. Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is a must-see as it is the tallest lighthouse on the mainland. Learn about the history of this place as you take in the rather soothing scenery. Climb to the top of the lighthouse and look out over the magnificent ocean, the crashing waves and the wilderness of the landscape. The grounds of the lighthouse are well-tended, with sealed paths from the main buildings to the lighthouse. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



Getting to the start: From Brockman Highway, 10

- Turn on to Bussell Highway, 10 then drive for 22.8 km
- Turn left and drive for another 20 m

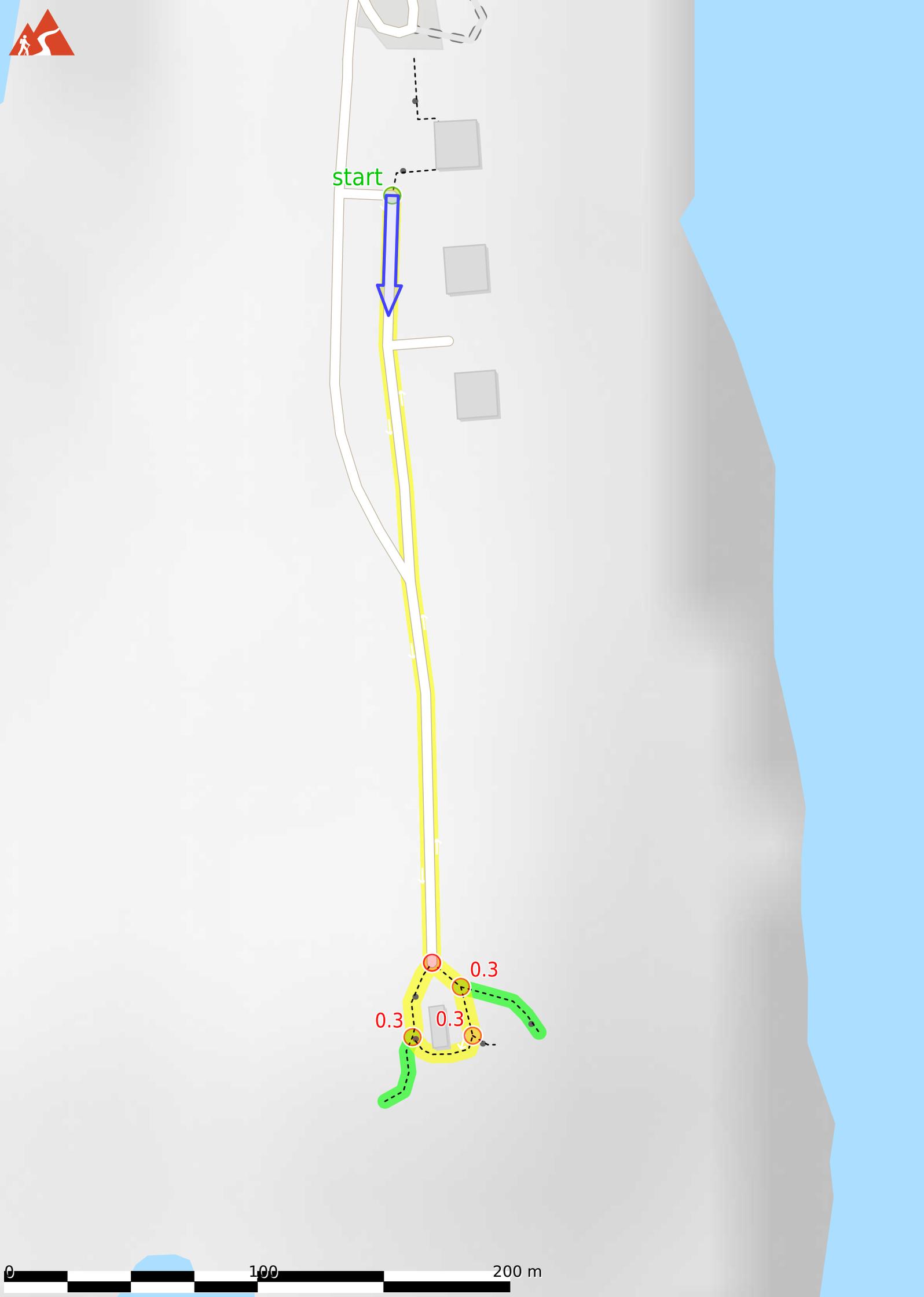
Before you start any journey ensure you;

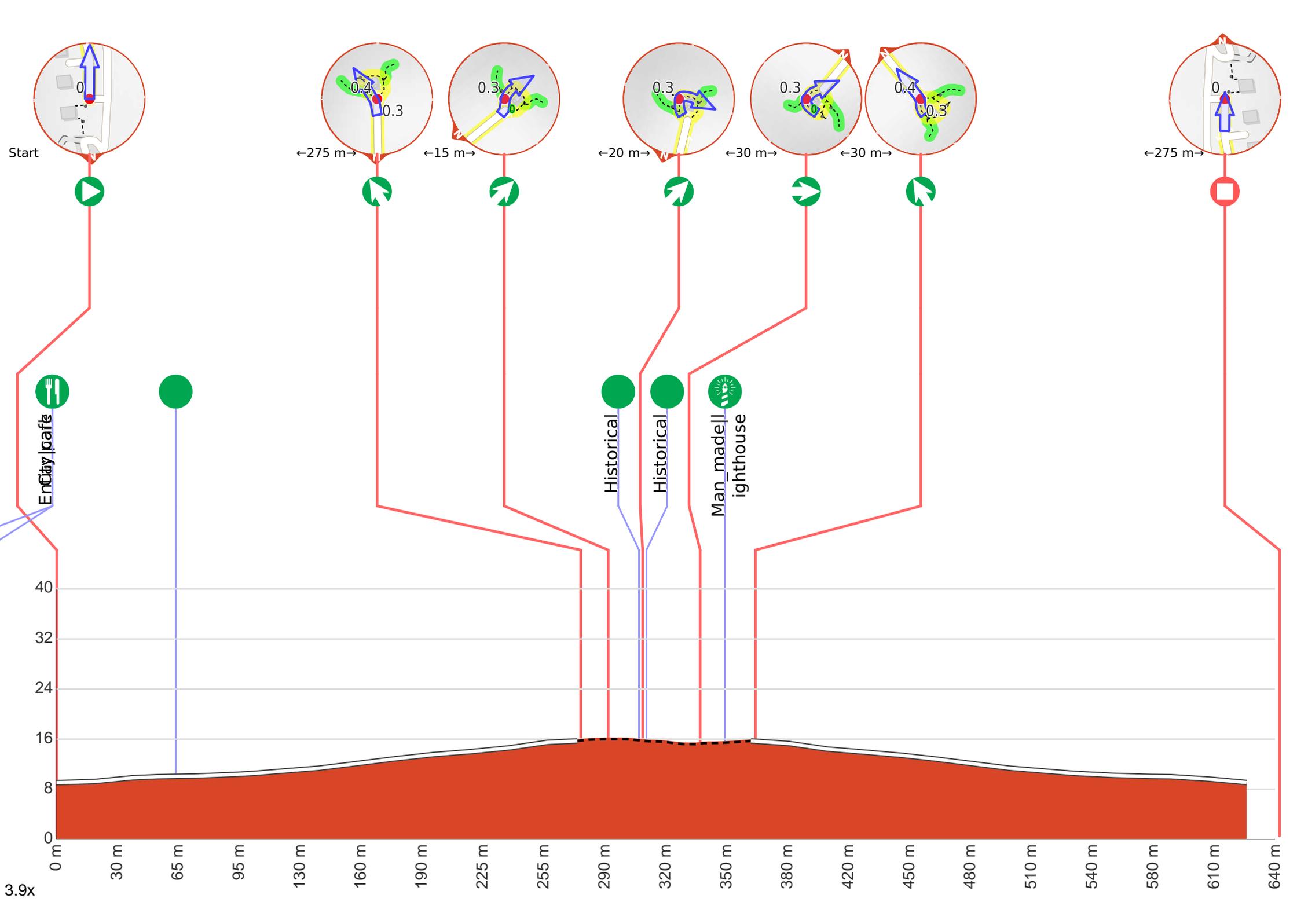
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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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Getting started: From the car park at the end of Leeuwin Road, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, head through the wooden gate, passing a 'Welcome to Cape Leeuwin' sign. Head along the sealed path, passing through the cafe and welcome centre. Follow the sealed path on the other side, then turn left onto the bitumen road and continue straight ahead towards Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.

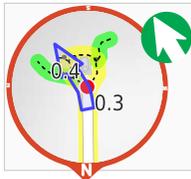


P There is a car park (about 65 m back from the start).

F Cape Lighthouse Leeuwin Cafe (about 40 m back from the start). Set in one of the heritage cottages overlooking Flinders Bay, the cafe offers coffees, scones, cakes and delicious light lunches. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows protect the cafe from the winds and rain, while you can admire the panoramic view.

G Find the Interpretive Centre - Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse at the start. The new Interpretive Centre, housed within one of the original lighthouses keepers cottages, is an outstanding interactive experience that celebrates the history and lives of all the lighthouse keepers that came before. Using artefacts and stories, interactive technology and a large-scale animated film, visitors can discover fascinating insights into the lives of the people who once lived at the lighthouse.

A After another 75 m **continue straight**.



After another 135 m **veer left**.

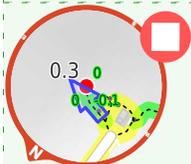
Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the eastern viewing platform.



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



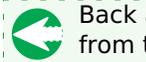
After another 35 m come to "Eastern viewing platform". Behind the lighthouse, there are two wooden viewing platforms that provide expansive views out towards the ocean. Both of the viewing platforms feature interpretive signage and free binoculars. This is the eastern one of the two.



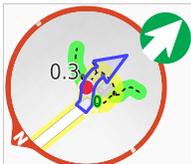
The end.



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

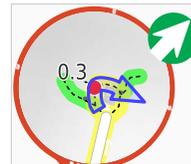


Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 285 m waypoint.



After another 15 m **veer right**.

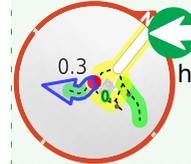
G After another 15 m find the "Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse" (10 m on your right). Situated at the most south-westerly point of Australia, Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia. This historic lighthouse is open daily for tours. The top of the tower provides amazing views over the meeting place of the Indian Ocean to the west and the Southern Ocean to the south and east. The inside of the lighthouse used to be painted the traditional Maritime colours of red and green, but the lower floors have been repainted to make it easier for visitors to navigate the steps. Prepare for the exceptional view as your guide takes you to the top of the tower. With the tour price, you are also given excellent audio guides that share lots of informative history about the lighthouse, the keepers, and the times they lived.



After another 2 m **veer right**.

G Then find the "HMAS Nizam Memorial" (15 m on your left). In February 1945, the HMAS Nizam was 11 miles off Cape Leeuwin when it was hit by a rogue wave, causing the ship to keel and throw ten sailors overboard. Although the area was thoroughly searched, no trace of the sailors was found. In 1991, a reunion of the "N" Class Destroyer Association in WA suggested that a memorial to those lost at sea be constructed at Cape Leeuwin. Since the memorial was unveiled in 1993, the February 11th ceremony has become an annual event here. The site is now recognized as an Australian War Memorial.

Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the western viewing platform.



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



After another 30 m come to "Western viewing platform".

Behind the lighthouse, there are two wooden viewing platforms that provide expansive views out towards the ocean. Both of the viewing platforms feature interpretive signage and free binoculars. This is the western one of the two.



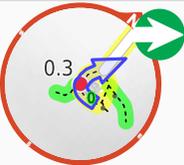
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30 m to the main route.



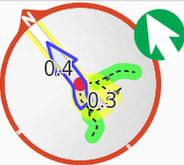
Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 335 m waypoint.



After another 30 m **turn right**.



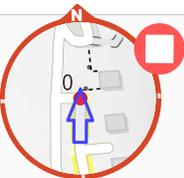
After another 15 m pass the "Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse" (9 m on your right).



After another 15 m **veer left**.



After another 135 m **continue straight**.



After another 135 m come to the end.