



Hovea Falls

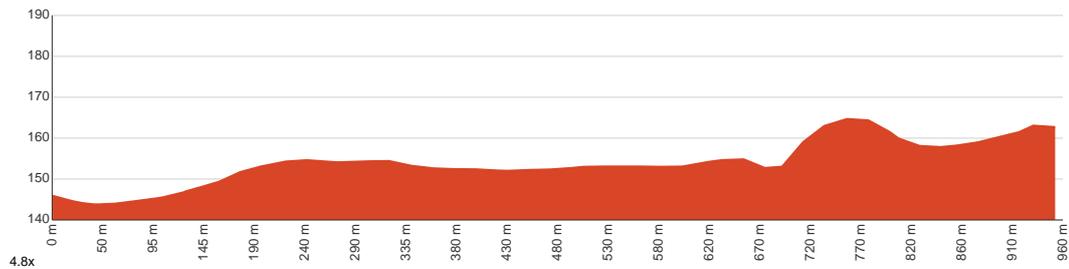
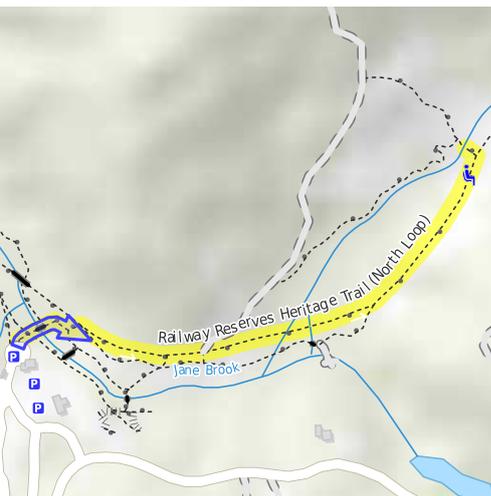
 30 min to 45 min
 10 min to 30 min


 1.9 km
 Return


 ↑ 43 m
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 Easy track

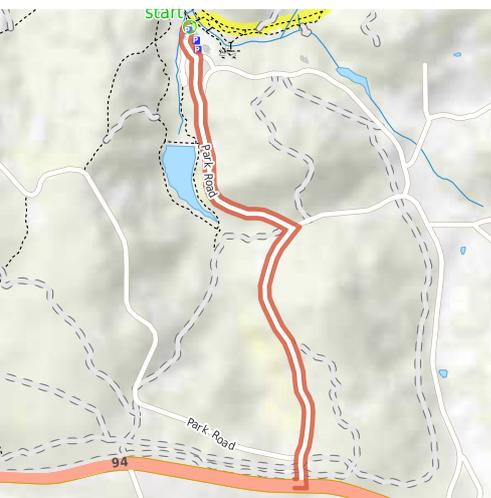
Starting from the Ranger's Office just off Park Road, Hovea, this walk leads to Hovea Falls and back via the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail. Nestled up in Perth Hills are the small but charming Hovea Falls, flowing over smooth mossy rocks on the Jane Brook. The journey to the falls is a short stroll along the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail as it passes through John Forrest National Park, following the route of the old Eastern Railway. There's plenty of wildlife to observe along the way including many native birds, kangaroos and bandicoots, while the wildflowers colour the landscape in the springtime. Hovea Falls is a very slow, undulating waterfall, and the best time of the year to see it in full flow is in winter, after heavy rains. In the summer months the falls can be very dry, providing the opportunity to use the rocks as stepping stones to explore the falls and discover little pools where the water has collected. On a hot day you may want to cool off in the fresh river water. The trail is a mostly flat and well signposted gravel track, suitable for walking, cycling and even horse riding. The park has excellent recreational facilities including barbecues, picnic areas, and the John Forrest Wildflower Tavern, where you can enjoy a pint of beer, the house wine or a soft drink after finishing your hike. 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.



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

Getting to the start: From Great Eastern Highway, 94

- Turn on to Park Road, 201 then drive for 1.2 km
- Turn left onto Park Road and drive for another 800 m
- Keep left and drive for another 340 m
- Turn slight left and drive for another 30 m



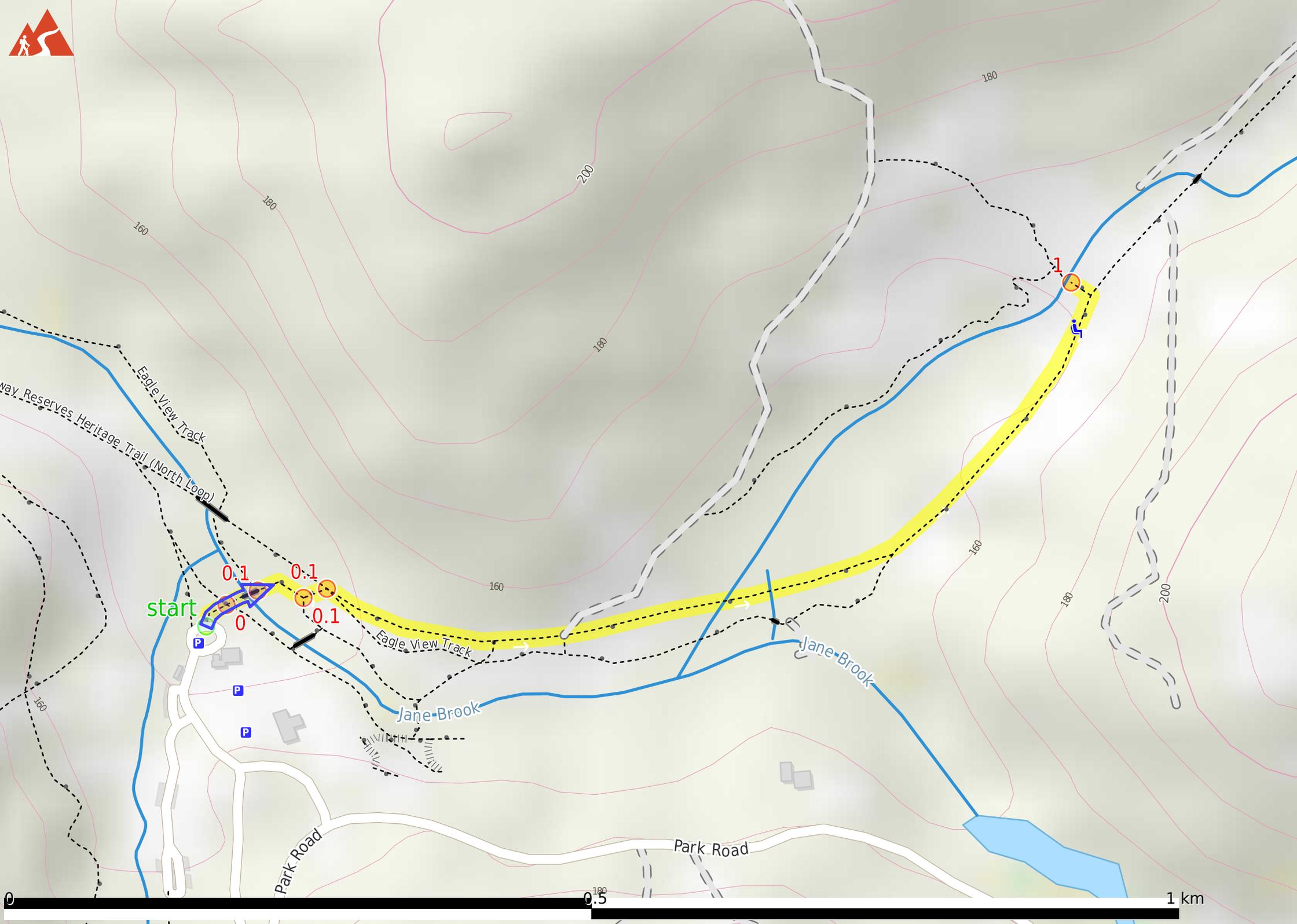
Before you start any journey ensure you;

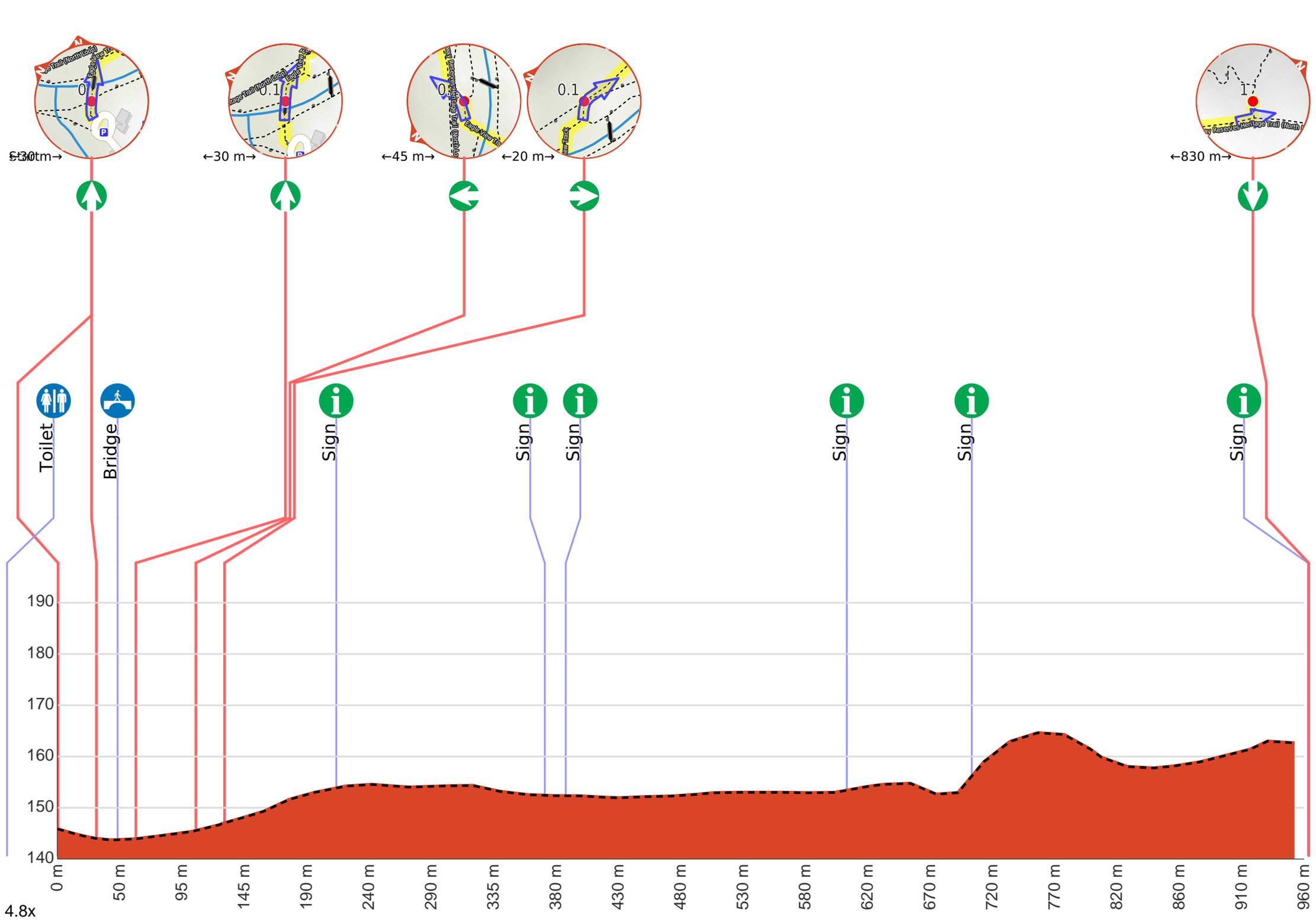
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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: Starting from the Ranger's Office near John Forrest Wildflower Tavern (off Park Road), head towards the creek crossing along the paved road as you pass by the roundabout to your left, moving directly away from the Ranger's Office. Cross the creek using the wide bridge, then veer right. Shortly after veering right, turn left and head towards the wide fire trail (Railway Reserves Heritage Trail - North Loop) as you move directly away from the creek. Turn right and join the said trail to continue along Hovea Falls Track.



Start.



There is a toilet (about 50 m back from the start).



After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along Eagle View Track.



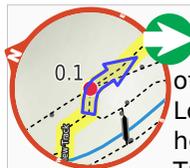
After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



Continue straight, to head along Eagle View Track.



After another 45 m **turn left**, to head along Eagle View Track.



After another 20 m (at the intersection of Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop) & Eagle View Track) **turn right**, to head along Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop).



After another 85 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop).



After another 60 m (at the intersection of Eagle View Track & Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop)) **continue straight**, to head along Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop).



After another 30 m pass the "Heritage Trail" (on your left).



After another 15 m pass the "Heritage Trail" (on your right).



After another 215 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 30 m **continue straight**, to head along Railway Reserves Heritage Trail (North Loop).



After another 65 m pass the "Heritage Trail" (on your left).



After another 235 m **turn left**.



After another 20 m pass the sign (on your left).



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 950 m to get back to the start.



"Hovea Falls".