




Pallaibo Walk

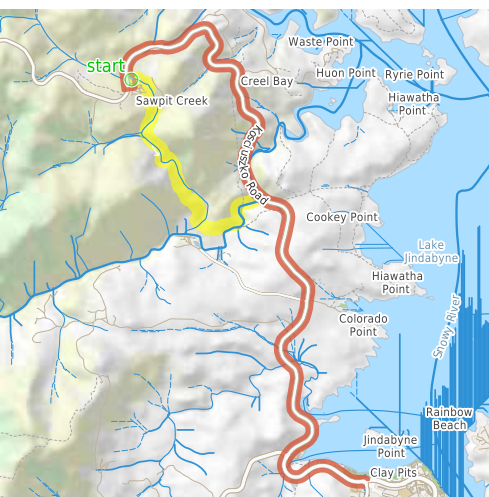
(Ngarigo Country)

 1 h 45 min to 2 h 30 min

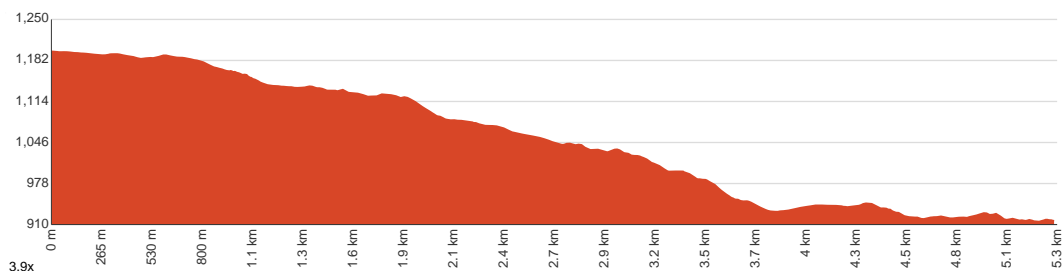

5.3 km
One way


↑ 69 m
↓ 350 m


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Hard track



This wonderful walk explores the lower half of Sawpit Creek. Starting from high up on Kosciuszko Road at the Sawpit Creek Picnic Area, you will follow the well signposted track as it follows Sawpit Creek through the valley. You will explore various forest types as you make your way down to the Thredbo River. The walk finishes with a stroll along the Thredbo River to find the well established Thredbo River Picnic Area. Plan ahead to organise a lift from the end of this walk or allow extra time to walk back up. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo 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	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 850 m
- Turn left and drive for another 45 m
- Turn left and drive for another 175 m

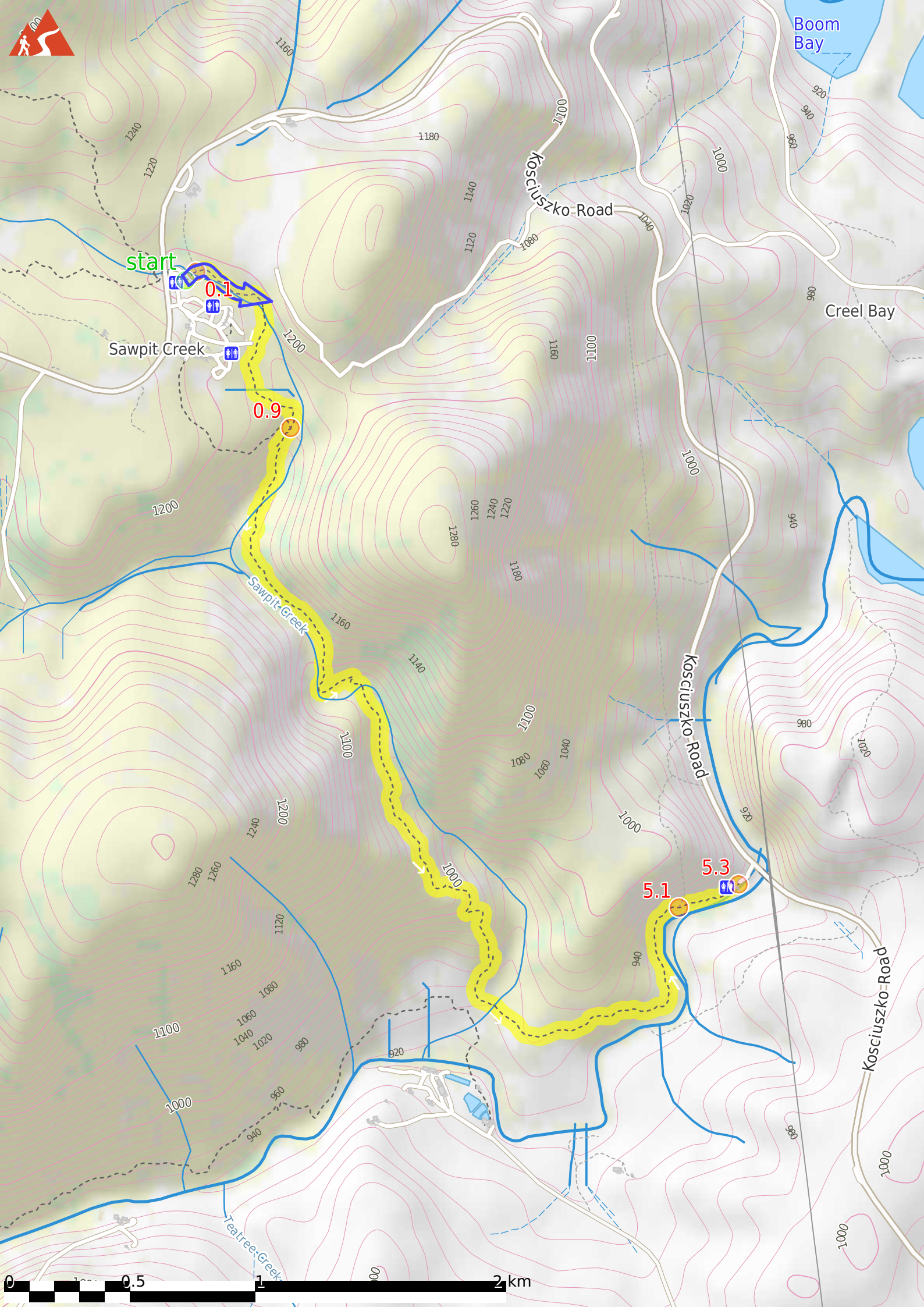
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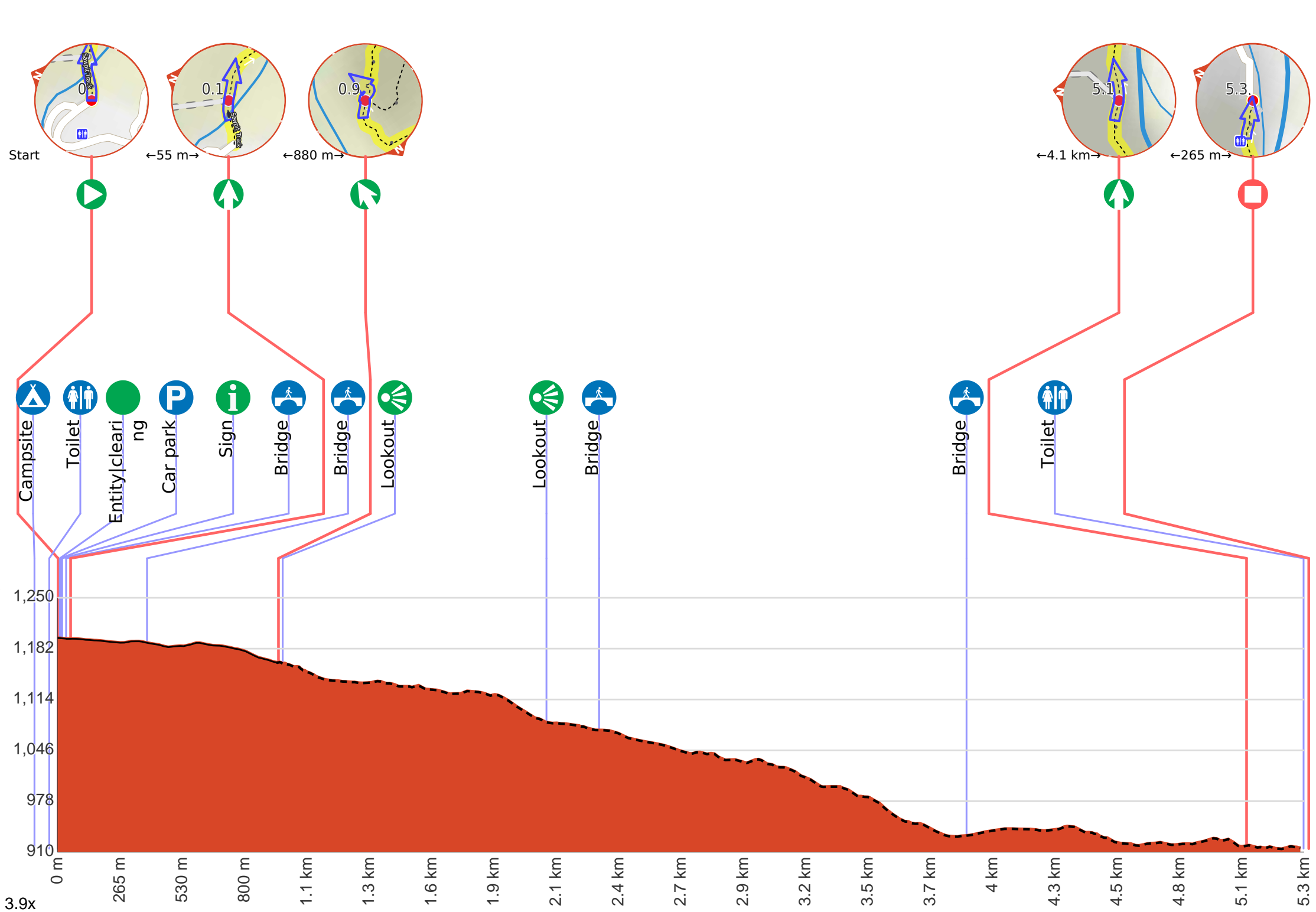
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

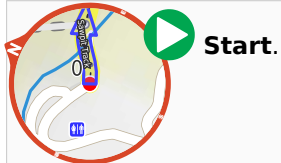
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Getting started: From the large 'Sawpit Creek Picnic Area' information signs, this walk follows the paved footpath away from the road and across Sawpit Creek using the metal bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the walk comes to T-intersection marked with a 'Pallaibo track' sign.



 Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat (about 110 m back from the start).




The 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' is a caravan park about 1km further into Kosciuszko NP from the paystation on Kosciuszko Rd. The retreat provides cabins and chalets as well as powered and un-powered camping sites. The retreat has a public phone, a small kiosk, drying room, laundry and kids playground. Dave and Gina welcome guests all year round, with many guest skiing in winter and walking in the warmer months.


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


 Sawpit Creek Picnic Area.

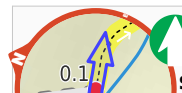



Sawpit Creek Picnic Area is found beside Kosciuszko Rd, and is accessed through the 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' driveway. The picnic area is about 1km further into the park from the NPWS pay station. A great starting point for several popular walks, this is also a pleasant spot to just stop and rest. Sawpit Creek runs along the side of the open area and there are also several picnic tables, wood BBQs and a non-flush toilet. There are information signs about the area, explaining that the creek is named for the Alpine Ash that were milled in the area during the 1860s .


 There is a car park.


 After another 7 m pass the sign (on your right).

 After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)

 After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Sawpit Track.


 After another 325 m cross the bridge (about 25 m long)

 After another 540 m (at the intersection of Sawpit Track & Pallaibo Walking Track) **veer left**, to head along Pallaibo Walking Track (a walking track).

 After another 20 m find the "Sawpit Valley View" (on your left).





At the intersection about halfway around Sawpit Track (where it joins Pallaibo Track) is an unfenced view into the Sawpit Creek valley. From the rocky edge, walkers can look up and down the valley. Looking down the valley, there is a view of Bald Mountain (1300m) and a glimpse over the Thredbo River into the adjoining farmland.


 After another 1.1 km find the "Sawpit Falls view" (6 m on your right).



Sawpit Falls view is found on the rocky edge of a steep cliff of Pallaibo Track. The unfenced view looks between two trees, peering down into the Sawpit Creek Valley to a large waterfall cascading down the wide rockface. The waterfall is some distance away and the view is filtered through the trees, but it is still worth stopping to enjoy.

 After another 225 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)

 After another 1.6 km cross the bridge (about 6 m long)

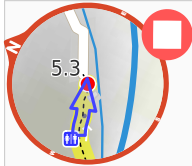
 After another 1.2 km **continue straight**, to head along Pallaibo Walking Track.



After another 245 m pass the toilet (10 m on your left).



After another 20 m come to a shelter.



The end.



"Thredbo River Picnic Area".



The Thredbo River Picnic Area, as the name suggests, sits on the northern bank of the Thredbo River. The picnic area is just within the bounds of Kosciuszko National Park and is signposted on Kosciuszko Rd. There are well covered (and uncovered) BBQs and picnic tables, as well as a toilet block and open grassy area. There is a large car park and paved path linking the main facilities. Sitting at the lower end of Pallaibo Track, this is a popular spot for people walking, fishing and enjoying this gateway to the national park.



A sign.



A car park.



About 20 m past the end is a BBQ.