




# Great North Walk: Teralba to Charlestown Park track

(Awabakal Country)

 4 h to 4 h 30 min

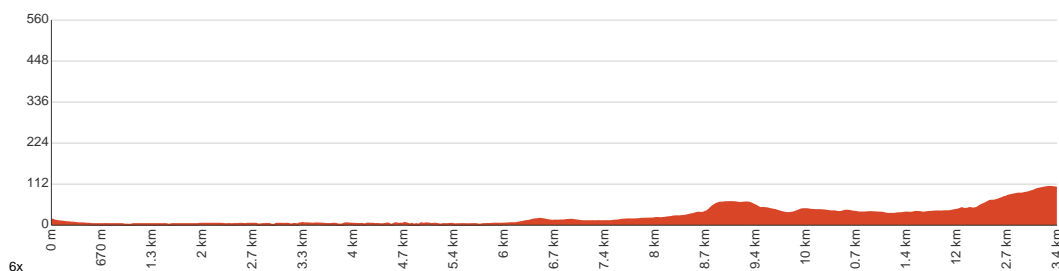
  
13.4 km  
One way

  
↑ 213 m  
↓ 127 m

  
Moderate track



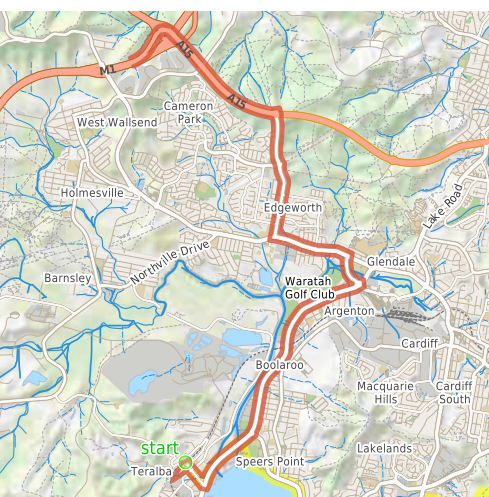
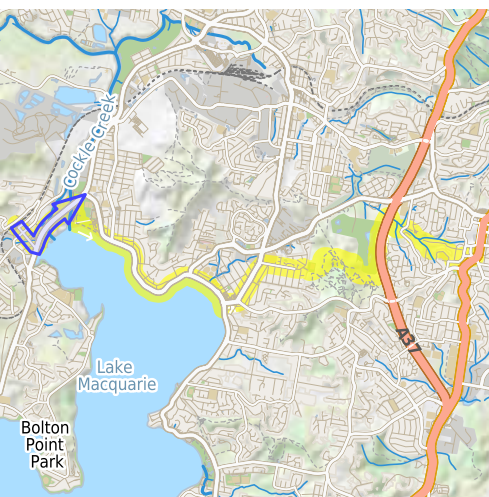
This section of the Great North Walk starts from the Teralba train station and winds down and around the edge of Lake Macquarie. The walk passes through the Cockle reserve, and continues to Warners bay and up along the roads, before cutting through the bush to Charlestown, where it winds around the golf course and finishes at the Charlestown Park track head. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



**Class 3 of 6**  
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Newcastle Link Road Offramp



- Turn on to Newcastle Link Road Offramp then drive for 3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Minmi Road and drive for another 1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Minmi Road and drive for another 1.4 km
- Turn left onto Main Road, B89 and drive for another 1.4 km
- Turn right onto Frederick Street and drive for another 610 m
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Lake Road, B53 and drive for another 2.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto T C Frith Avenue, B53 and drive for another 1.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Five Islands Road, B53 and drive for another 1.3 km
- Keep right onto Anzac Parade and drive for another 50 m
- Turn right onto Anzac Parade and drive for another 500 m
- Turn left onto William Street and drive for another 55 m
- Turn sharp right and drive for another 60 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

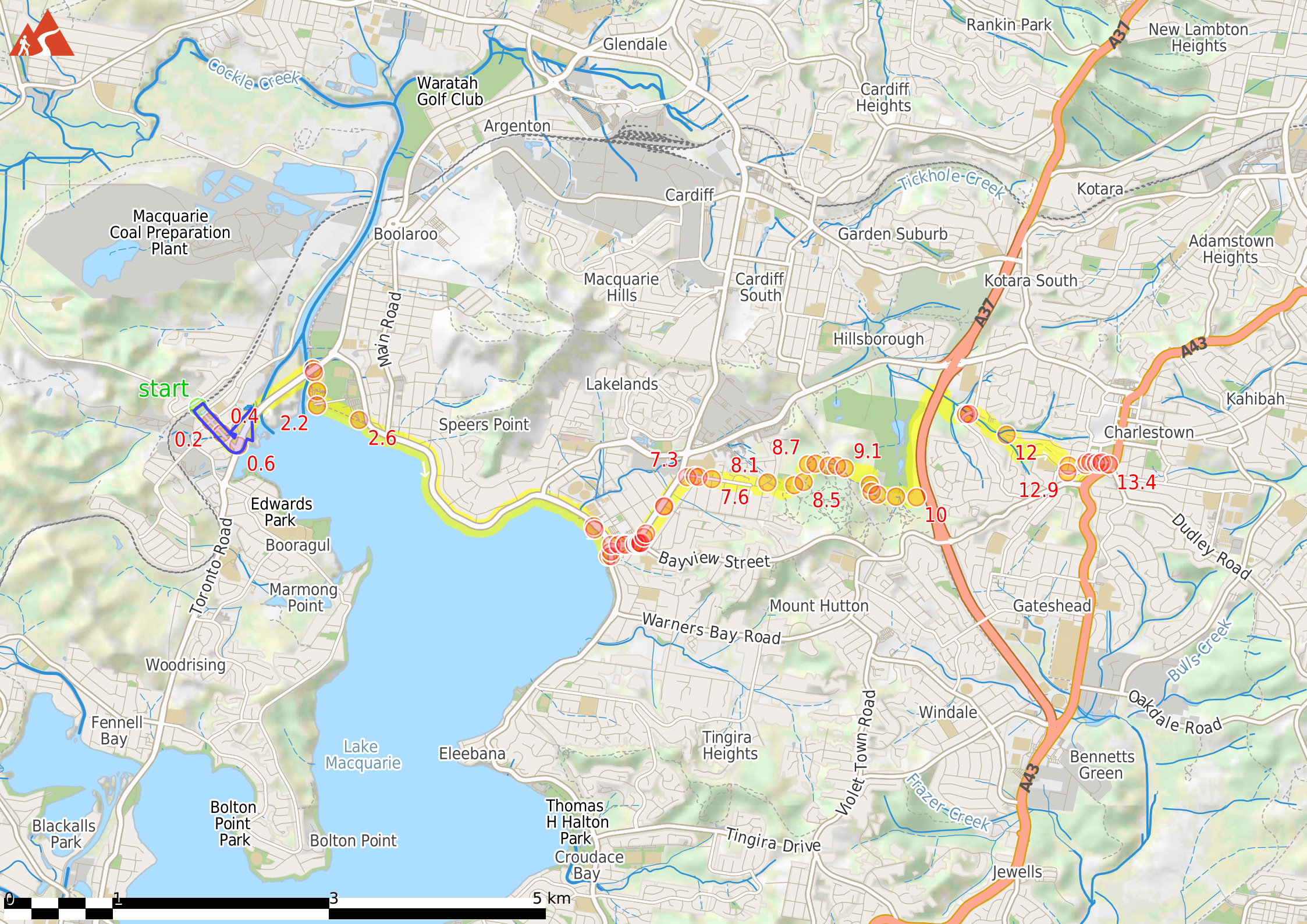
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

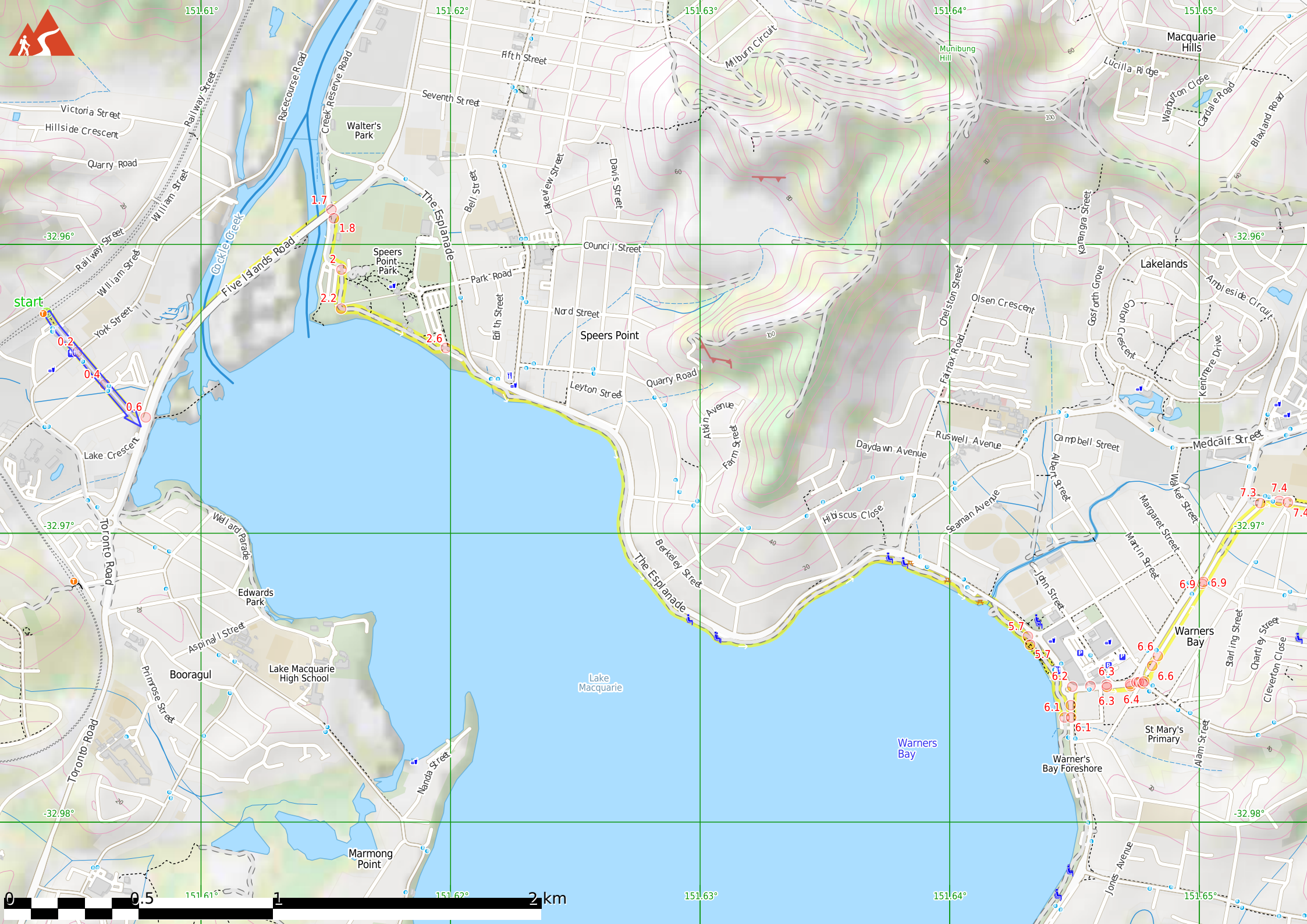
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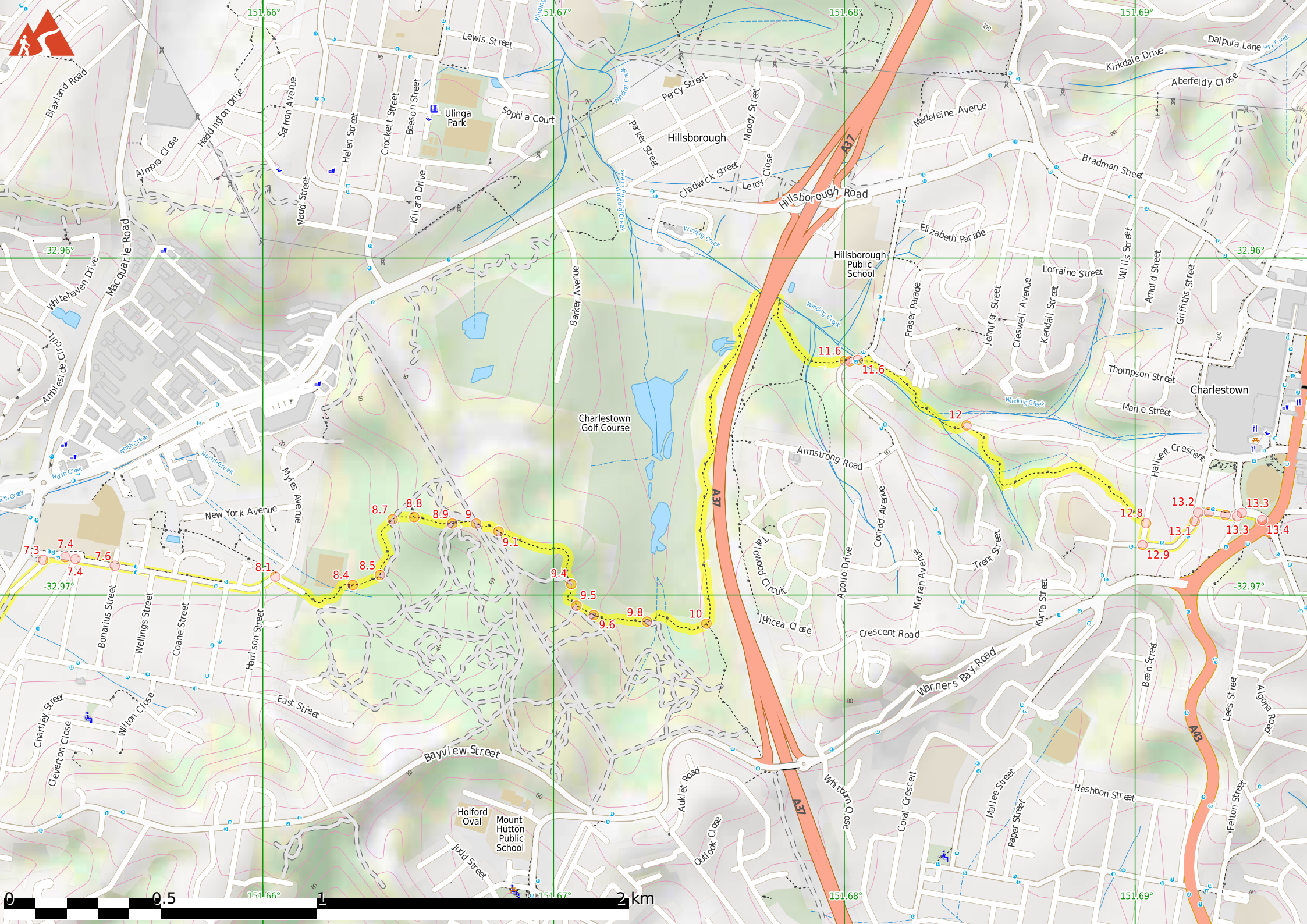




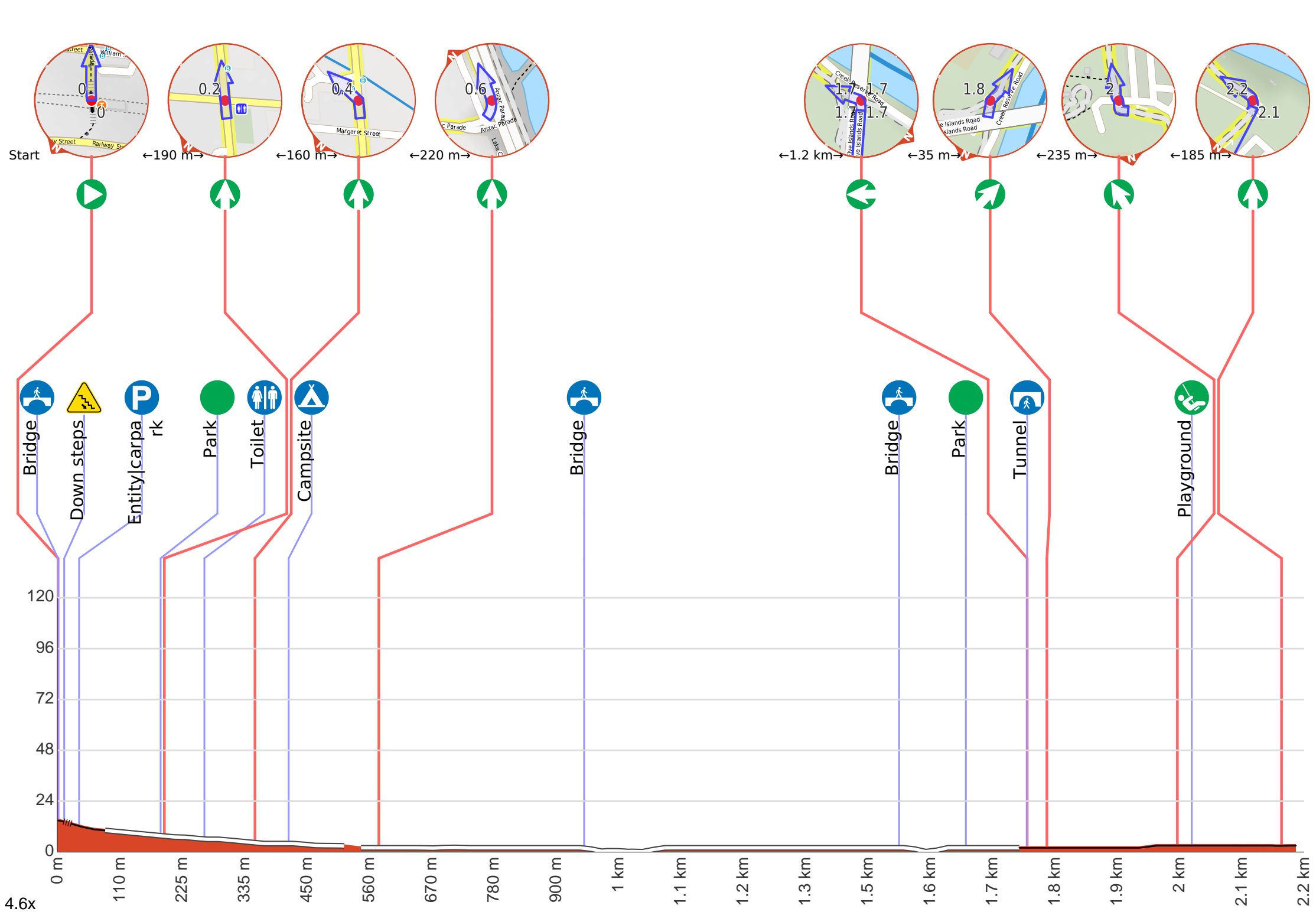




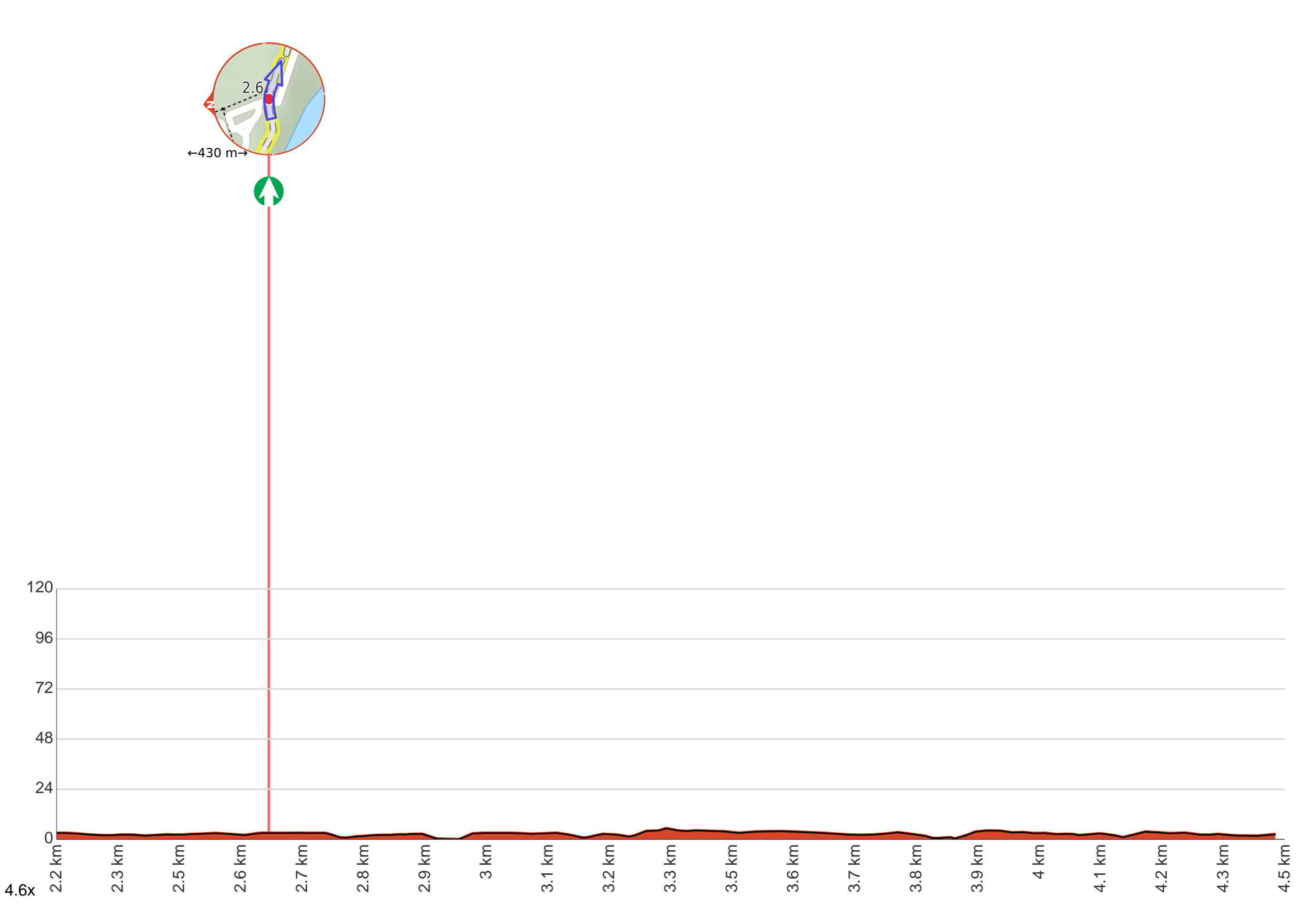






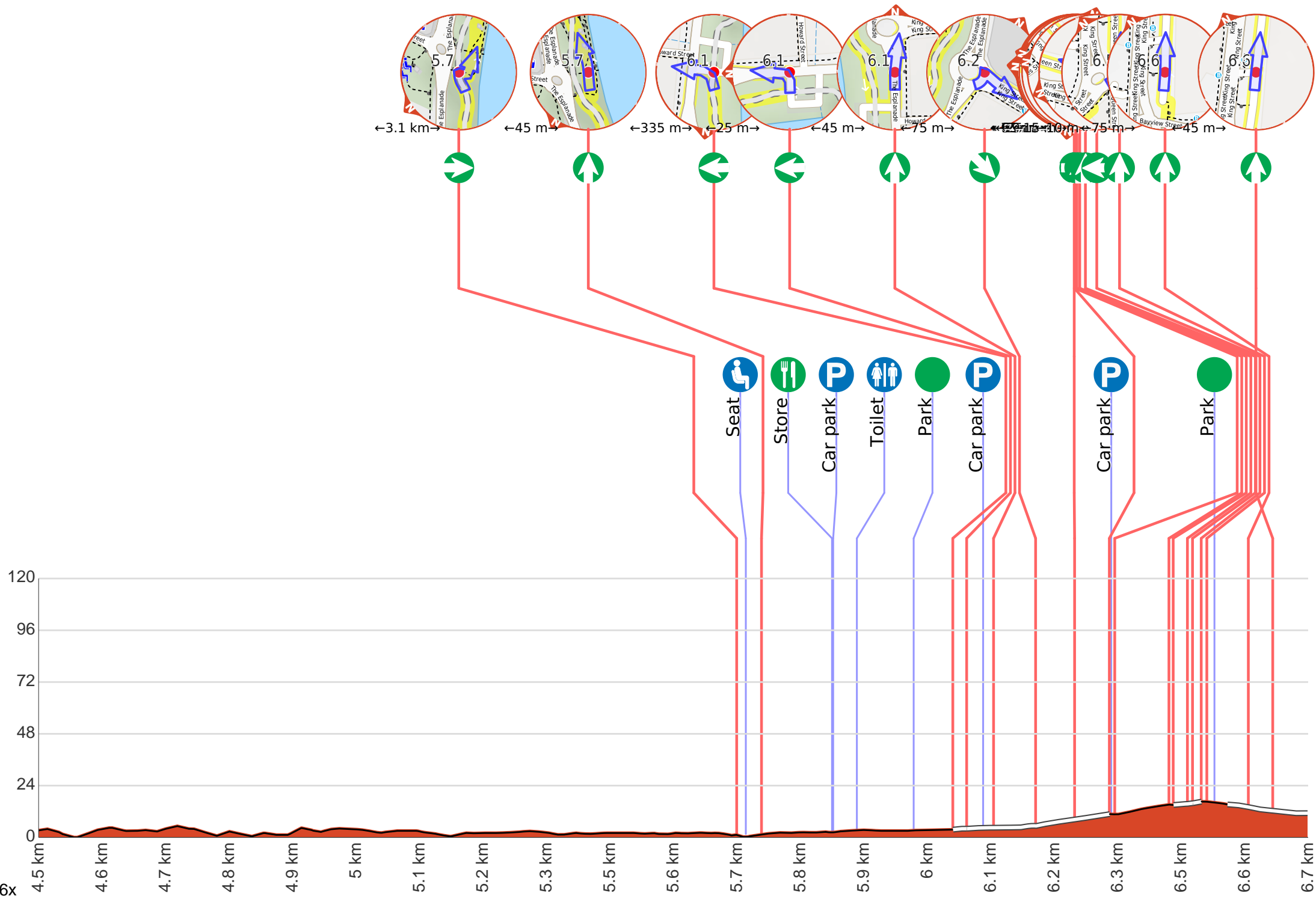




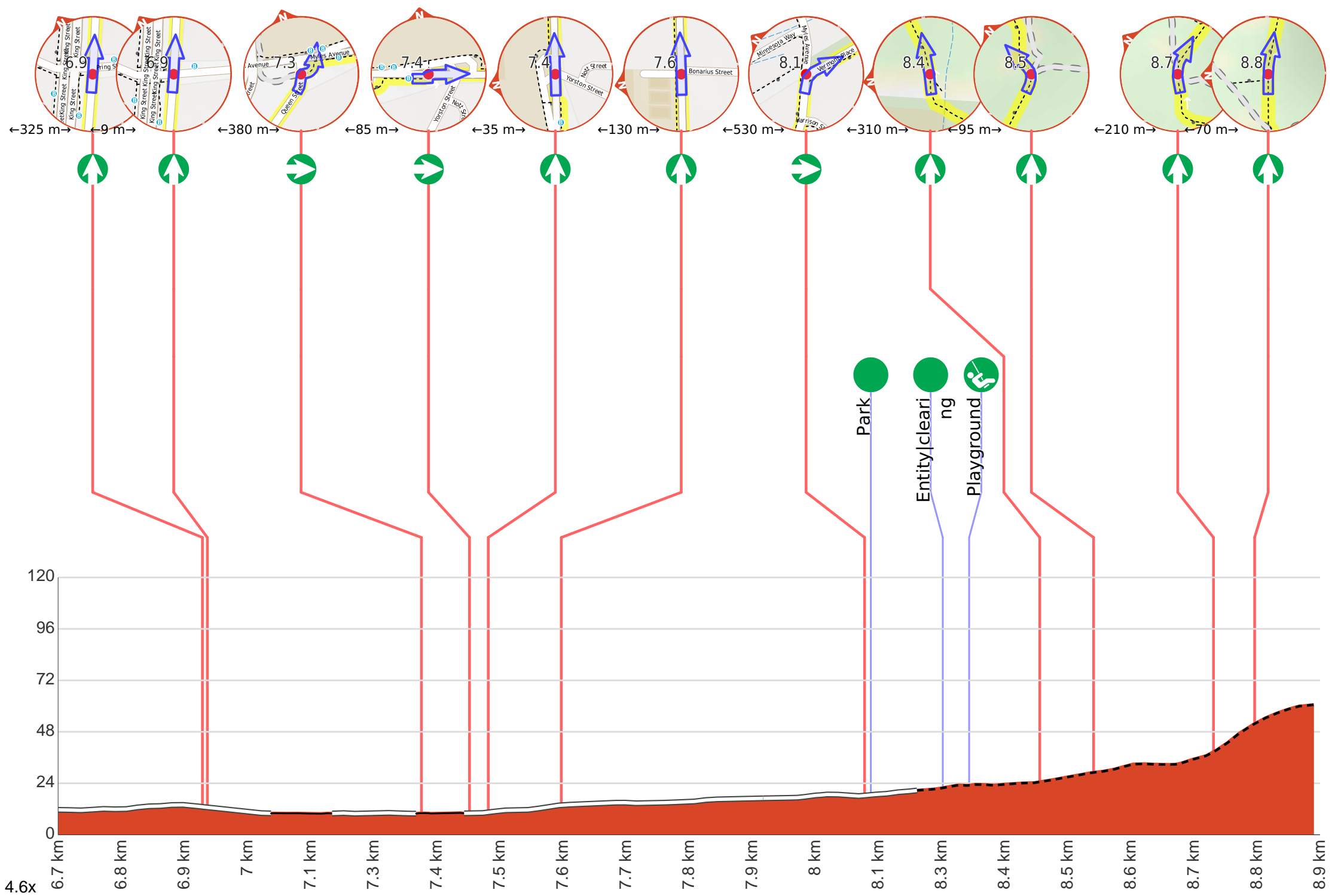


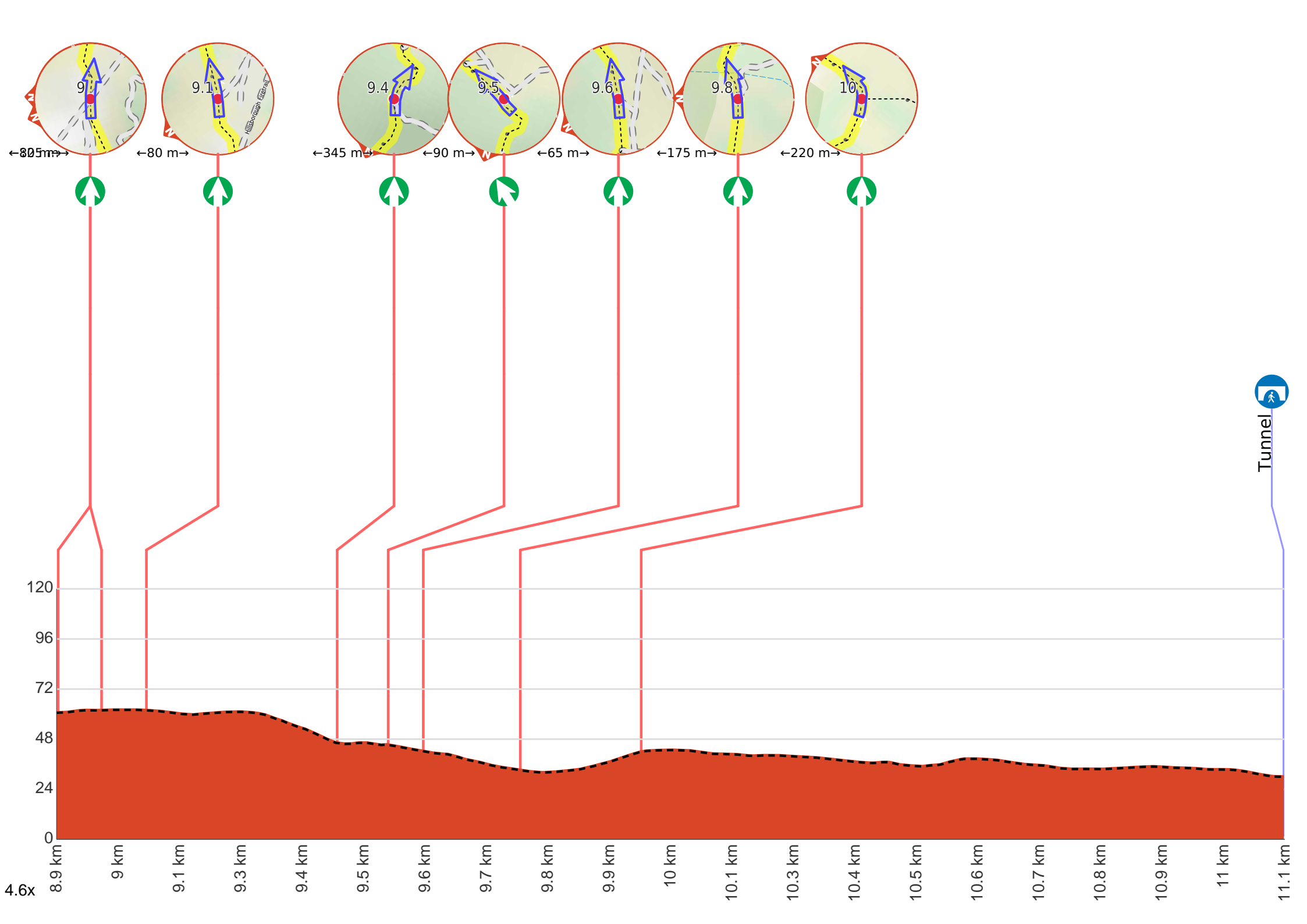


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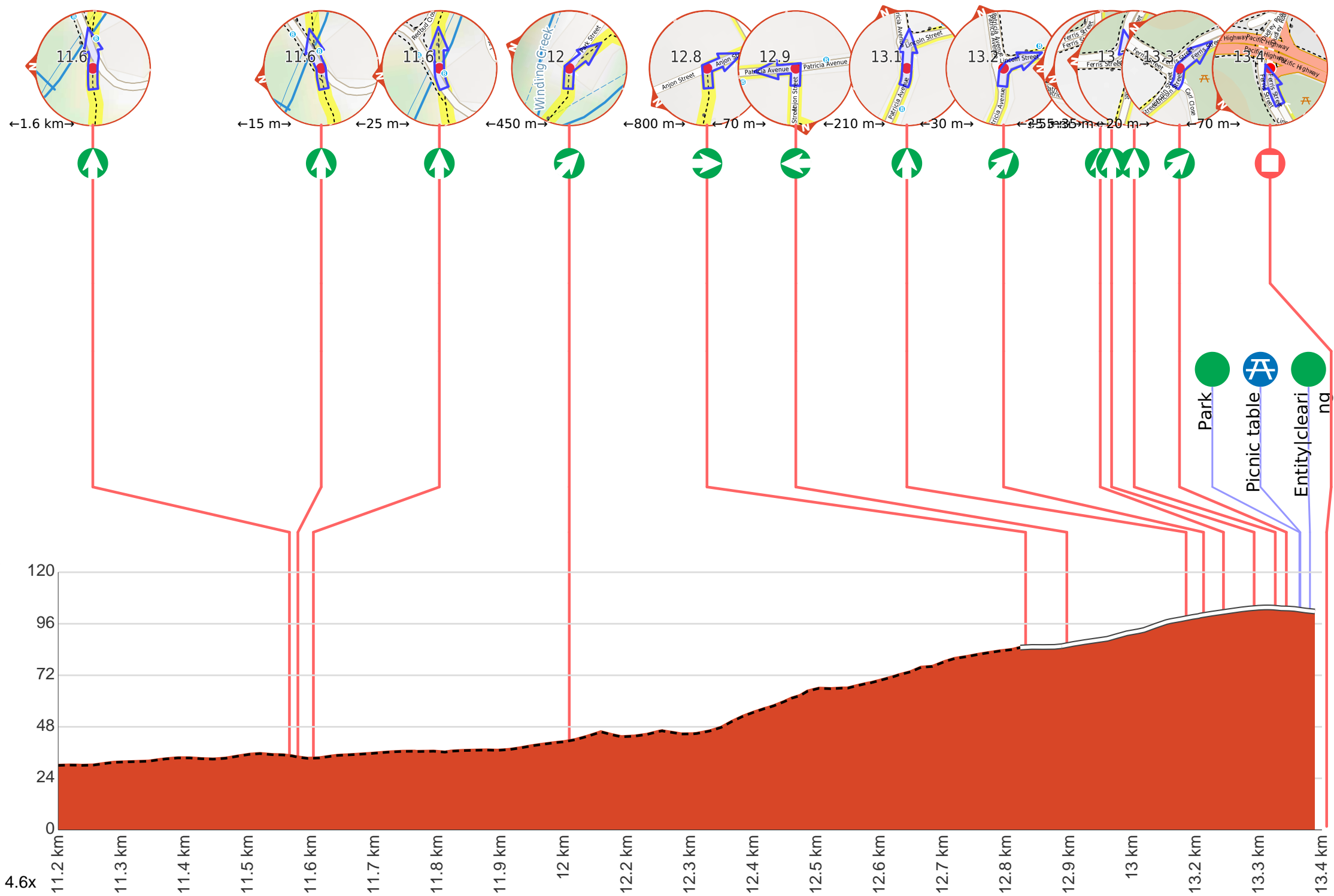






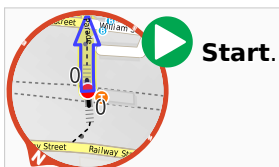






**Getting started:** From Teralba station (at the top of the overpass steps), this walk follows the railway bridge steps south, initially keeping the station building on your right. This walk follows the steps down and heads along the footpath for about 30m, to find a 'Great North Walk' sign. This walk then follows the 'Newcastle' arrow across William St, coming to a GNW arrow post on the intersection of William St and Anzac Parade, opposite the 'The Great Northern Hotel'.

From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath alongside Anzac Parade gently downhill, past 'Teralba Fire Station' (on your left). The walk follows the footpath for about 80m to pass 'Anzac Park' (and toilets opposite the road on your right), then continues straight ahead for about 200m crossing York and Margaret St, to come beside 'Teralba Lakeside Caravan Park' (on your left).



Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



Then head down the steps (about 15 m long)



After another 10 m find the "Teralba Station Carpark" (35 m on your right). This carpark provides ample parking for those leaving their car at the train station



After another 30 m (at the intersection of William Street & Anzac Parade) **continue straight**, to head along Anzac Parade (a highway|tertiary).



Anzac Park (about 10 m back from the start).



After another 80 m pass the toilet (25 m on your right).



At the intersection of Anzac Parade & York Street **continue straight**, to head along Anzac Parade.



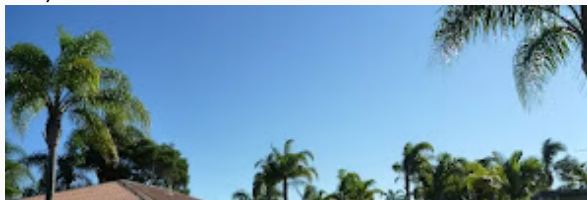
After another 120 m (at the intersection of Margaret Street & Anzac Parade) **continue straight**, to head along Anzac Parade.



After another 40 m **continue straight**, to head along Anzac Parade.



After another 60 m find the "Teralba Lakeside Caravan Park on Anzac Parade" (120 m on your left).



Teralba Lakeside Caravan Park at 21 Anzac Parade, Teralba has unpowered tent sites (\$20/night), standard cabins (\$90 for 5 people) and deluxe cabins (\$125 for 7 people). The manager is available from 8am till 8.30pm. For more information, phone (02)49585370. You can grab a meal or beverage from the 'Great Northern Hotel' or grab a snack from the local servo, just up the road.



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Anzac Parade & Cumberland Street) **continue straight**, to head along Anzac Parade.



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Lake Crescent & Anzac Parade) **continue straight** (a residential road).



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Five Islands Road.



After another 370 m cross the bridge (about 175 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 230 m long)



Then pass the "Speers Point Park" (120 m on your right).



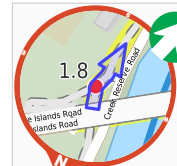
After another 110 m (at the intersection of Five Islands Road & Creek Reserve Road Shared Path) **turn left**, to head along Creek Reserve Road Shared Path (a highway|cycleway).



Then head through the tunnel (about 20 m long)



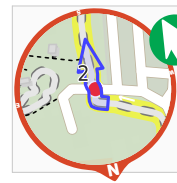
At the intersection of Creek Reserve Road Shared Path & Five Islands Road **continue straight**, to head along Creek Reserve Road Shared Path.



After another 25 m **veer right**.



After another 260 m pass the "Variety Playground" (120 m on your left).



**Veer left.**





After another 185 m **continue straight**.



After another 325 m find the "Speers Point Park" (25 m on your left).



Speers Point Park on Lake Macquarie at Boolaroo is a multi-use public park. Situated by the water, Speers Point Park offers open lawns amongst she-oaks and gumtrees. There are sheltered picnic tables, barbeques, water fountains, an elevated stage area, a children's playground, public wharf and toilets. There is also a public swimming pool, Speers Point Swim Centre. For more information about Speers Point Park, contact Lake Macquarie City Council during business hours on 49210333.



**Continue straight.**



After another 45 m pass the playground (on your left).



After another 65 m **continue straight**.



After another 2.4 km pass a seat (6 m on your left).



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 35 m pass a seat (7 m on your right).



After another 15 m pass the picnic table (7 m on your left).



After another 95 m pass the picnic table (10 m on your left).



After another 135 m pass the car park (15 m on your left).  
This car park is wheelchair accessible.



After another 3 m **continue straight**.



After another 20 m pass the picnic table (5 m on your left).



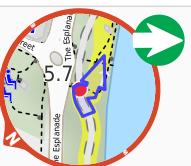
After another 70 m pass the artwork (15 m on your right).



After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 20 m long)



After another 25 m **continue straight**.



After another 165 m **turn right**.



After another 15 m pass a seat (on your left).



After another 25 m **continue straight**.



After another 125 m find the "Warners Bay" (9 m on your left).



Warners Bay is a large, open bay on Lake Macquarie, with a public park and small shopping centre nearby. There are cafes and restaurants with alfresco dining, the 'Centro' shopping centre, specialty shops, boutiques and a post office. The public park on the lakeshore has a shared bike/walking path, picnic tables, barbeques, toilets and water. A-must-stop ice cream shop on the Esplanade is Dippin Dots, they have a unique ice cream that has been made using super-cold freezing methods to make little beads of ice cream.



Then pass the car park (145 m on your left).  
This car park is wheelchair accessible.



**Turn right.**



After another 25 m **turn right**.



After another 30 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).  
This toilet is wheelchair accessible.



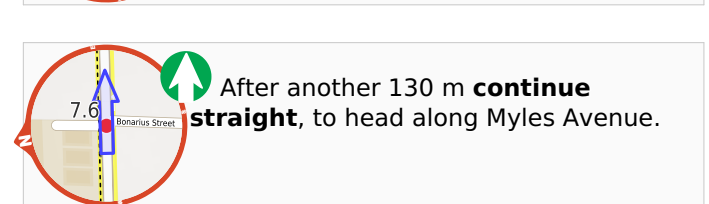
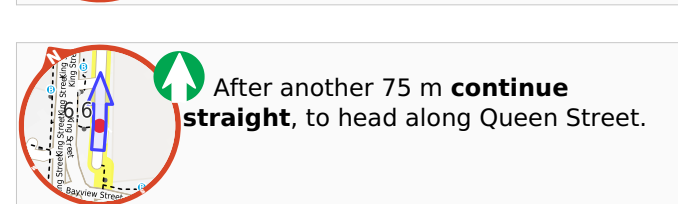
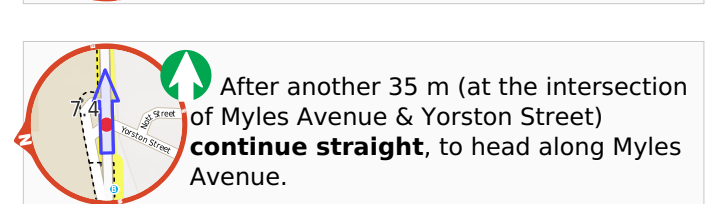
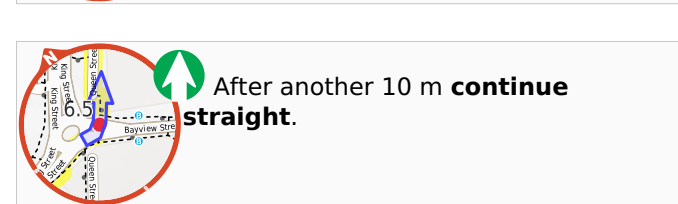
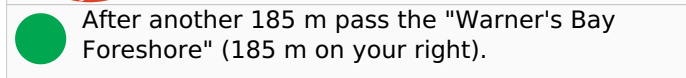
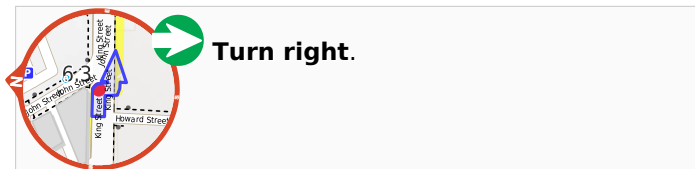
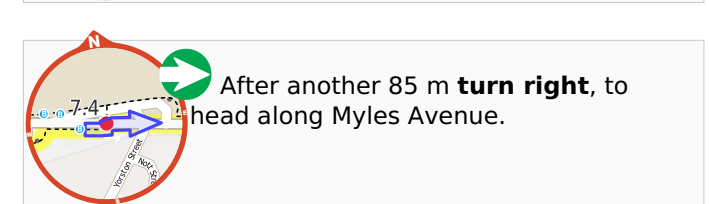
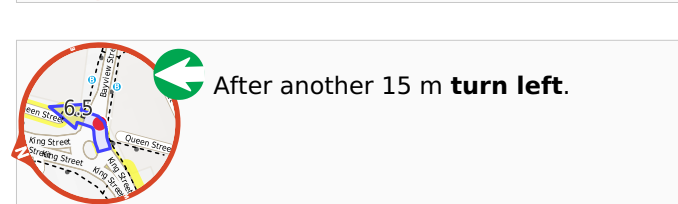
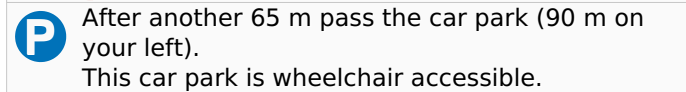
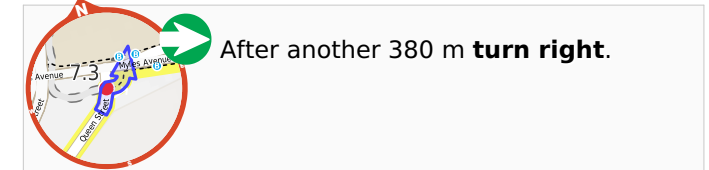
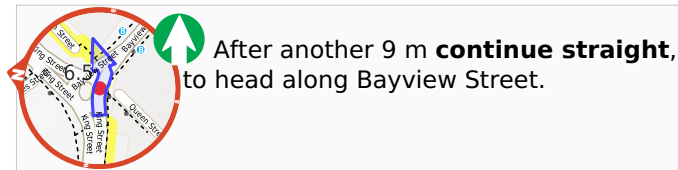
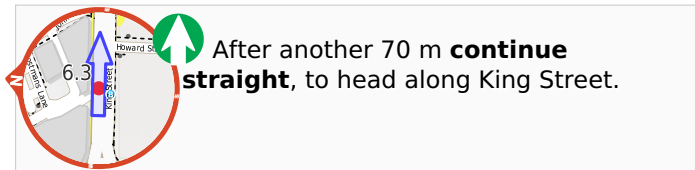
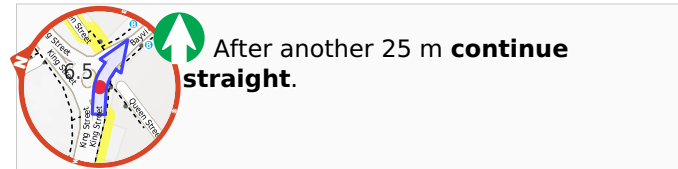
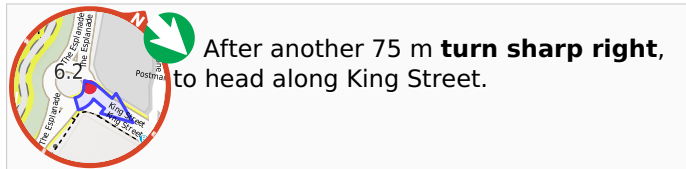
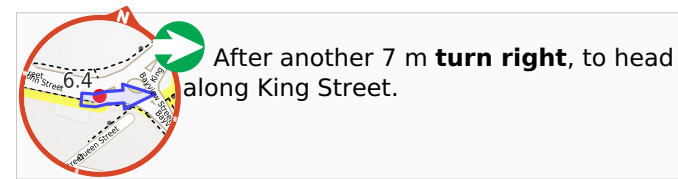
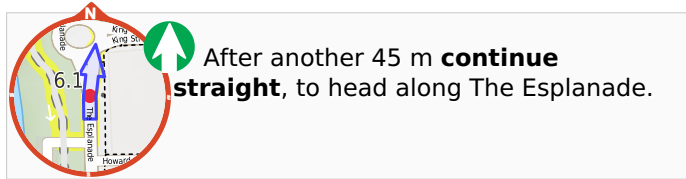
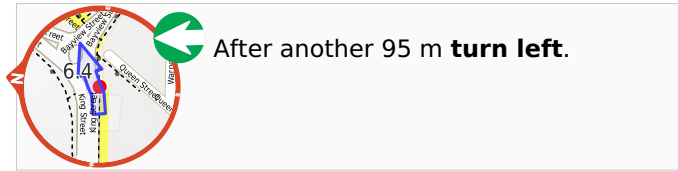
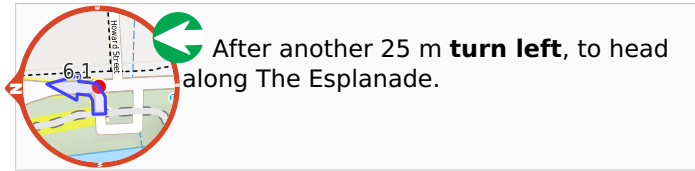
After another 100 m head into the "Warner's Bay Foreshore".



After another 120 m pass the car park (on your right).  
This car park is wheelchair accessible.



**Turn left.**







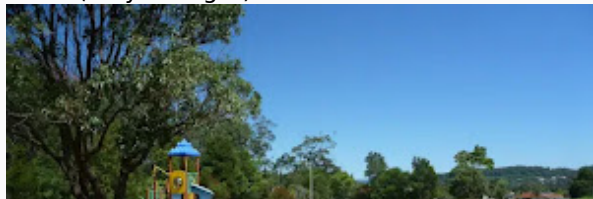
After another 530 m (at the intersection of Vermont Place & Myles Avenue) **turn right**, to head along Vermont Place.



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



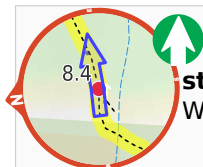
After another 125 m find the "Vermont Place Park" (on your right).



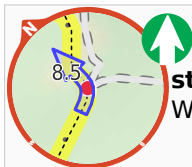
Vermont Place Park, at the end of Vermont Place in Warners Bay, is an open grassed park surrounded by native forest. The park has a children's playground, picnic table, a shelter and water fountain (water may not be available).



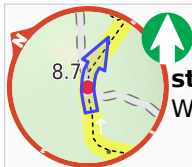
After another 45 m head through the playground .



After another 125 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



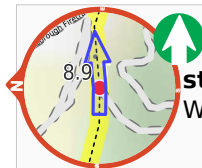
After another 95 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 210 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



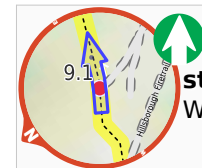
After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



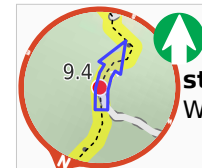
After another 125 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



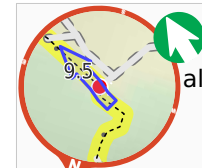
After another 80 m (at the intersection of Hillsborough Firetrail & The Great North Walk) **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



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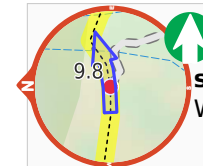
After another 345 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



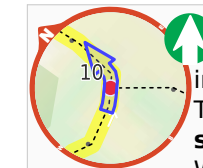
After another 90 m **veer left**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 65 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



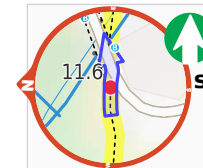
After another 175 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



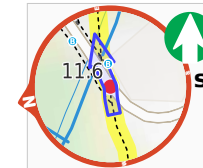
After another 220 m (at the intersection of Slmon and Dom Trail & The Great North Walk) **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



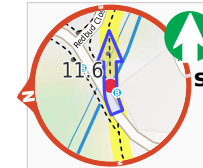
After another 1.2 km head through the tunnel (about 55 m long)



After another 360 m **continue straight**.




After another 15 m **continue straight**.



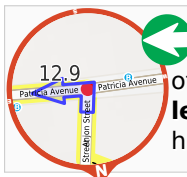
After another 25 m **continue straight**.



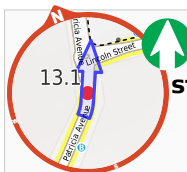
After another 450 m **veer right**.



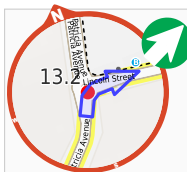
12.8 After another 800 m **turn right**, to head along Anjon Street.




12.9 After another 70 m (at the intersection of Patricia Avenue & Anjon Street) **turn left**, to head along Patricia Avenue (a highway|tertiary).



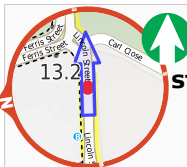
13.1 After another 210 m **continue straight**, to head along Patricia Avenue.




13.2 After another 30 m **veer right**.




13.2 After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Lincoln Street.



13.3 After another 55 m **continue straight**, to head along Lincoln Street.



13.4 After another 35 m (at the intersection of Carl Close & Lincoln Street) **continue straight**, to head along Lincoln Street.



13.3 After another 20 m (at the intersection of Ferris Street & Lincoln Street) **veer right**, to head along Ferris Street.

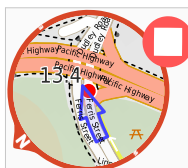
After another 25 m pass the "Charlestown Oval" (25 m on your left).

Then pass the picnic table (40 m on your right).

After another 15 m find the "Charlestown Park" (35 m on your right).



'Charlestown Park', by the Pacific Highway in Charlestown, offers a picnic table, shelter, barbeque and war memorial. Charlestown Park is also known and signposted as 'Anniversary Grove'.



13.4 After another 30 m come to the end.