



Frenchmans Cap

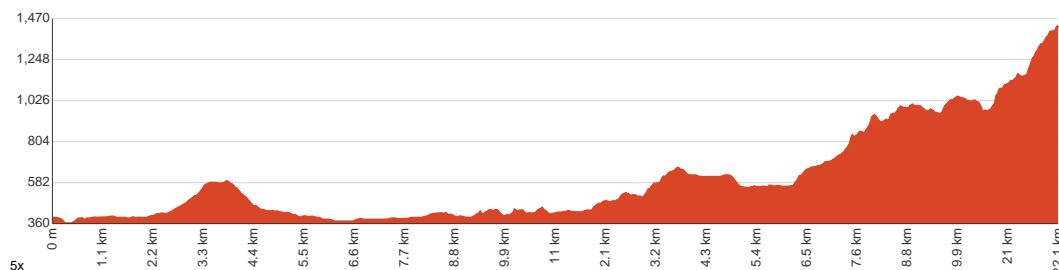
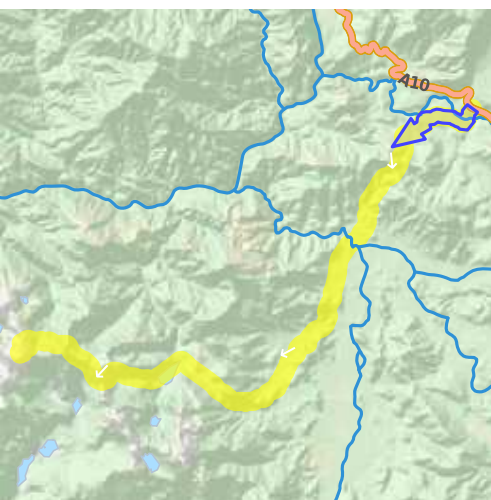
 2 days to 4 days


44.2 km
Return


↑ 3215 m
↓ 3215 m


Very challenging

Starting from the Frenchmans Cap Carpark on the Lyell Highway, Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, this walk leads to the summit of Frenchmans Cap and back via the Frenchmans Cap Track. This strenuous hike takes you to one of the most remarkable mountain peaks in South-West Tasmania. From the top, the view is nothing short of incredible, with Tasmania's rugged Wilderness World Heritage Area stretching as far as you can see. The journey to the summit includes a wonderfully varied mix of landscapes – golden-hued button grass moorlands, fragrant Eucalypt forests, moss-strewn rainforests, and the resilient wonders of the alpine flora. There are two huts, Lake Vera Hut and Lake Tahune Hut, along the track as well as several designated campsites. Climbing the summit requires some rock scrambling, and this final ascent should only be attempted if the weather is clear enough. The weather at Frenchmans Cap is highly unpredictable, and the trail will be wet, muddy and demanding steep at times. 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 5 of 6
Rough unclear track

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep and difficult rock scrambles (5/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6)

Getting to the start: From Brooker Highway, 1

- Turn on to Brooker Highway, 1 then drive for 115 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Lyell Highway, A10 and drive for another 15.3 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Montagu Crescent, A10 and drive for another 1.1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Lyell Highway, A10 and drive for another 400 m
- Turn left onto Hamilton Road, A10 and drive for another 168.2 km

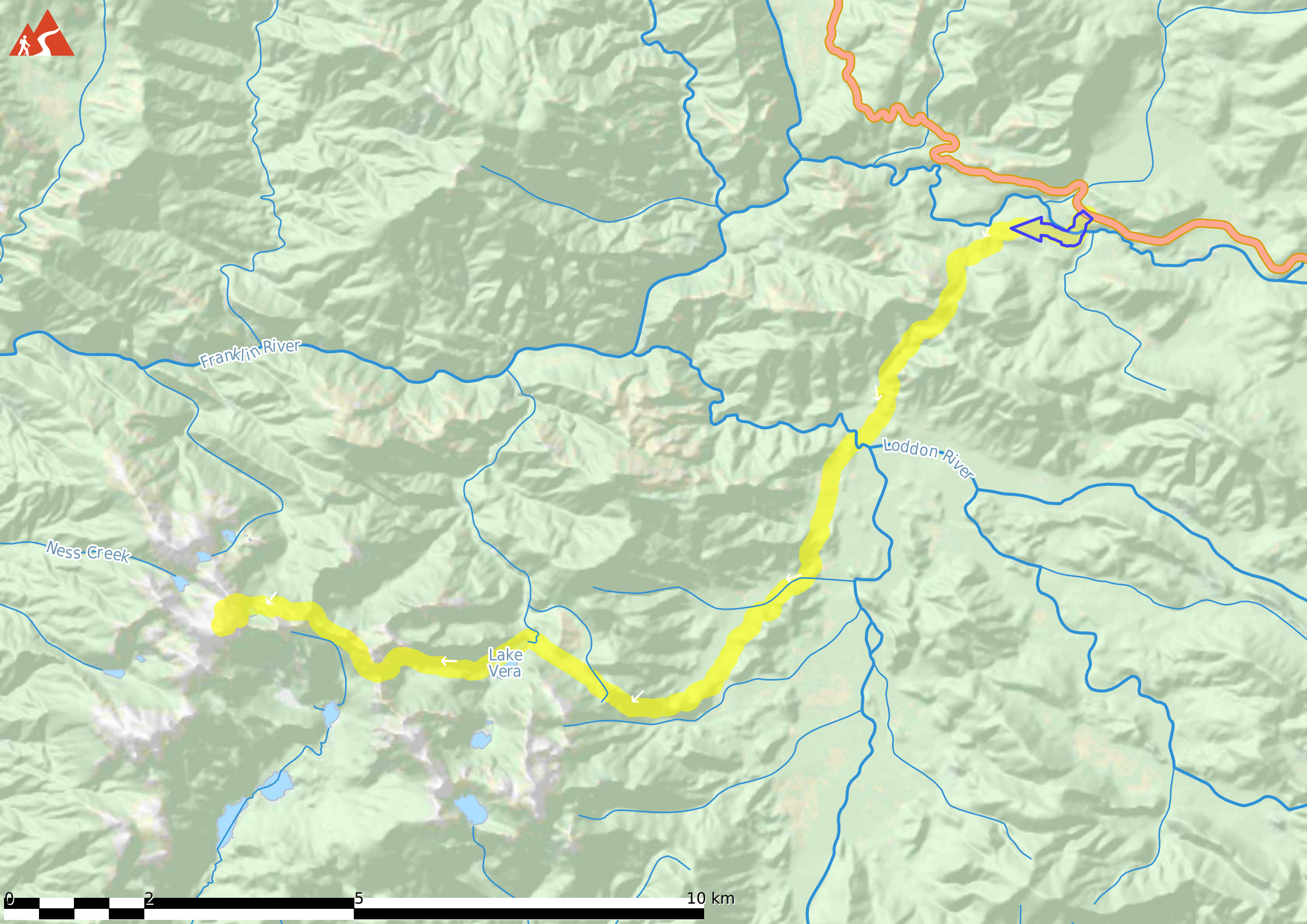
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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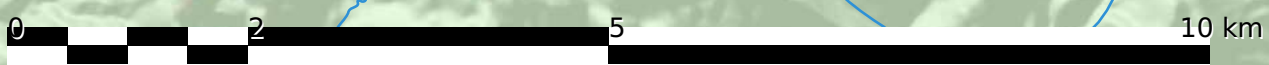


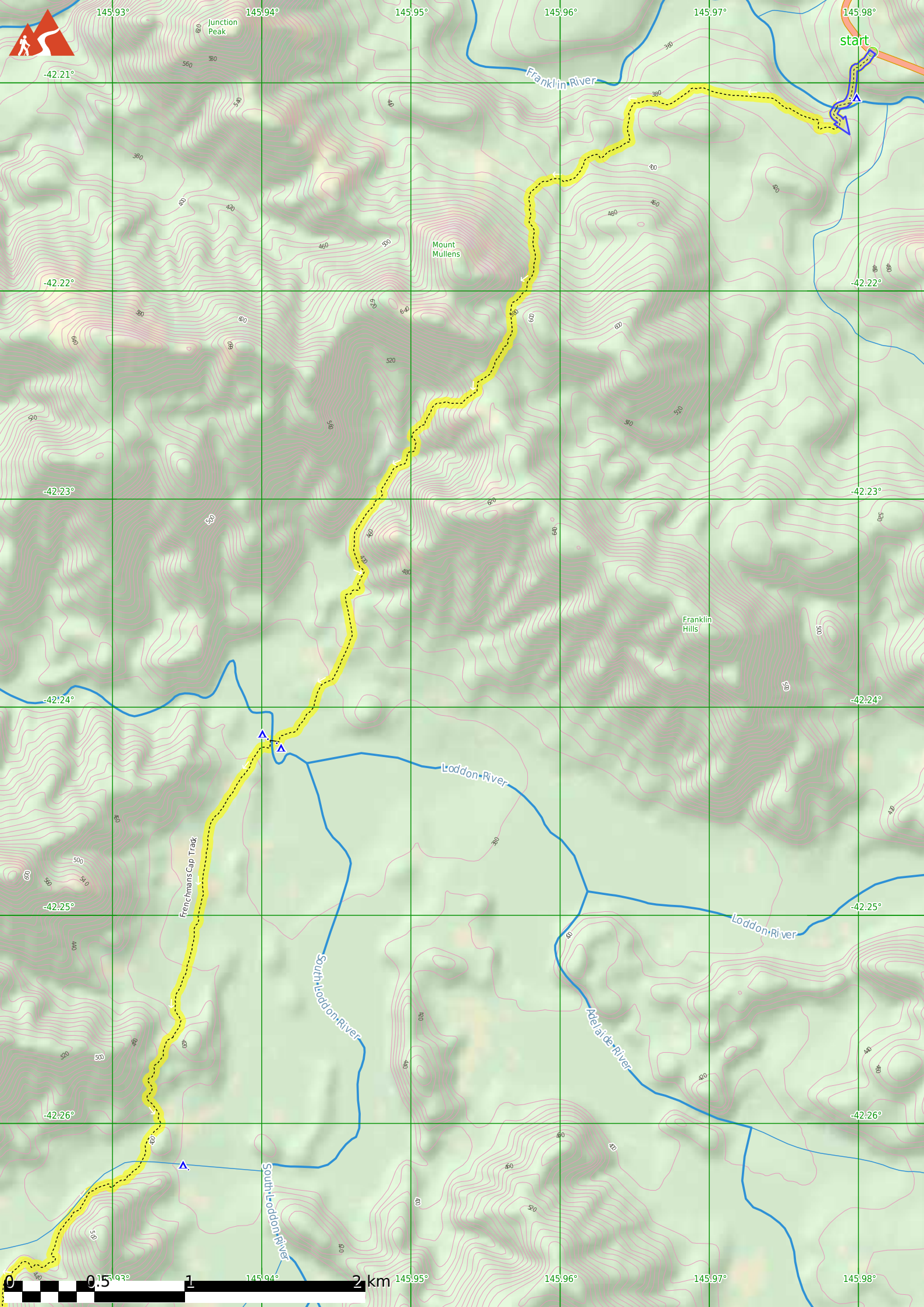
Franklin River

Ness Creek

Loddon River

Lake Vera





start

Mount Mullens

Franklin Hills

Frenchmans Cap Track

Franklin River

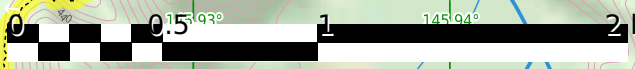
Loddon River

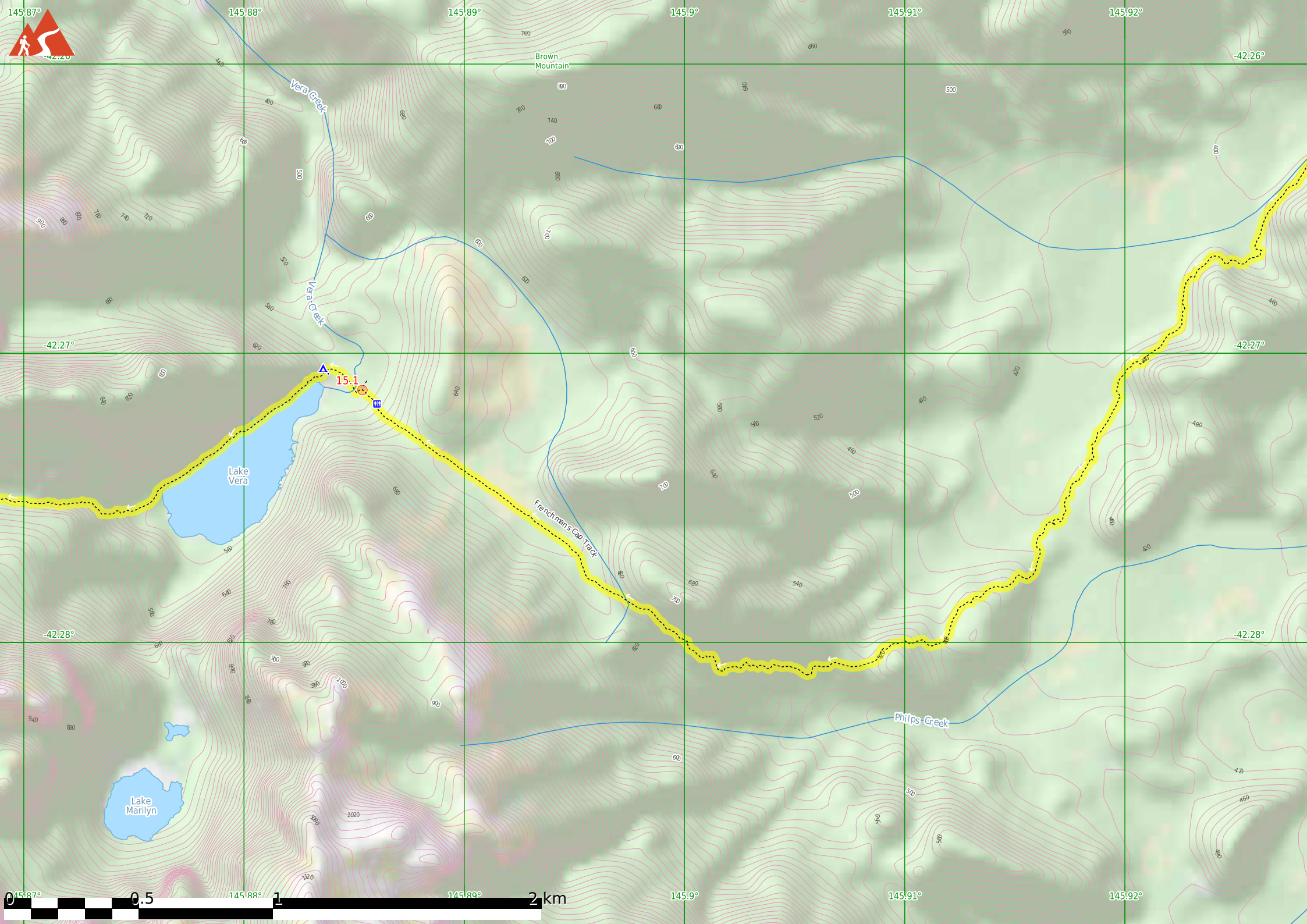
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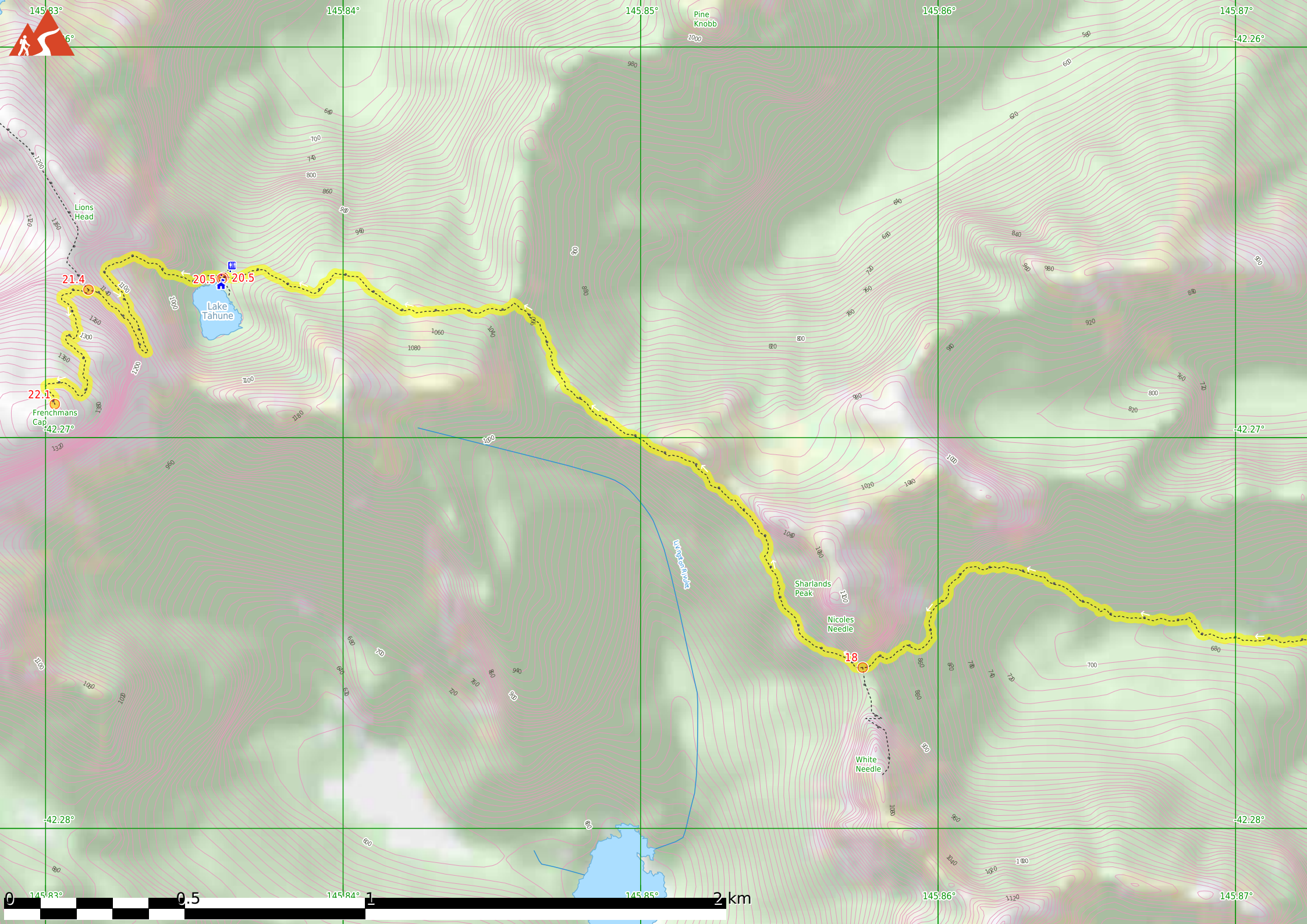
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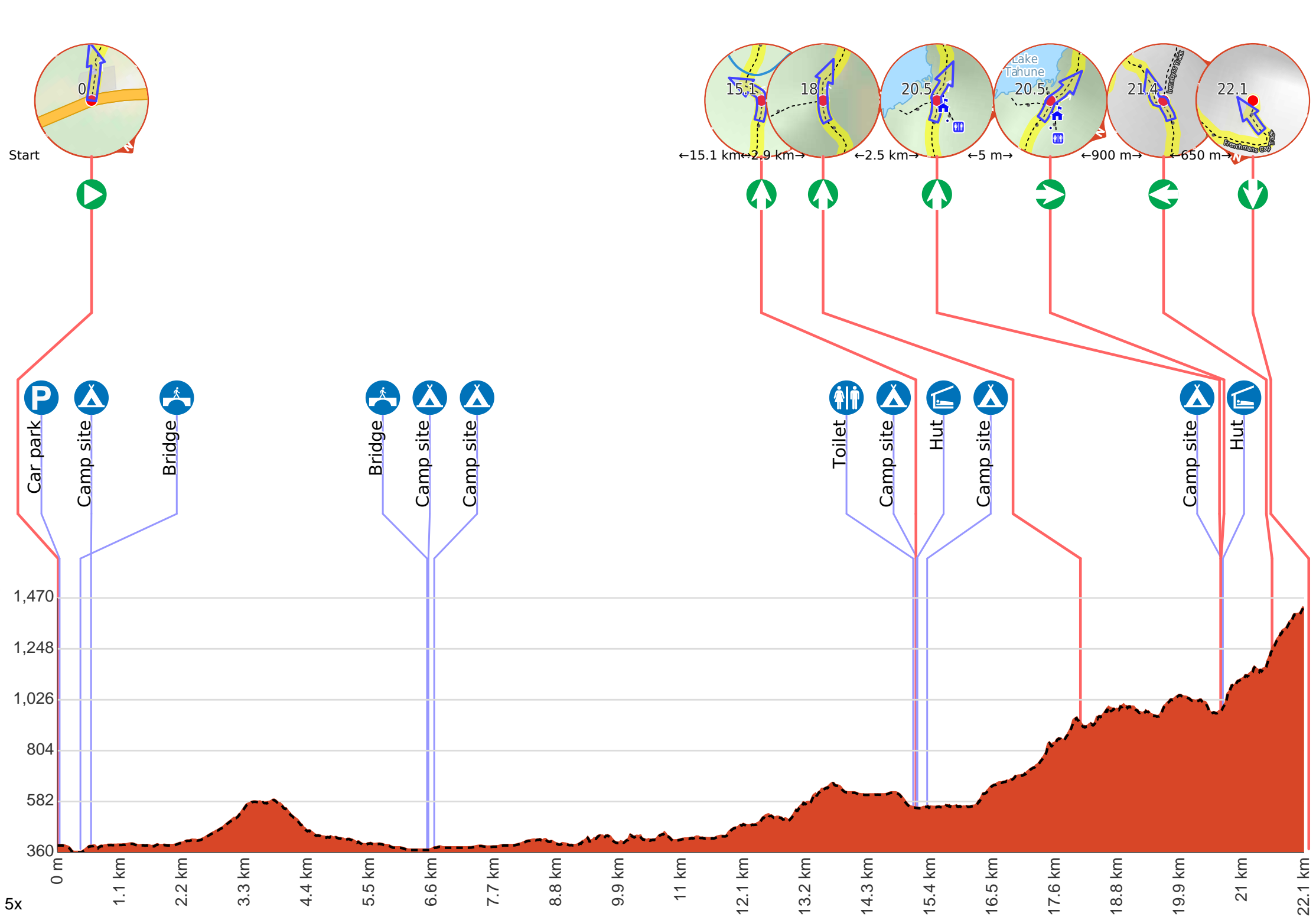
South Loddon River

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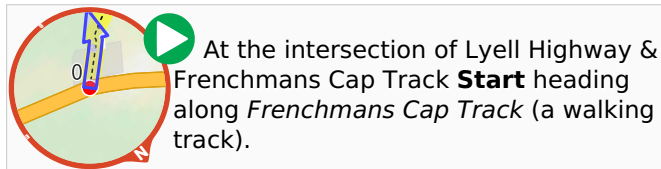








Getting started: The Frenchmans Cap trailhead and car park is located on the Lyell Highway (A10) 55km before Queenstown, roughly 200km from Hobart. From Hobart, head north on Brooker Avenue, taking the first exit just before the Bridgewater Bridge onto the Lyell Highway, continue along for 170km. The car park is signposted on the lefthand side of the road, 55km before Queenstown



P Find the Frenchmans Cap Carpark at the start.

After another 560 m come to the camp site (6 m on your right).

Then cross the bridge (about 30 m long)

After another 6.1 km cross the bridge (about 35 m long)

Then come to the camp site (15 m on your left).

After another 100 m come to the camp site (20 m on your right).

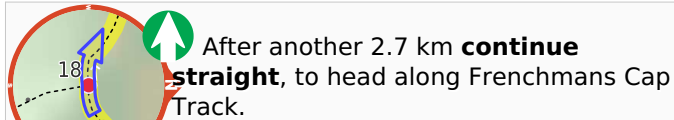
After another 8.5 km pass the toilet (5 m on your right).

After another 75 m come to the camp site (30 m on your right).

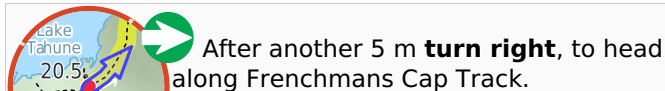
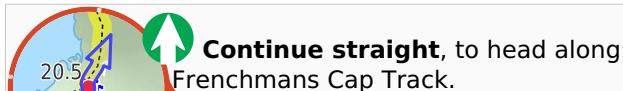


After another 10 m come to the "Vera Hut" (6 m on your right).

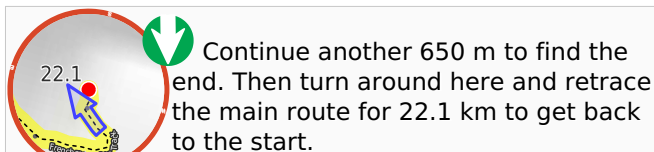
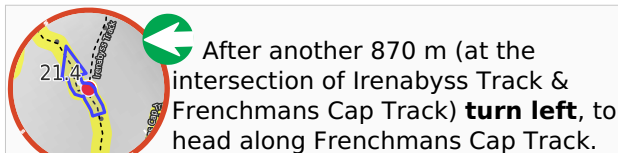
After another 185 m come to the camp site (20 m on your left).



After another 2.5 km come to the camp site (25 m on your right).



After another 35 m come to the "Tahune Hut" (10 m on your right).



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