Dead Horse Gap to Cascades Lookout

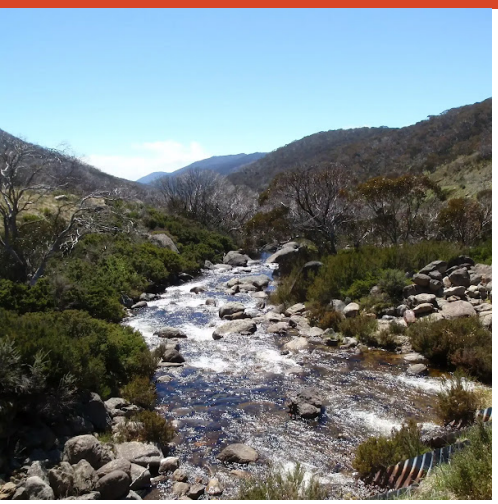
(Ngarigo Country)

1 h 30 min to 2 h

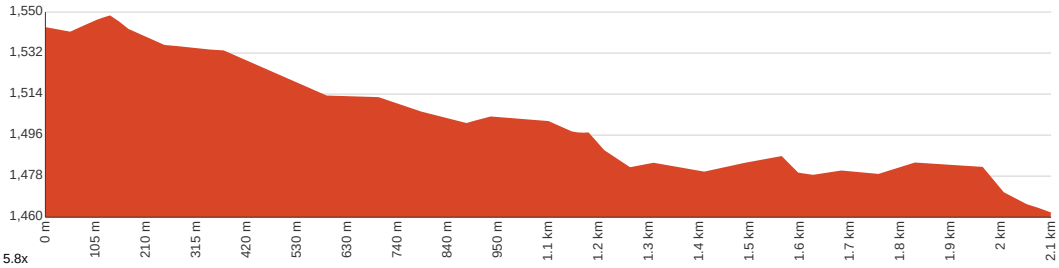
4.2 km
Return

↑ 133 m
↓ 133 m

3
Moderate track



This enjoyable walk starts at Dead Horse Gap, the highest point on the Alpine Way. The walk follows the Riverside track downstream, along the Thredbo River, through the valley and the snow gum forest to the cascades lookout. This walk follows a well defined track and, although close to the road, you can feel a million miles from anywhere. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
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 1.8 km
- Keep left onto Alpine Way and drive for another 17.5 km
- Keep left onto Alpine Way and drive for another 18.7 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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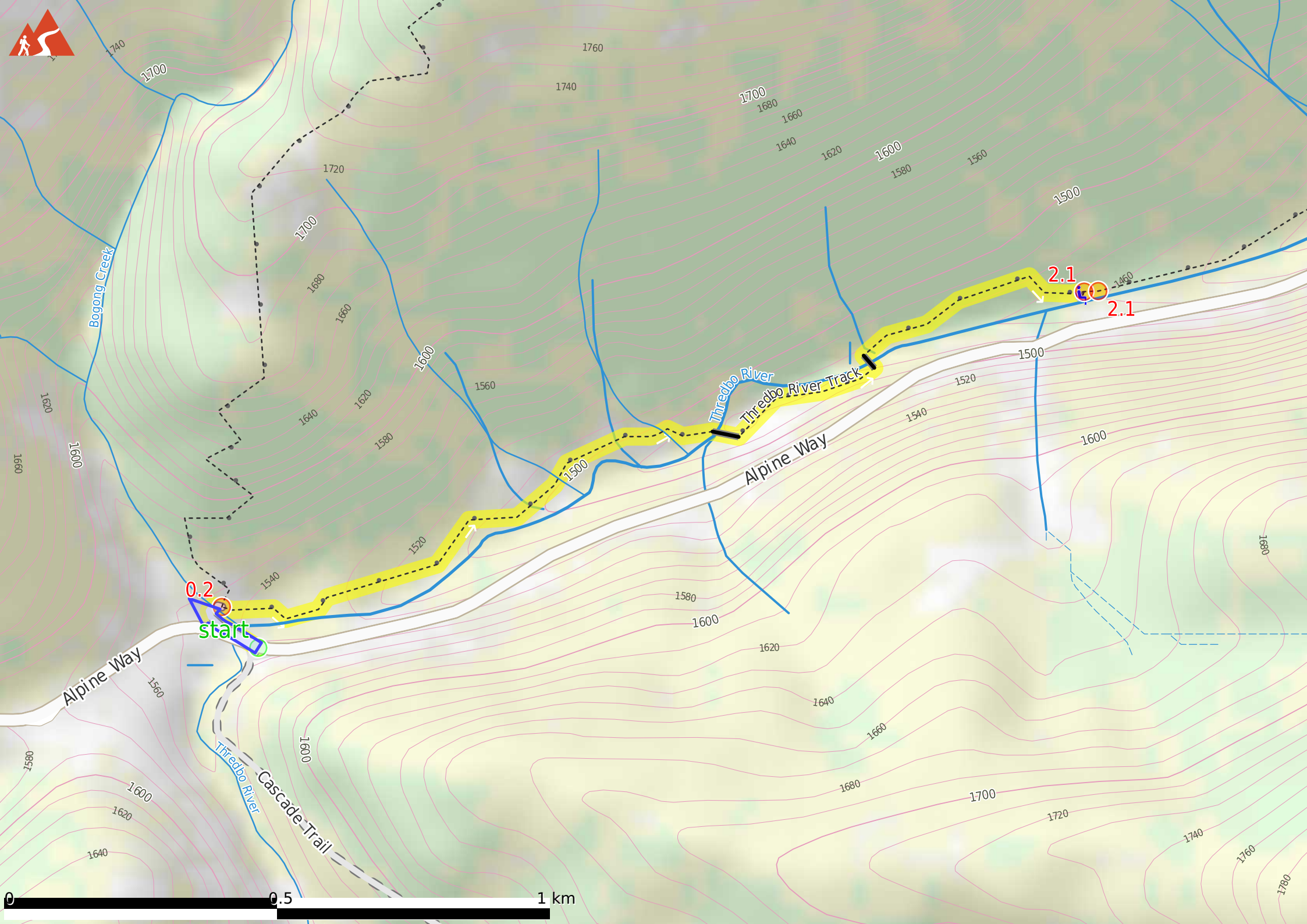
2.1
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Alpine Way
Thredbo River Track
Thredbo River
Thredbo River
Bogong Creek
Cascade Trail
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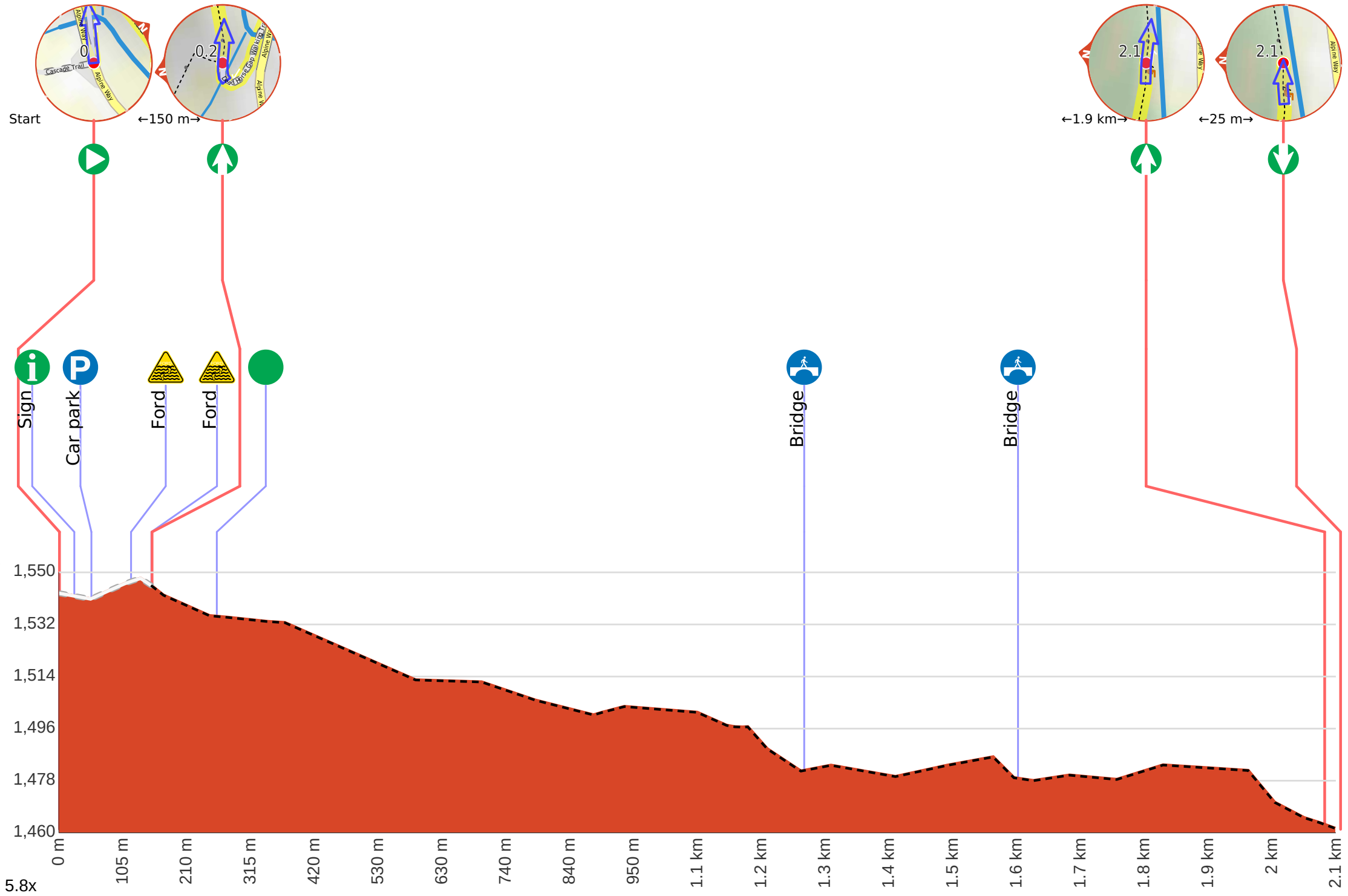
1 km


Start
←150 m→
←1.9 km→
←25 m→
Sign
Car park
Ford
Ford
Bridge
Bridge
1,550
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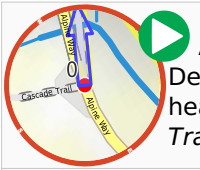
1,496
1,478
1,460
0 m
105 m
210 m
315 m
420 m
530 m
630 m
740 m
840 m
950 m
1.1 km
1.2 km
1.3 km
1.4 km
1.5 km
1.6 km
1.7 km
1.8 km
1.9 km
2 km
2.1 km
5.8x

Getting started: From the Cascades Trail track head car park (on the Alpine Way 5.4km west of Friday Drive), this walk crosses the road and turns left following the 'Thredbo Walking Tracks' sign along the track behind the road barrier. The track leads down the wooden steps to soon cross Bogong Creek on a metal bridge. Here the walk heads up a few steps to a signposted intersection with the 'Dead Horse Gap Track'.



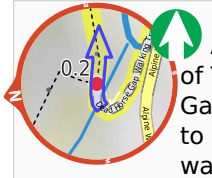
At the intersection of Cascade Trail & Dead Horse Gap Walking Track **Start** heading along *Dead Horse Gap Walking Track* (a vehicle track).

There is a sign (about 30 m back from the start).

After another 30 m to find the car park.

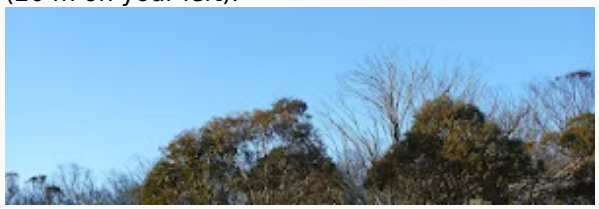
After another 65 m cross the ford.

After another 35 m cross the ford.



After another 1 m (at the intersection of Thredbo River Track & Dead Horse Gap Walking Track) **continue straight**, to head along Thredbo River Track (a walking track).

After another 105 m find the "Dead Horse Gap" (20 m on your left).



Dead Horse Gap is a relatively low mountain pass in the Great Dividing Range at 1582m AMSL. It was once a meeting place for Aboriginal groups in the summer, where they would perform ceremonies and trade with each other. In nature, the pass acts as a funnel for the migration of insects and birds. In the early 20th century, the pass became increasingly popular with stockmen, who brought sheep and cattle to the mountains each summer.

After another 960 m cross the bridge (about 50 m long)

After another 300 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)

After another 470 m **continue straight**, to head along Thredbo River Track.

After another 25 m come to a seat., has no backrest.

About 15 m past the end is a viewpoint.

Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.1 km to get back to the start.

About 10 m past the end is "Cascades Lookout".

This metal platform leans over the Thredbo River, lookout upstream to the flowing cascades. There is also a wooden seat provided here, making it a great rest stop, conveniently situated about half way between Dead Horse Gap and Thredbo Village, on the Thredbo River track.