



Mount Bartle Frere South Peak from Josephine Falls Road

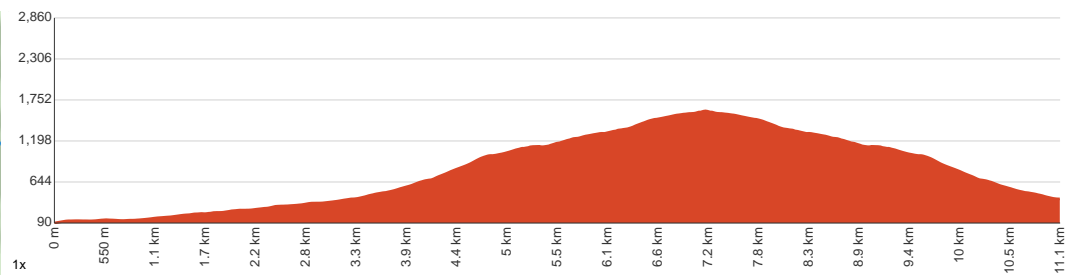
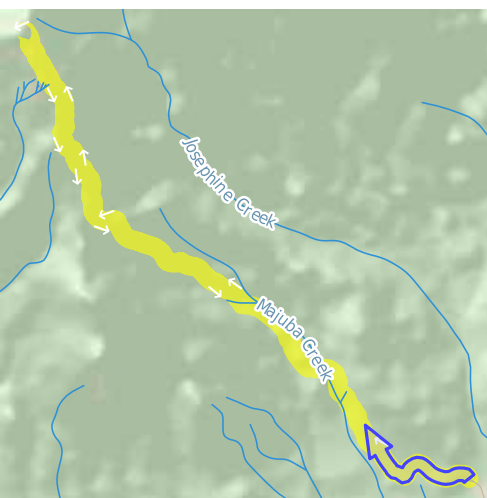
 8 h 30 min to 2 days


22.1 km
Return


↑ 2765 m
↓ 2765 m


Very challenging

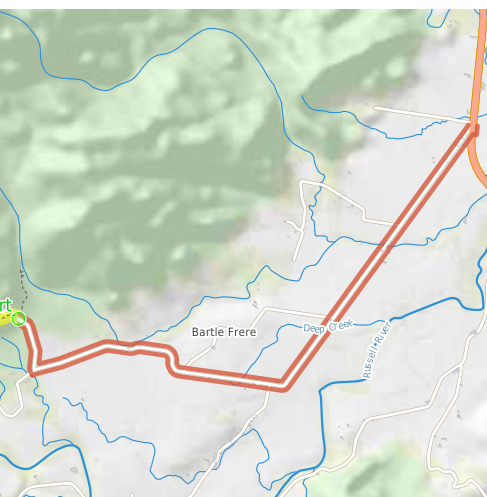
Starting from the car park at the end of Josephine Falls Road, this walk takes you to the southern peak of Mount Bartle Frere and back via a singular track, crossing Majuba Creek twice along the way. Expect a physical and mental challenge as you ascend to what feels like the mythic Mount Olympus, with mist setting in near the summit. The way up is going to be steep in places, and the scenery will change with the vegetation, transforming into an exceptional rainforest. Although the aforementioned mist usually reduces the viewing distance, the true reward of this walk is being able to finish it. It's a lengthy journey which can be done in a day if you're really fit and it's dry. Otherwise, you can spend the night at the Eastern Summit and Big Rock campsites and go for the peak in the morning. Regardless of the way you choose to do it, you should make sure the conditions are dry and it will not rain while you're there. Because the leeches reach outrageous numbers in wet conditions, and almost all of the track becomes dangerously slippery. Considering you may need to slide on your bottom for some descents, this becomes more of a problem. You'll be rock hopping/scrambling and dealing with leeches as well, therefore decent hiking shoes and gaiters are recommended. Bring plenty of water(around 4 litres each) and an insect repellent. Expect to get wet feet on the creek crossings. You can fully get wet and cool off in the suitable spots along the creek as well, or visit the rock pools of Josephine Falls after the journey. 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep and difficult rock scrambles (5/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)
Experience Required	High level of bushwalking experience recommended (5/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6)

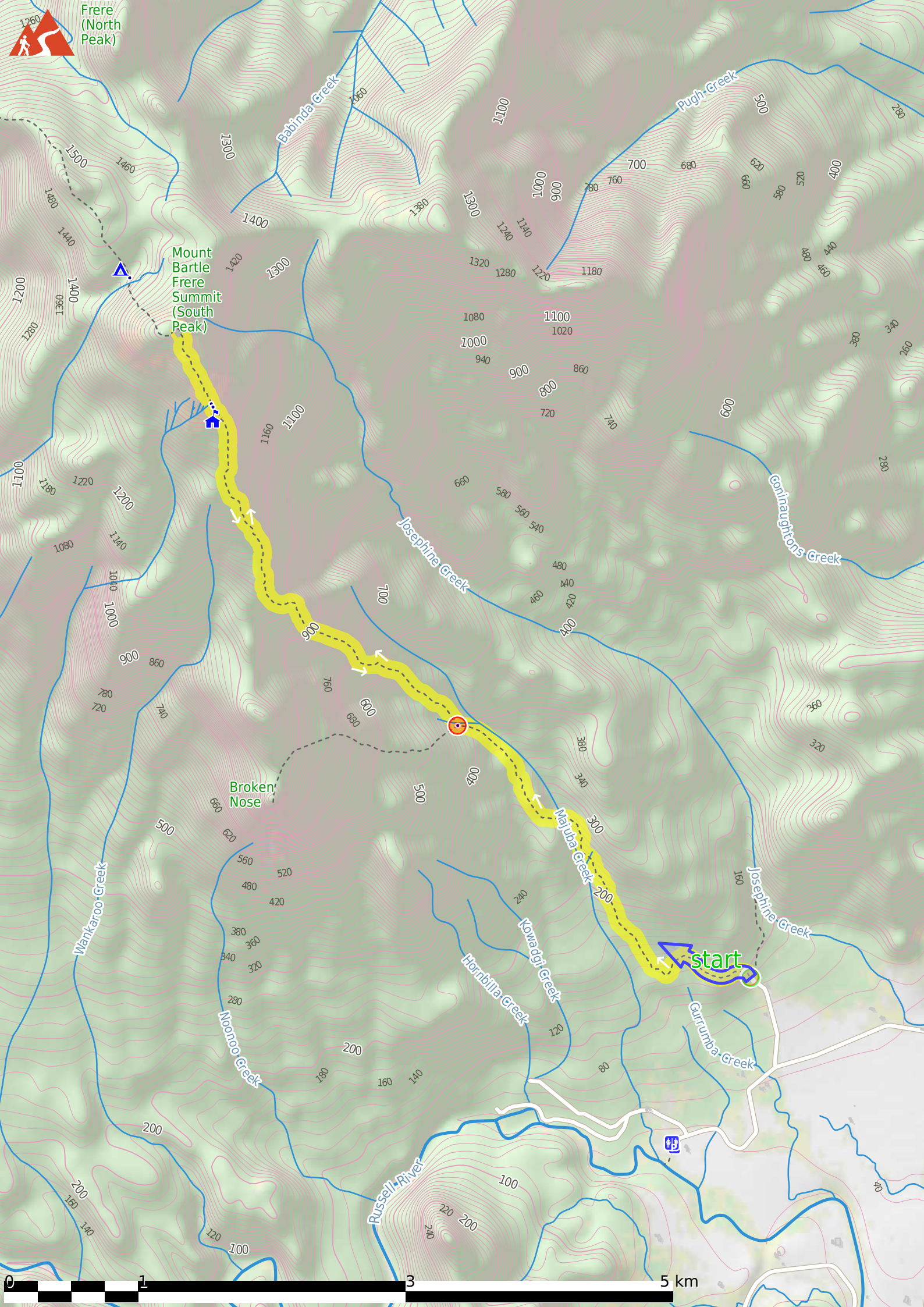
Getting to the start: From Bruce Highway, A1

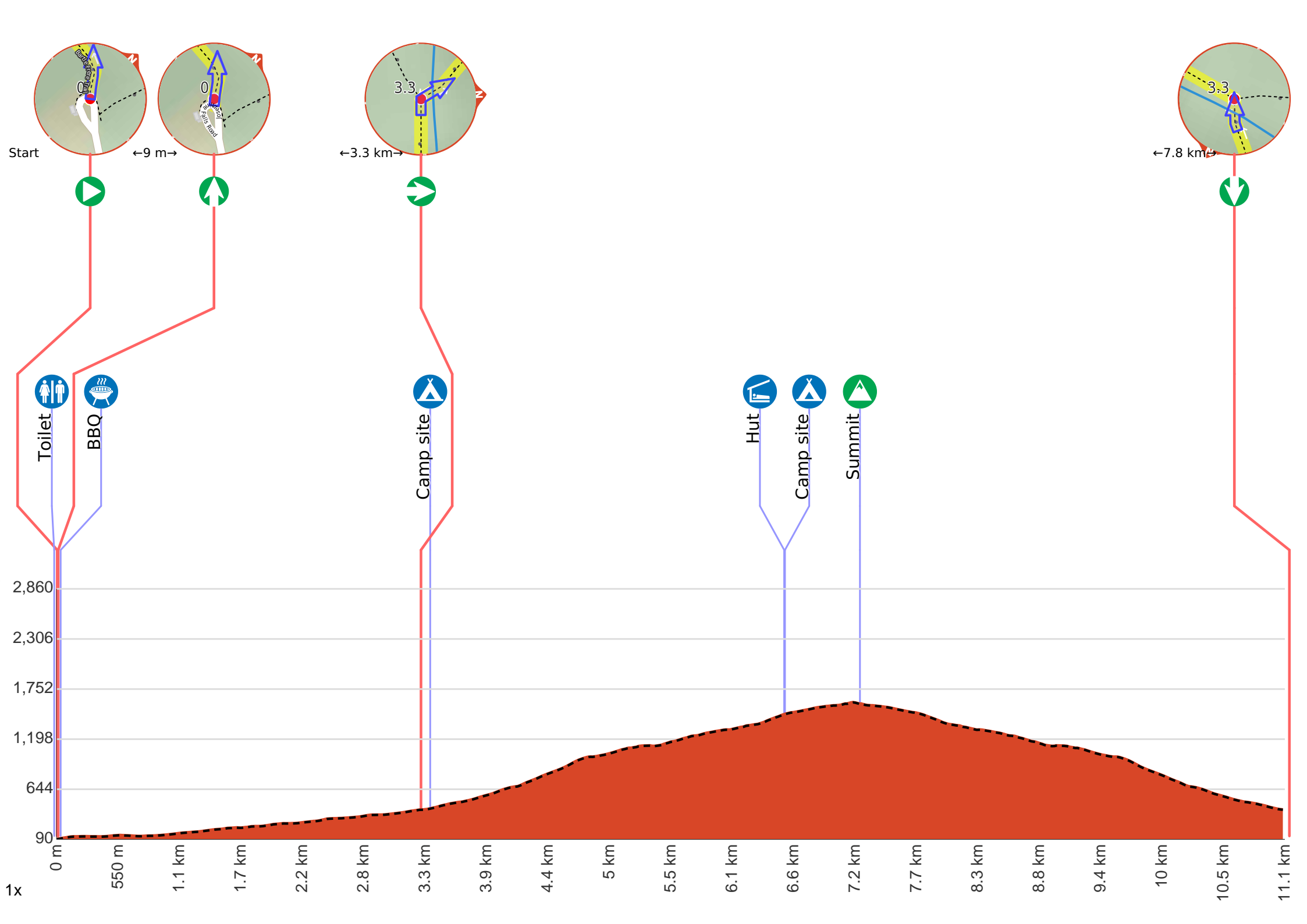
- Turn on to Bartle Frere Road then drive for 6.8 km
- Turn right onto Josephine Falls Road and drive for another 620 m
- Keep right onto Josephine Falls Road and drive for another 50 m



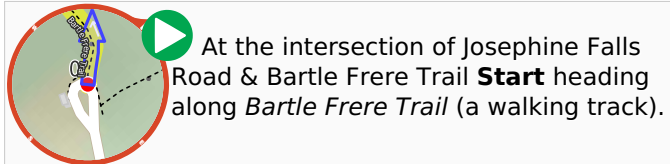
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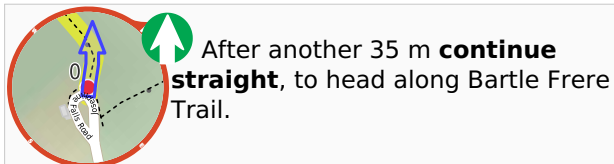
Getting started: From the car park at the end of Josephine Falls Road, pass through the bollard and head between the sheltered areas along the dirt/grass path gently uphill. Follow the subtly-formed walking track (Bartle Frere Trail) as it veers left and heads into the woodland to continue along Mount Bartle Frere South Peak from Josephine Falls Road Track.



At the intersection of Josephine Falls Road & Bartle Frere Trail **Start** heading along *Bartle Frere Trail* (a walking track).



There is a toilet (about 25 m back from the start).



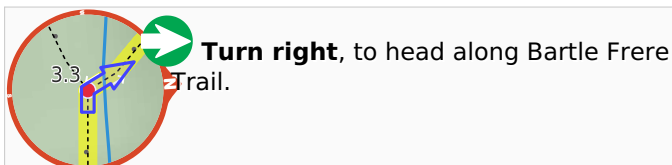
After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Bartle Frere Trail.



Find the BBQ at the start.



After another 3.3 km come to the "Big Rock Camp" (on your right).
Campsite managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. There is a fee to use this campsite.



Turn right, to head along Bartle Frere Trail.



After another 3.3 km come to the "evacuation hut" (on your right).

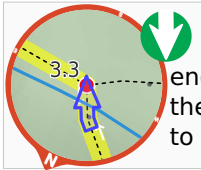
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After another 7 m come to the "Eastern Summit Camp".
Campsite managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. There is a fee to use this campsite.



After another 670 m pass the "Mount Bartle Frere Summit (South Peak)" (8 m on your left).



Continue another 3.9 km to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 11.1 km to get back to the start.