



# Hay and Burchell Walking Track

2 h 45 min to 4 h

8.6 km  
Circuit

↑ 287 m  
↓ 287 m

4  
Hard track

Starting near the Steiglitz Courthouse, in the historic township of Steiglitz, Brisbane Ranges National Park, this loop walk takes you through a historical part of Victoria's past, via the Hay Track and the Burchell Trail. This walk offers varied natural views, and there are plaques along the way where you can read about the old mining history of the area. You might also catch a glimpse of the local wildlife, which includes koalas, wallabies, echidnas, and many bird species. The track is in good condition overall, however, some sections aren't signed very well, and it is slightly muddy and overgrown in places. The last leg of the walk becomes quite rocky, and uncovered mine shafts can be seen from the trail. 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 4 of 6  
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
<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>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Geelong Ring Road, M1

- Turn on to Ballarat Road Off Ramp then drive for 430 m
- Keep right onto Midland Highway Off Ramp and drive for another 135 m
- Turn slight right and drive for another 20 m
- Turn right onto Ballarat Road, A300 and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn right onto Ballan Road, C141 and drive for another 3.8 km
- Turn left onto Steiglitz Road, C142 and drive for another 27.3 km
- Turn left onto Williams Street and drive for another 25 m

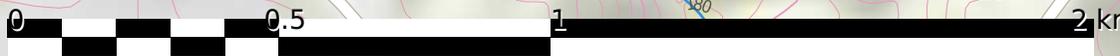
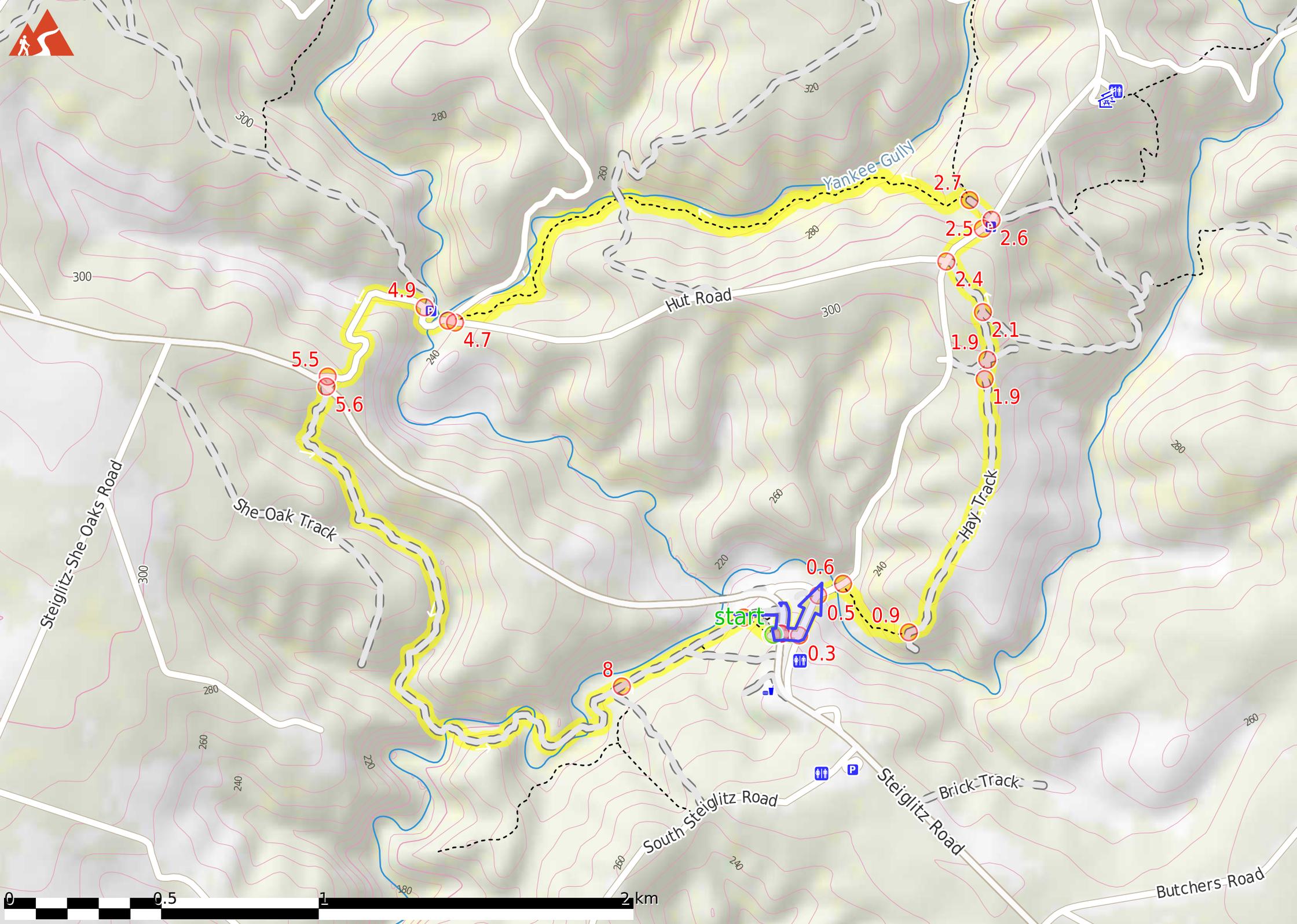
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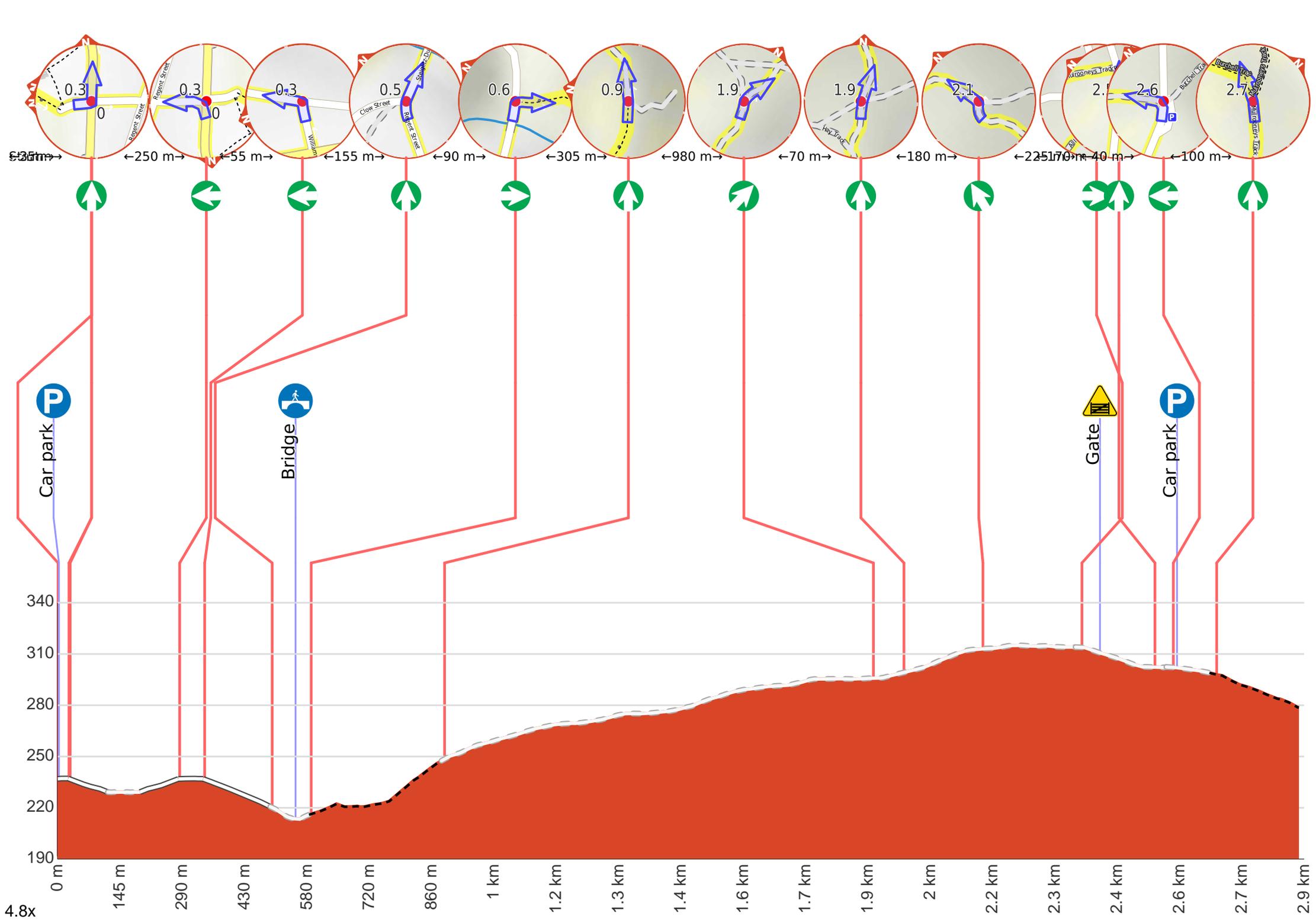
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

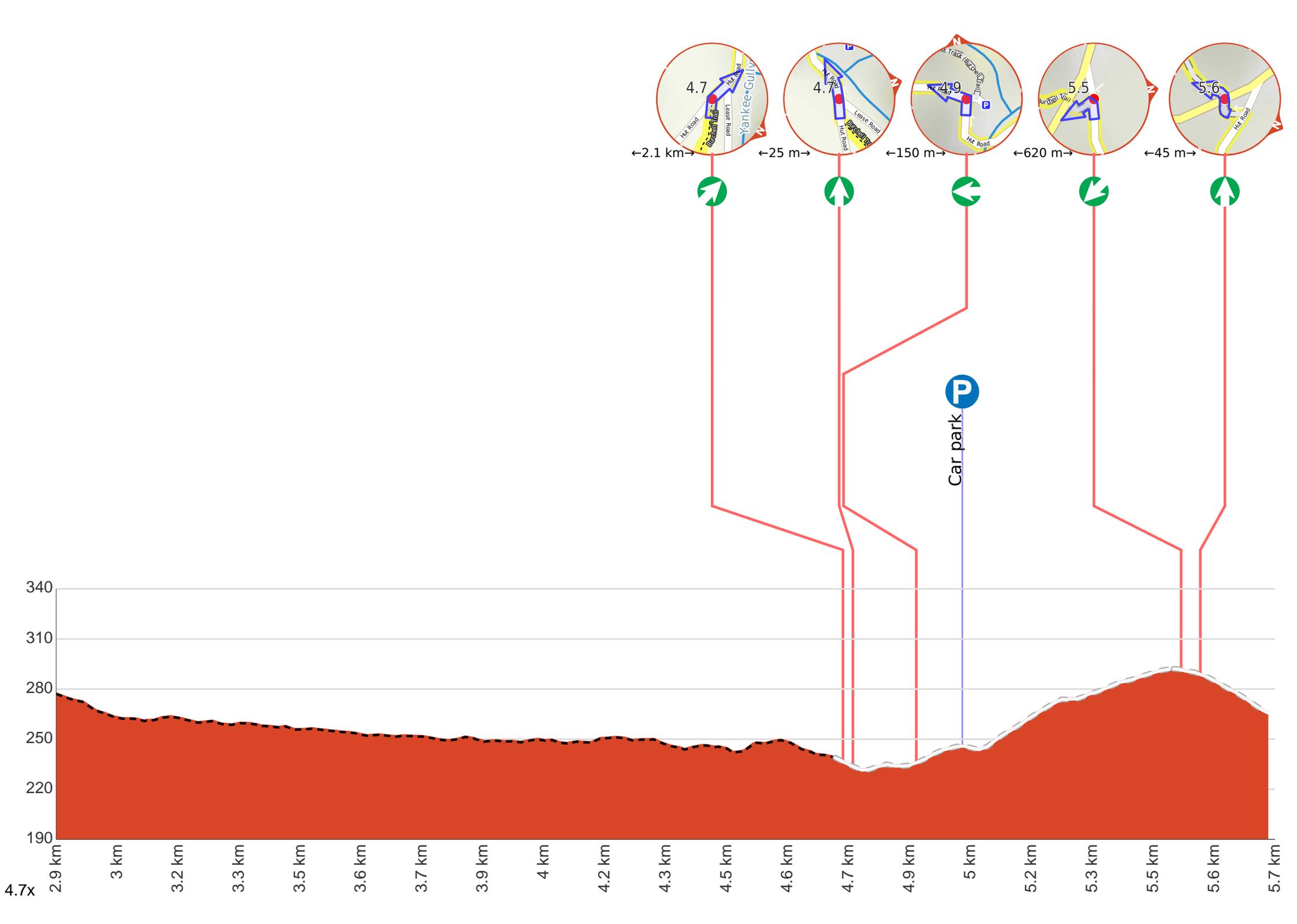
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

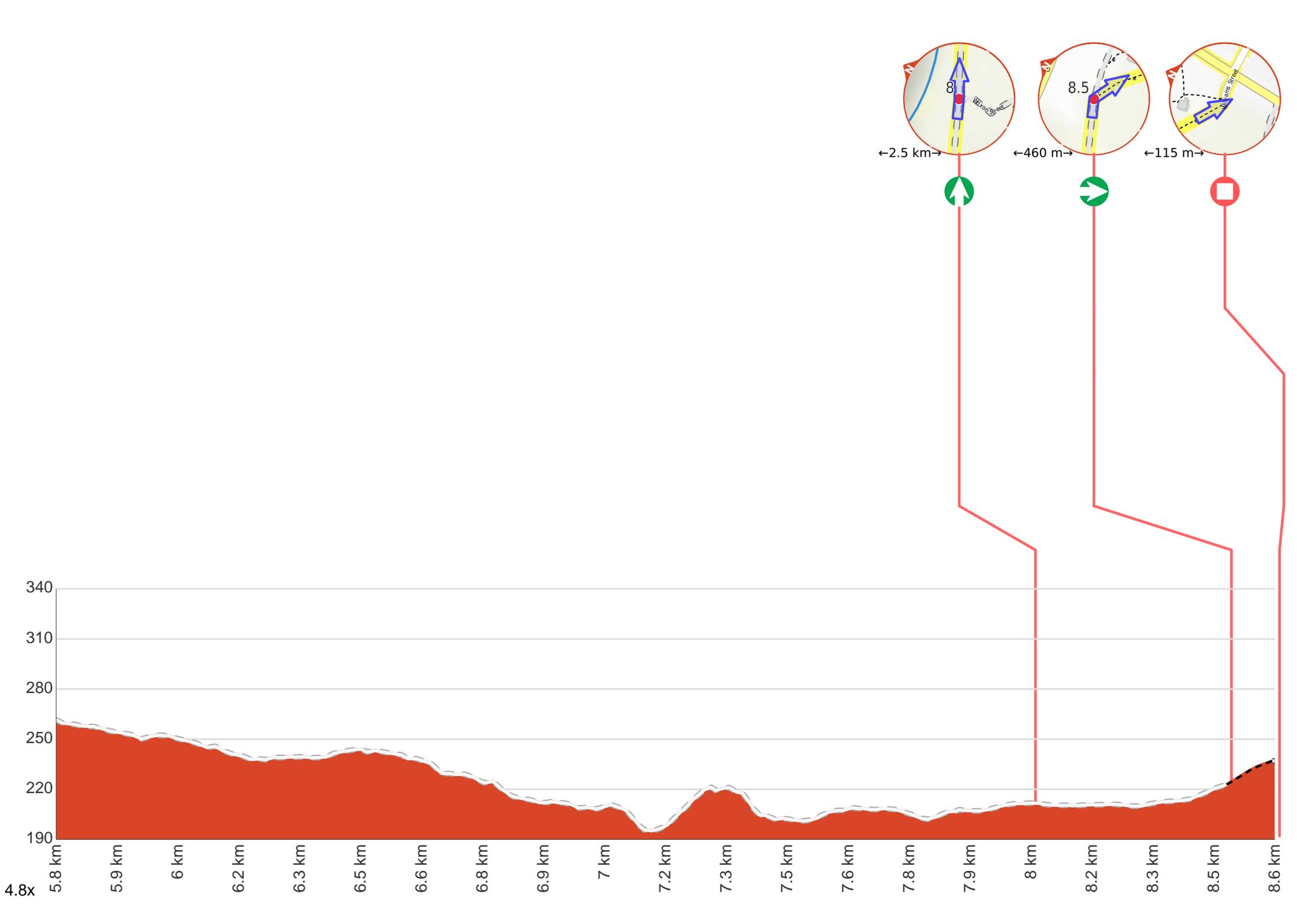
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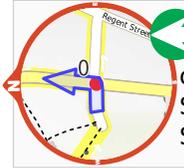




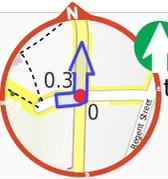
**Start.**



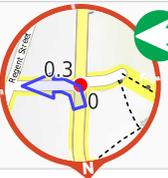
Find the car park at the start.



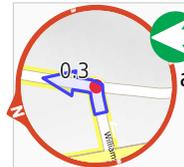
After another 25 m (at the intersection of Meredith-Steiglitz Road & Williams Street) **turn left**, to head along Meredith-Steiglitz Road (a road).



After another 3 m **continue straight**, to head along Meredith-Steiglitz Road.



After another 250 m **turn left**.



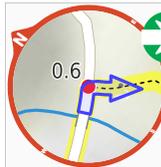
After another 55 m **turn left**, to head along Regent Street.



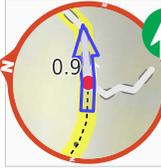
After another 155 m (at the intersection of Steiglitz-Duridwarrah Road & Regent Street) **continue straight**, to head along Steiglitz-Duridwarrah Road (a vehicle track).



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 20 m long)



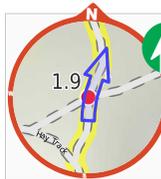
After another 20 m **turn right**.



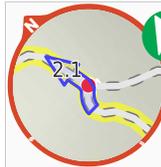
After another 305 m **continue straight**, to head along Hay Track.



After another 980 m **veer right**.



After another 70 m **continue straight**.



After another 180 m **veer left**, to head along Alliance Track.



After another 270 m head through/around the gate.



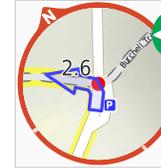
At the intersection of Hut Road & Steiglitz-Duridwarrah Road **turn right**, to head along Steiglitz-Duridwarrah Road (a vehicle track).



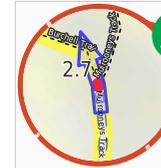
After another 170 m **continue straight**, to head along Steiglitz-Duridwarrah Road.



After another 50 m pass the "ThePines Car Park" (15 m on your right).



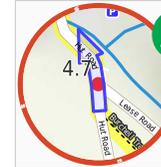
006XJ rd **turn left**, to head along Mulrooneys Track (a vehicle track).



After another 100 m (at the intersection of Mulrooneys Track & Burchell Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Burchell Trail (a walking track).



After another 2.1 km (at the intersection of Hut Road & Burchell Trail) **veer right**, to head along Hut Road (a vehicle track).



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Lease Road & Hut Road) **continue straight**, to head along Hut Road.



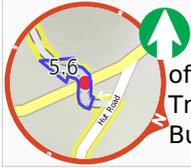
After another 150 m **turn left**, to head along Hut Road.



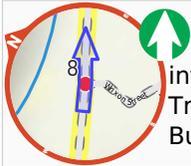
After another 110 m pass the "The Crossing picnic area" (30 m on your right).



After another 510 m (at the intersection of Hut Road & Burchell Trail) **turn sharp left**, to head along Burchell Trail (a vehicle track).



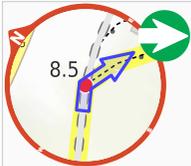
After another 45 m (at the intersection of Meredith-Steiglitz Road & Burchell Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Burchell Trail.



After another 2.5 km (at the intersection of Wrixon Street & Burchell Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Burchell Trail.



After another 240 m **continue straight**, to head along Burchell Trail.



After another 220 m **turn right**.



After another 115 m come to a car park.



About 15 m past the end is a sign.



The end.