



Putty Beach, Box Head, Lobster Beach to Pretty Beach

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

3 h to 3 h 30 min

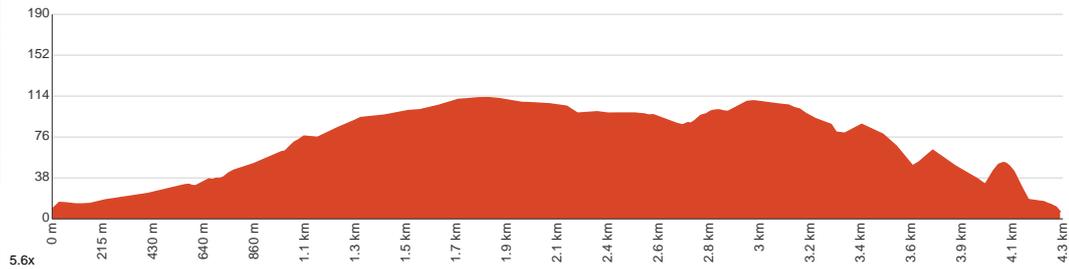
4.3 km
One way

↑ 177 m
↓ 180 m

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Moderate track

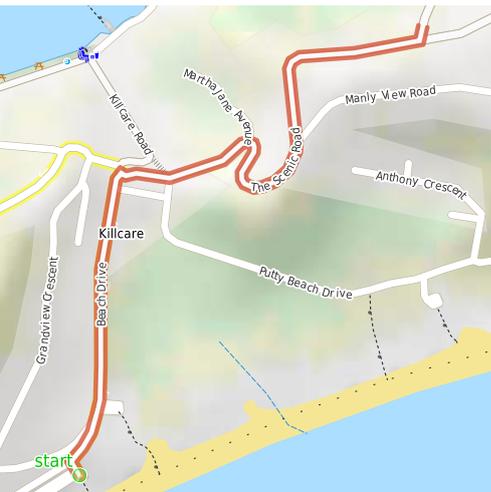


This walk is a great one way walk to do after spending some time at Putty Beach. The walk uses Hawke Head Drive to head along the ridge to Box Head. The headland has superb views over Broken Bay to Barrenjoey Headland and out to sea. Lobster Beach is another great beach in the area with views over to Woy Woy. A great walk from beach to beach. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Wards Hill Road



- Turn on to The Scenic Road then drive for 910 m
- Turn left onto Beach Drive and drive for another 470 m
- Continue onto Beach Drive and drive for another 95 m
- Turn left and drive for another 35 m

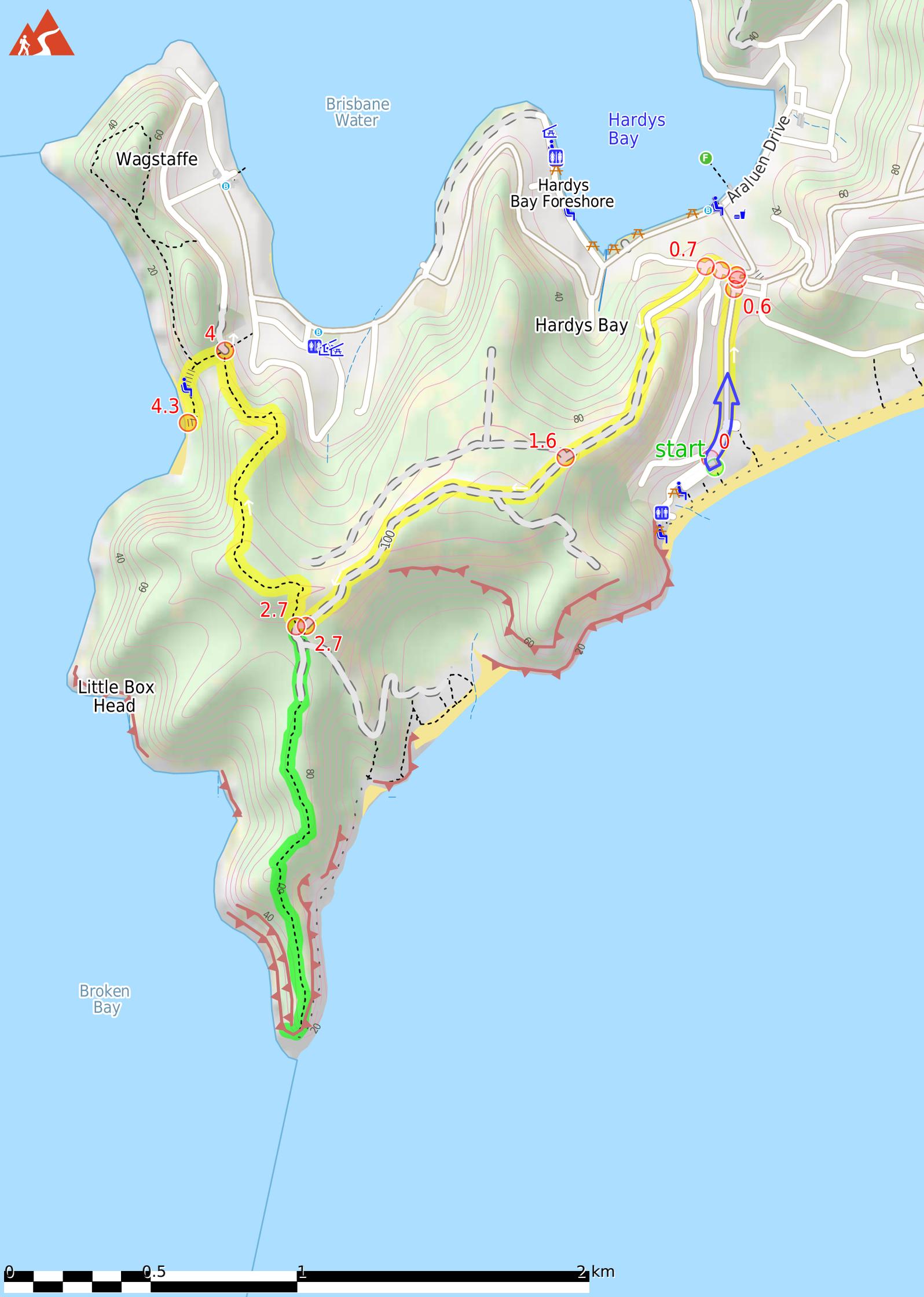
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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Brisbane Water

Hardys Bay

Wagstaffe

Hardys Bay Foreshore

Araluen Drive

Hardys Bay

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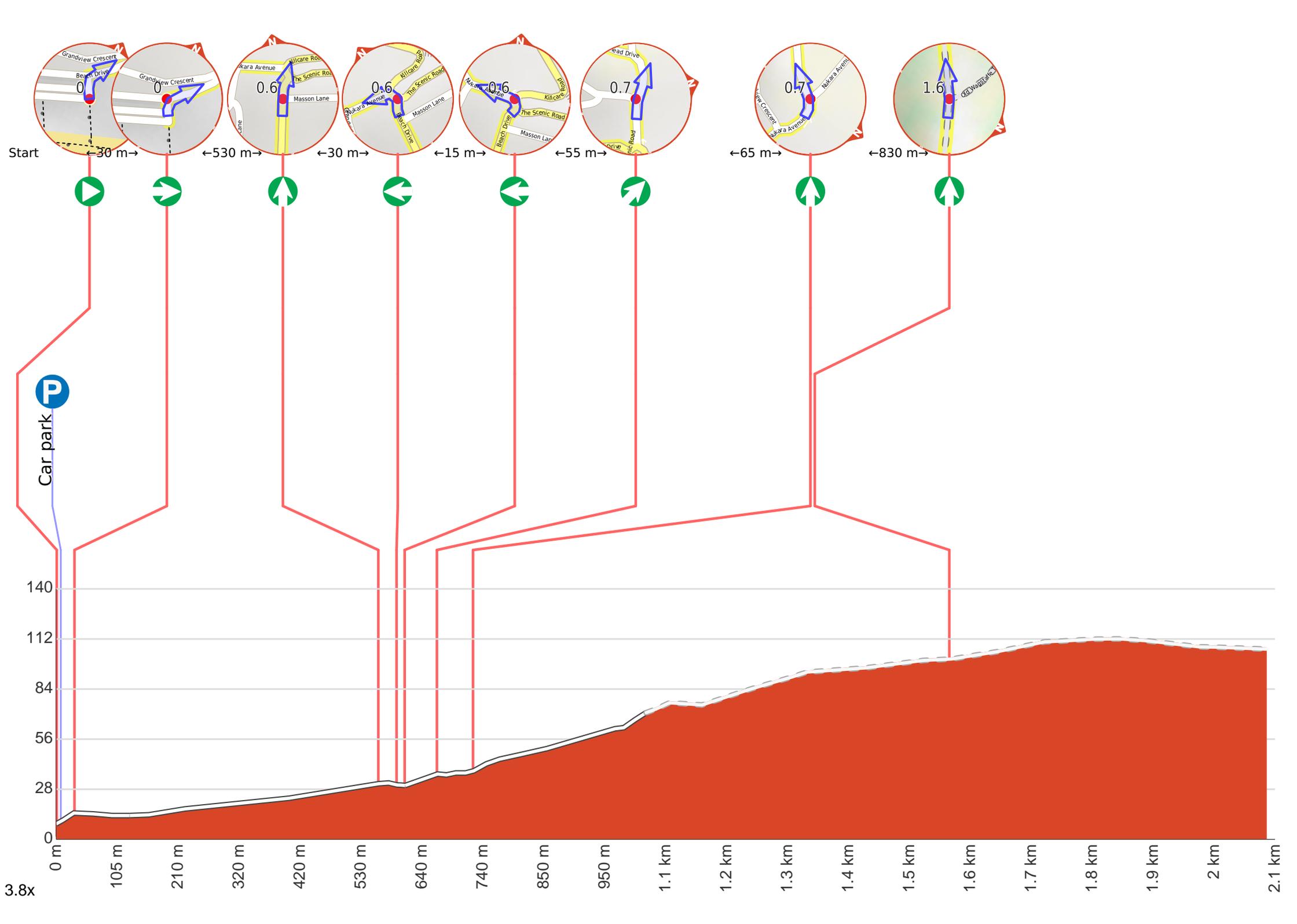
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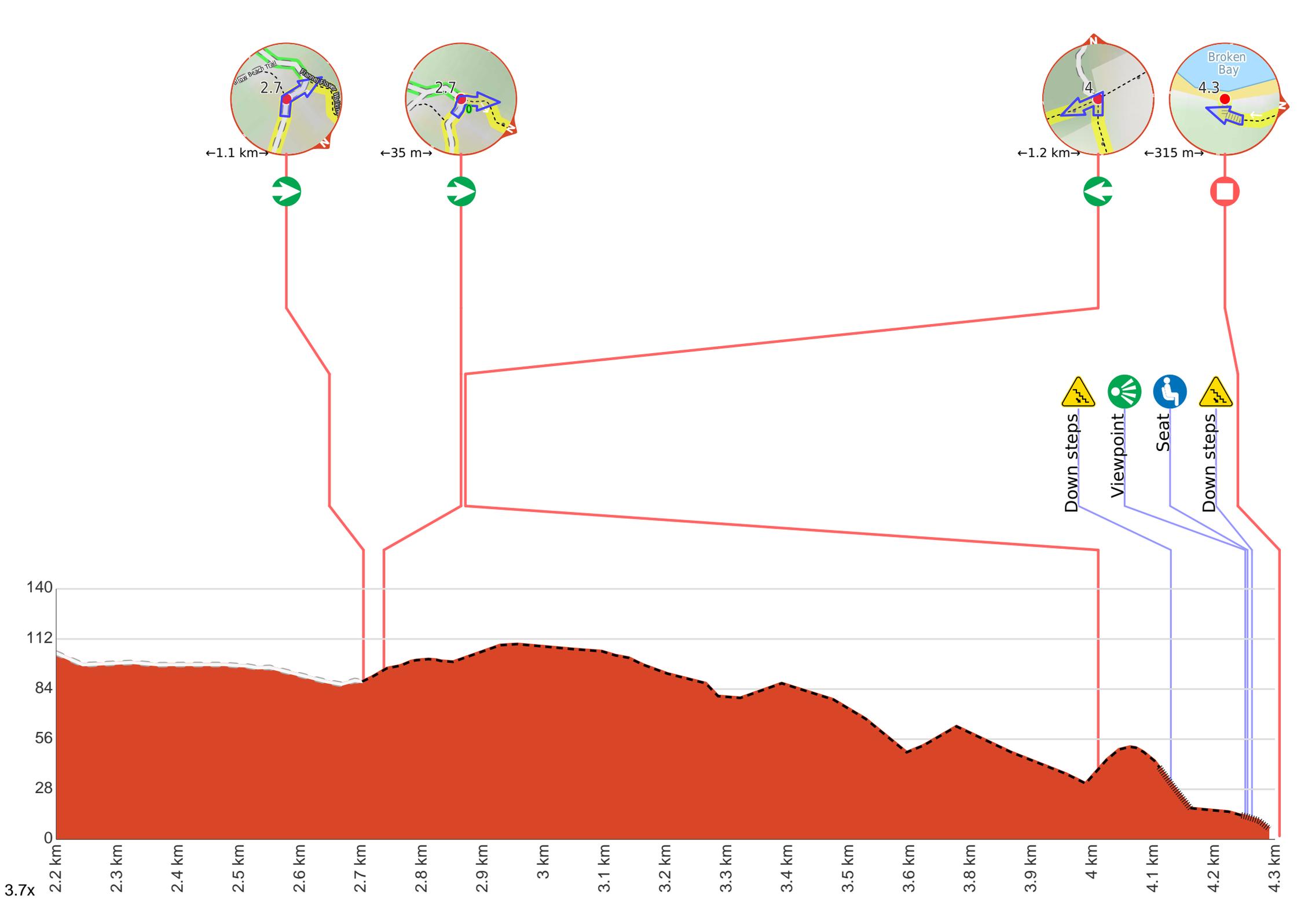
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Little Box Head

Broken Bay

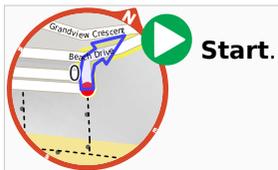






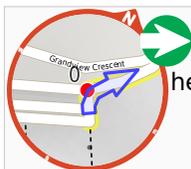
Getting started: From the beach, this walk heads up the hill along a stony path, to the car park behind the beach.

From the car park, this walk walks onto Beach Drive and turns right to head up and away from the beach, to the intersection with The Scenic Road. A short distance up the hill, this walk soon takes the first left onto Nukara Ave. The walk continues up Nukara Ave to the second road on the left, Hawke Head Drive.



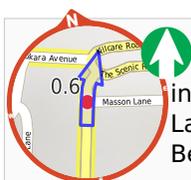
Start.

P Find the car park at the start.



After another 25 m **turn right**, to head along Beach Drive.

After another 95 m (at the intersection of Beach Drive & Grandview Crescent) **continue straight**, to head along Beach Drive (a highway|tertiary).



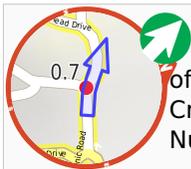
After another 430 m (at the intersection of Beach Drive & Masson Lane) **continue straight**, to head along Beach Drive.



After another 30 m (at the intersection of The Scenic Road & Beach Drive) **turn left**, to head along Killcare Road.



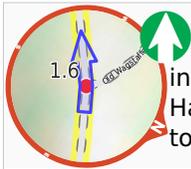
After another 15 m (at the intersection of Killcare Road & Nukara Avenue) **turn left**, to head along Nukara Avenue (a residential road).



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Nukara Avenue & Grandview Crescent) **veer right**, to head along Nukara Avenue.



After another 65 m (at the intersection of Nukara Avenue & Hawke Head Drive) **continue straight**, to head along Hawke Head Drive.

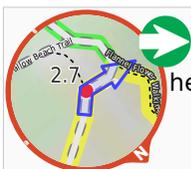


After another 830 m (at the intersection of Old Wagstaffe Trail & Hawke Head Drive) **continue straight**, to head along Hawke Head Drive.



After another 285 m (at the intersection of Hawke Head Drive & Killcare Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Hawke Head Drive.

After another 730 m head through/around the gate.

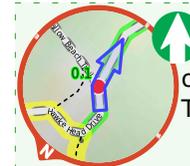


After another 95 m **turn right**, to head along Hawke Head Drive.

Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Box Head for great ocean views.



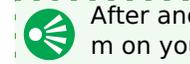
To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Hawke Head Drive & Flannel Flower Walking Track **Start** heading along *Hawke Head Drive* (a vehicle track).



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Hawke Head Drive & Tallow Beach Trail) **continue straight**.



After another 410 m come to the viewpoint (45 m on your right).



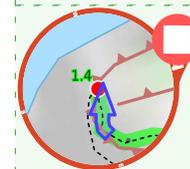
After another 265 m come to the viewpoint (10 m on your left).



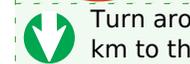
After another 680 m come to "Box Head".



Box Head is the northern entrance to Broken Bay, and has panoramic views over the Pacific Ocean, Barrenjoey Headland, Lion Island and the rest of the bay. Box Head is an unfenced area with no other facilities. The track to the headland makes it reasonably accessible, with some great views along the way and stunning views from the point.



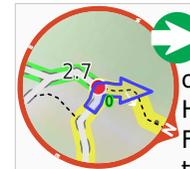
The end.



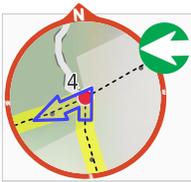
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.4 km to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 2.7 km waypoint.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Flannel Flower Walking Track & Hawke Head Drive) **turn right**, to head along Flannel Flower Walking Track (a walking track).



After another 1.2 km **turn left**.



After another 125 m head down the steps (about 55 m long)



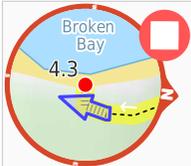
After another 75 m come to the viewpoint (on your right).



Then pass a seat (on your right).



After another 8 m head down the steps



After another 50 m come to the end.



About 50 m past the end is "Lobster beach". Lobster Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a 300m long, west-facing beach on Broken Bay. The beach, backed by a steep hill and edged by rocky shores, provides westerly views over Broken Bay to Pearl and Ocean beaches. The beach has toilet and garbage facilities just above the sand.