




Epping to Thornleigh Station

 2h 30 min to 3h

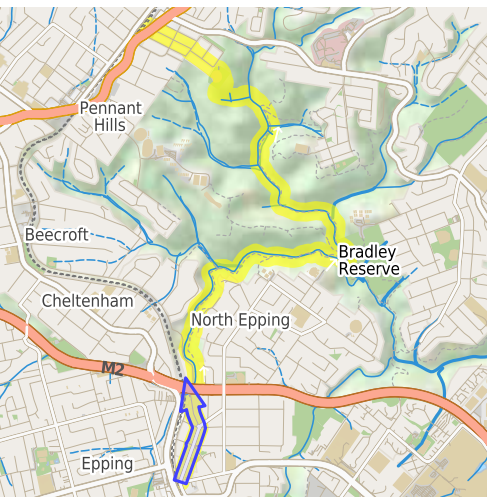
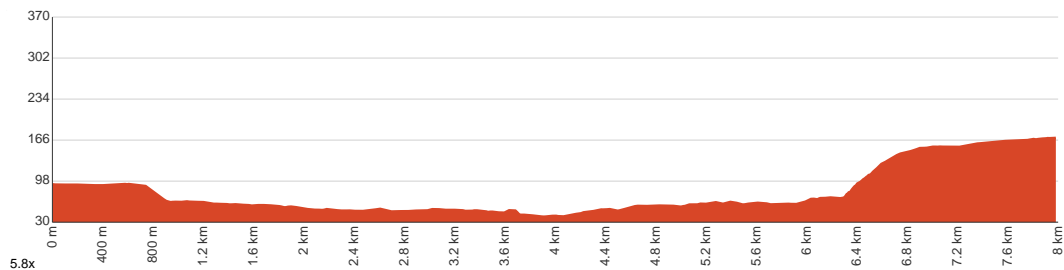

7.9 km
One way


↑ 171 m
↓ 94 m


Hard track



This walk, between Epping and Thornleigh Stations, follows Devlins Creek then Lane Cove River as they wind through the valley. There are a number of interesting rock features to enjoy along the walk. The walk starts and ends near shops, so you can fill up with a coffee or a bite to eat at each end. From Whale Rock, the track becomes wide and very easy to follow. 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

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

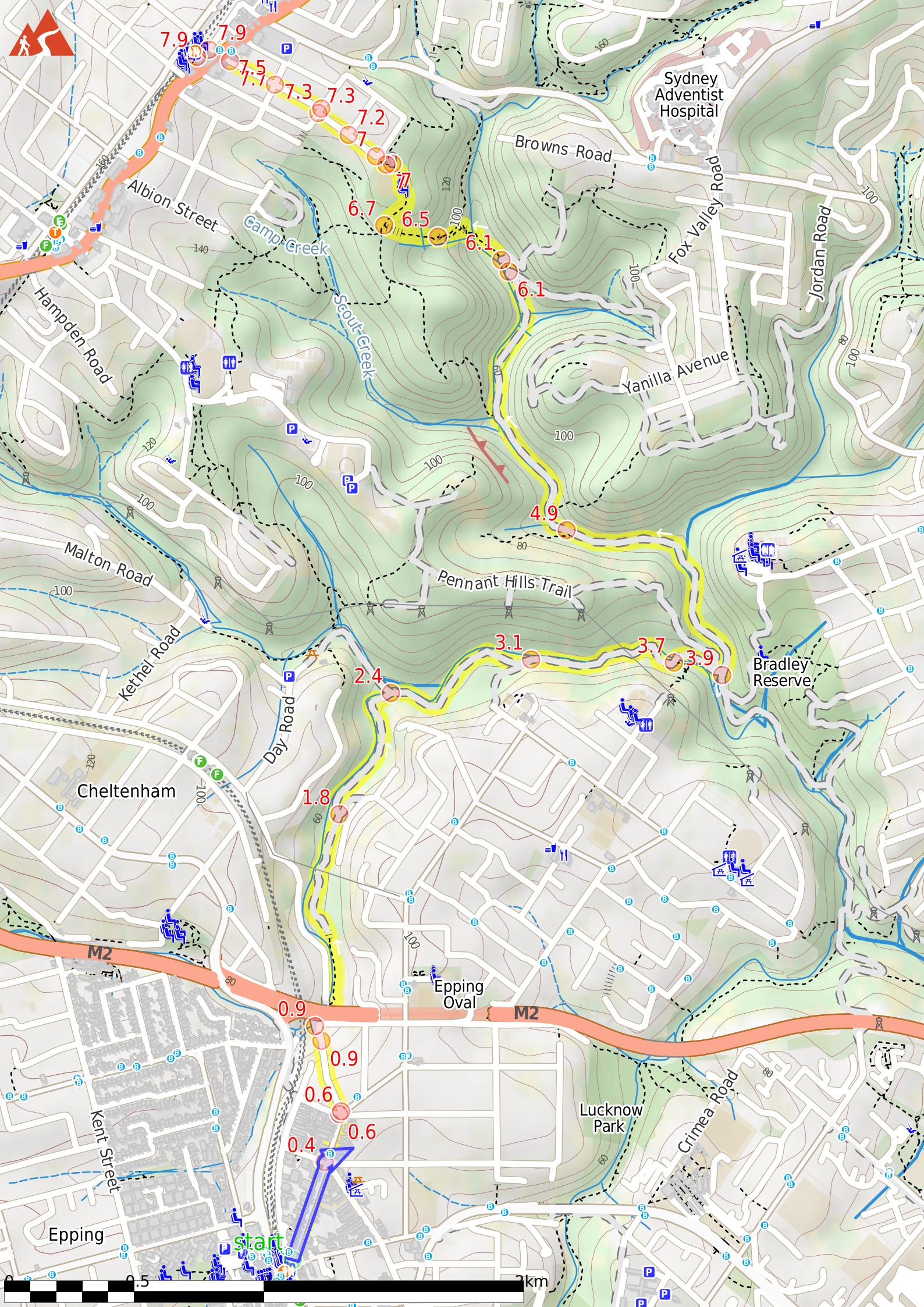
Before you start any journey ensure you;

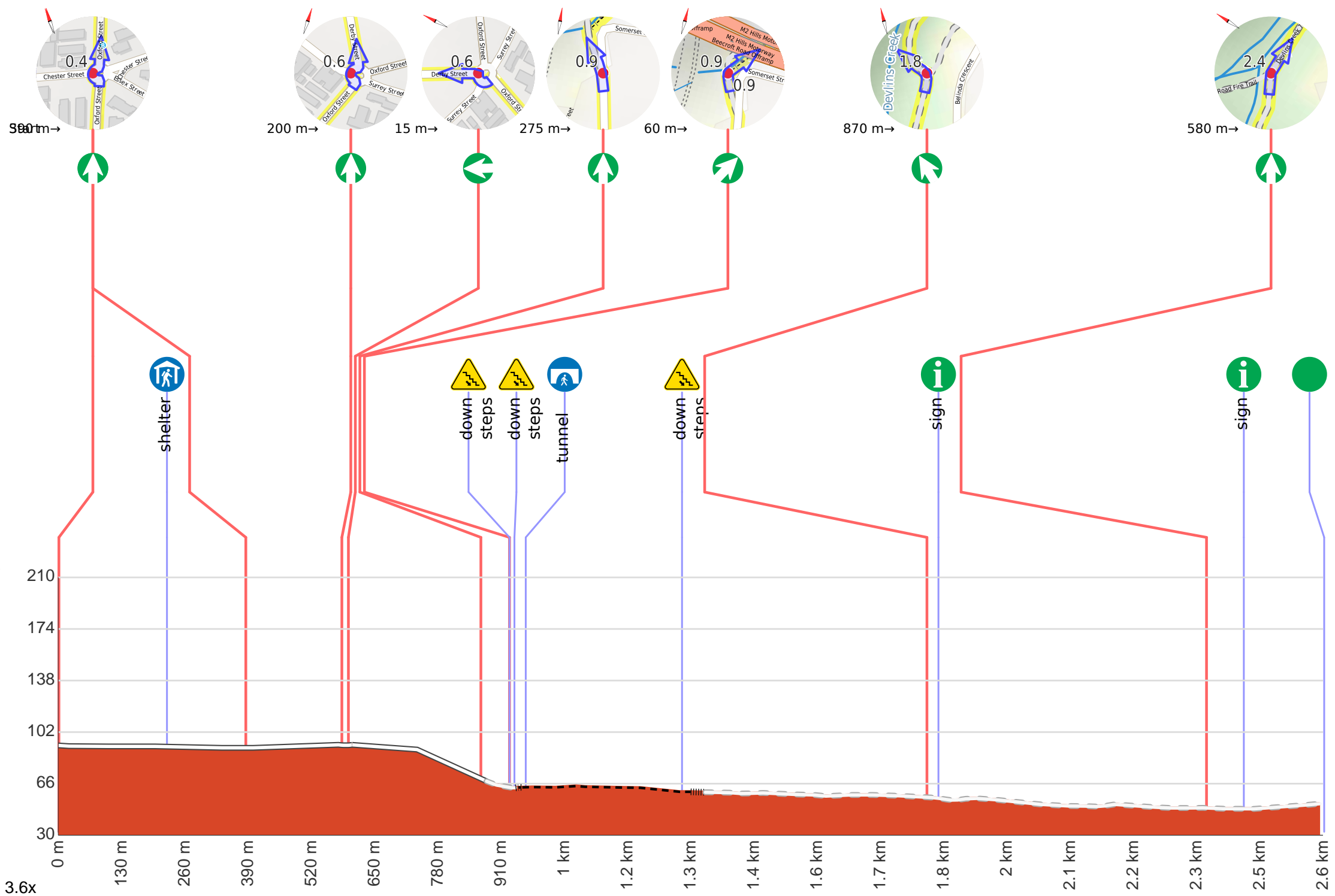
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

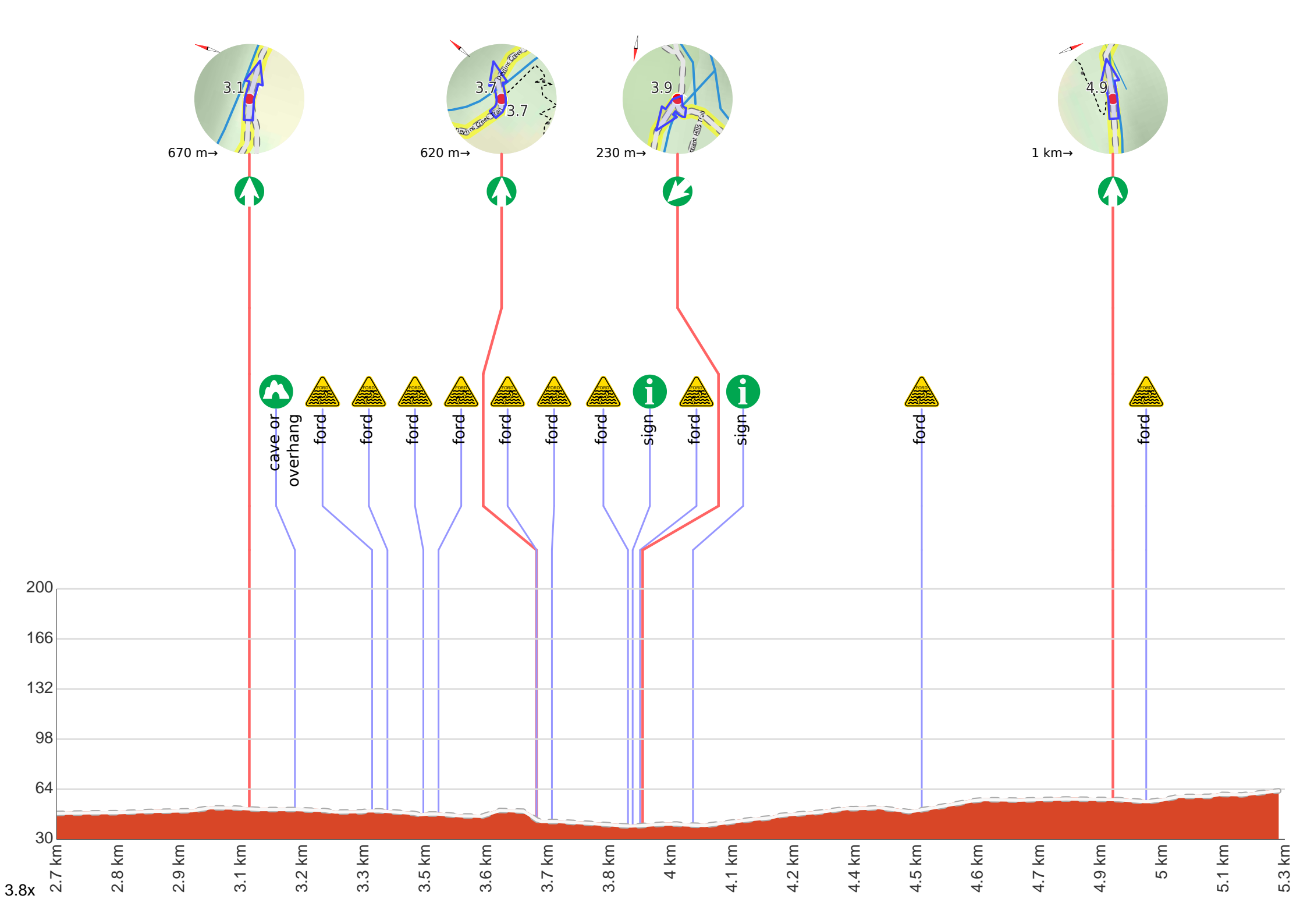
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

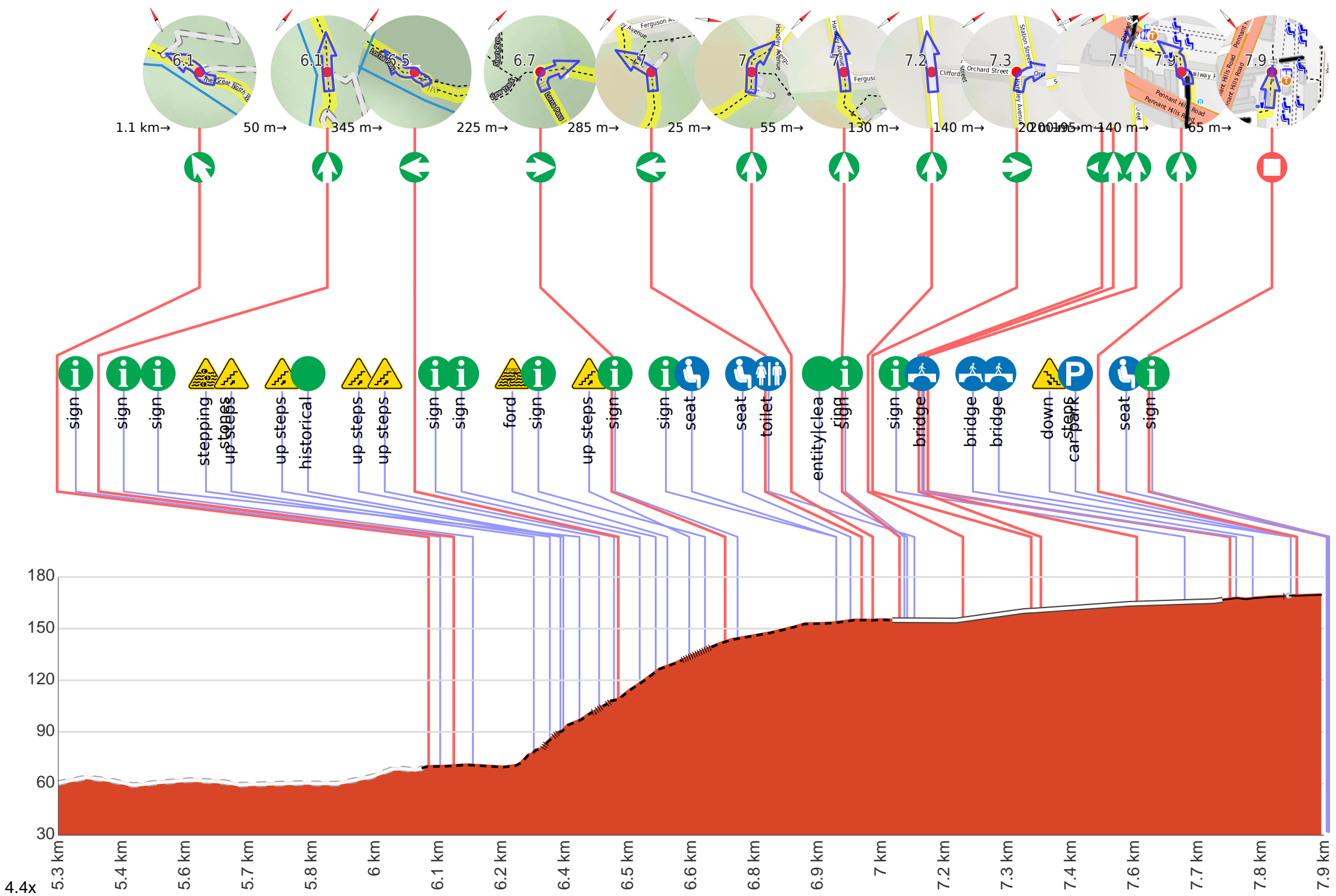
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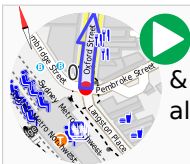








Getting started: The walk exits Epping Station on the Oxford St side. The walk then crosses Cambridge St and continues down Oxford St. The walk follows the footpath past the shops down Oxford St passing Chester St, Surrey St. Just after Surry St the walk turns left onto Derby St to the end. Nearing the end of Derby St the walk tends left around the yellow gate and onto the concrete driveway which veers left off the road. The walk continues towards the tunnel to come to an intersection just before the tunnel entrance.



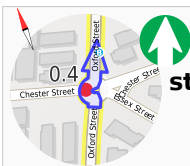
At the intersection of Langston Place & Cambridge Street **Start** by heading along Oxford Street (a highway|tertiary).



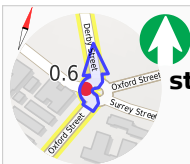
there is a cafe (about 30 m back from the start).



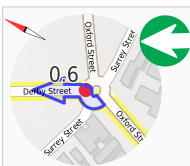
After another 235 m pass the shelter (9 m on your left).



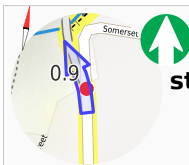
After another 165 m **continue straight**.



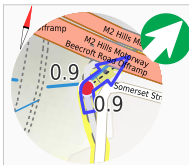
After another 200 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m **turn left**.



After another 275 m **continue straight**.



After another 60 m **veer right**.



Then head down the concrete steps (about 6 m long)



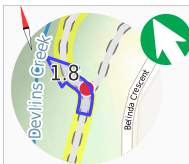
Then head down the concrete steps (about 4 m long)



After another 20 m head through the tunnel (about 50 m long)



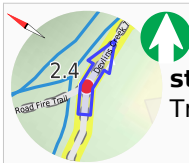
After another 280 m head down the steps (about 30 m long)



After another 480 m **veer left**.



After another 25 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



After another 560 m **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.

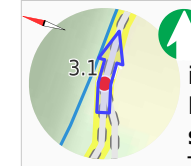


After another 80 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



After another 170 m find the Big Ducky Waterhole (on your left). The servicetrail loops around the top of the Big Ducky waterhole and there is a nice rock overhang in which to break. Is also a popular bird watching area. Unfortunately, recently there has been large quantities of rubbish in the

area. (If going down to the waterhole please consider carrying out some of the rubbish if every walker carries out a bit it will make a difference)



After another 420 m (at the intersection of Devlins Creek Trail & Boundary Road Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



After another 100 m find the Whale Rock cave or overhang (6 m on your left).



This is a large boulder that looks eerily like a whale, complete with eye socket. It is a good place to break and climb around the Rock.



After another 165 m cross the ford (about 35 m long)



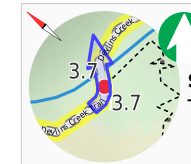
Then cross the ford.



After another 75 m cross the ford (about 30 m long)



Then cross the ford.



After another 210 m **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



Then cross the ford (about 25 m long)



After another 8 m cross the ford.



After another 150 m (at the intersection of Devlins Creek Trail & Pennant Hills Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



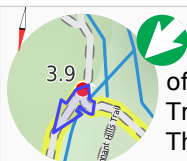
After another 15 m cross the ford (about 25 m long)



Then pass the sign (9 m on your left).



After another 15 m cross the ford.



After another 6 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Devlins Creek Trail) **turn sharp left**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 110 m pass the sign (5 m on your left).



After another 490 m cross the ford.



After another 410 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 70 m cross the ford.



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 990 m cross the ford.



After another 65 m (at the intersection of Morona Avenue Firetrail & The Great North Walk) **veer left**, to head along The Great North Walk (a walking track).



After another 25 m pass the Walking and Service Trails in the Lane Cove Valley sign (on your right).



After another 30 m **continue straight**, to head along The Great North Walk.



After another 40 m pass the Depth Marker sign (on your left).



After another 220 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (on your right).



Then cross the stepping stones.



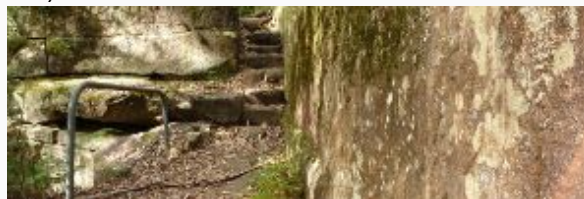
After another 35 m head up the 14 stone steps (about 7 m long)



After another 15 m head up the 14 stone steps (about 10 m long)



Then find the Conscript Pass historical (on your left).



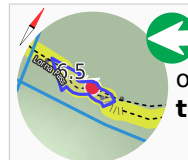
Conscript Pass is a small sandstone pass between the Lane Cove River and Thornleigh, on the Great North Walk. During the 1930s, some stone steps were built through a cleft in the rock as part of a public works program, in response to the depression. The pass has two main engravings. Firstly 'Conscript Pass' is followed with a downwards pointing arrow and a series of initials and numbers. On another wall (that you face when walking up) is engraved 'B Stevens' followed a surprisingly good caricature of the then Premier of NSW, Bertram Stevens. Stevens (later knighted) replaced Jack Lang in 1932 as Premier of NSW, when Lang was dismissed by the Governor (just two months Lang after opening the Sydney Harbour Bridge).



After another 75 m head up the 27 stone steps (about 20 m long)



After another 9 m head up the 16 stone steps (about 7 m long)



After another 2 m (at the intersection of The Great North Walk & Lorna Pass) **turn left**, to head along Lorna Pass.



After another 45 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (7 m on your left).



After another 35 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (7 m on your right).



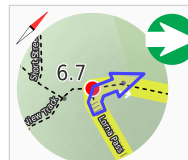
After another 25 m cross the ford.



After another 80 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (on your right).



Then head up the 57 earthen steps (about 60 m long)



After another 15 m **turn right**.



After another 25 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (on your left).



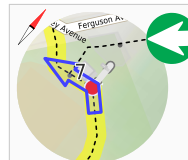
After another 205 m pass the Walking and Service Trails in the Lane Cove Valley sign (on your left).



Then pass the seat (6 m on your right). has a backrest.



After another 30 m pass the seat (8 m on your right). has a backrest.

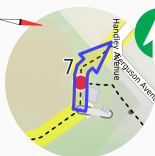


After another 25 m **turn left**.



After another 110 m pass the toilet (30 m on your right).

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continue straight.



After another 70 m find the Thornleigh Oval entity|clearing (10 m on your right).



Thornleigh Oval is found at the intersection of Handley and Ferguson Avenues, Thornleigh. There is a large playing field, tap water, public toilets and some shelter in the awning of the club house. The oval has a car park, and a number io signs for the Great North walk and other local tracks.



continue straight, to head along Handley Avenue.



After another 10 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (15 m on your right).



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Clifford Avenue & Handley Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Handley Avenue.



After another 140 m (at the intersection of Orchard Street & Handley Avenue) **turn right**, to head along Orchard Street.



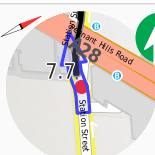
After another 320 m pass the The Great North Walk sign (7 m on your right).



At the intersection of Orchard Street & Station Street **turn left**, to head along Station Street.



After another 200 m (at the intersection of Station Street & Wood Street) **continue straight**, to head along Station Street.



After another 195 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 120 m long)



Then cross the bridge (about 85 m long)



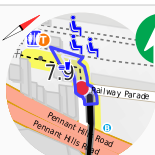
Then cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



Then head down the 14 concrete steps (about 4 m long)



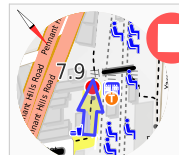
After another 10 m pass the car park (on your right).



At the intersection of Railway Parade & Station Street **continue straight** (a footpath).



After another 60 m pass the seat (30 m on your right). has a backrest.



After another 4 m to find **the end**.



Then pass the The Great North Walk sign (on your right).



About 25 m past the end is the seat has a backrest.



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About 25 m past the end is the toilet female.



About 15 m past the end is The Great North Walk sign