



Illawong Walk

(Ngarigo Country)

 2 h 15 min to 2 h 45 min

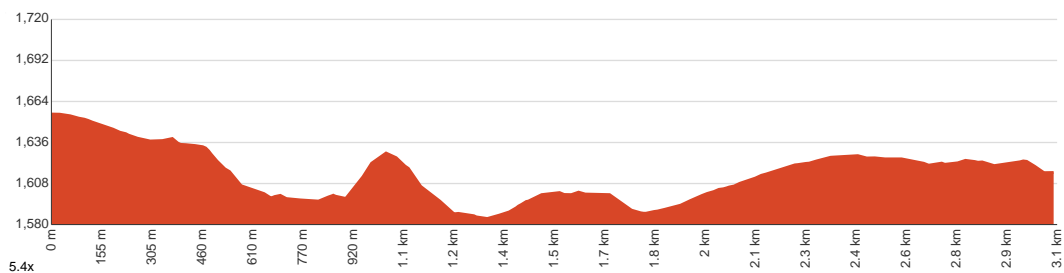
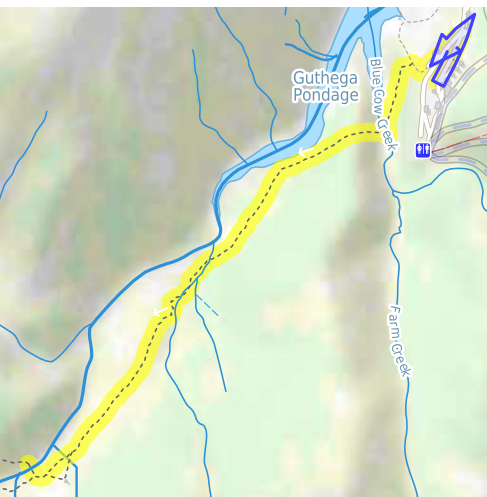

6.1 km
Return


↑ 250 m
↓ 250 m


Moderate track



From Guthega village, this walk leads you over Blue Cow Creek and alongside the Snowy River to Illawong Lodge and the suspension bridge. You will be using a narrow, unsignposted but generally clear track. A flying fox is in place over Blue Cow Creek, however a more modern bridge offers a safer path across. This walk takes you to remote (locked) hut on the flat plain beside the Snowy River, where the suspension bridge provides great views up and down the valley. 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.



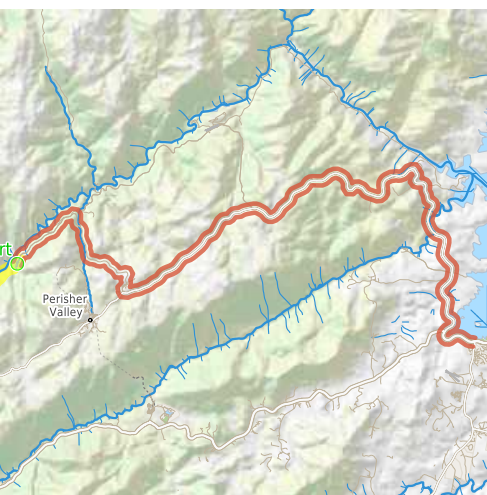
Class 3 of 6

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	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)

Getting to the start: From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 16.5 km
- Turn right onto Link Road and drive for another 4.9 km
- Keep left onto Link Road and drive for another 45 m
- Continue onto Guthega Road and drive for another 4.6 km



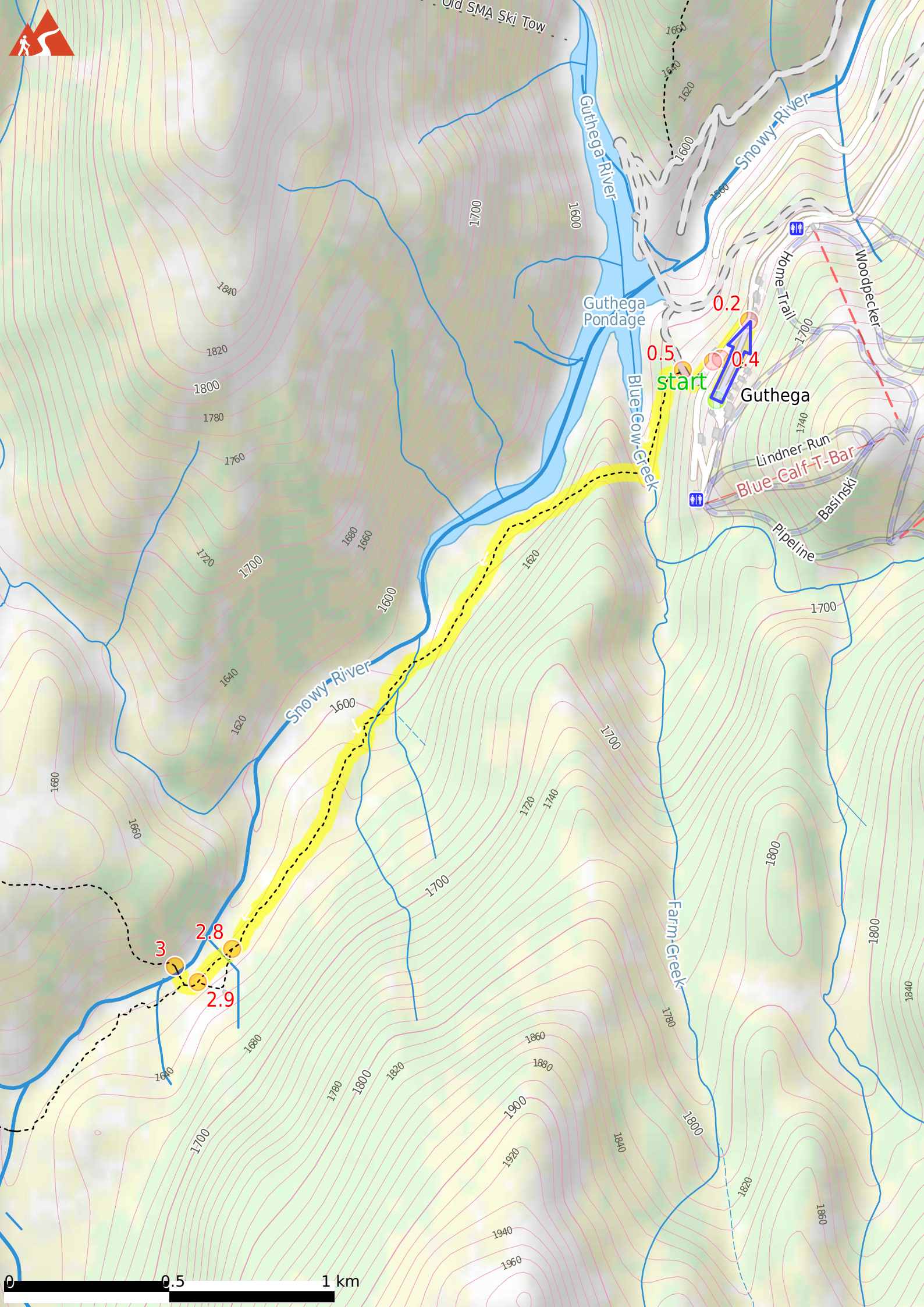
Before you start any journey ensure you;

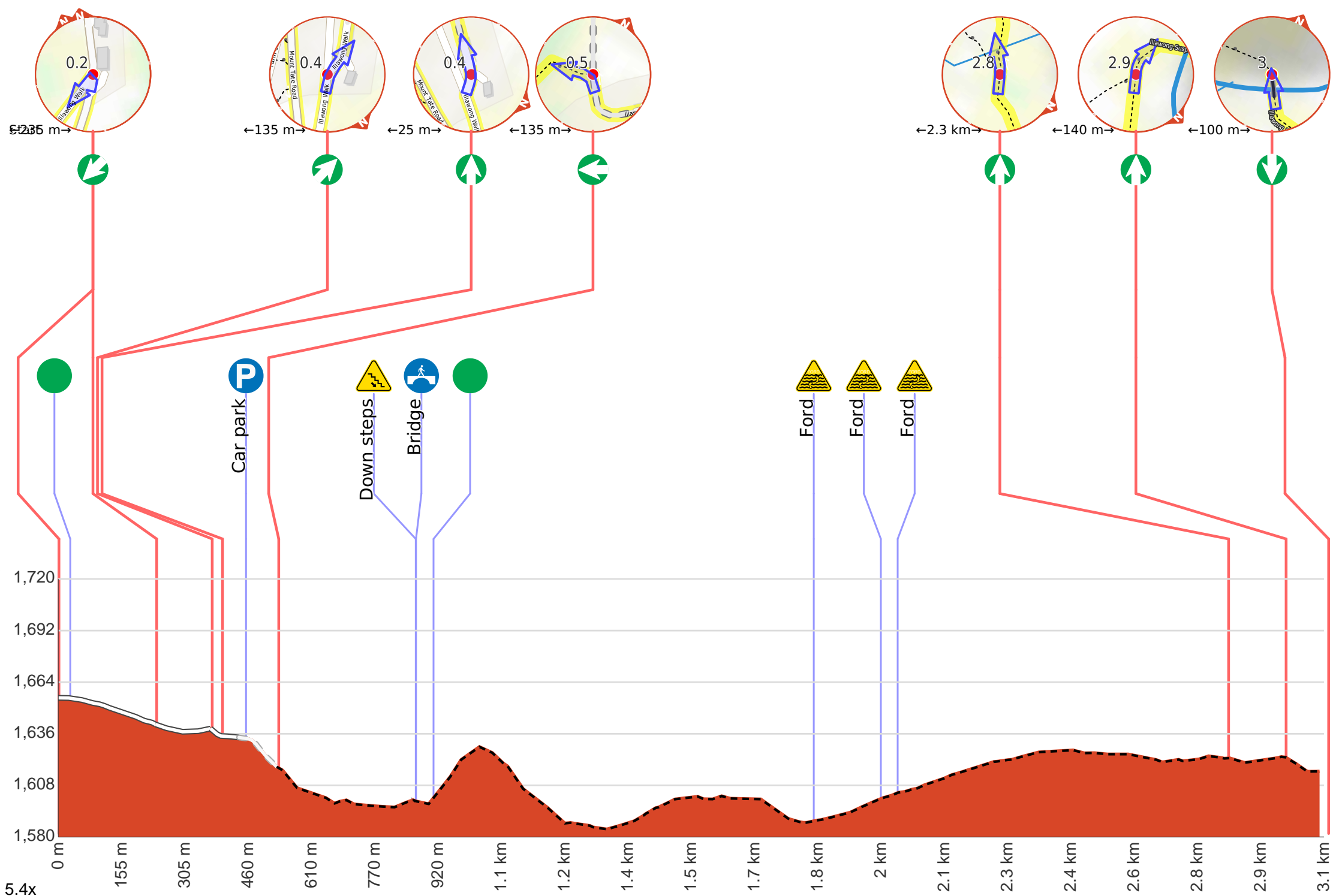
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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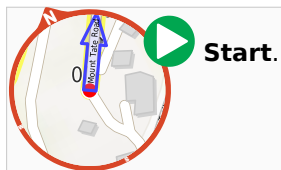








Getting started: From the car park (just below Guthega Alpine Inn, on Guthega Rd, 500m past the Guthega Centre), the walk follows the concrete road down the hill, keeping the main valley to the left. The road passes a small stone building and light post, just before coming to an intersection with another road heading off to the left, below the building named 'Toibunga'.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk follows the concrete road down the hill towards the dam. After about 100m, the track veers right at another intersection, following the lower track. The concrete track turns to the right, but this walk continues straight, onto the wide dirt management trail (between the small boulders). Soon the trail bends right and comes to an intersection with a bush track.




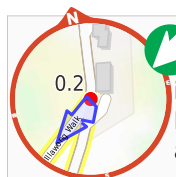
 After another 25 m (at the intersection of Mount Tate Road & Farm Creek Place) **continue straight**, to head along Mount Tate Road.

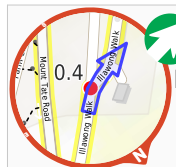
 Then find the "Guthega Alpine Inn" (35 m on your right).

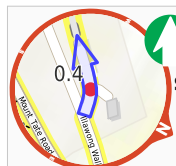



Guthega Alpine Inn is on Guthega Road, about 500 metres past the base of the chairlift and 'Guthega Centre'. The hotel provides a year-round service including accommodation and meals. The hosts are friendly and the hotel provides a great base for walkers and other holiday makers. Please phone and book ahead for meals and accommodation. Phone 02 6457 5383

 After another 55 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Tate Road.

 After another 150 m (at the intersection of Mount Tate Road & Illawong Walk) **turn sharp left**, to head along Illawong Walk (a residential road).

 After another 135 m **veer right**, to head along Illawong Walk.

 After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Illawong Walk.

 After another 55 m pass the car park (on your right).



After another 80 m **turn left**, to head along Illawong Bridge Track.



After another 330 m head down the metal steps



Then cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 35 m find the "Flying Fox" (15 m on your left).



This metal flying fox was put in place to provide a safer option for crossing Blue Cow Creek when the water rises over the rocks. There are many flying foxes in the area to help people cross creeks, especially useful during snowmelt when water is cold, deep and fast-moving. In 2010, a metal bridge was installed over this creek, parallel to the flying fox, and the bridge is now the safest way to cross.



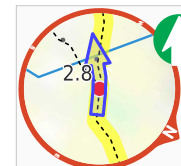
After another 910 m cross the ford.



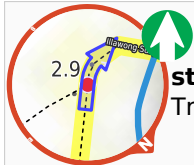
After another 160 m cross the ford.



After another 40 m cross the ford.



After another 790 m **continue straight**, to head along Illawong Bridge Track.



After another 140 m **continue straight**, to head along Illawong Bridge Track.



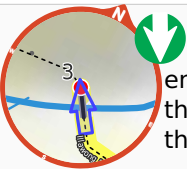
About 125 m past the end is "Illawong Lodge".



In 1956, the year after the Guthega Dam was first filled, the Kosciuszko State Park Trust gave permission for the conversion of the then-dilapidated hut into the present simple lodge. The lodge is maintained by members of Illawong Ski Tourers and friends. The nearby suspension bridge over the Snowy River and the flying fox over Farm Creek were built by members of Illawong. NPWS now maintains the suspension bridge and a new bridge over Farm Creek which has replaced the flying fox. The lodge can be reserved by members of the general public - see illawong.asn.au. There is also a small emergency shelter in the base of the hut, on the western wall, with enough room for a few people to see out a blizzard, with some water, blankets and other emergency supplies.



Then cross the bridge



Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 3 km to get back to the start.



About 30 m past the end is "Suspension Bridge".



Constructed and maintained by Illawong Ski Tourers, and only a stone's throw from Illawong Lodge, this cable suspension bridge provides a safer way to cross the upper Snowy River. This provides the main access between Guthega and the Main Range. The bridge also provides great views of the valley.