



Giles Track

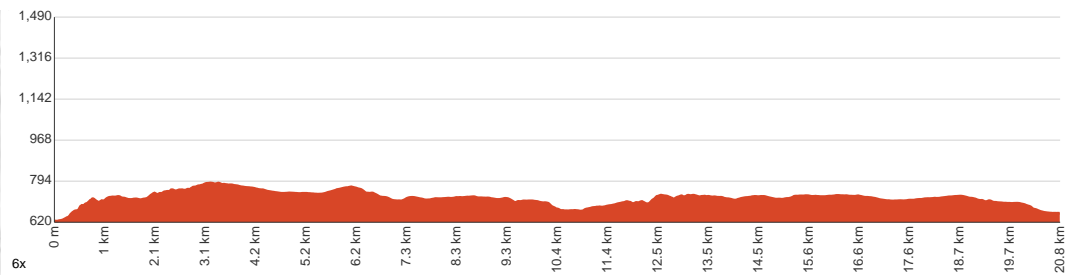
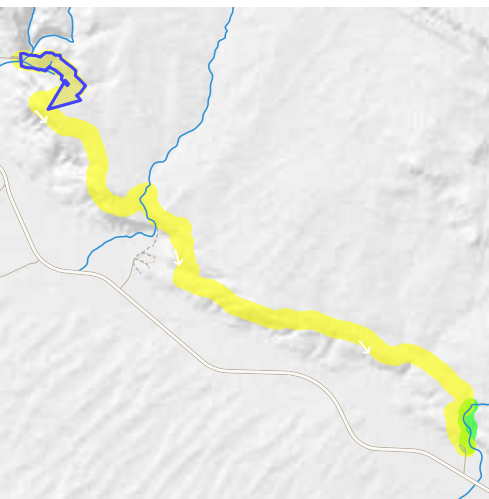
 6 h, 9 h to 2 days


20.7 km
One way


↑ 438 m
↓ 406 m


Moderate track

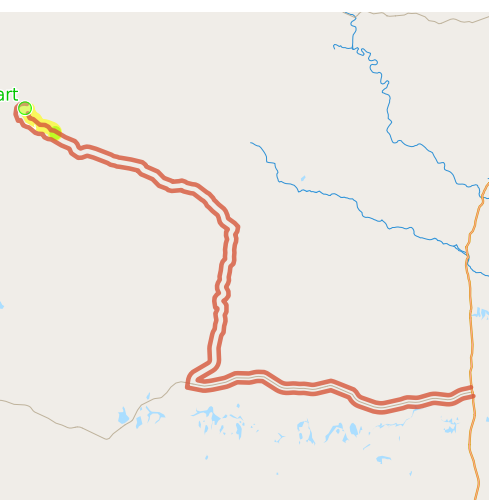
Starting from the car park at the end of Kings Canyon Access, Petermann, this track takes you to the Kathleen Springs Rest Area via the Giles Track, crossing Kings Creek and Reedy Creek along the way. Make your way along the rim as you go through picturesque valleys and impressive sandstone formations. Expect panoramic views towards all directions, and keep an eye out for rock-wallabies, goannas and spinifex pigeons as well as pythons. The track you'll be walking on is well-marked with signs every 10 to 100 metres. You may also come across some remains from earlier civilizations like stone blades, grinding stones and stencil art throughout the journey. There is a camping spot near Reedy Creek where you can spend the night and wake up to a beautiful sunrise. Avoid the walk in hot weather to be safe. 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 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	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Stuart Highway, 87

- Turn on to Lasseter Highway, A4 then drive for 108.1 km
- Turn right onto Luritja Road, A3 and drive for another 160.7 km
- Turn right and drive for another 3.8 km
- Turn right and drive for another 110 m



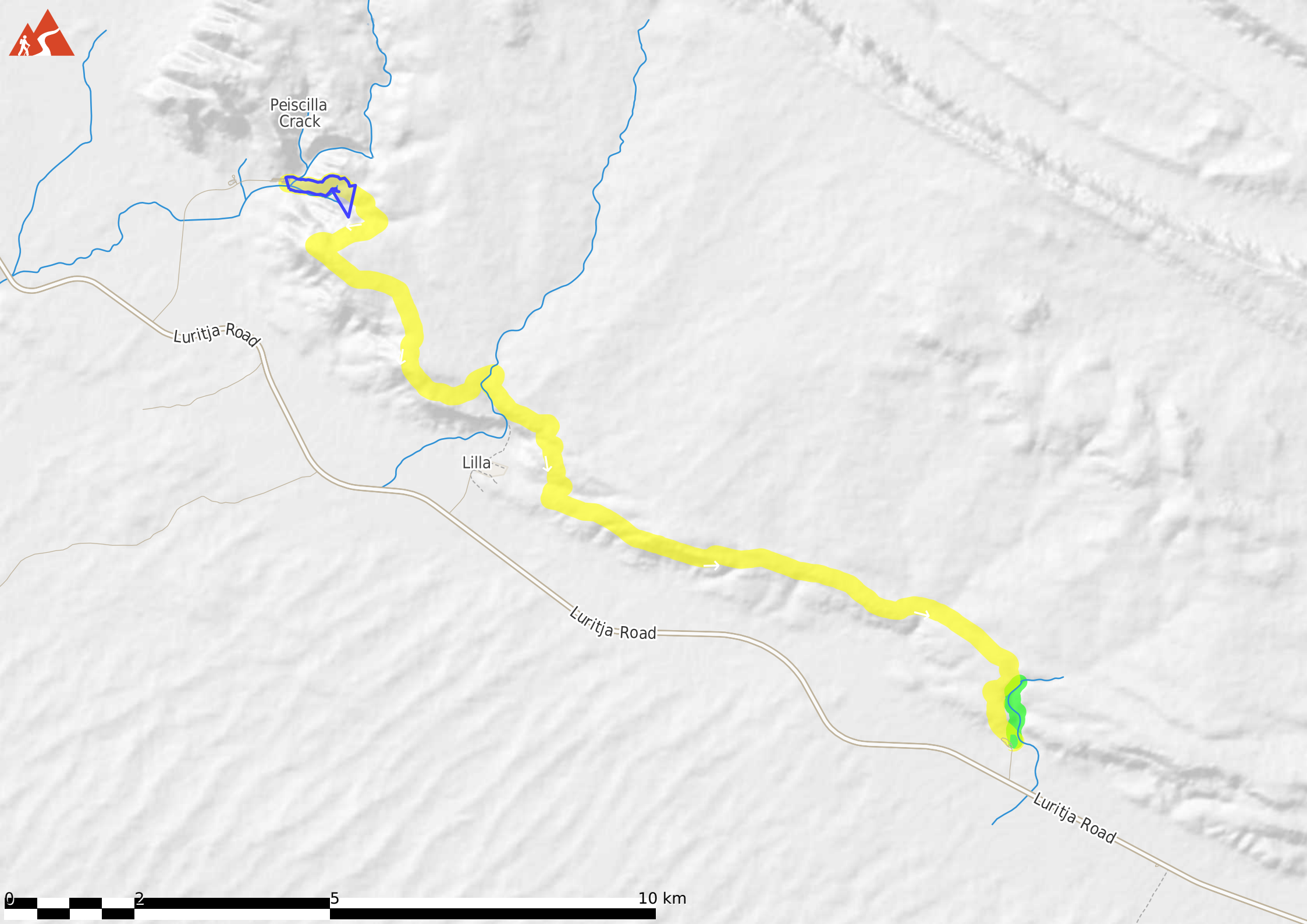
Before you start any journey ensure you;

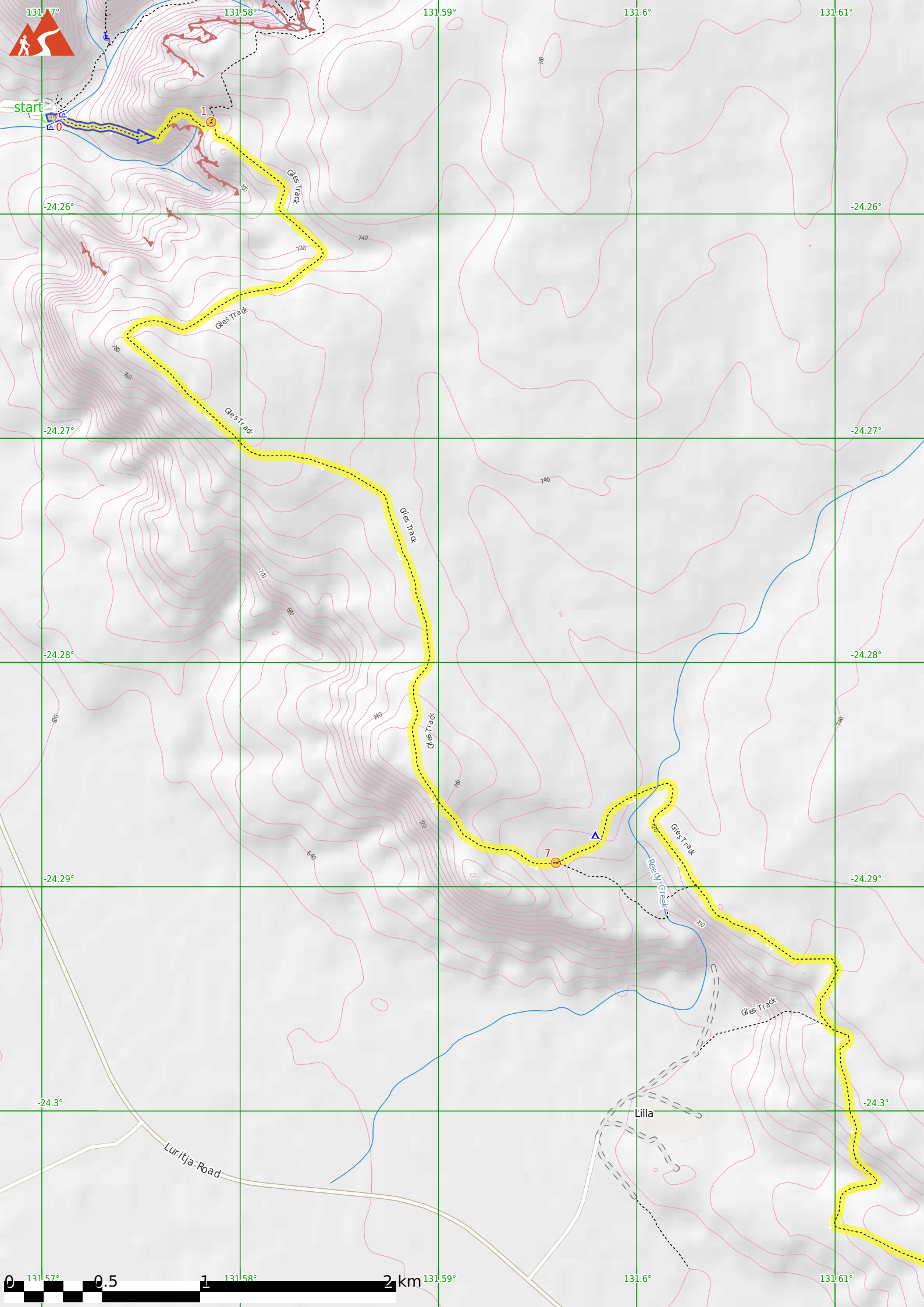
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

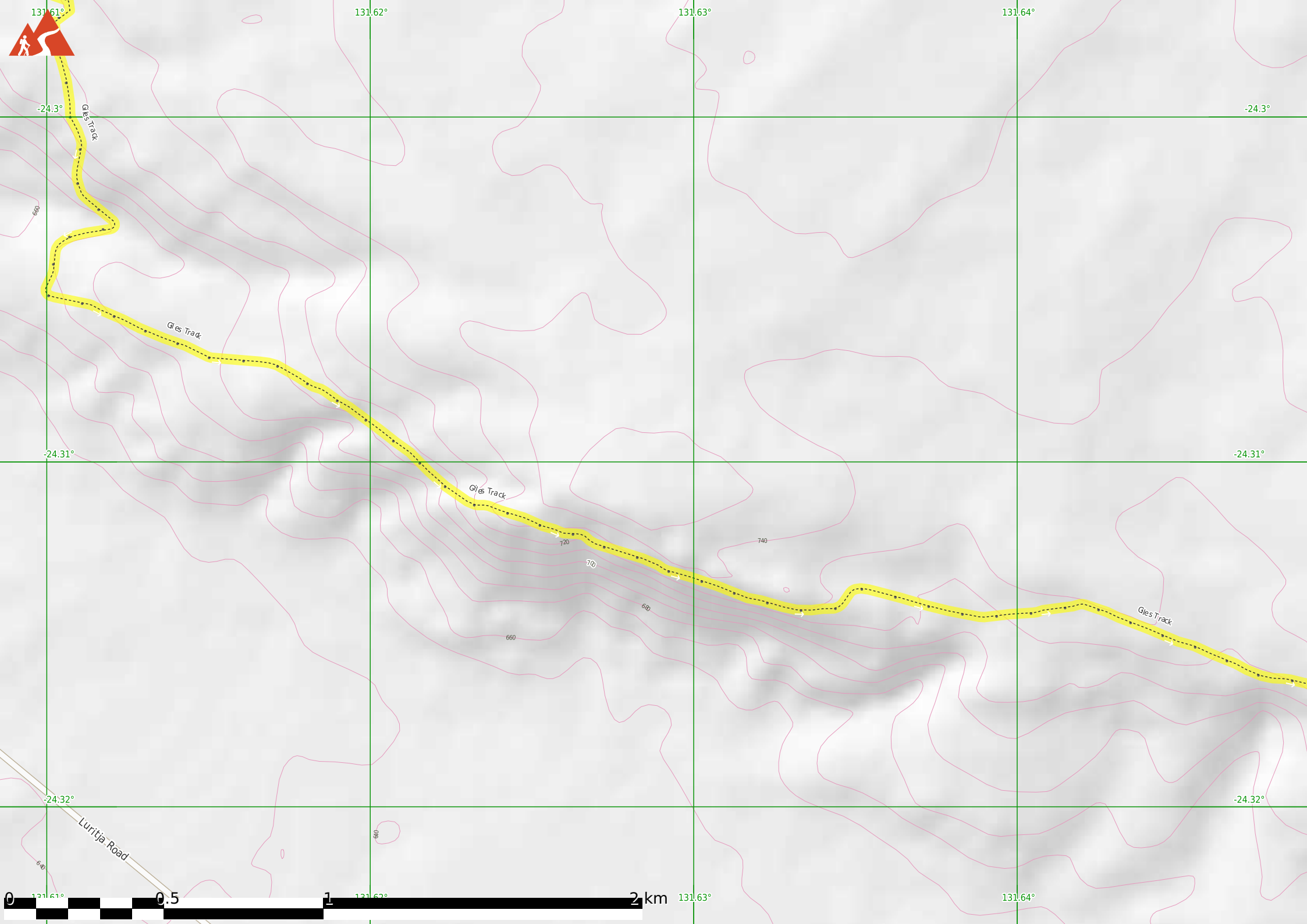
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

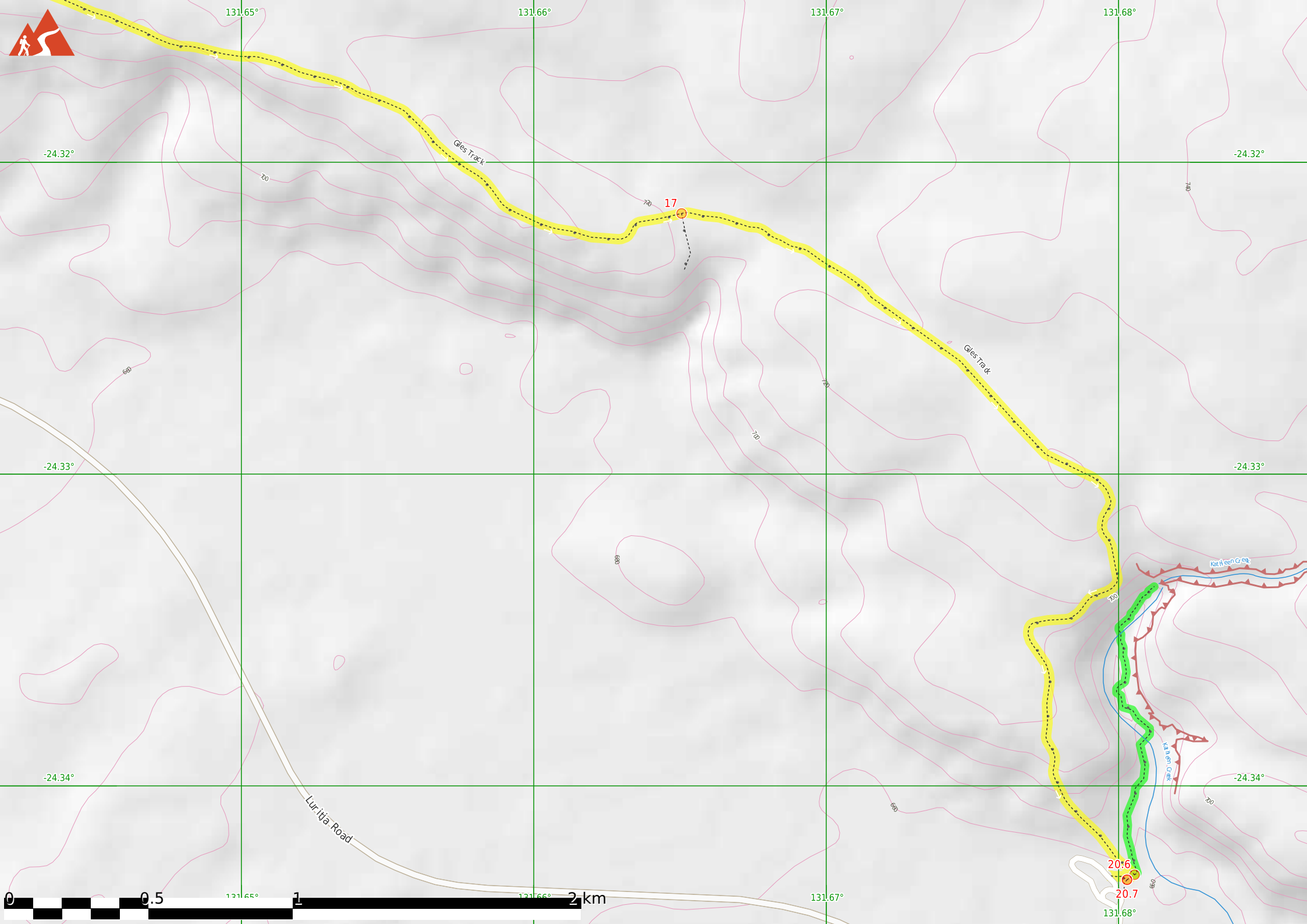
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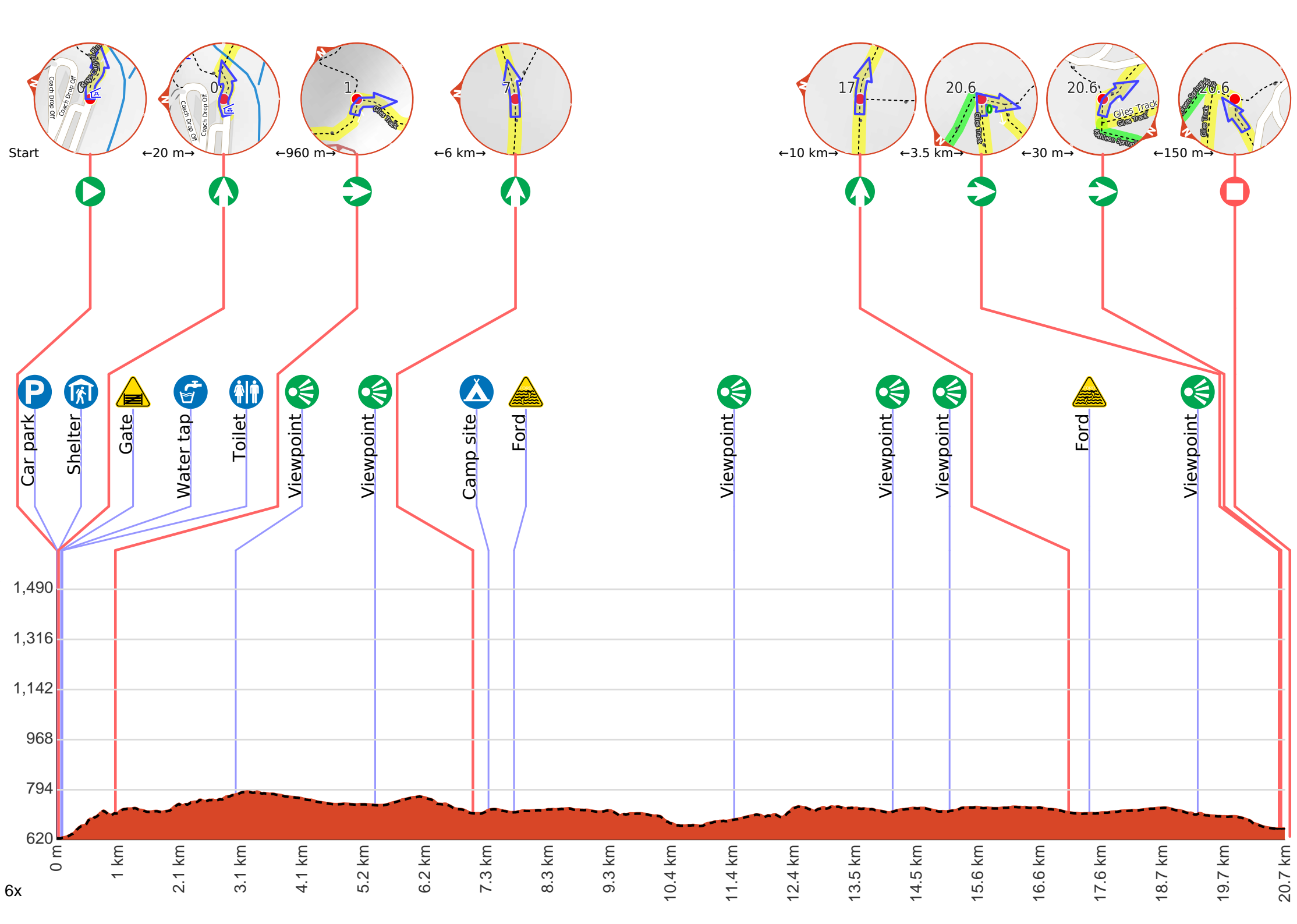




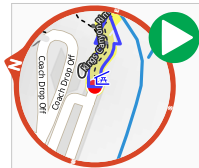








Getting started: From the car park at the end of Kings Canyon Access (not the diagonal parking lot for bigger vehicles), head towards the brown "Walking Tracks" sign along the paved path. Veer right after you pass by the sheltered seating area (to your right) and head along the sealed dirt track. Head up the man-made rock steps in the distance as you move directly away from the car park. About a kilometre into the journey, turn right at the 3-way intersection to continue along the Giles Track (Kings Canyon to Kathleen Springs). Keep an eye out for orange arrow-shaped markers.



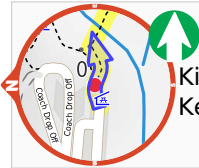
Start.



Find the car park at the start.



After 20 m pass the shelter (7 m on your right).



Continue straight, to head along Kings Canyon Rim Walk. Keep right.



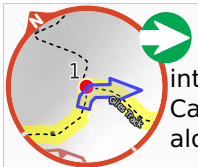
After another 45 m head through/around the gate.



After another 20 m pass the water tap (10 m on your left).



Then pass the toilet (115 m on your left).



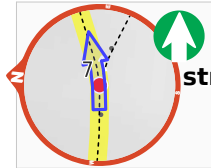
After another 890 m (at the intersection of Giles Track & Kings Canyon Rim Walk) **turn right**, to head along Giles Track.



After another 2 km come to the "Watarrka Lookout".



After another 2.3 km come to the "Reedy Bluff".



After another 1.6 km **continue straight**, to head along Giles Track.



After another 265 m come to the "Reedy Creek Campsite".



After another 430 m cross the ford.



After another 670 m **continue straight**, to head along Giles Track.



After another 1.2 km **continue straight**, to head along Giles Track.



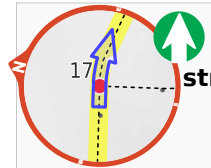
After another 1.8 km come to the "Rocky Creek".



After another 2.7 km come to the "Hill Mulga Creek".



After another 960 m come to the "Waru Creek".



After another 2 km **continue straight**, to head along Giles Track.

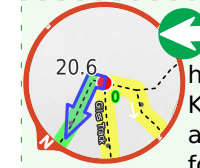


After another 350 m cross the ford.



After another 1.8 km come to the "Kathleen Springs" (140 m on your left).

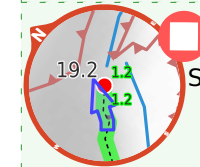
Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Kathleen Springs where there is a waterhole fed by Kathleen Creek. Informative signs along the track let you know about the history and Aboriginal culture of the area. Expect around 30 minutes added to your hike.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Giles Track & Kathleen Springs Walk **Start** heading along *Kathleen Springs Walk* (a footpath).



After another 1.2 km come to "Kathleen Springs".



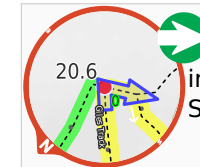
Continue another 0 m to find Kathleen Springs at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.2 km to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 20.6 km waypoint.



After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Giles Track & Kathleen Springs Walk) **turn right** (a footpath).



After another 30 m **turn right**.



After another 150 m come to the end.