



Guthega to Snowy River Suspension

(Ngarigo Country)

Bridge

2 h 30 min to 5 h

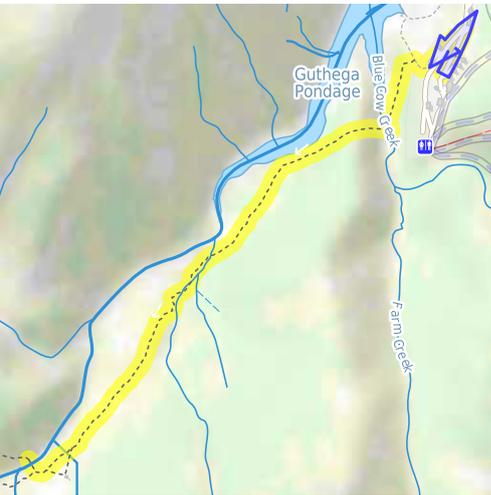
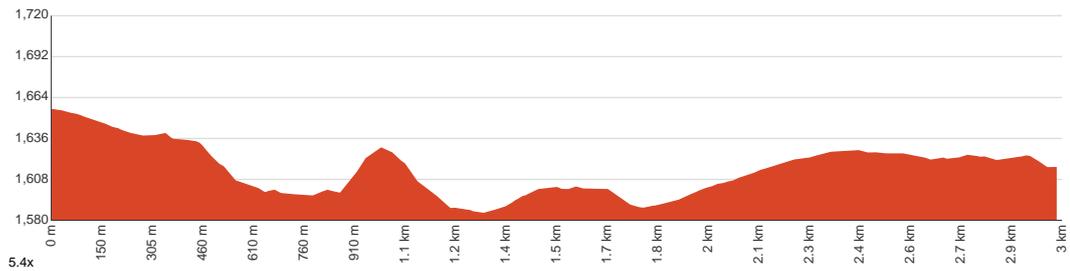
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Moderate track



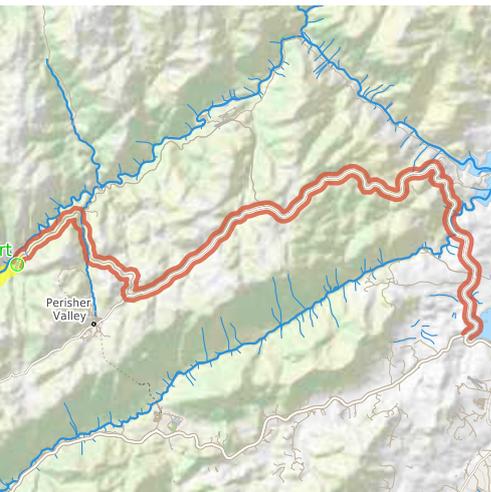
This enjoyable walk starts from Guthega and mostly follows the famous Snowy River, to reach the cable suspension bridge. Before reaching the bridge, the walk crosses the Blue Cow Creek at the flying fox, and winds through the snow gums and the open plains. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, 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 Kosciuszko Road

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 20 m
- Turn sharp right onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 10.5 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 4.5 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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Old SMA Ski Tow

Guthega River

Snowy River

Guthega Pondage

Bluegown Creek

Home Trail

Woodpecker

Lindner Run

Blue Galf T-Bar

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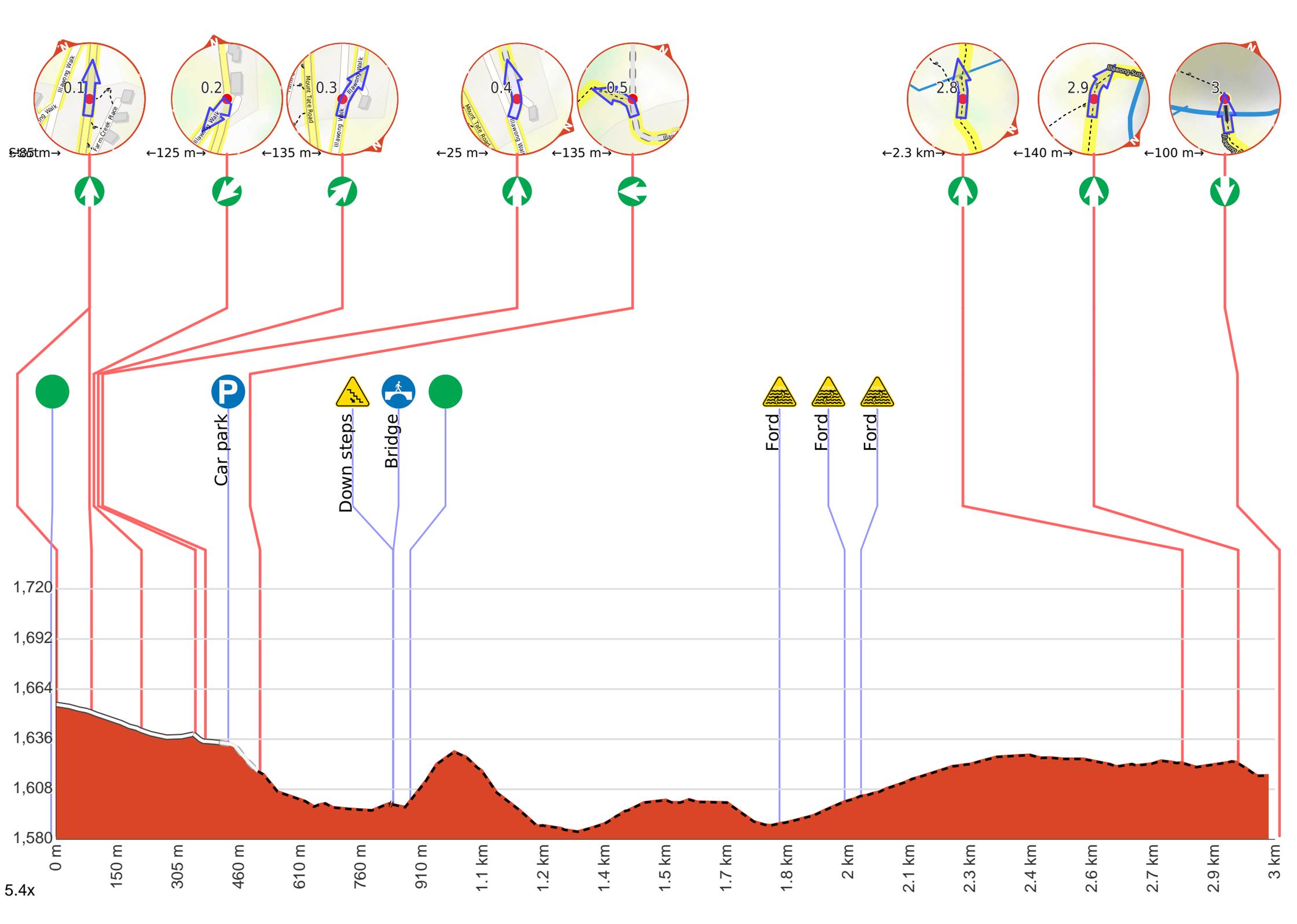
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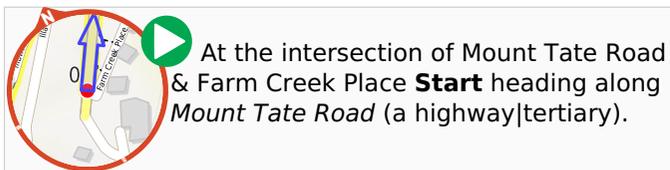
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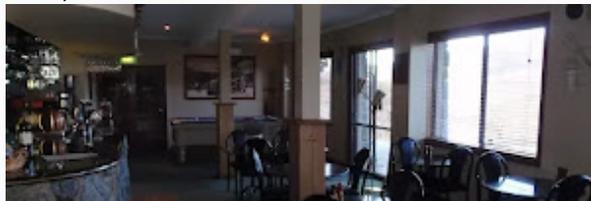
Getting started: From the car park (just below Guthega Alpine Inn, on Guthega Rd, 500m past the Guthega Centre), the walk follows the concrete road down the hill, keeping the main valley to the left. The road passes a small stone building and light post, just before coming to an intersection with another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

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.

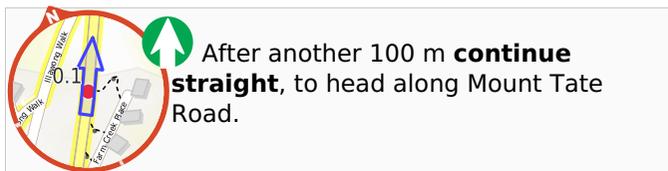


At the intersection of Mount Tate Road & Farm Creek Place **Start** heading along **Mount Tate Road** (a highway|tertiary).

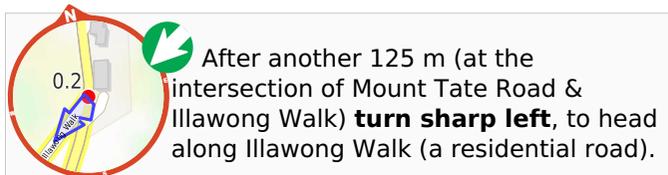
Guthega Alpine Inn (about 45 m back from the start).



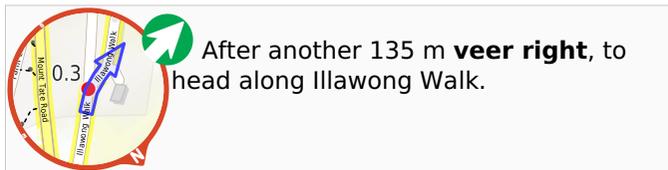
Guthega Alpine Inn is on Guthega Road, about 500 metres past the base of the chairlift and 'Guthega Centre'. The hotel provides a year-round service including accommodation and meals. The hosts are friendly and the hotel provides a great base for walkers and other holiday makers. Please phone and book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



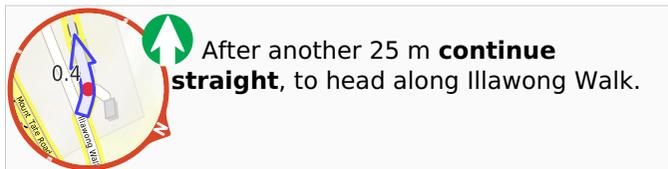
After another 100 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Tate Road.



After another 125 m (at the intersection of Mount Tate Road & Illawong Walk) **turn sharp left**, to head along Illawong Walk (a residential road).

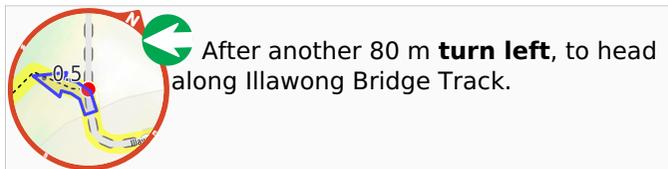


After another 135 m **veer right**, to head along Illawong Walk.



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

P 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.

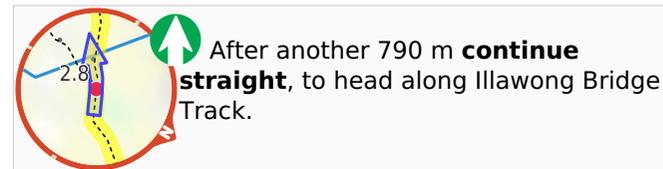
After another 910 m cross the ford.



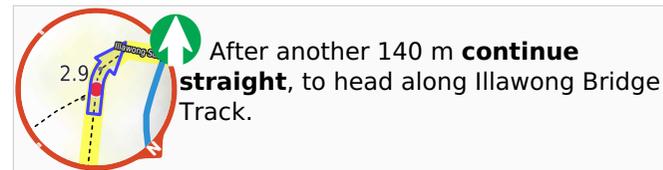
After another 160 m cross the ford.



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".



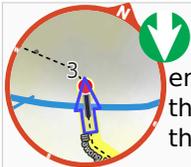
In 1956, the year after the Guthega Dam was first filled, the Kosciuszko State Park Trust gave permission for the conversion of the then-dilapidated hut into the present simple lodge. The lodge is maintained by members of Illawong Ski Tourers and friends. The nearby suspension bridge over the Snowy River 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

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.



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.