



# Pierces Pass to Blackheath Station

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 7 h 30 min to 9 h

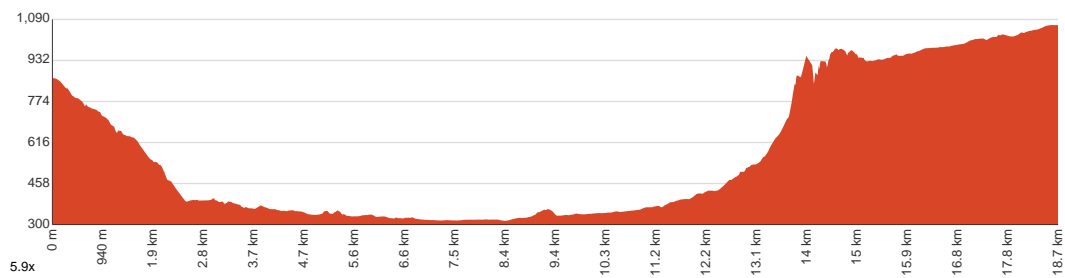
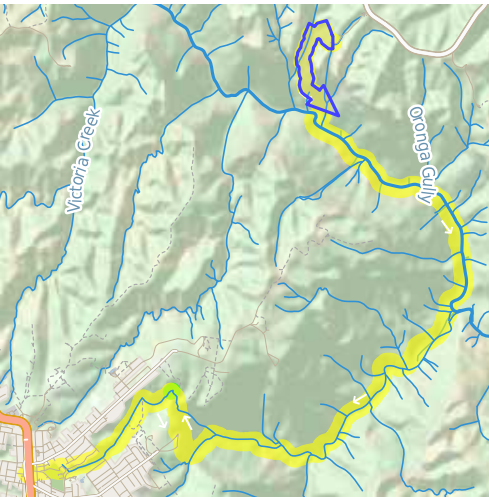
  
18.7 km  
One way

  
↑ 1376 m  
↓ 1173 m

  
Very challenging



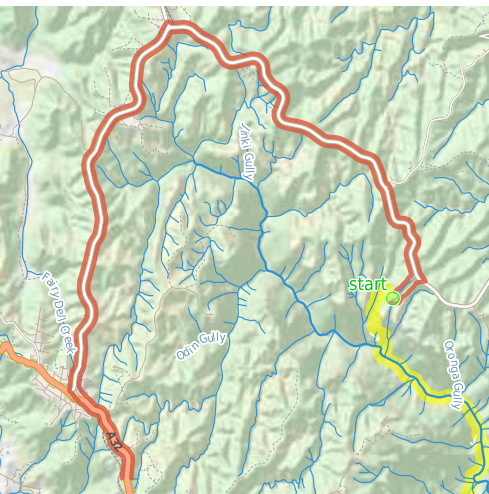
This walk explores a section of the Grose River and the flats around the superb Blue Gum Forest. The track then climbs up to Govetts Leap Lookout and along Pope's Glen to Blackheath. The hard yakka will be rewarded by some superb views of blue gums, the gorge, waterfalls and cliffs. This walk is one where you'll want to have a friend with a car (they can enjoy some shorter walks or the great cafes in the area) or hail a taxi. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
Quality of track	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Harley Avenue then drive for 360 m
- Turn right onto Station Street and drive for another 9.9 km
- Turn right onto Bells Line of Road, B59 and drive for another 10 km
- Turn right onto Pierces Pass Road and drive for another 95 m
- Turn left onto Pierces Pass Road and drive for another 760 m



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

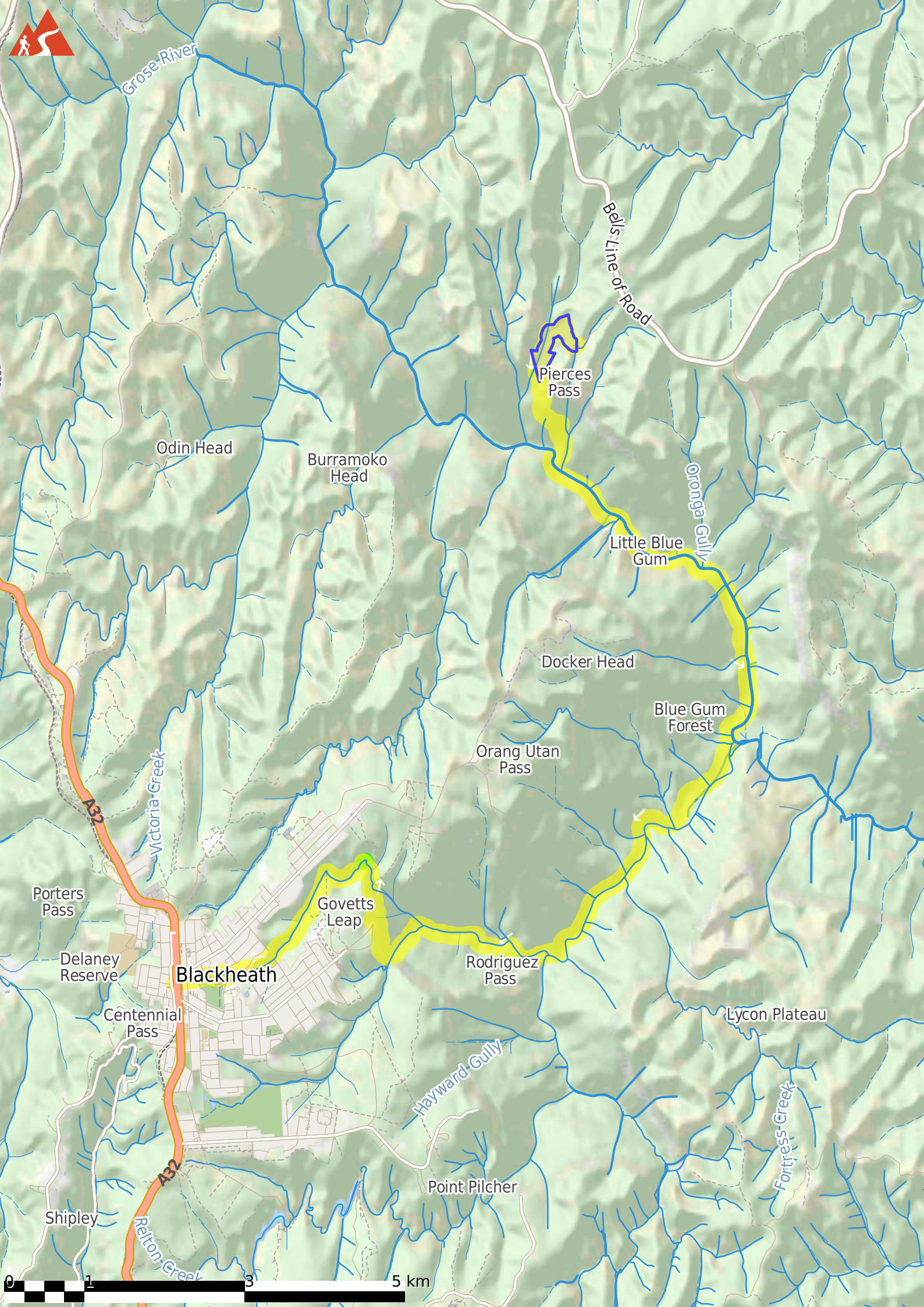
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

Bells Line of Road

Pierces Pass

Odin Head

Burramoko Head

Orange Gully

Little Blue Gum

Docker Head

Blue Gum Forest

Orang Utan Pass

Porters Pass

Delaney Reserve

Blackheath

Govetts Leap

Rodriguez Pass

Centennial Pass

Lycon Plateau

Shipley

Point Pilcher

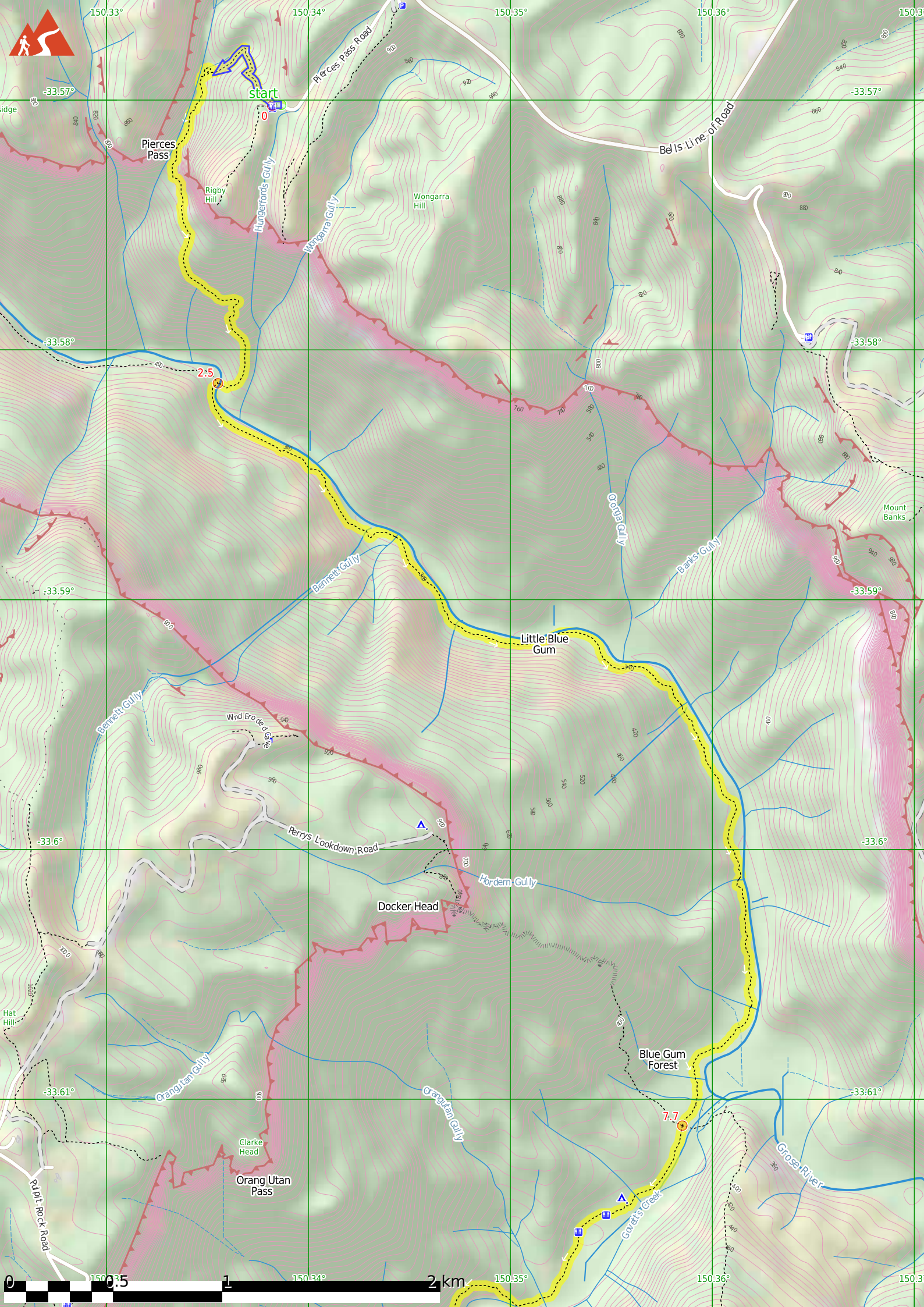
Hayward Gully

Fortress Creek

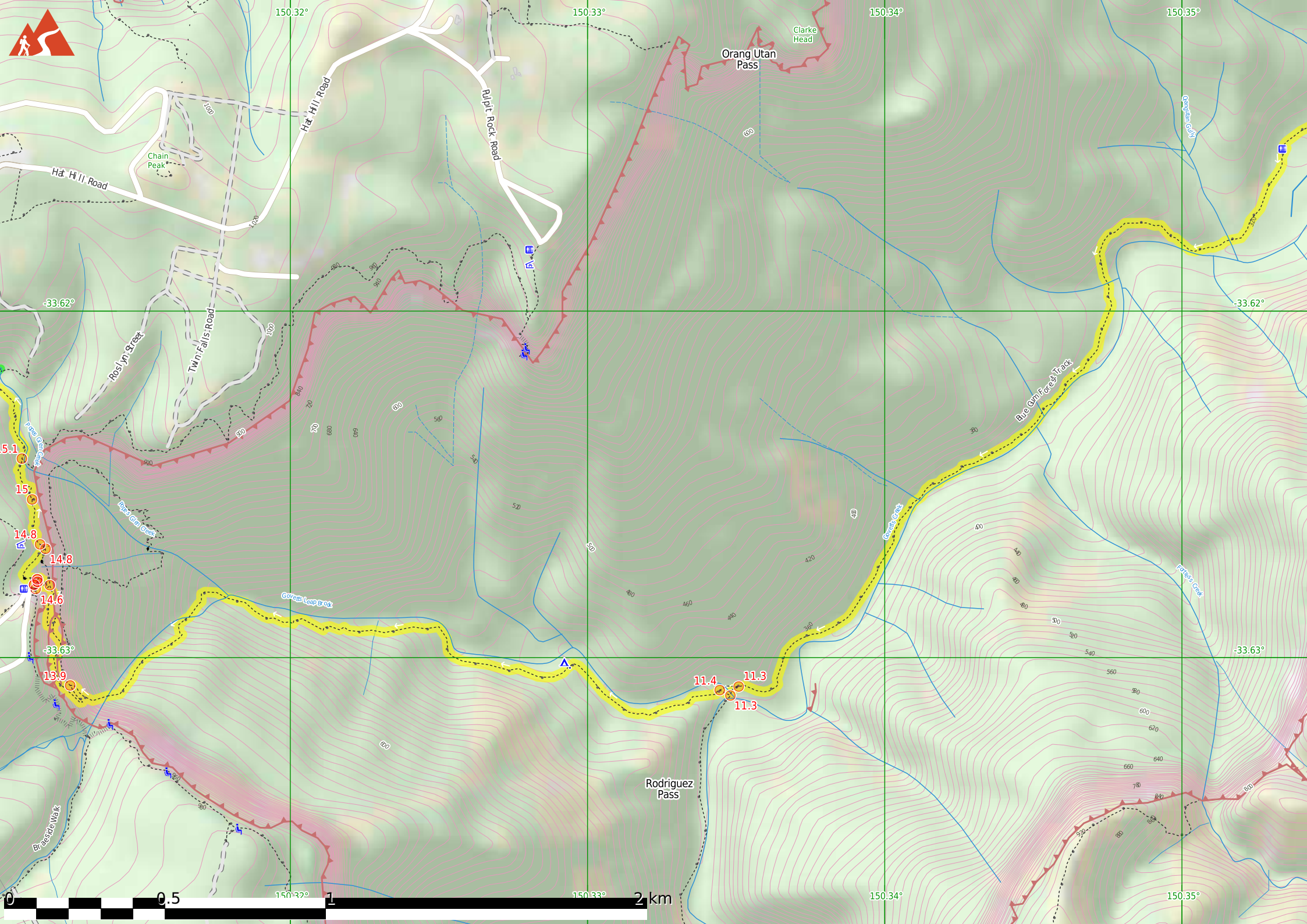
Relton Creek

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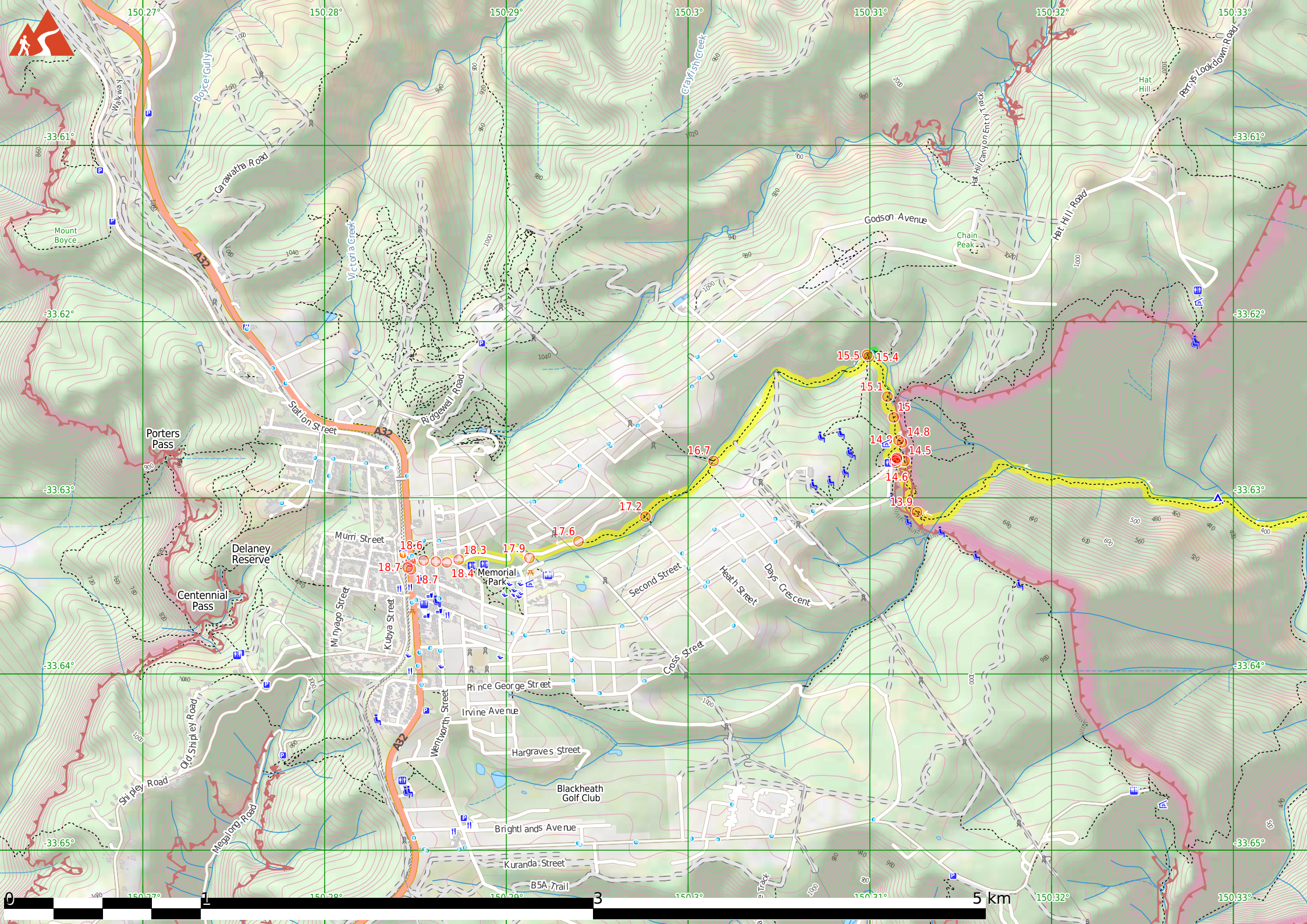




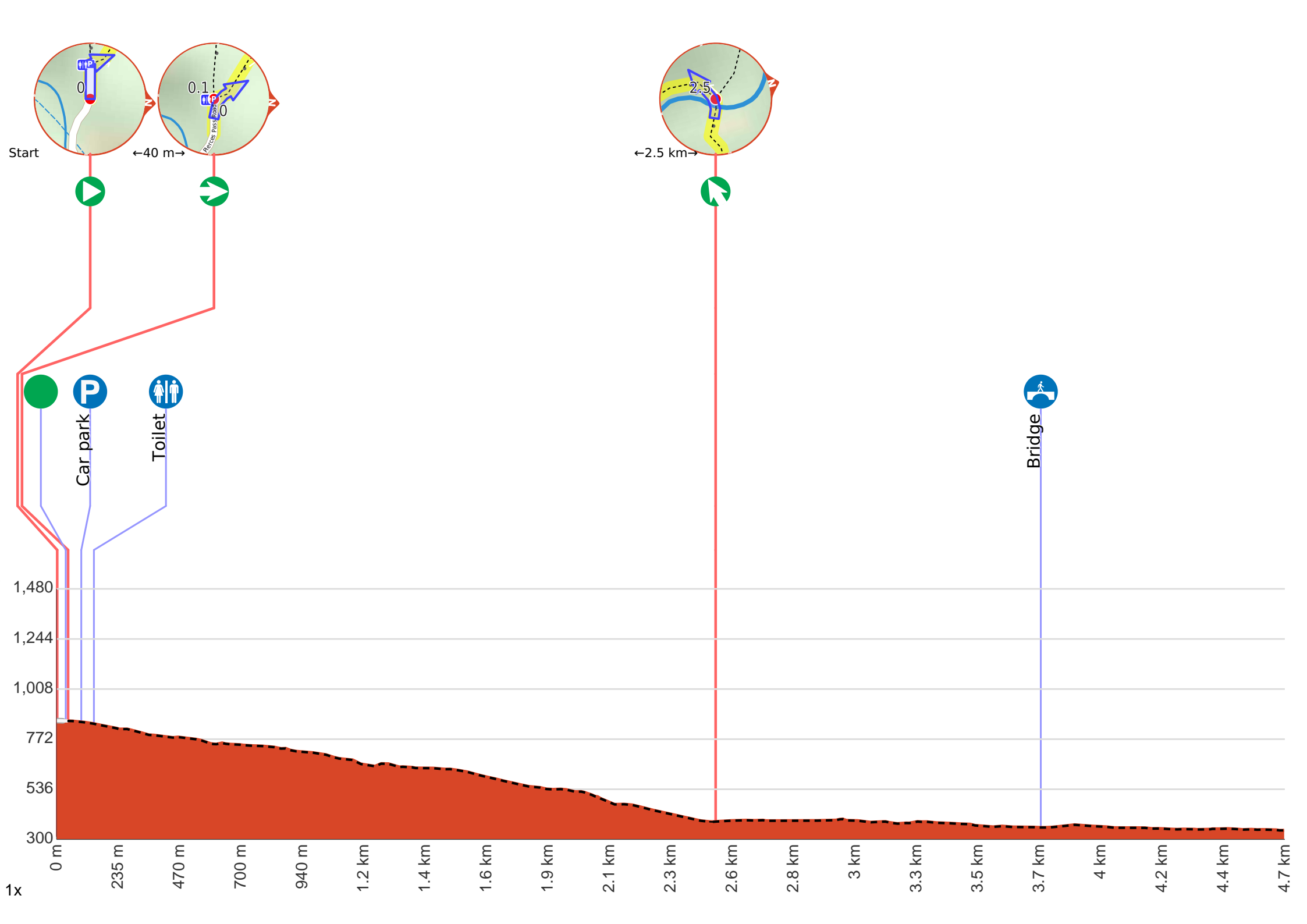


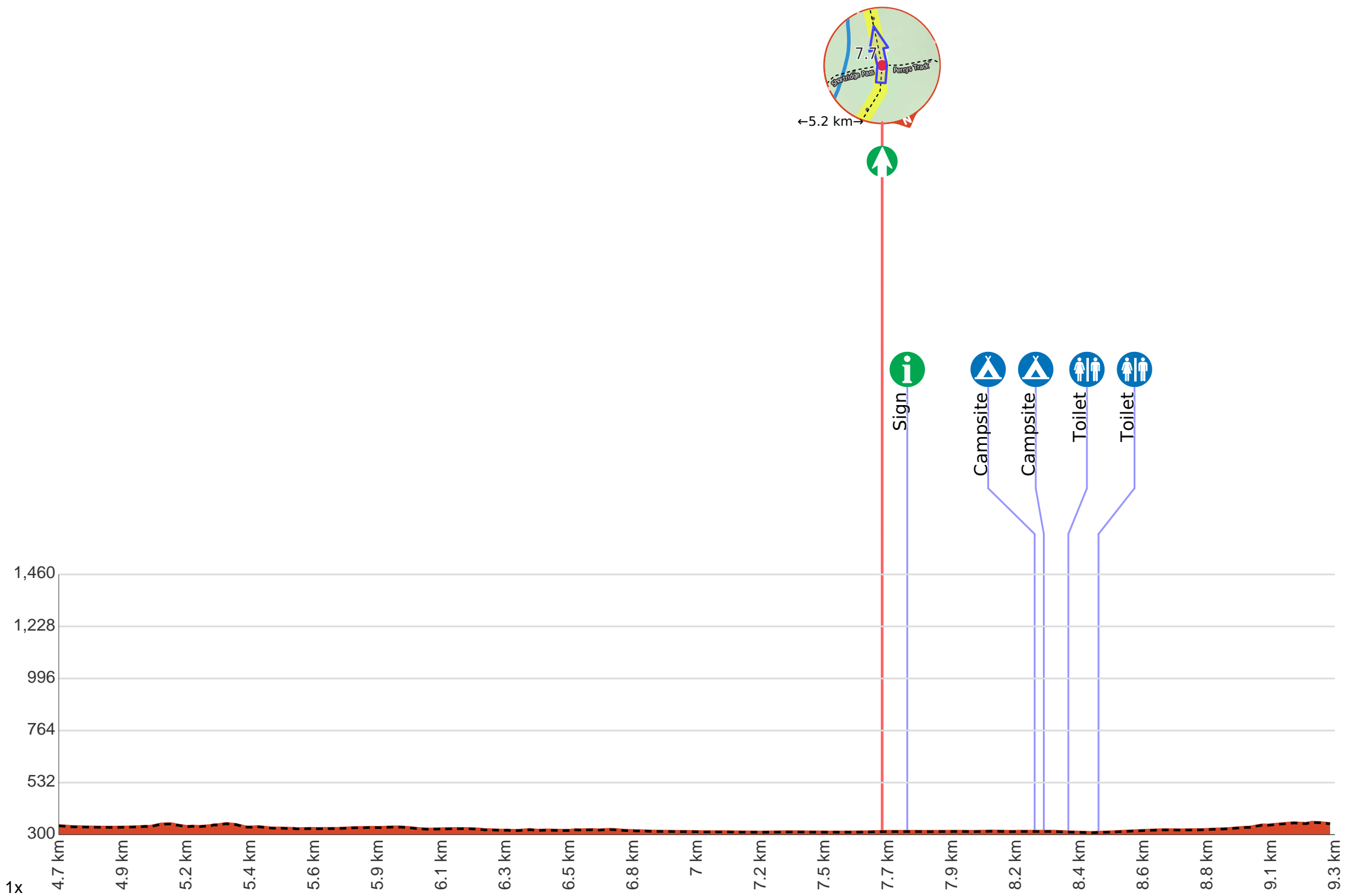


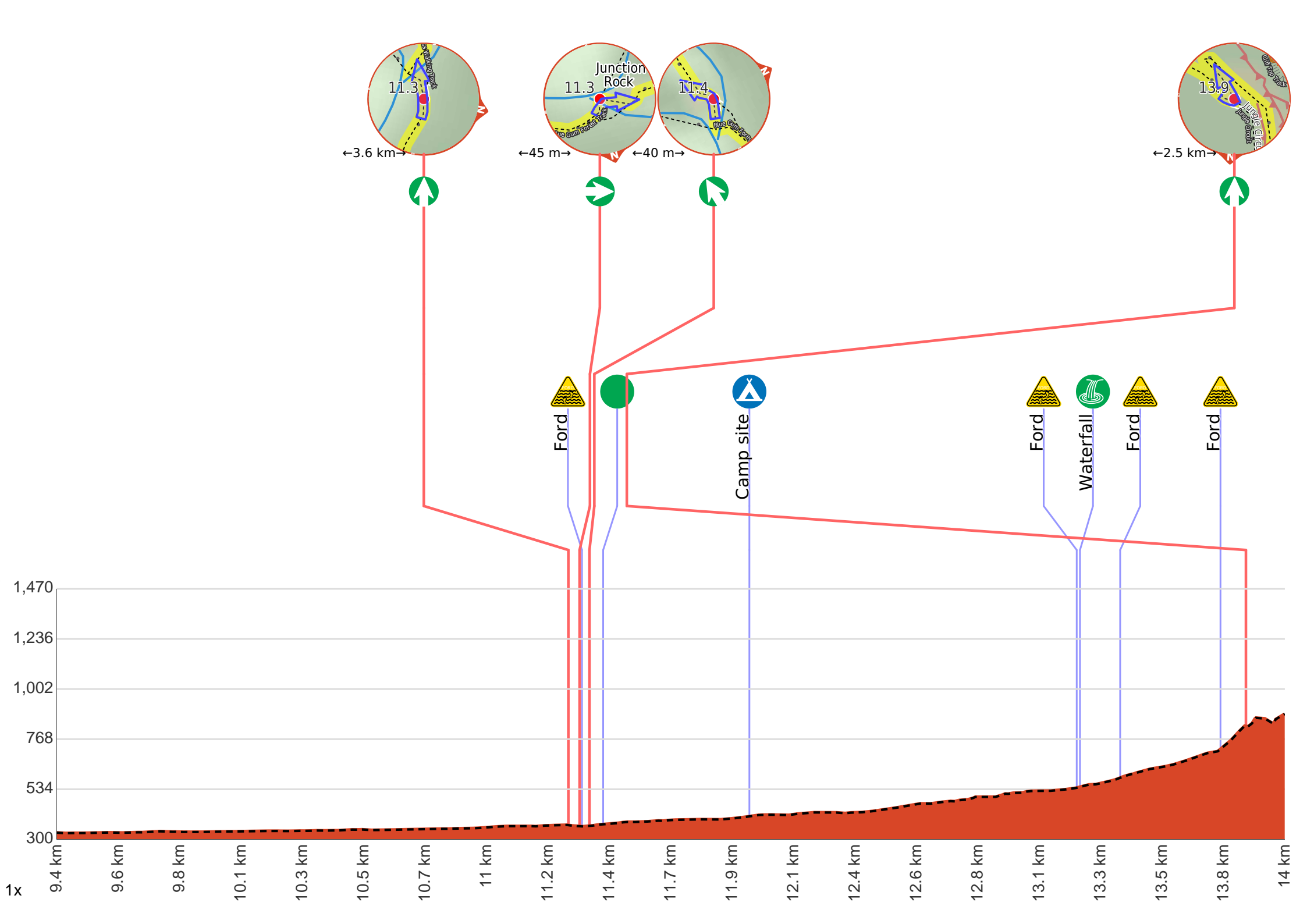




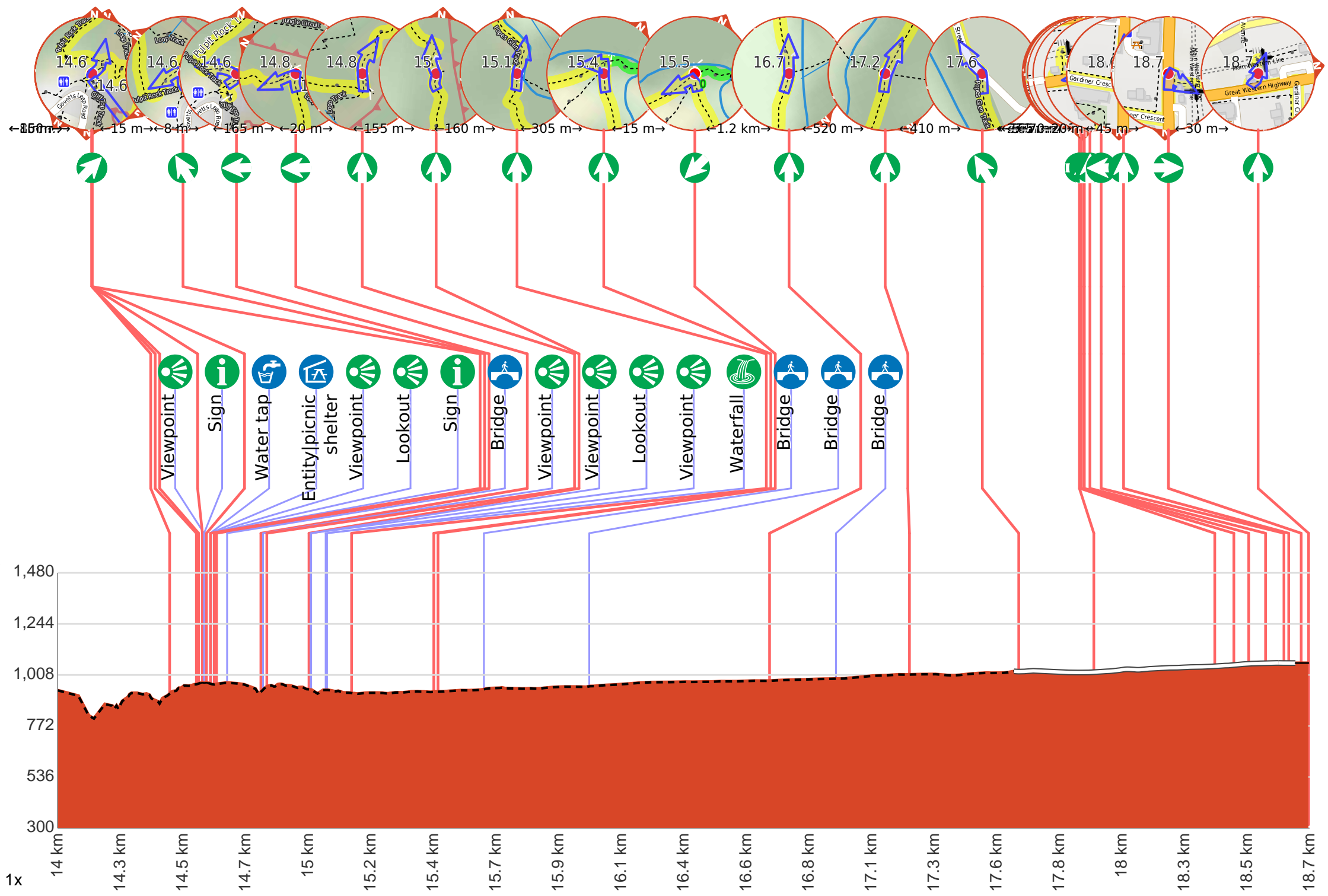






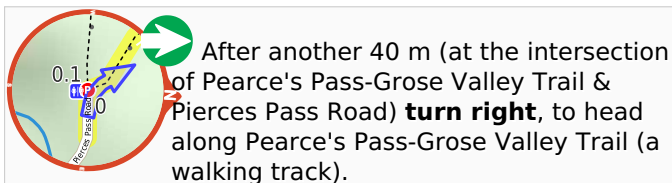
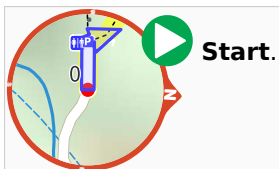








**Getting started:** From the car park, this walk heads down the hill tending right, to follow the creek. The track then follows the line of the creek, which drops away quickly before the track winds under a rocky outcrop. The track then winds to pass a tree which ends with a large step at the roots of the upturned tree, marking the intersection.


From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, with the creek below on the right. The track becomes lighter as the rainforest vegetation gives way, and the track leads away from the cliff lines of Pierces Pass. The track then descends across the hillside for approximately 400m to tend right onto a narrowing spur line. The track is quite steep in places as it makes its way down to the creek flats. From where the track meets the creek flats, the walk then leads through the low vegetation to the creek. The track crosses the creek to head downstream for approximately 20m, then climbs off the creek flats and coming to an intersection with signposts pointing to 'Burra Korain, Victoria Falls' and 'Acacia Flats'.




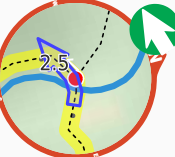
 Pierces Pass (about 9 m back from the start).



Pierces Pass in Blue Mountains National Park is a passage through the cliffs from the Bells Line of Road. The pass is popular with rock climbers, who use it as an access track to the cliffs.


 After another 60 m to find the car park.


 After another 50 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).





After another 2.4 km **veer left**.

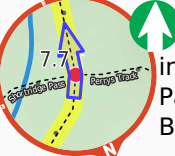
 After another 1.2 km cross the bridge (about 15 m long)

 After another 1.7 km cross the bridge (about 8 m long)


 After another 880 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)


 After another 600 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)


 After another 580 m **continue straight**.




After another 110 m (at the intersection of Perrys Track & Shortridge Pass) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.

 After another 90 m pass the sign (9 m on your right).


 After another 470 m find the "Acacia Flats Camping Ground" (45 m on your left).




Acacia Flats Camping Ground, Blue Mountains NP, is situated on the floor of the Grose Valley between Perrys Lookdown and Lockley Pylon. The camp ground is approximately 50m from Govetts Creek and approximately 500m upstream from Blue Gum Forest. Acacia Flats Camping Ground is appropriately named after the dense population of Acacias found in this area. Acacia Flats is a wonderful area to camp with tall shady Blue Gums and level grass clearings which make for a great place to pitch a tent. There is a pit toilet and sitting logs to make camping more comfortable, and plenty of room for large groups. Water is available from Govetts Creek (treat before drinking).

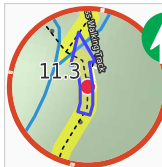
 After another 35 m find the "Acacia Flat" (55 m on your left).

Acacia Flats Camping Ground, Blue Mountains NP, is situated on the floor of the Grose Valley between Perrys Lookdown and Lockley Pylon. The camp ground is approximately 50m from Govetts Creek and approximately 500m up stream from Blue Gum Forest. Acacia Flats Camping Ground is named appropriately after the dense population of Acacias found in this area. Acacia Flats is a wonderful area to camp with tall shady Blue Gums and level grass clearings which make for a great place to pitch a tent. There is a drop toilet and sitting logs to make camping more comfortable and plenty of room for large groups. (No camping in the Blue Gum Forest)

 After another 90 m pass the toilet (9 m on your left).

 After another 110 m pass the toilet (10 m on your right).





After another 2.8 km **continue straight**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.



After another 50 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Rodriguez Pass Walking Track & Blue Gum Forest Track **turn right**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Rodriguez Pass Walking Track) **veer left**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 50 m find the "Junction Rock" (on your left).



Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.



After another 560 m come to the camp site (5 m on your left).



After another 1.2 km cross the ford.



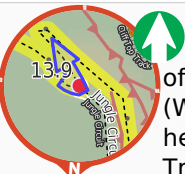
After another 10 m pass the "Trinity Falls" (35 m on your right).



After another 155 m cross the ford.



After another 380 m cross the ford.



After another 95 m (at the intersection of Jungle Circuit & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **continue straight**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



After another 380 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).



After another 150 m come to the "Williams Lookout".



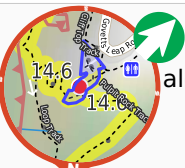
After another 30 m come to the "Breakfast Rock Lookout".



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Loop Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn sharp left**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



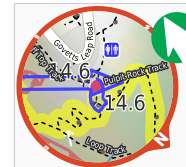
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn left**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m **veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 20 m come to the viewpoint (6 m on your left).



**Veer left.**



After another 6 m pass the sign (on your right).



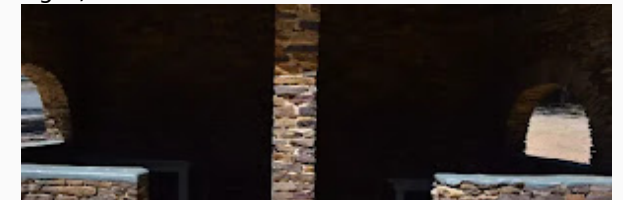
After another 9 m **turn around**.



After another 15 m pass the water tap (7 m on your right).



Then find the "Picnic Shelter" (65 m on your right).



Picnic shelters at the end of Govetts Leap Road. Seats are ~45cm high and benches 75cm high. Most shelters have an entrance ~1.2m wide with, and similar gap between table and wall. The largest shelter has an entrance wider than 4m, bench seating but no tables.



Then come to the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (9 m on your left).



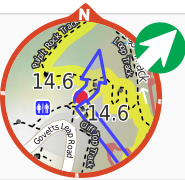
Then find the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (20 m on your right).



Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.



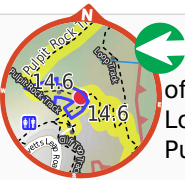
Then pass the sign (15 m on your right).



**Veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



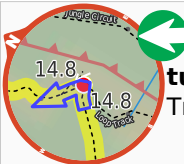
After another 15 m **veer left**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m (at the intersection of Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track) & Loop Track) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



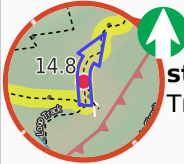
After another 40 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



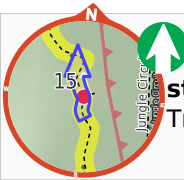
After another 120 m (Laws Lookout) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 8 m come to the "Laws Lookout".



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 155 m **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 6 m come to the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (10 m on your right).



Then find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your right).



Horseshoe Falls Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small fenced lookout. There are views down to Horseshoe Falls and across the Grose Valley.



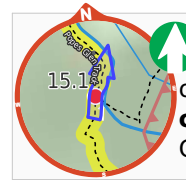
After another 60 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".



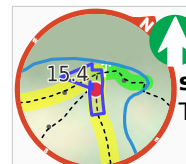
Then find the "Horseshoe Falls" (55 m on your right).



Horseshoe Falls, Blue Mountains National Park, are sourced by Popes Glen Creek which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The Horseshoe Falls seem to be named after the shape of the valley into which they drop.



After another 95 m (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

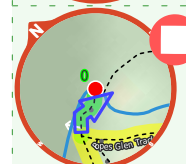


After another 305 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Boyd Beach.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start.**



After another 50 m come to the end.



## "Boyd Beach".



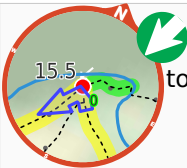
Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 50 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 15.5 km waypoint.



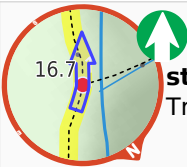
After another 15 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 660 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



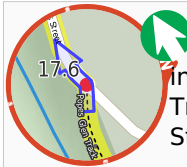
After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



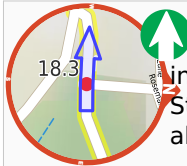
After another 265 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



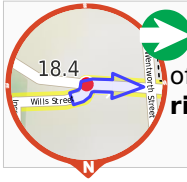
After another 410 m (at the intersection of Dell Street & Popes Glen Track) **veer left**, to head along Dell Street (a residential road).



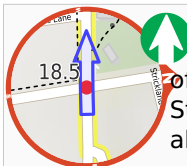
After another 280 m (at the intersection of Gipps Lane & Wills Street) **turn right**, to head along Gipps Lane.



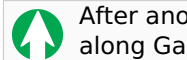
After another 450 m (at the intersection of Wills Street & Inconstant Street) **continue straight**, to head along Wills Street.



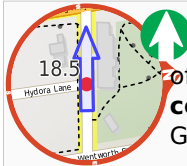
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Gardiner Crescent & Wills Street) **turn right**, to head along Gardiner Crescent.



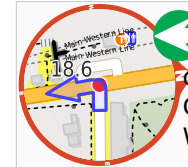
After another 55 m (at the intersection of Gardiner Crescent & Wentworth Street) **continue straight**, to head along Gardiner Crescent.



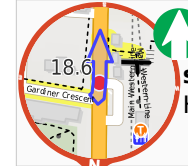
After another 30 m **continue straight**, to head along Gardiner Crescent.



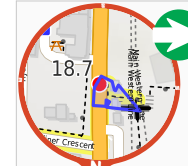
After another 30 m (at the intersection of Gardiner Crescent & Hydora Lane) **continue straight**, to head along Gardiner Crescent.



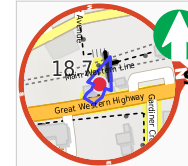
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Great Western Highway & Gardiner Crescent) **turn left**, to head along Great Western Highway (a highway|trunk).



After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Great Western Highway.



After another 45 m **turn right**.



After another 30 m **continue straight**.



About 30 m past the end is a car park.



The end.