



Larapinta Trail, S2: Simpsons Gap to Jay Creek (Arrernte Country)

7 h 30 min to 2 days

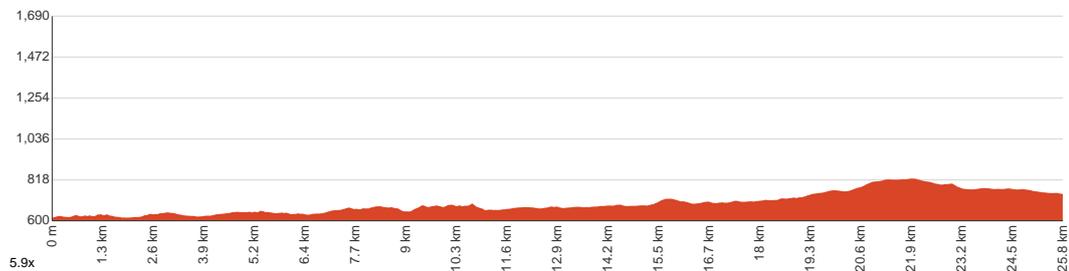
25.7 km
One way

↑ 573 m
↓ 449 m

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Hard track

Starting from the end of Darken Drive, Burt Plain, this walk takes you to the Jay Creek Campsite via the Larapinta Trail (Section 2), visiting Bond Gap and Spring Gap along the way. This is the second section of the 223km long Larapinta Trail. This part of the Larapinta offers you a tranquil, remote experience as you head under mulgas and red river gums. Notice the contrast between the red rockfaces and the vivid green plants as you're making your way through Bond Gap. Spring Gap on the other hand has little waterholes here and there that make the scenery even more picturesque. Keep an ear out for the birdsong throughout the track and try to identify the species if you can. The Arenge Bluff will present its southern face to you as well. You can stay the night at the Mulga Campsite midway and make this a multi-day walk. Keep in mind that you'll need a 4WD vehicle to access the Jay Creek trailhead. Let us begin by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

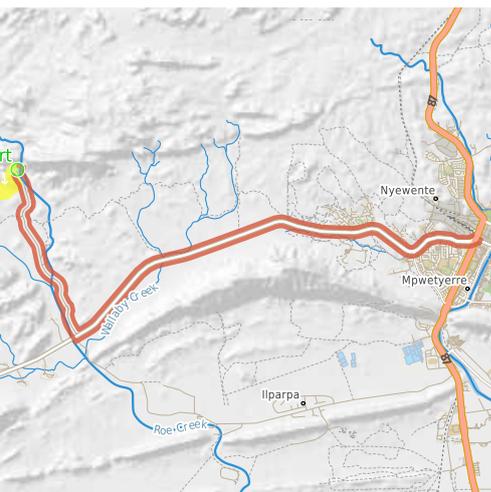
Full journey: [Larapinta Trail](#)



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	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From Telegraph Terrace, 87

- Turn on to 6 then drive for 25 m
- Continue onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 850 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 880 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 14.2 km
- Turn right onto Darken Drive and drive for another 1.1 km
- Turn slight left onto Darken Drive and drive for another 5.5 km
- Turn left and drive for another 45 m



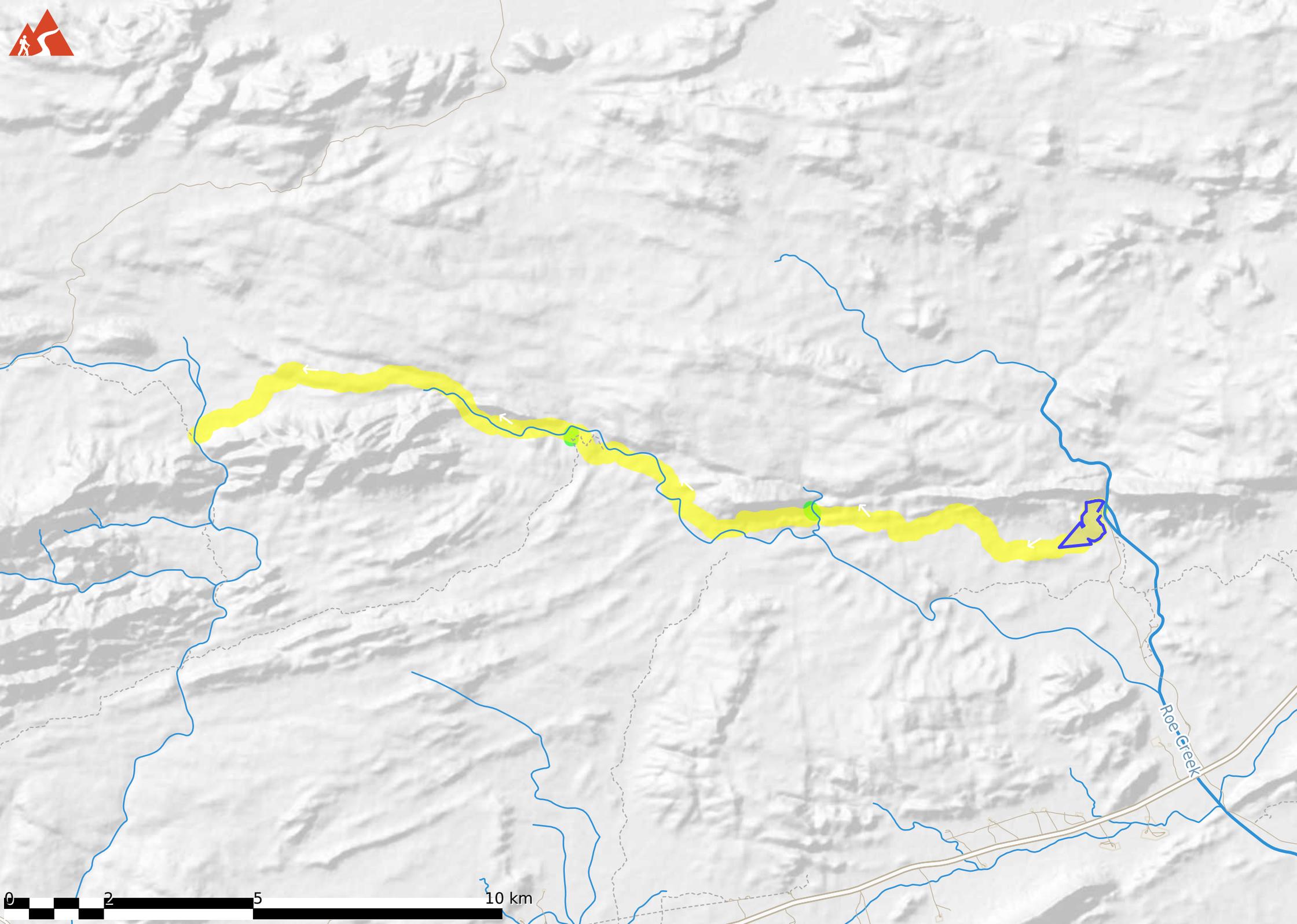
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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Roe-Creek



-23.67°

133.68°

133.69°

133.7°

133.71°

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Larapinta Trail Section 2

0.2 start

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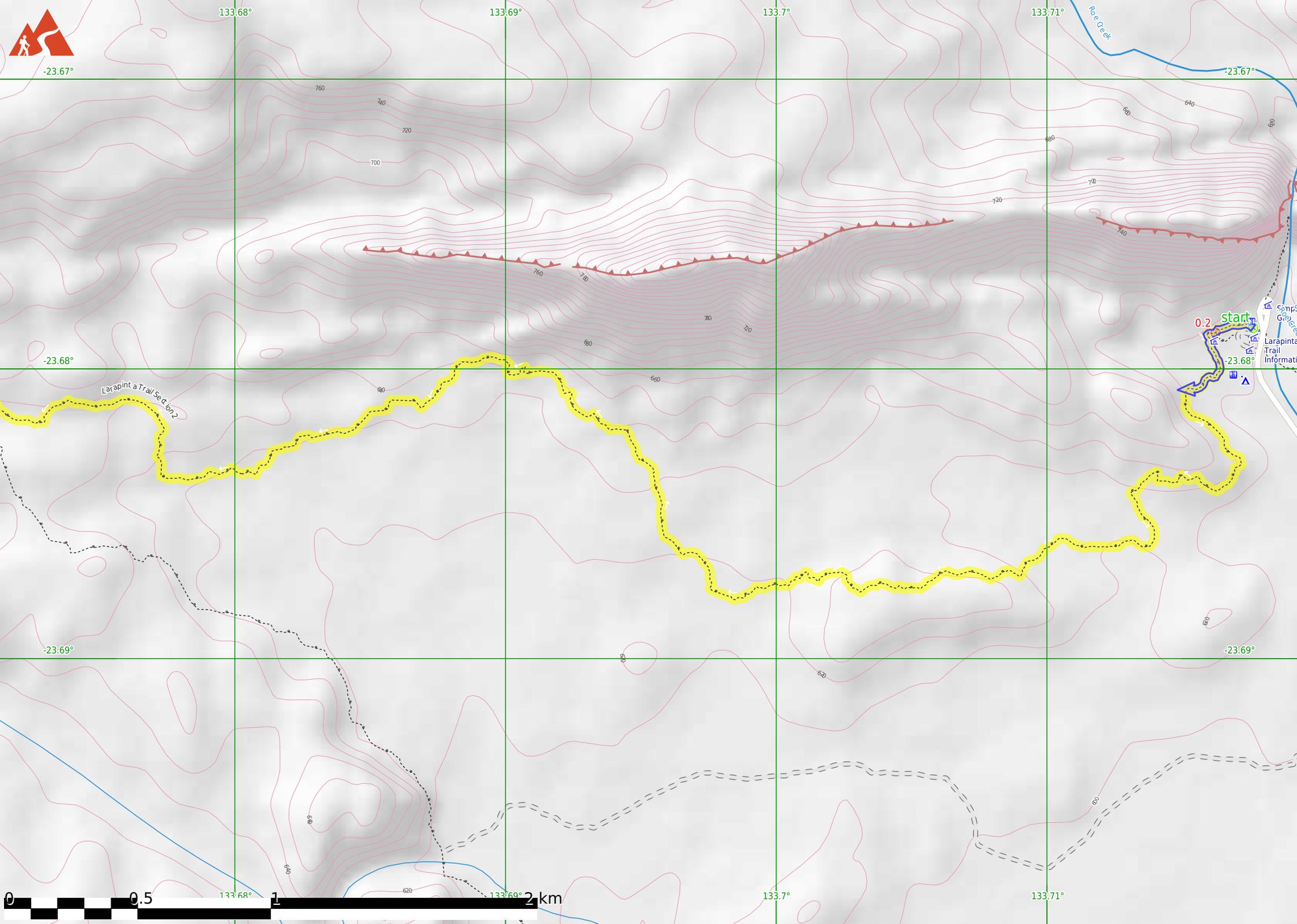
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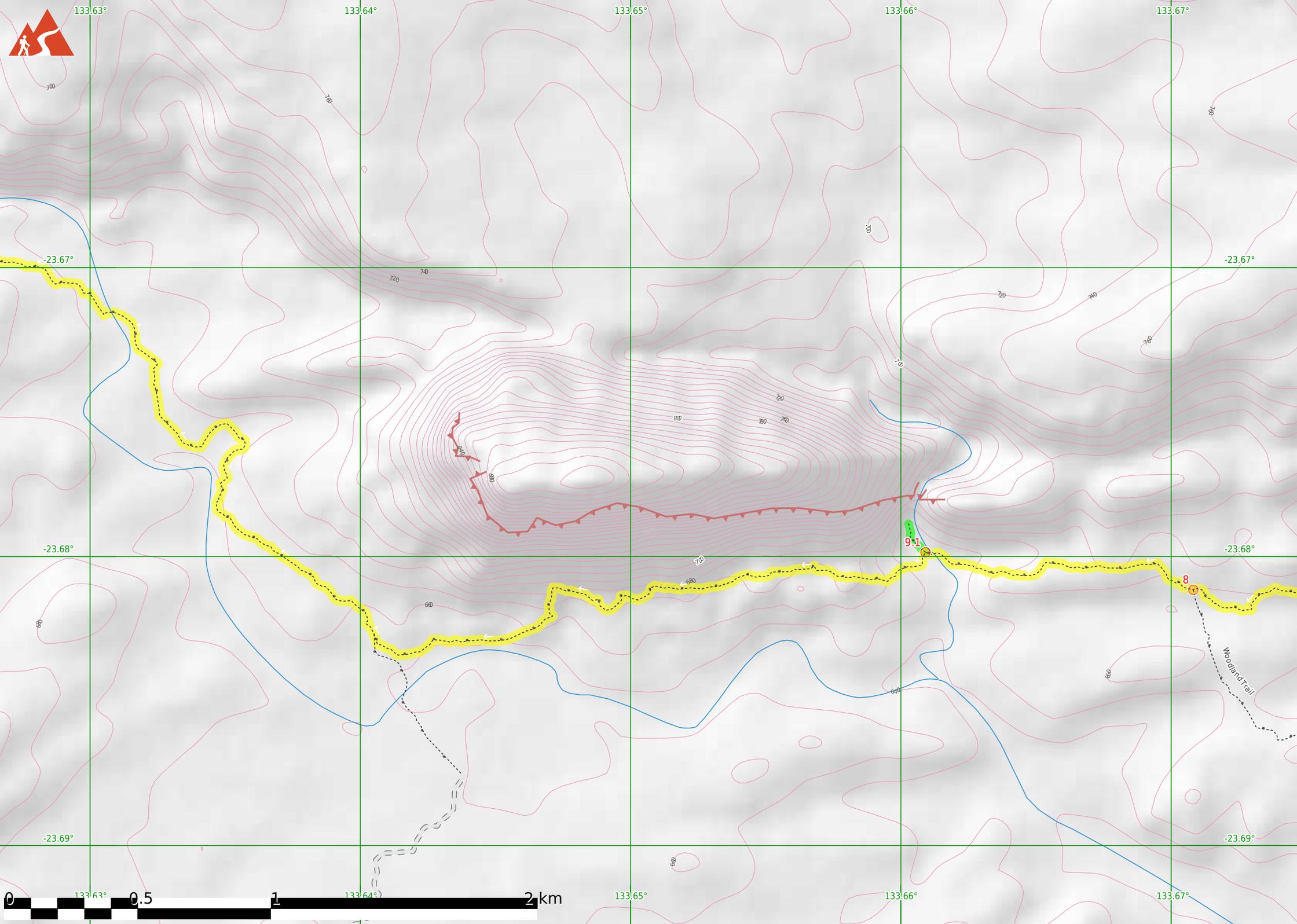
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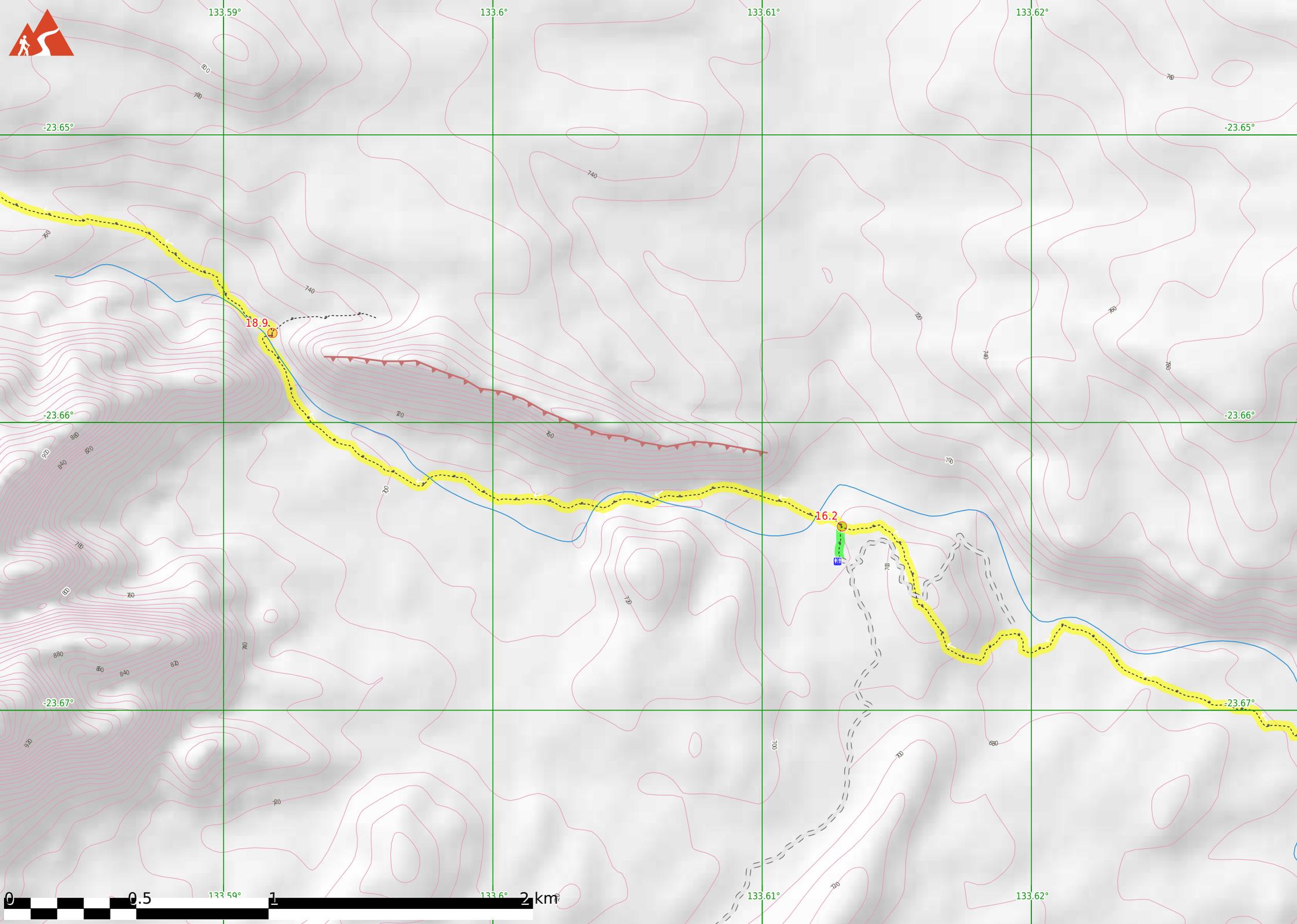
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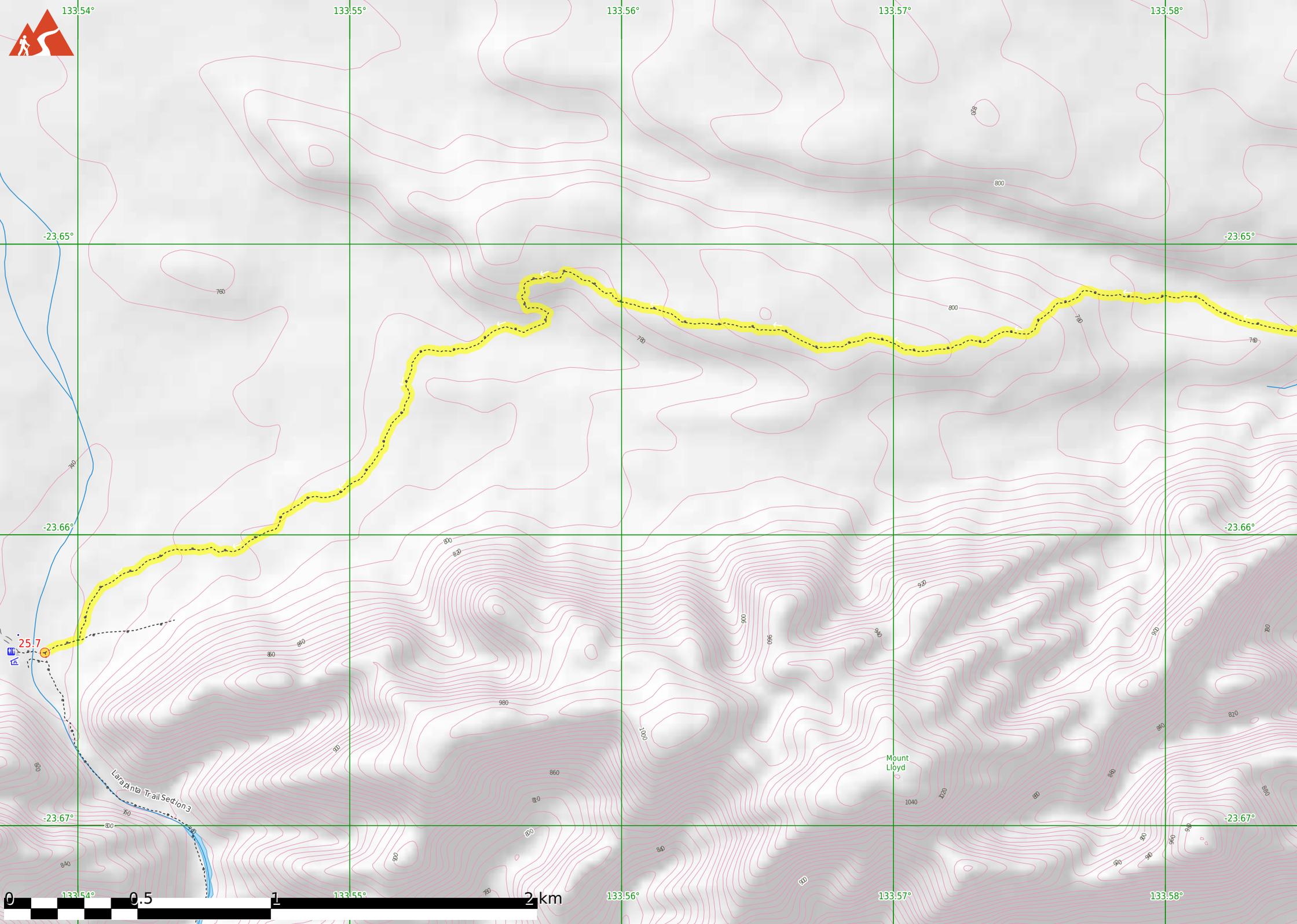
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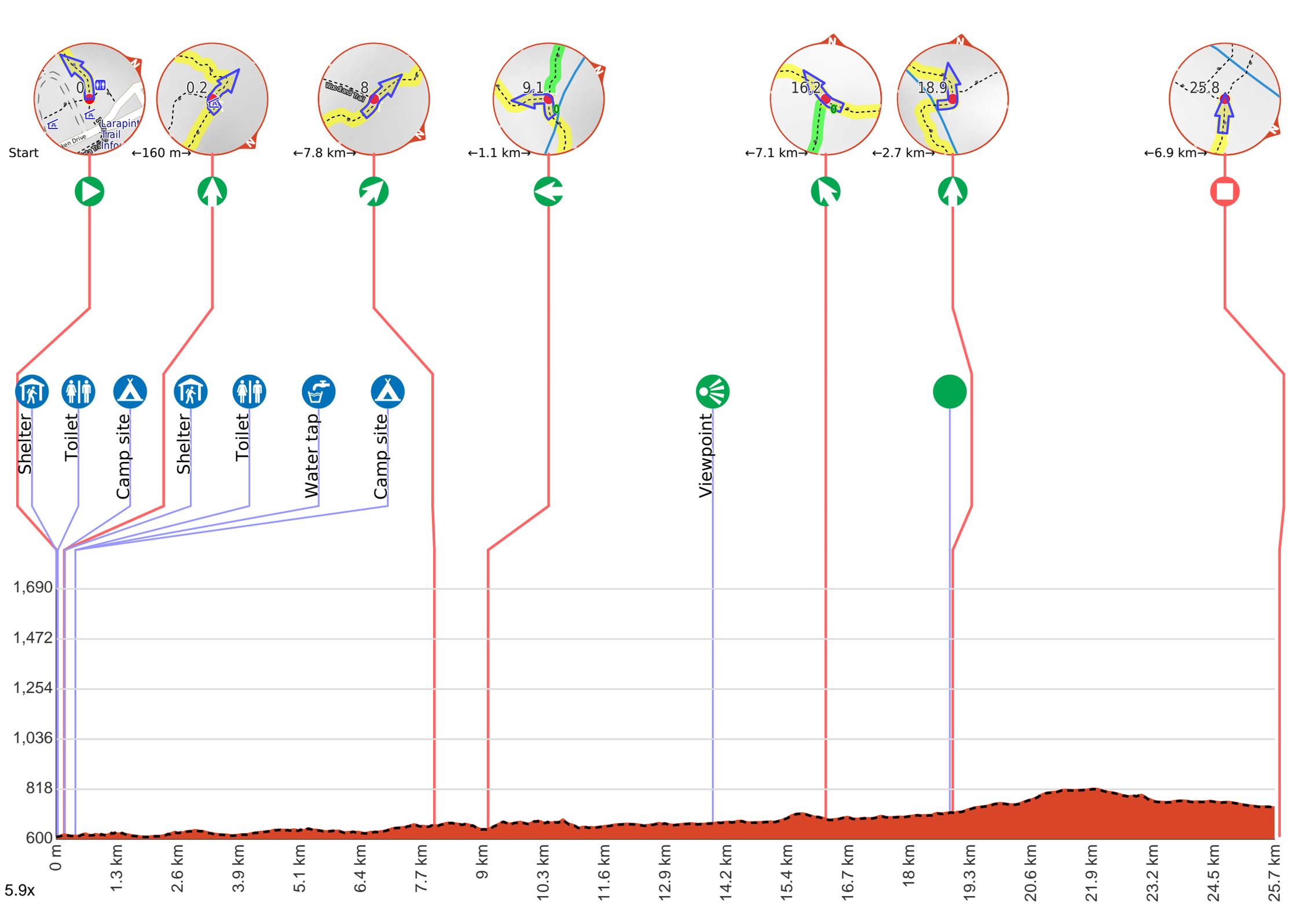
0.2 start
Larapinta Trail Information











Getting started: From the Larapinta Trail Information Shelter (Section 2 Trailhead), Simpsons Gap, head west along the singular dirt track, following the signage for Larapinta Trail (Section 2). Stay on the said track as it veers left, passing by the campsite and toilet (to your left). Follow the designated track as it meanders westward to continue along Larapinta Trail, S2: Simpsons Gap to Jay Creek.



Start heading along *Larapinta Trail Section 2*.



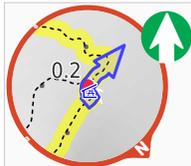
Larapinta Trail Information (about 15 m back from the start).



After 35 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



After another 135 m come to the "Larapinta Group Camping".



After another 5 m **continue straight**.



After another 6 m pass the shelter (on your left).



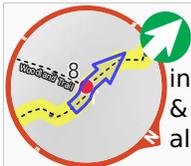
After another 225 m pass the toilet (55 m on your left).



Then pass the water tap (70 m on your left).



Then come to the "Larapinta Walkers Campsite" (90 m on your left).



After another 7.6 km (at the intersection of Larapinta Trail Section 2 & Woodland Trail) **veer right**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.

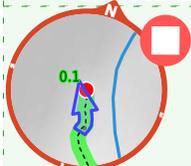
Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the Bond Gap where you can see some contrast in colour as mentioned in the description.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.



After another 140 m come to "Bond Gap". Featuring warm red rockfaces and lively green plants, Bond Gap offers you a picturesque and remote experience.



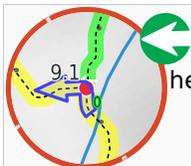
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 140 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 9.1 km waypoint.



After another 1.1 km **turn left**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.

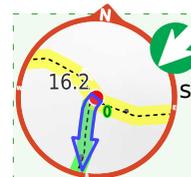


After another 2.5 km **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.



After another 2.2 km come to the "Arenge View".

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to Mulga Campsite where there are picnic tables & seats and a toilet. Set amidst Mulga trees -- hence the name-- , this site features a softer flat surface.



To start this optional side trip turn sharp left here. **Start**.



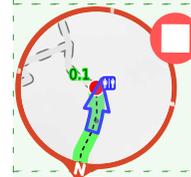
After another 130 m come to "Mulga Camp".



A water tap.



About 15 m past the end is a toilet.



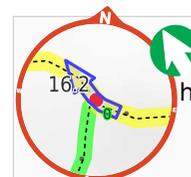
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 130 m to the main route.



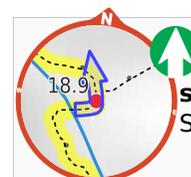
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 16.2 km waypoint.



After another 2.4 km **veer left**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.



After another 2.6 km find the "Spring Gap" (on your right). Featuring lovely little waterholes that are best viewed after some decent rain, Spring Gap offers you a tranquil & shaded resting spot if you'd like to pause and take in the scenery.



After another 60 m **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.



After another 6.7 km **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 2.



After another 135 m come to a sign.



About 120 m past the end is "Larapinta Trail Information".



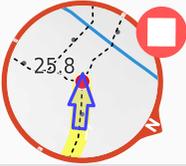
About 125 m past the end is a water tap.



About 130 m past the end is "Jay Creek".



About 140 m past the end is a toilet.



The end.