



Riverside Walk

(Darug Country)

1 h 45 min to 2 h

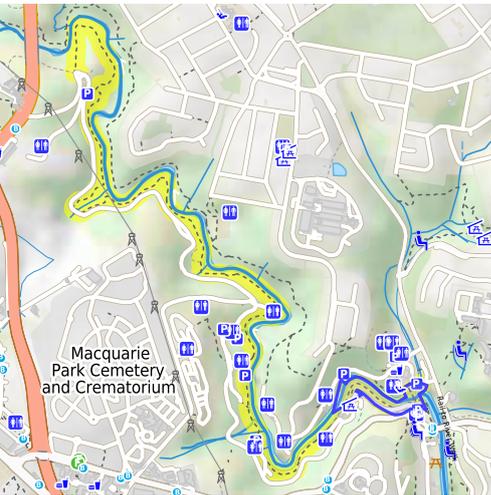
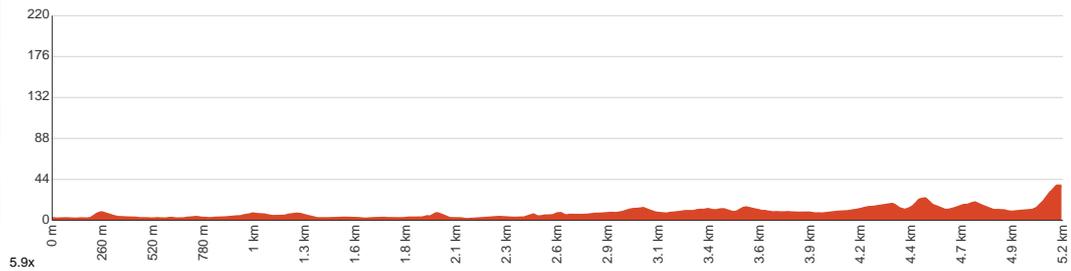
5.2 km
One way

↑ 114 m
↓ 79 m

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Hard track



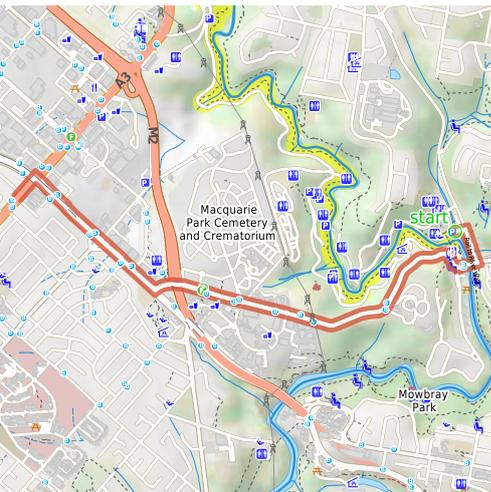
This walk is a lovely stroll along one side of the Lane Cove River. The walk passes through many picnic areas, providing plenty of options for rests and food breaks (some having BBQ's). This walk is also good for taking a Frisbee or a ball along for the kids. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darug people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Lane Cove Road, A3

- Turn on to Epping Road then drive for 1.1 km
- Turn left onto Delhi Road, A38 and drive for another 2.5 km
- Turn left onto Lady Game Drive and drive for another 235 m
- Turn left onto Max Allen Road and drive for another 75 m



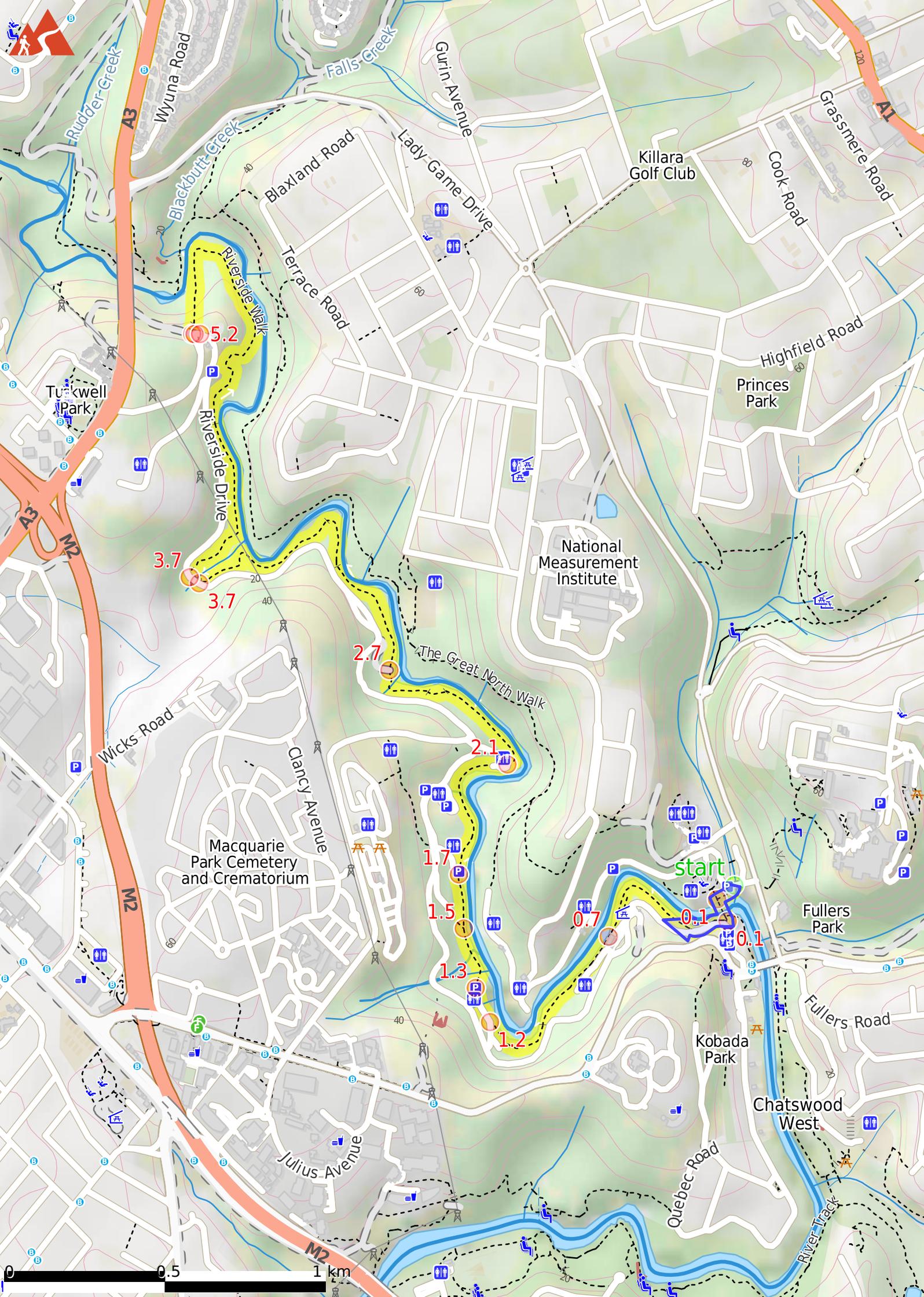
Before you start any journey ensure you;

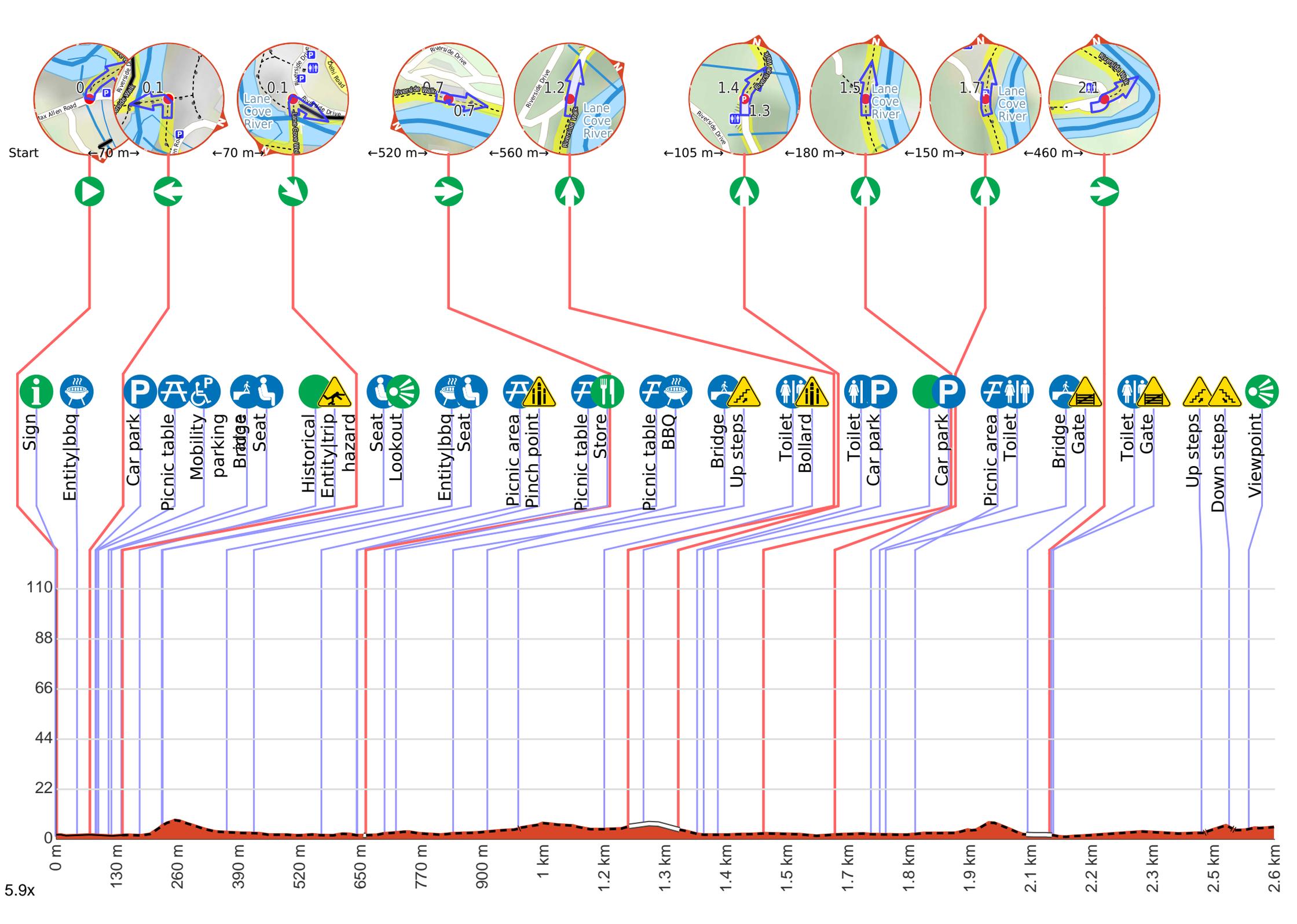
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

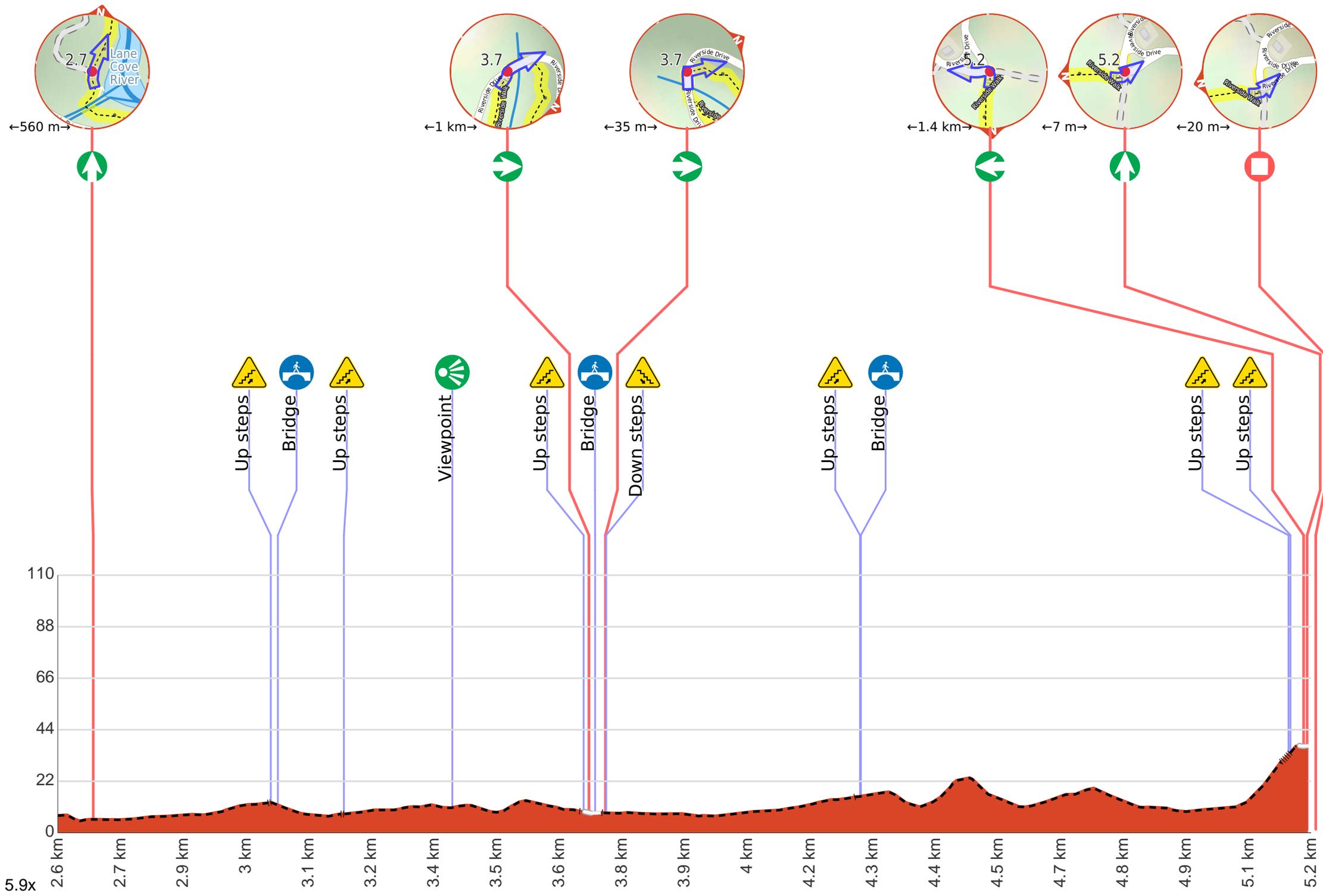
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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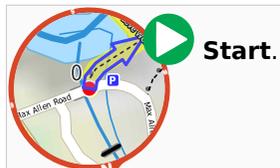






Getting started: From the car parking area near the bridge on Max Allen Drive, this walk follows the 'Sydney Cove' sign along the concrete footpath past the garbage bins. The path leads past a sheltered BBQ as the path bends right along the water's edge it also leads past a few picnic tables and comes to another GNW marker and an intersection with a sealed management trail beside the weir (on your left).

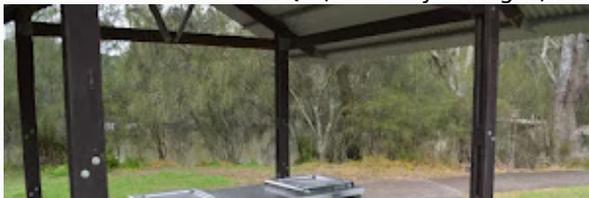
From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post (past a seat on the right) to cross over the concrete ford (top of the weir wall) to the other side of Lane Cove River to find an intersection marked with another GNW arrow post. After heavy or prolonged rain, this crossing may be closed. It is unsafe to cross if water is flowing over the top.



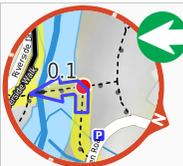
Start.

i The Great North Walk (about 15 m back from the start).

BBQ After 45 m find the "BBQ" (6 m on your right).



Two free electric BBQs hotplates in sheltered picnic area. The BBQ table is 92cm high, 2.05m wide and 75cm deep. Hot plates are 45/45cm.



After another 25 m **turn left**.

P After another 10 m pass the car park (25 m on your right).

A Then find the "Picnic Table" (15 m on your right).



Two timber slat picnic tables. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 3.3m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.7m wide (no backrest). Room for a few chairs at end. 4x2.7m slab.

P Then find the "Parking Accessible" (25 m on your right).

There are 8 car parking bays in the immediate area. Three are marked mobility parking bays at the southern edge. The mobility parking area is asphalt, 2.4m wide and 6.3m deep.

A After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)

S Then find the "Seat" (9 m on your right).



A stone seat, 42cm high, 60cm deep and 1.7m wide with a 22cm high arm and 22cm backrest.

After another 60 m find the "Lane Cove Weir" (on your right).



The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proves an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.

Continue straight.

Warning After another 10 m find the "Trip Hazard" (6 m on your left).



The edges of the weir are ungraded and there is a significant drop with water hazards. Keep clear of edges.



After another 3 m **turn sharp right**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 85 m find the "Seat" (on your left).



Two timber seats, 43cm high, 48cm deep and 1.8m wide with no arm or backrest.



Then find the "Lane Cove River Lookout" (on your right).



Found along the timber boardwalk on the banks of the Lane Cove River, just up stream from the weir, is this lovely viewing platform. The boardwalk and platform are fenced (1.1m high), there are two main seats and a stepped area for extra seating. The views extend upstream for about 250m and is a great spot to watch water birds and the occasional paddle boat.



After another 135 m find the "BBQ" (20 m on your left).



An timber fired BBQ. Plate is 94cm high, 46cm wide and 42cm deep.



After another 60 m find the "Seat" (15 m on your left).



A timber slat picnic table under a tree. The table is 74cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 38cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



After another 145 m find the "Illoura Picnic Shelter" (15 m on your left).



The park brick picnic shelter is on the bank of the Lane Cove River, near the Boatshed. There are two picnic tables in the shelter. The tables are 78cm high, 93cm deep and 2.1m wide. The second table is 4.3m wide. The seats are 44cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide. The second table has seats that are 3.7m. Outside the shelter is another picnic table and wood BBQ. The picnic shelter is nestled in a grove of trees between the carpark and the open grassy Illoura picnic area. There is a small toilet block across the road



After another 75 m find the "Pinch Point" (on your left).



Track narrow to a maximum width of 80cm at this point.



Then find the "Picnic Table" (8 m on your left).



The table is 73cm high, 74cm deep and 3m wide. The seats are 41cm high, 29cm deep and 3m wide (no backrest).



After another 20 m **turn right**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 40 m find the "Lane Cove Boatshed" (30 m on your left).



Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.



After another 25 m find the "Picnic Table" (on your left).



2 tables are 73cm high, 90cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 36cm high, 31cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



After another 195 m pass the BBQ (10 m on your left).



Then cross the bridge (about 2 m long)



After another 135 m head up the 12 metal steps (about 4 m long)



After another 180 m pass the toilet (35 m on your left).



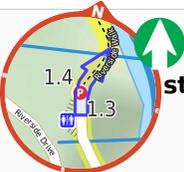
After another 85 m head through the bollard.



Continue straight.



After another 60 m **continue straight.**



After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 40 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).

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After another 15 m to find the car park.



After another 30 m find the "9 Carters Creek" (9 m on your right).



Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.



After another 95 m **continue straight**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 150 m **continue straight**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 75 m pass the car park (on your left).



After another 95 m find the "13 Cottonwood Glen" (5 m on your left).



Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the hill.



Then pass the toilet (40 m on your left).



After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 5 m long)



After another 295 m head through/around the gate.



After another 45 m **turn right**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 8 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



Then head through/around the gate.



After another 320 m head up the 13 surface|wood steps (about 5 m long)



After another 55 m head down the 15 stone steps (about 6 m long)



After another 35 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 135 m **continue straight**, to head along Riverside Walk.



After another 370 m head up the 7 earthen steps (about 6 m long)



After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



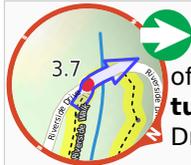
After another 135 m head up the 11 earthen steps (about 8 m long)



After another 215 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 270 m head up the 5 steps (about 5 m long)



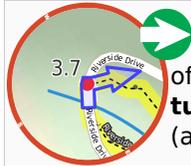
After another 6 m (at the intersection of Riverside Drive & Riverside Walk) **turn right**, to head along Riverside Drive (a vehicle track).



After another 15 m cross the Porters Creek Bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 20 m come to the end.



After another 9 m (at the intersection of Riverside Drive & Riverside Walk) **turn right**, to head along Riverside Walk (a walking track).



Then head down the 11 surface|wood steps (about 4 m long)



After another 520 m head up the 6 stone steps



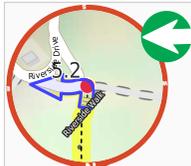
Then cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 880 m head up the 6 steps (about 20 m long)



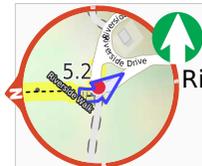
Then head up the 38 concrete steps (about 15 m long)



After another 10 m **turn left**.



After another 7 m come to a sign.



Continue straight, to head along Riverside Drive.