



# Pierces Pass to Blue Gum Forest

(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

5 h 30 min, 6 h 30 min to 2 days

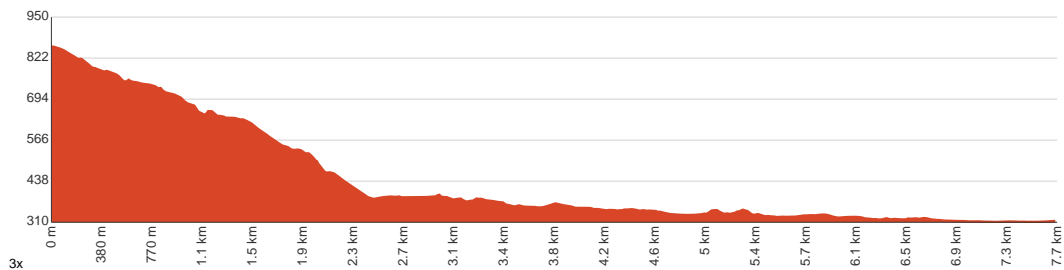
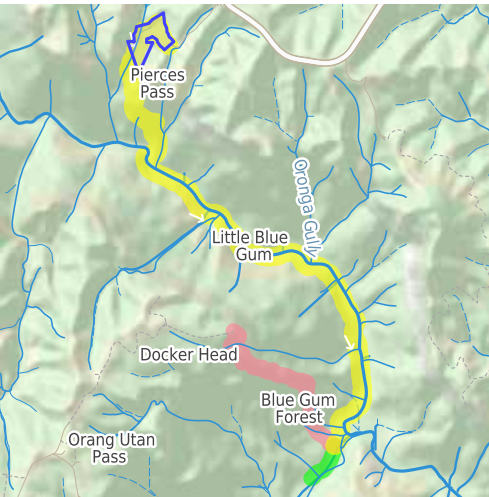
15.3 km  
Return

↑ 823 m  
↓ 823 m

5  
Very challenging



This walk explores a beautiful section of the Grose Valley from Bells Line of Road. The walk heads down Pierces Pass and follows the magnificent Grose River to the Blue Gum Forest. The Blue Gum Forest is an icon of Blue Mountains bushwalking and this track gives you a great way to reach it. Acacia Flat Campground is 500 metres away with a side trip, if you'd like to spend the night in this gorgeous scenery. You then return the same way, or alternatively, finish by climbing to Perrys Lookdown, to make this a one-way walk. 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.

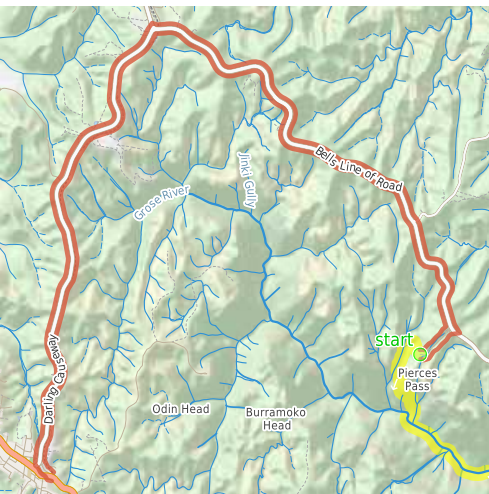


Class 5 of 6  
Rough unclear track

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

- Turn on to Harley Avenue then drive for 350 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 800 m



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

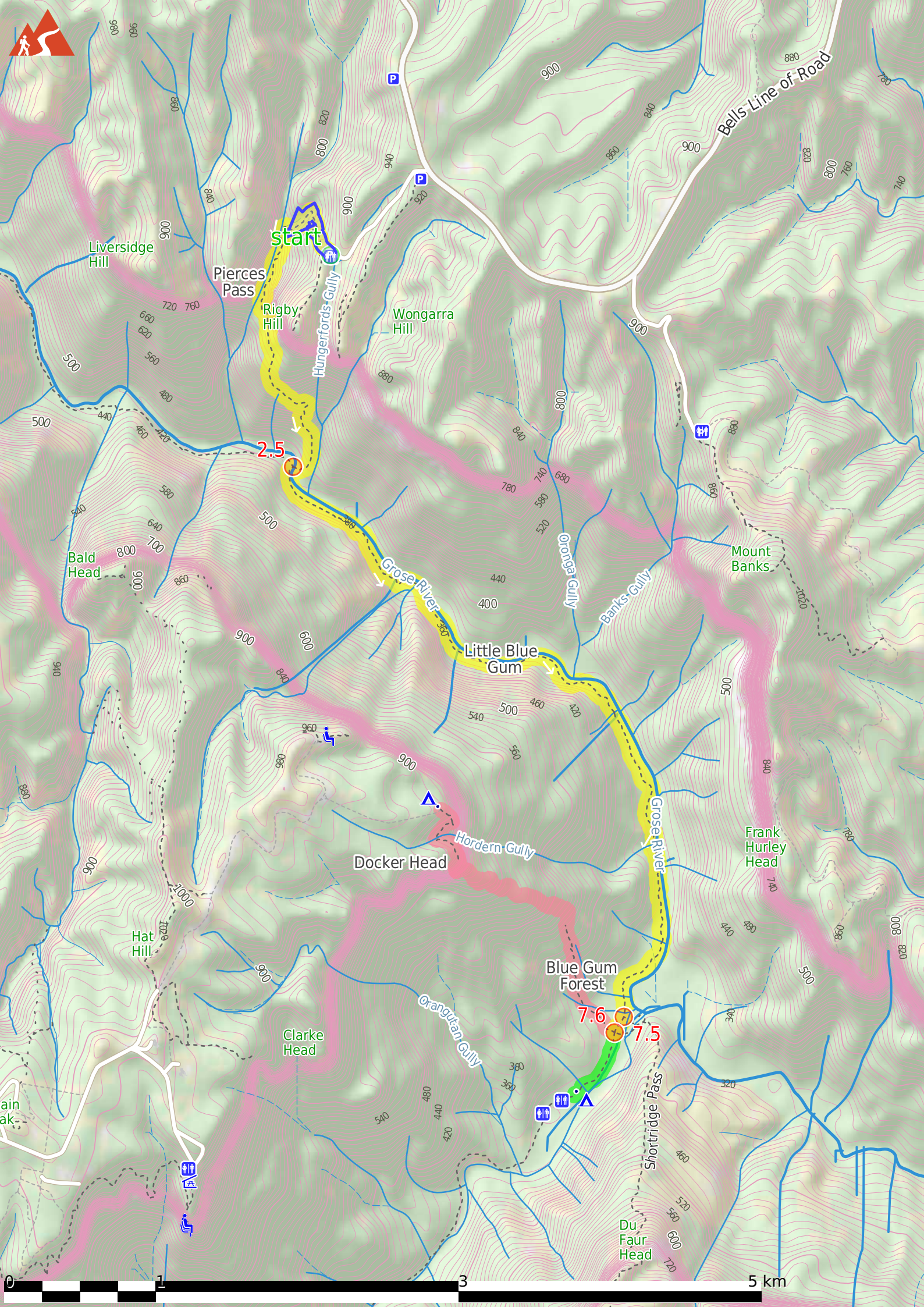
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

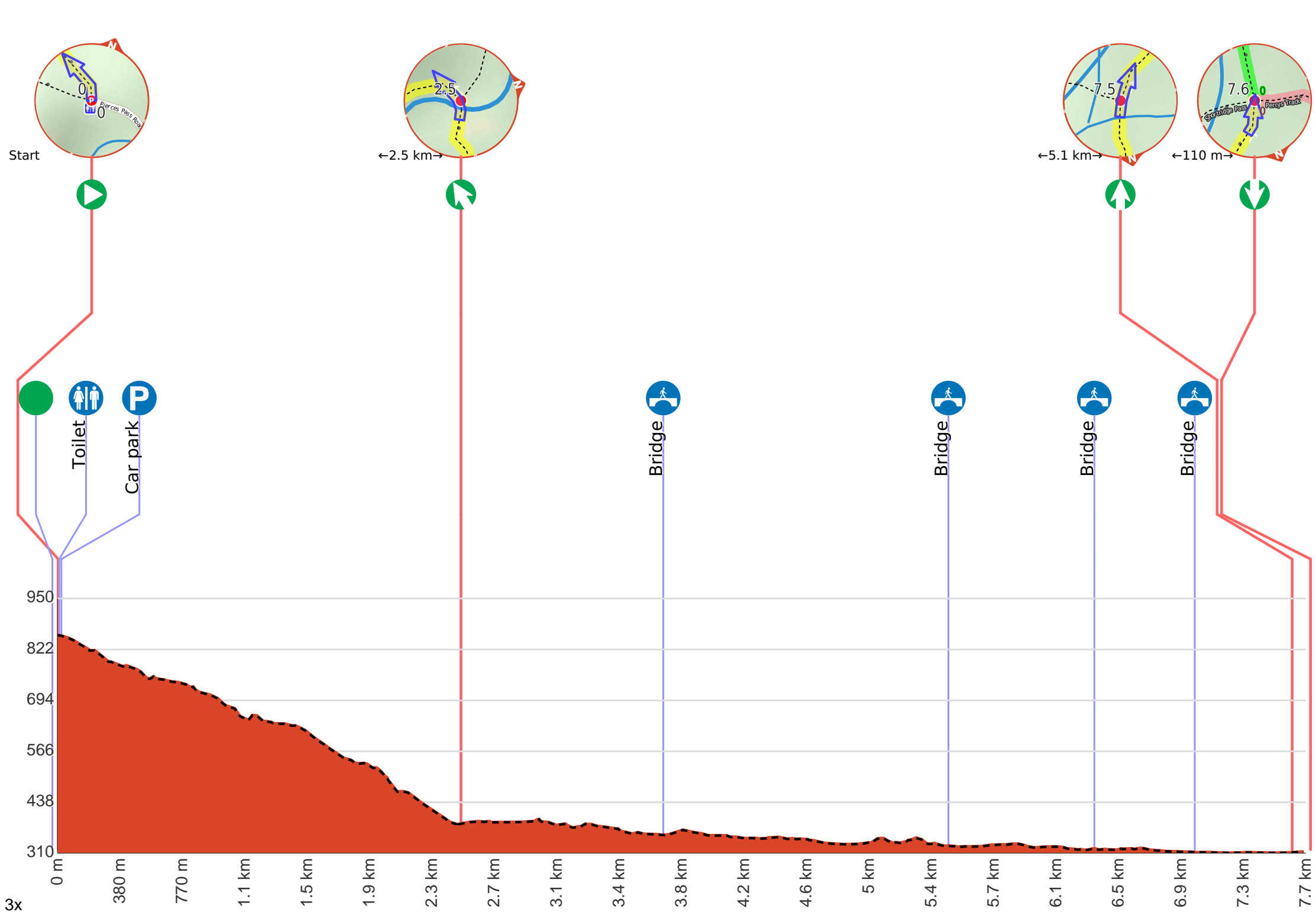
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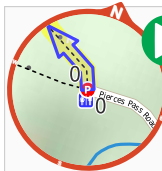






**Getting started:** From the car park, this walk heads down the hill tending right, to follow the creek. The track then follows the line of the creek, which drops away quickly before the track winds under a rocky outcrop. The track then winds to pass a tree which ends with a large step at the roots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



At the intersection of Pierces Pass Road & Pearce's Pass-Grose Valley Trail **Start** heading along *Pearce's Pass-Grose Valley Trail* (a walking track).

Pierces Pass (about 55 m back from the start).



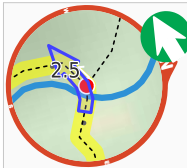
Pierces Pass in Blue Mountains National Park is a passage through the cliffs from the Bells Line of Road. The pass is popular with rock climbers, who use it as an access track to the cliffs.



There is a toilet (about 15 m back from the start).



After 15 m to find the car park.



After another 2.4 km **veer left**.



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



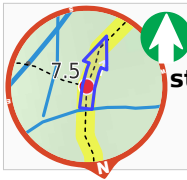
After another 1.7 km cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



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**.

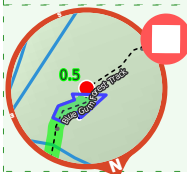
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Acacia Flats Camping Ground.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Shortridge Pass **Start** heading along *Blue Gum Forest Track* (a walking track).



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



After another 400 m come to the end.



About 45 m past the end is "Acacia Flats Camping Ground".



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).



About 85 m past the end is "Acacia Flat". 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 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)

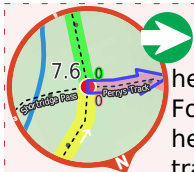


About 105 m past the end is a toilet.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 500 m to the main route.

**Start of an alternate route:** Alternate exit via Perrys Lookdown



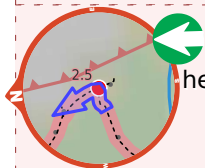
To take the alternate route turn right here. at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Shortridge Pass **Start** heading along *Perrys Track* (a walking track).



After another 830 m head up the steps (about 1.3 km long)



Then head up the steps (about 540 m long)



After another 380 m **turn left**, to head along Perrys Track.



After another 20 m find the "Dockers Lookout" (25 m on your right).



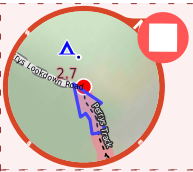
Dockers Lookout, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley and Blue Gum Forest below. Mt Banks can be seen standing proudly to the north above the valley.



After another 35 m come to the "Perry's Lookdown".



Perry's Lookdown, Blue Mountains NP, has views over the Grose Valley, with Blue Gum Forest nearly directly below and Lockleys Pylon to the south. The lookout is presumably named after Captain William Perry, the Deputy Surveyor General who worked under the leadership of Sir Thomas Mitchell.



After another 55 m come to the end.



About 10 m past the end is a sign.



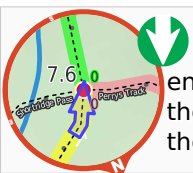
About 20 m past the end is "Perrys Lookdown campground".



Perrys Lookdown offers a simple campsite, close to some spectacular lookouts and well located as starting point for longer walks exploring the Grose Valley. There are 5 tent sites and a non-flush toilet, but no water available. This area allows fuel stoves only (no camp fires). The camping area is a short walk from the car park. Limit to one night stay (sites cannot be reserved).



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



Continue another 110 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 7.6 km to get back to the start.



About 70 m past the end is "Blue Gum Forest".



Blue Gum Forest, Blue Mountains NP, is a large stand of *Eucalyptus deanei* trees on the junction of the Grose River and Govetts Creek. The magnificent trees stand tall on the flats with low vegetation beneath. The trees of Blue Gum Forest represent the protection efforts of Myles Dunphy, who lead a group to raise the 130 pounds required to buy the Blue Gum Forest - quite a sum in 1931 during the depression - and save it from being cleared. The group were successful and the Blue Gum Forest is now protected within the Blue Mountains National Park.



About 15 m past the end is a sign.