



Lake Alexandra to Forty Foot Falls

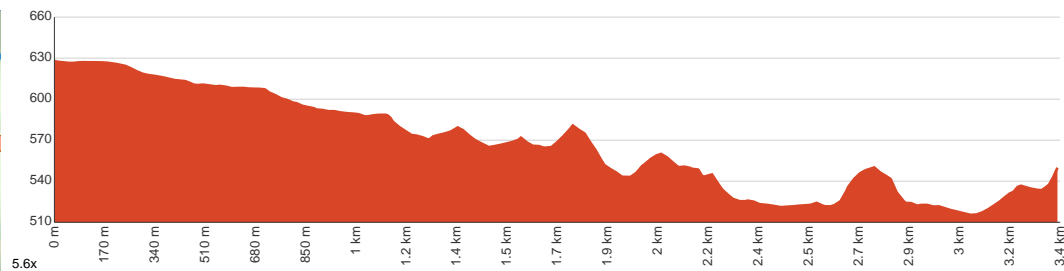
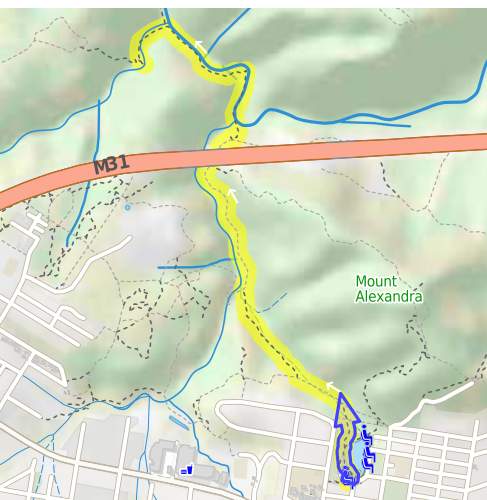
 2 h 15 min to 3 h 30 min


6.7 km
Return


↑ 322 m
↓ 322 m


Moderate track

Starting from the Lake Alexandra carpark, at the intersection of Queen Street and Alfred Street, Mittagong, this walk leads to Forty Foot Falls and back via the Forty Foot Falls Walking Track. The walk starts at Lake Alexandra, a quaint little pond with ducks all around. The lake is ideal for families, with a playground, toilet facilities and numerous picnic areas. From the lake, the walk leads to Forty Foot Falls through lush fern forest, mostly following the creek along a dirt track and over small wooden bridges. Behind Forty Foot Falls is a large cavern, allowing you to walk around the back of the falls and stand under them. There is also a lookout above the falls. While there is no clear or defined swimming hole, there are plenty of deep pools to take a dip in and cool off on a hot day. The walk is well signposted, and marked by red tabs or poles with a red tip spray painted on them. The track is mostly flat until the last section where you go down a series of steps, down a ladder built into the rock to reach the falls. The walk also involves creek crossings, overgrown sections, a couple of short steep climbs, and some rocks to scramble over to access the waterfall. Let us begin by acknowledging the 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 Hume Motorway, M31

- Turn on to Old Hume Highway Offramp then drive for 470 m
- Keep right onto Old Hume Highway Offramp and drive for another 90 m
- Turn right onto Old Hume Highway and drive for another 2.9 km
- Turn sharp left onto Bessemer Street and drive for another 70 m
- Turn sharp right onto Albert Lane and drive for another 210 m
- Turn sharp left onto Pioneer Street and drive for another 195 m
- Turn right onto Edward Street and drive for another 140 m
- Turn left onto Queen Street and drive for another 75 m
- Turn left and drive for another 30 m

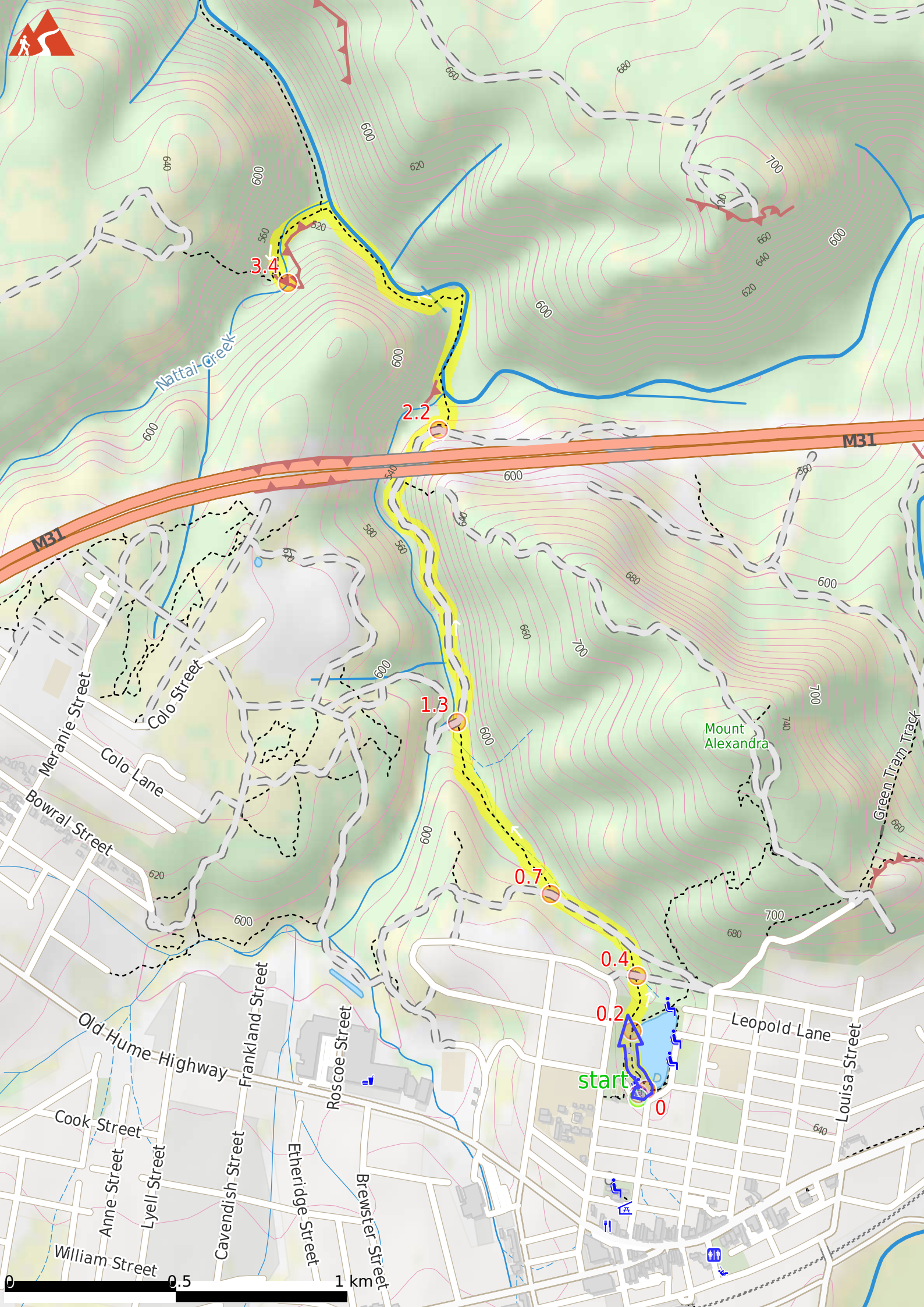
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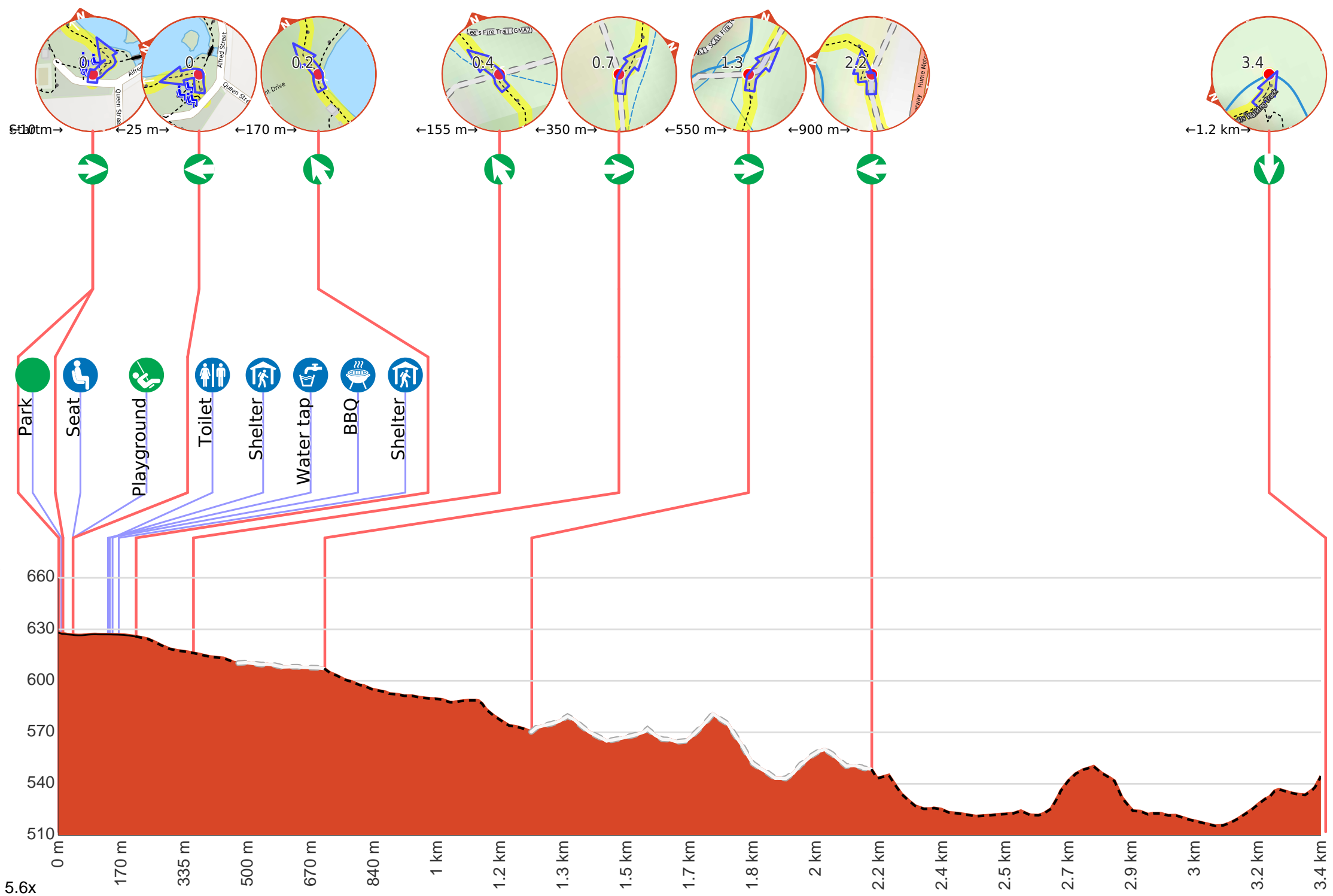
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

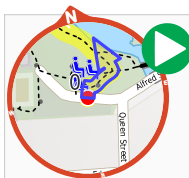
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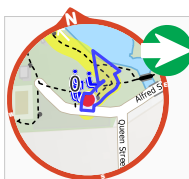


Getting started: From the Lake Alexandra carpark, at the intersection of Queen Street and Alfred Street, Mittagong, head past the playground area towards the lake. Head down the sealed path along the side of the lake to continue the walk to Forty Foot Falls.



Start.

Find the Lake Alexandra Reserve at the start.



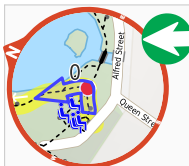
After another 4 m **turn right**.



After another 25 m pass a seat (7 m on your left).



Then pass the playground (25 m on your left). This playground is wheelchair accessible.



Turn left.



After another 105 m pass the toilet (40 m on your left).



Then pass the shelter (10 m on your left).



Then pass the water tap (10 m on your left).



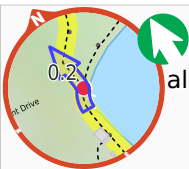
Then pass the BBQ (15 m on your left).



After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 10 m pass the shelter (9 m on your left).



After another 45 m **veer left**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track.



After another 155 m **veer left**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track.



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Lee's Fire Trail (GMA2) & Forty Foot Falls Walking Track) **continue straight**, to head along Lee's Fire Trail (GMA2) (a vehicle track).



After another 230 m (at the intersection of Forty Foot Falls Walking Track & Lee's Fire Trail (GMA2)) **turn right**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track (a walking track).



After another 550 m (at the intersection of GMA11 SCAR Fire Trail & Forty Foot Falls Walking Track) **turn right**, to head along GMA11 SCAR Fire Trail (a vehicle track).



After another 720 m **continue straight**, to head along GMA11 SCAR Fire Trail. (Under Hume Motorway.)



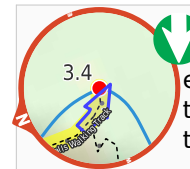
After another 180 m (at the intersection of GMA11 SCAR Fire Trail & Forty Foot Falls Walking Track) **turn left**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track (a walking track).



After another 940 m **continue straight**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track.



After another 245 m **continue straight**, to head along Forty Foot Falls Walking Track.



Continue another 25 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 3.4 km to get back to the start.



"Forty Foot Falls".