



# Warrimoo Track to the Sphinx

(Darug Country)

1 h 15 min to 1 h 30 min

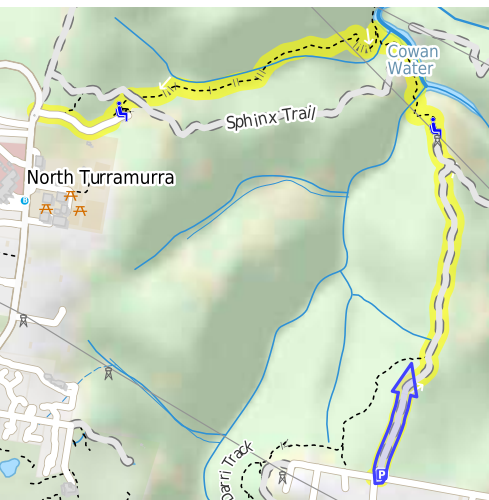
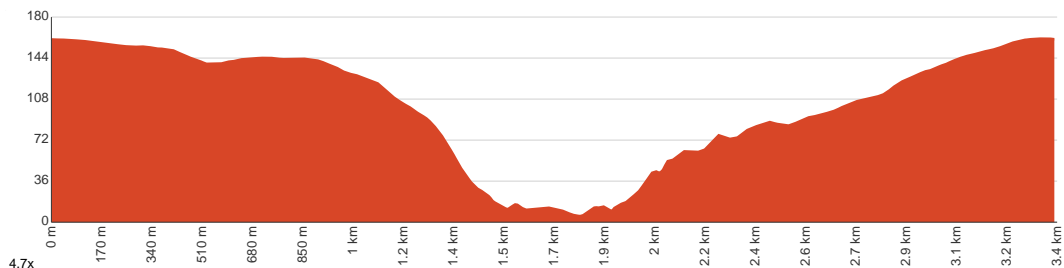
3.4 km  
One way

↑ 180 m  
↓ 180 m

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Moderate track

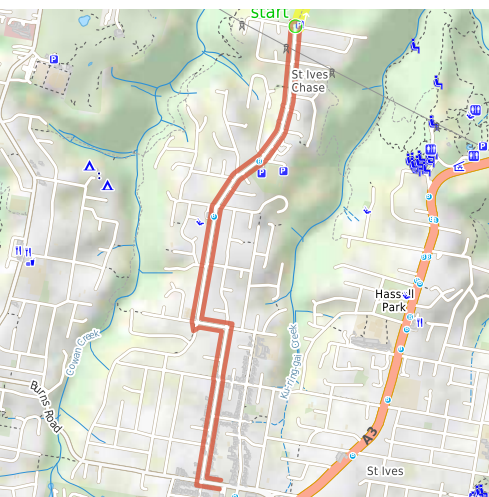


This walk offers a great way to explore most of the Warrimoo Track and also visit the Sphinx War Memorial. The walk winds down to Cowan Creek, providing some great views as the creek becomes wider. The journey continues up the steep hill through various bush environments before arriving at the Sphinx War Memorial and picnic area. 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.



<b>Class 3 of 6</b> Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Killeaton Street



- Turn on to Collins Road then drive for 640 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Collins Road and drive for another 340 m
- Turn left onto Toolang Road and drive for another 180 m
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Warrimoo Avenue and drive for another 2.1 km
- Turn right onto Timbarra Road and drive for another 1 m

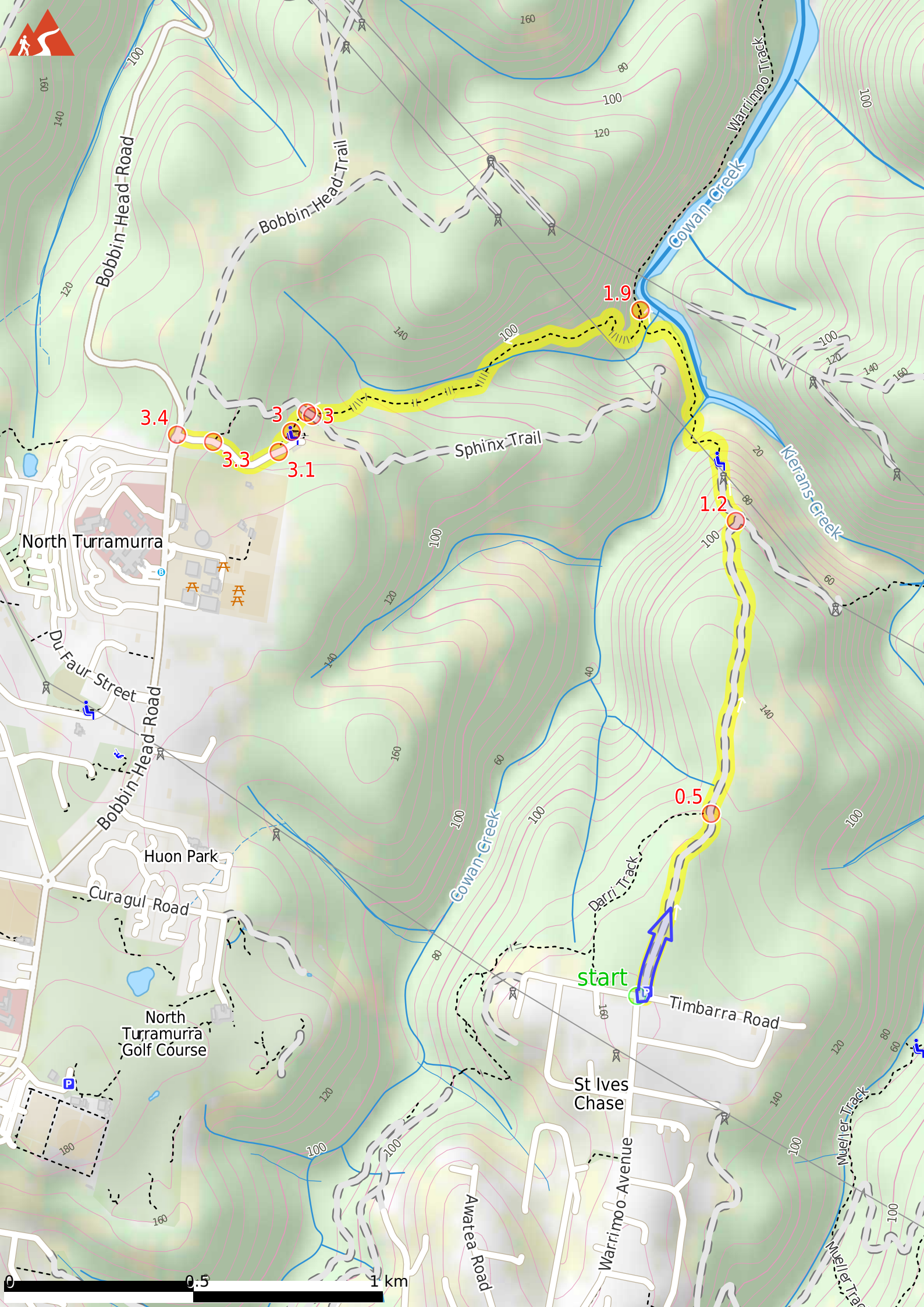
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

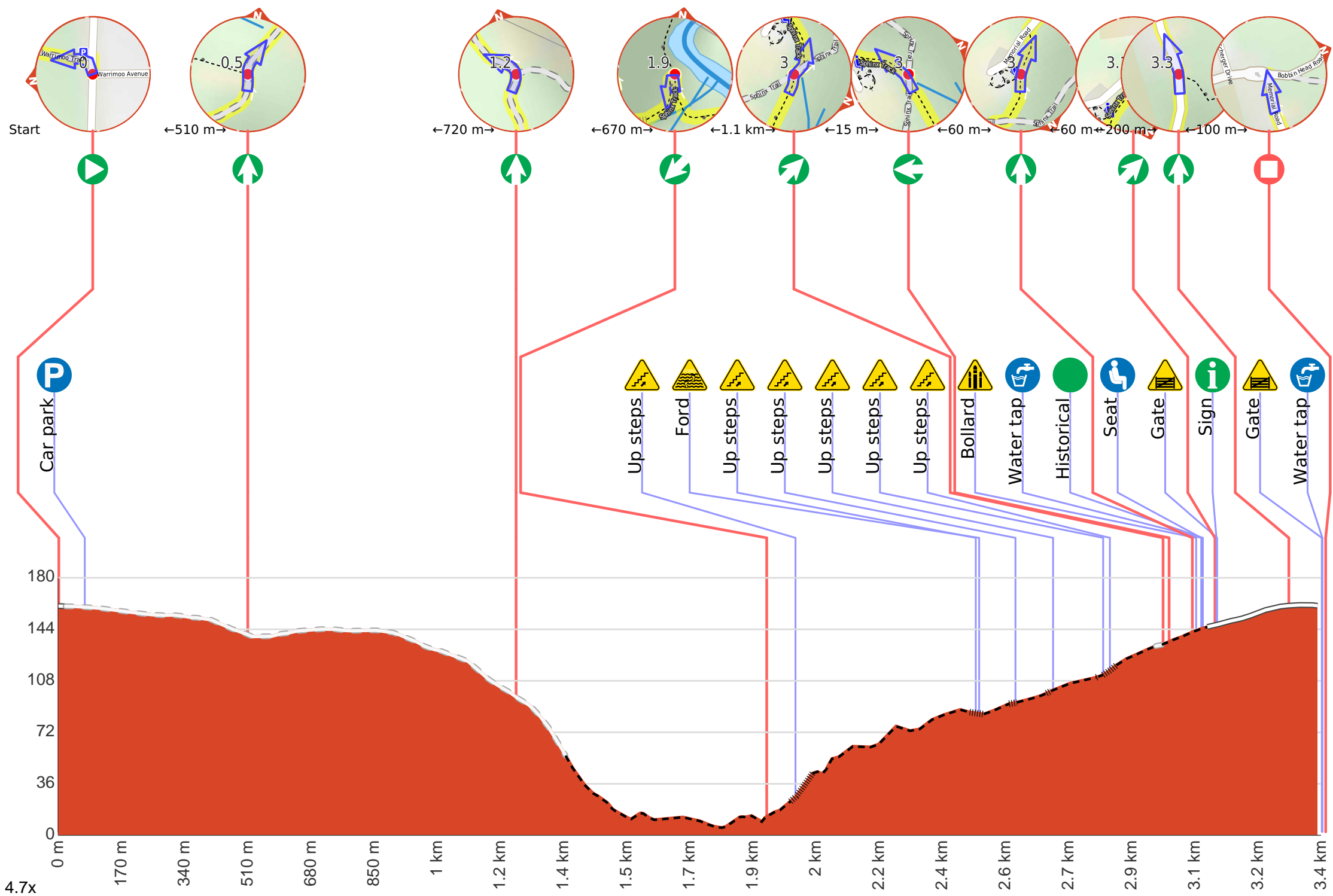
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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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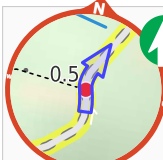
**Getting started:** From the car park, this walk follows the management trail through the bush for a while before winding down a gentle hill and coming to the signposted intersection with the Darri track.

From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west). The trail meanders through the bush for a while before winding steadily down a long hill to the end of the ridge. Here, the trail comes to a Memorial Chair at a lookout over Cowan Creek.




At the intersection of Warrimoo Avenue & Timbarra Road **Start** heading along *Timbarra Road* (a residential road).

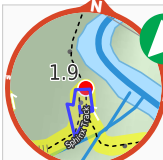
**P** After 70 m pass the "Ku-ring-gai National Park - Carpark" (9 m on your right).




After another 440 m **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.





After another 720 m **continue straight**, to head along Warrimoo Track.





After another 670 m (at the intersection of Warrimoo Track & Sphinx Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Sphinx Track.


 After another 75 m head up the 89 earthen steps (about 60 m long)


 After another 430 m cross the ford.

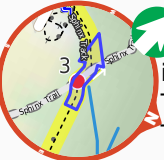
 Then head up the 68 earthen steps (about 40 m long)

 After another 70 m head up the 18 earthen steps (about 20 m long)


 After another 80 m head up the 15 earthen steps (about 10 m long)

 After another 120 m head up the 7 earthen steps (about 5 m long)


 After another 15 m head up the 36 earthen steps (about 35 m long)





After another 105 m (at the intersection of Sphinx Trail & Sphinx Track) **veer right**, to head along Sphinx Trail (a vehicle track).




After another 15 m (at the intersection of Sphinx Trail & Sphinx Track) **turn left**, to head along Sphinx Track (a walking track).

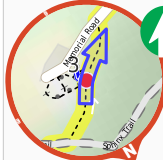
 After another 70 m head through the bollard.

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


 Then find the "Sphinx Memorial" (25 m on your left).





Private Shirley spent one and a half years carving this monument whilst a patient of the Lady Davidson Convalescent Hospital. William Shirley was in hospital, being treated after serving in WW1. Shirley died in 1929, leaving this memorial to fallen A.I.F. comrades. "To my glorious comrades of the A.I.F by the late W. Shirley No 5756 Pte. 13th Battalion Died 27th August 1928"




**Continue straight**, to head along Sphinx Track.


 After another 25 m pass a seat (10 m on your left)., has a backrest.

 After another 40 m head through/around the gate.



At the intersection of Memorial Road & Sphinx Track **veer right**, to head along Memorial Road (a service road).

 Then pass the "Sphinx Track / Warrimoo Track" (on your left).



After another 195 m **continue straight**, to head along Memorial Road.



After another 90 m head through/around the gate.

sunrise-sunset



Then pass the water tap (7 m on your right).



After another 9 m come to the end.