





# Garawarra Farm to Garie Beach

(Dharawal Country)

 1 h 30 min, 2 h 15 min to 2 days

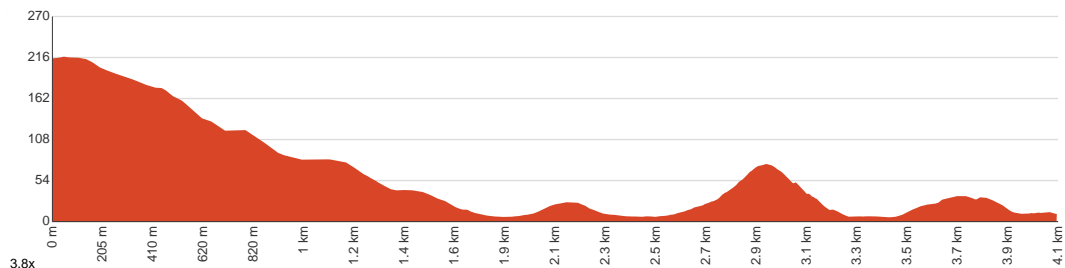
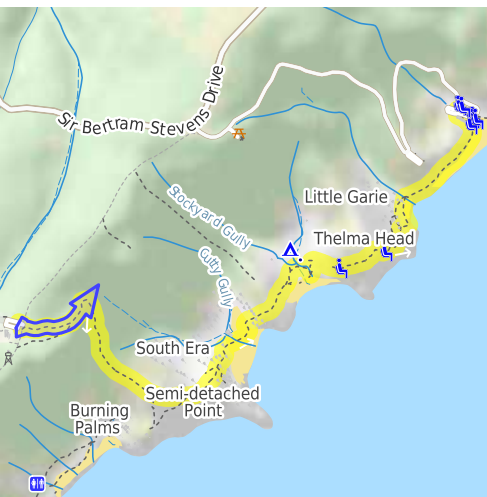
  
4.1 km  
One way

  
↑ 130 m  
↓ 335 m

 3  
Moderate track



This walk starts at the large Garawarra Farm car park taking the ridge straight down to the coast. Look for the change in vegetation as you descend along the spur to the Coastal Track, before beach hopping your way to Garie Beach. The track is a great way to see some of Sydney's best coast, with plenty of opportunities to cool down, and maybe do a spot of fishing along the way. About half the track is through open grass land, giving panoramic ocean views, with opportunities to wander among some buildings from the depression era. This walk is usually done as a day walk, but if you want to make it an overnight walk you can book and camp at North Era. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



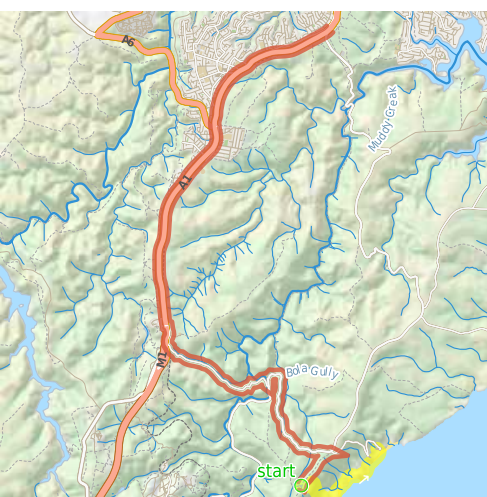
Class 3 of 6

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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to then drive for 200 m
- Turn left onto Kooraban Street and drive for another 4.7 km
- Turn left onto Sir Bertram Stevens Drive and drive for another 4.4 km
- Turn right onto Garie Road and drive for another 65 m
- Turn sharp right onto Garrawarra Farm Road and drive for another 1.5 km



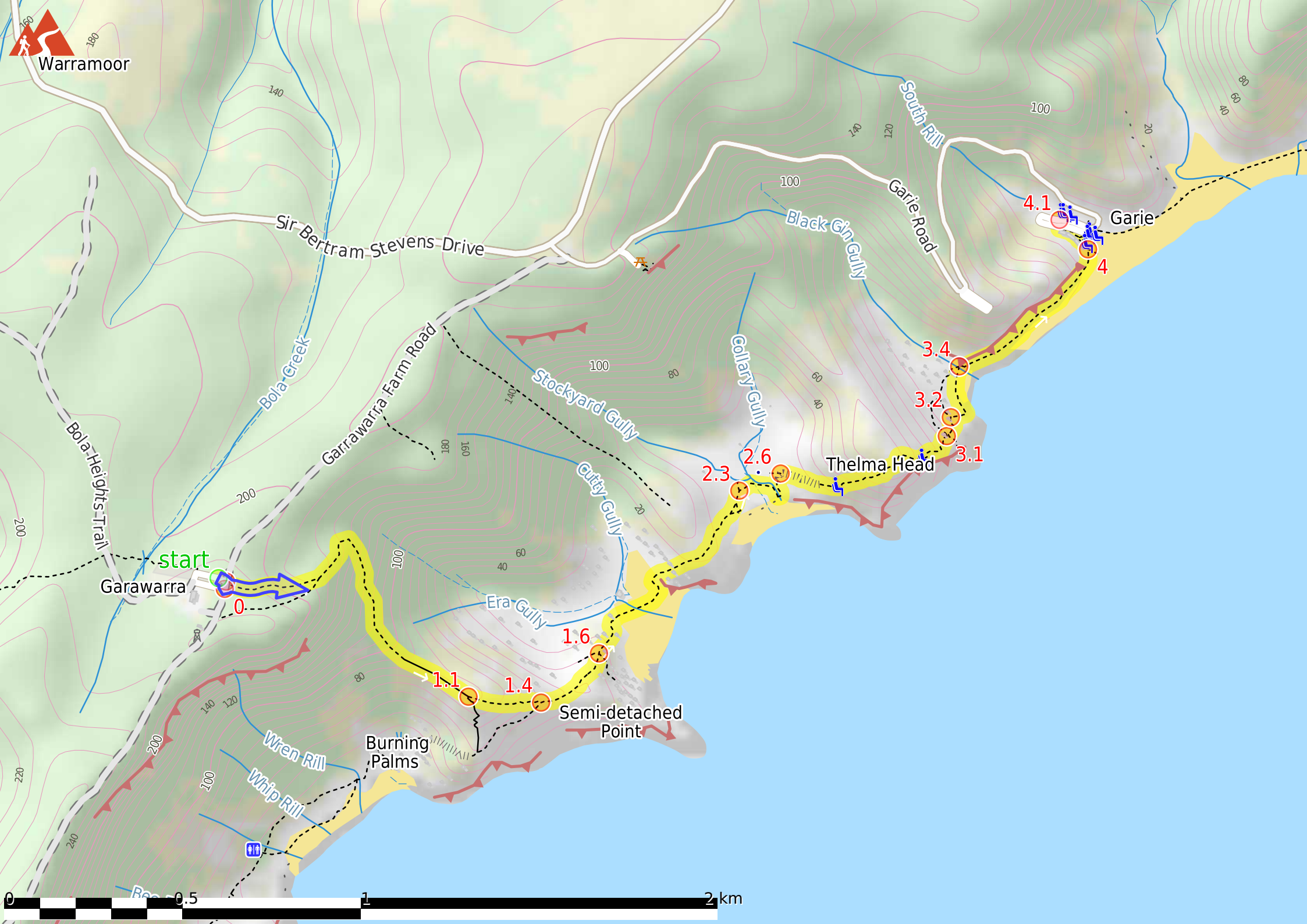
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

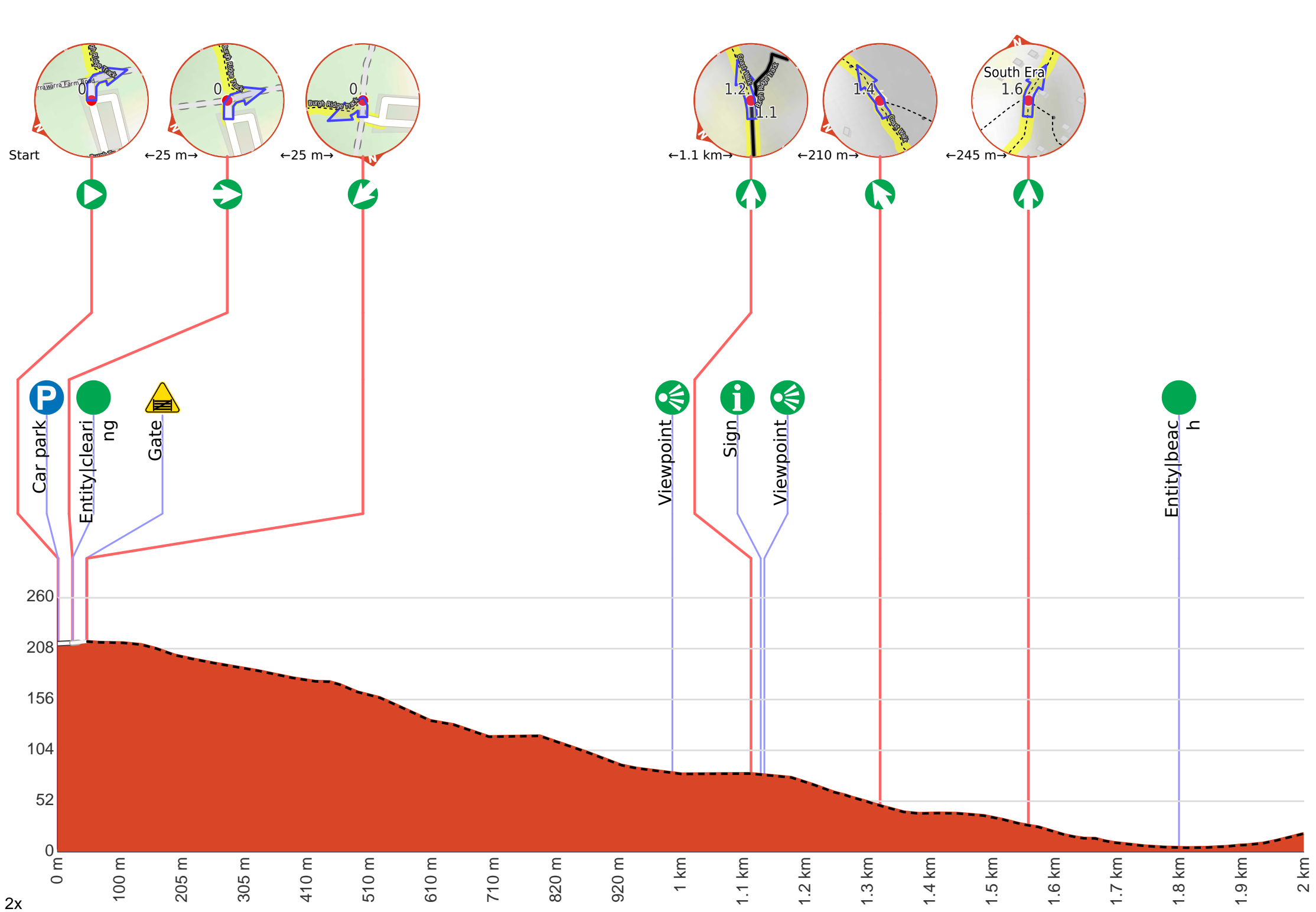
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

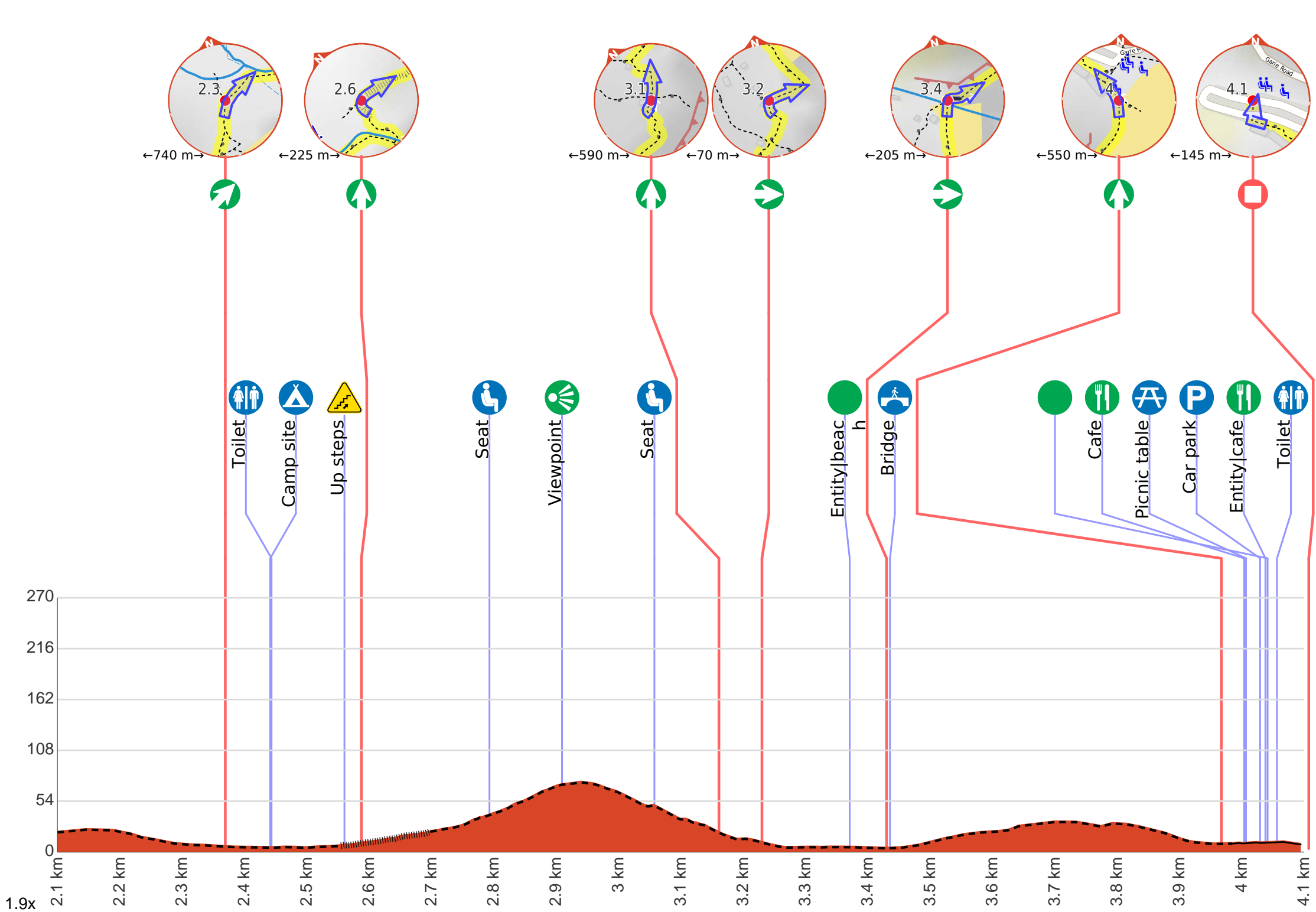
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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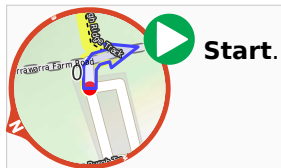






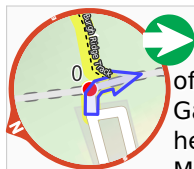
**Getting started:** From the Garawarra Farm car park, this walk heads east out of the car park to turn right onto the main dirt road (that leads into the car park). A short distance down the road this walk comes to an intersection just beyond the locked gate marked with a 'Coast Walk' and a 'Garawarra Ridge Management Trail' signpost.

From the intersection, this walk follows the Burning Palms, Era and Garie arrows on the Coast Walk signpost, winding along the bush track and down the long hill. The track gradually steepens and becomes a little rougher, winding down onto the ridge line and all the way along, until it breaks out of the trees and continues down through the short scrub and blade grass to the intersection of the bush track on the left.



**Start.**

**P** Find the Garrawarra Farm Carpark at the start.



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Garawarra Ridge Management Trail & Garrawarra Farm Road) **turn right**, to head along Garawarra Ridge Management Trail (a vehicle track).



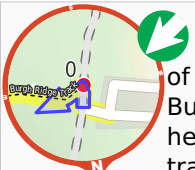
Then find the "Garawarra Farm" (70 m on your left).



Garawarra Farm is a clearing in the southern section of Royal National Park near the intersection of the Squeeze Way and Burgh Ridge track. This area was initially protected in 1934, when it and the surrounding area was turned into the Garawarra Park. This protection occurred after much lobbying from Myles Dunphy and the Mountain trails club, following their concerns of the impact been caused from logging and grazing in the area. This area and much more was re-named to Royal National Park in 1954 following the first visit of Queen Elizabeth II. The old farmhouse is now used by NPWS and is not open to the public. There is a large public carpark that are popular for people walking in the area.



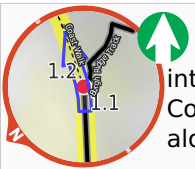
After another 25 m head through/around the gate.



After another 1 m (at the intersection of Garawarra Ridge Management Trail & Burgh Ridge Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Burgh Ridge Track (a walking track).



After another 960 m come to the viewpoint.



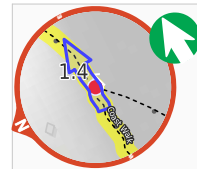
After another 130 m (at the intersection of Burgh Ridge Track & Coast Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Coast Walk.



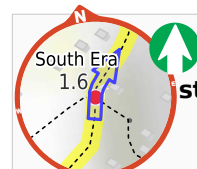
After another 15 m pass the "Figure 8 Pools" (on your right).



After another 6 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 190 m **veer left**.



After another 245 m **continue straight**.



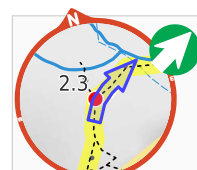
After another 250 m find the "Era Beach" (80 m on your left).



(South) Era Beach is in the Royal National Park about 1.7km south east of Garie Beach. The beach can be accessed by foot along the coast track or by walking in from Garawarra Farm. The yellow sand beach looks south east and has a rock shelf at both ends. There is a small lagoon near the surf life saving club. The club patrols the beach on weekends during the warmer months.



After another 265 m **continue straight**.



After another 225 m **veer right**.



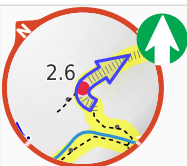
After another 75 m pass the toilet (140 m on your left).



Then come to the "North Era Beach Campground" (45 m on your left). Campsite managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. There is a fee to use this campsite.



After another 120 m head up the earthen steps (about 150 m long)



**Continue straight.**



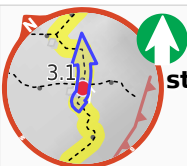
After another 210 m pass a seat (on your left), has no backrest.



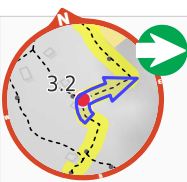
After another 120 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 150 m pass a seat (on your left), has no backrest.



After another 105 m **continue straight.**



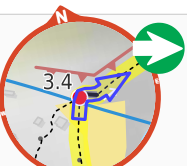
After another 70 m **turn right.**



After another 145 m find the "Little Garie" (65 m on your left).



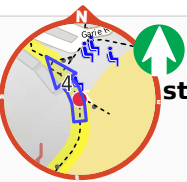
Little Garie beach and cabin community is in the Royal National park about 800m south west of Garie Beach. The beach is a yellow sand looking east. The beach is edge lined along the edge with smooth rock with a rock shelf on both ends of the beach. There are no facilities or life saving services at the beach. The cabins built just above the beach are dotted through the valley and includes a green community hall and church up the hill on the south side.



After another 60 m **turn right.**



After another 6 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 530 m **continue straight.**



After another 75 m find the "Garie Beach" (45 m on your right).



Garie Beach, Royal National Park, is a large, south-east facing, yellow sand beach. The beach is backed by steep headlands and gullies. There is a large car park at the end of Garie Rd for access to the beach. Garie Beach is popular for surfing, patrolled 9am-5pm from December to January. Facilities include toilets, kiosk, picnic tables, cold showers and Surf Life Saving Club. The water from the shower should be treated before drinking, this water comes from a tank and may be unavailable during dry periods.



Then pass the "Garie Surf Living Saving Club" (7 m on your left).



Then pass the picnic table (9 m on your right), has no backrest.



After another 25 m pass the car park (15 m on your right).



After another 9 m find the "Garie Beach Kiosk" (15 m on your left).



Garie Beach Kiosk is at the side of the carpark at the end of Garie Rd, in the Royal National Park. The kiosk is only open on weekends and most days during the summer holidays. The opening hours are based on demand and is generally open from 10:30am to 3pm (later in summer). The kiosk sells, cold drinks, ice creams, pies, salad rolls etc. Contact for Audley kiosk (same managers) 9521 2240.



After another 20 m pass the toilet (20 m on your left).



After another 50 m come to the end.