




# Mt Hay and Hay Monolith

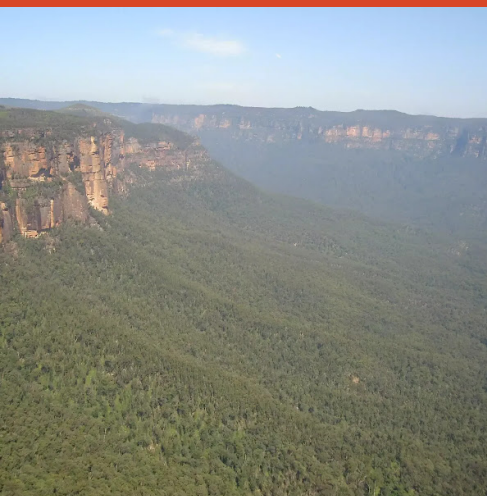
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 2 h to 4 h

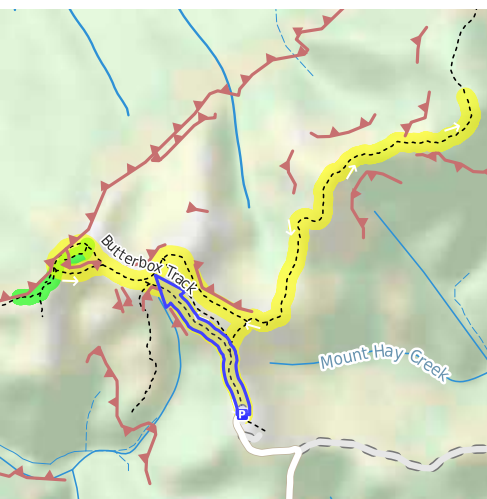
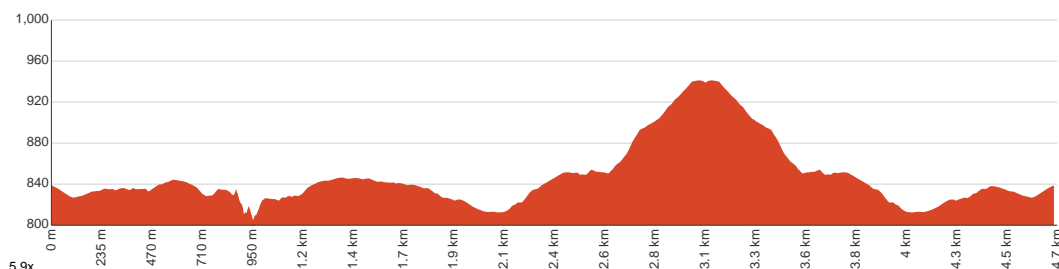
  
4.7 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 286 m  
↓ 286 m

  
Hard track



This walk combines the Mt Hay and Hay Monolith trails. The track takes in the best of the exposed ridges, with views into the swamps and the Grose Valley. Walkers will pass by many rock formations and wild flowers in the low heath. The summit of Mt Hay does not give views of the region, but the track up showcases the surrounding scenery. 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 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	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)



**Getting to the start:** From Alexandra Terrace

- Turn on to Leura Mall then drive for 155 m
- Turn right onto Victory Lane and drive for another 115 m
- Keep right onto Churchill Street and drive for another 265 m
- Turn left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 760 m
- Turn right onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 6.8 km
- Keep left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 7.4 km
- Turn left onto Mount Hay Road and drive for another 310 m
- Turn left and drive for another 3 m

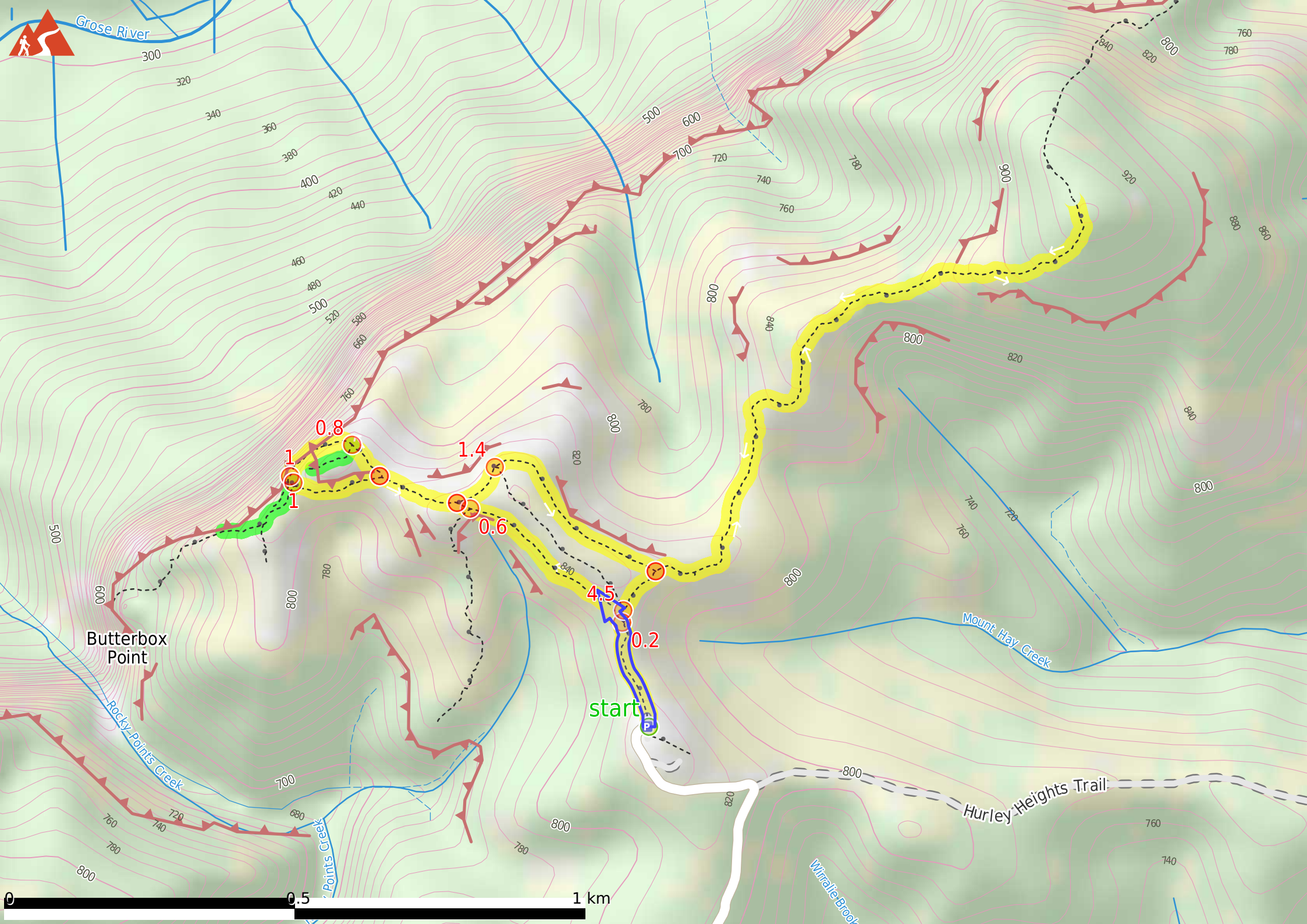
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

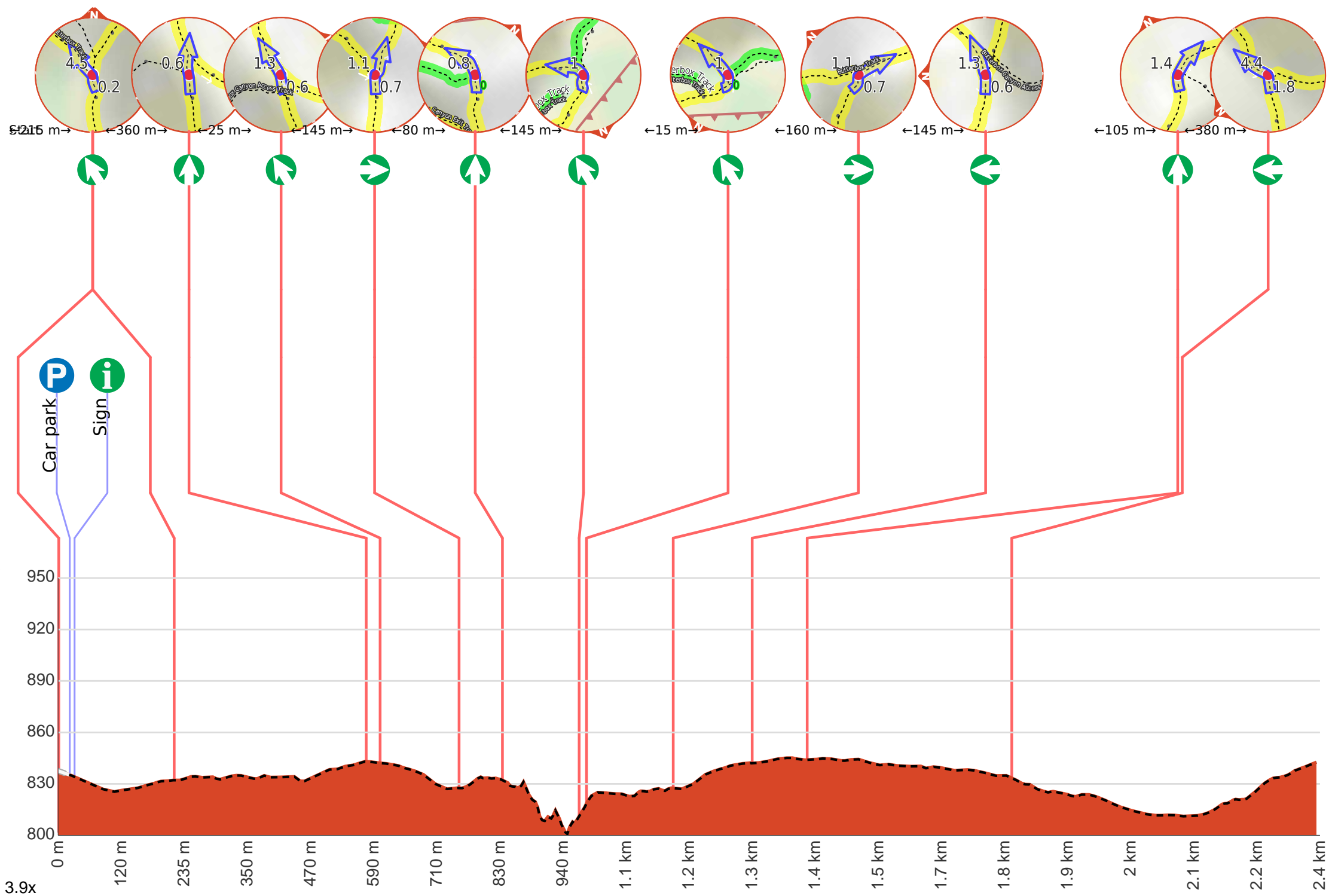
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

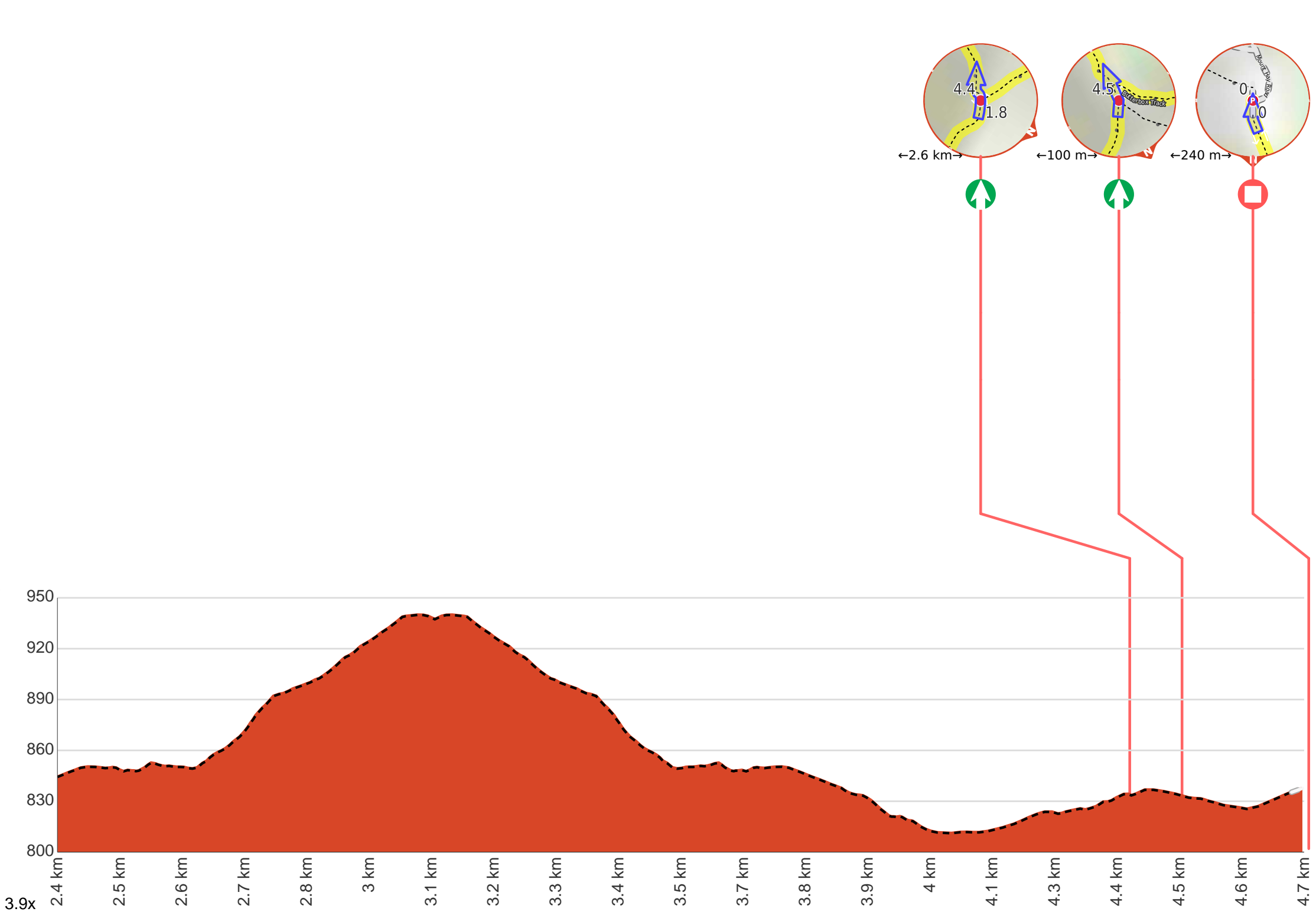
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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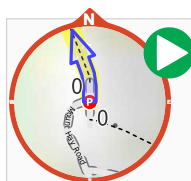






**Getting started:** From the car park, this walk heads past the gap in the train track-style fencing, passing a sign for 'Butterbox Canyon'. The track traverses the saddle to rise up onto a flat area, continuing for approximately 20m to an intersection with a track to the left.

From the intersection, this walk heads towards the rocky outcrop, keeping the ridgeline above and right of the track. After approximately 300m, the track leads away from the hill on the left, heading onto a low heath area (with the hill behind). The walk continues for approximately 50m towards the Grose Valley, coming to an intersection.



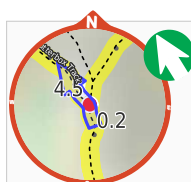
**Start.**



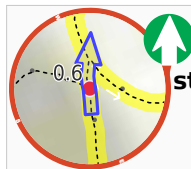
After 20 m to find the car park.



After another 9 m pass the "Butterbox Canyon" (on your left).



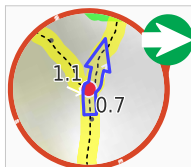
After another 185 m **veer left**.



After another 360 m **continue straight**.

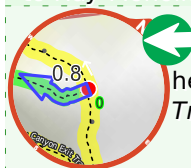


After another 25 m **veer left**.

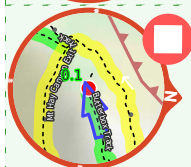


After another 145 m **turn right**.

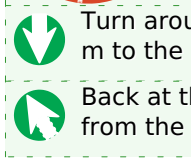
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Hay Monolith summit.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start** heading along *Butterbox Track*.



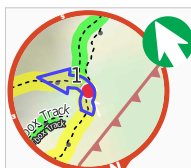
After another 95 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 95 m to the main route.

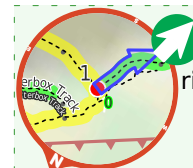


After another 80 m **continue straight**.

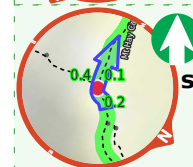


After another 145 m **veer left**.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Hay Wall Lookout.



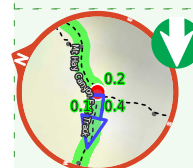
To start this optional side trip veer right here. **Start**.



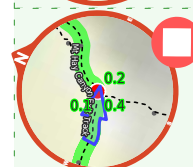
After another 105 m **continue straight**.



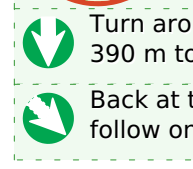
After another 90 m come to the viewpoint.



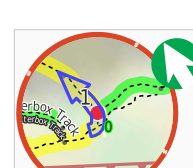
After another 55 m **turn around**.



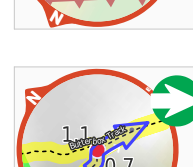
After another 145 m come to the end.



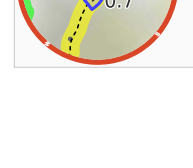
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 390 m to the main route.



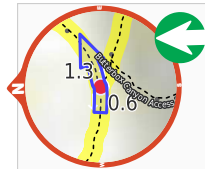
Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 980 m waypoint.



After another 15 m **veer left**.



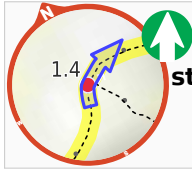
After another 160 m **turn right**.



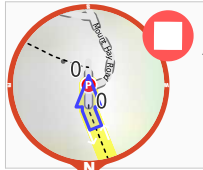
After another 145 m **turn left**.



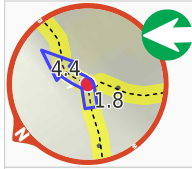
After another 100 m **continue straight**.



After another 105 m **continue straight**.



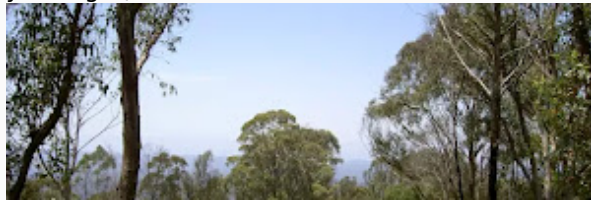
After another 240 m come to the end.



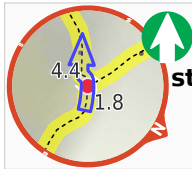
After another 380 m **turn left**.



After another 1.3 km find the "Mt Hay" (10 m on your right).



Mt Hay, Blue Mountains National Park, is a large basalt-capped mountain, which creates a more fertile environment for different plant species. The mountain is accessed by Mt Hay Rd, with a defined bush track which leads to the top. At the top of Mt Hay, there is a large cairn, made from basalt bricks from the surrounding prominent knoll, which is the highest point. Excellent views are gained into the Grose Valley, from the track up Mt Hay, however the summit itself does not have views, blocked by the tree canopy.



After another 1.3 km **continue straight**.