




# De Burghs Bridge to Fullers Bridge

(Darug Country)

 1 h 30 min to 2 h 30 min

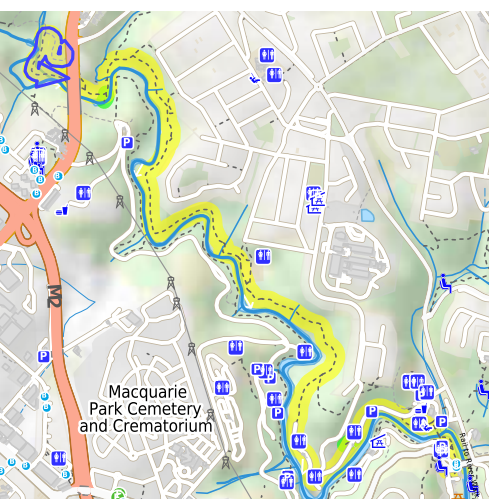
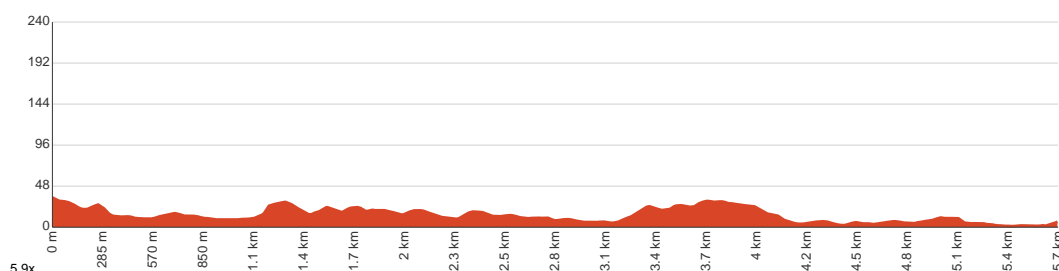
  
5.7 km  
One way

  
↑ 121 m  
↓ 149 m

  
Hard track



Following the Lane Cove River, this walk mostly follows a section of the Great North Walk and is well maintained and signposted. Things to lookout for include Fiddens Wharf which is a very pleasant spot to sit and watch the ducks. The walk passes by Lane Cove National Park Headquarters, so pop by and check out the other experiences available in the park. 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.

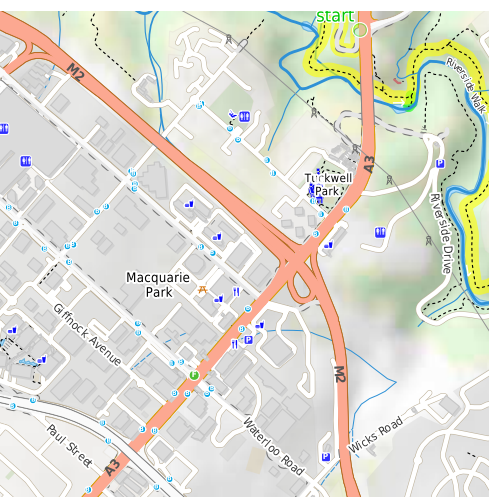


Class 4 of 6  
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	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 Lane Cove Road Exit

- Turn on to Lane Cove Road Exit then drive for 30 m
- Continue onto Lane Cove Road Exit and drive for another 45 m
- Turn right onto Lane Cove Road, A3 and drive for another 1.9 km



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

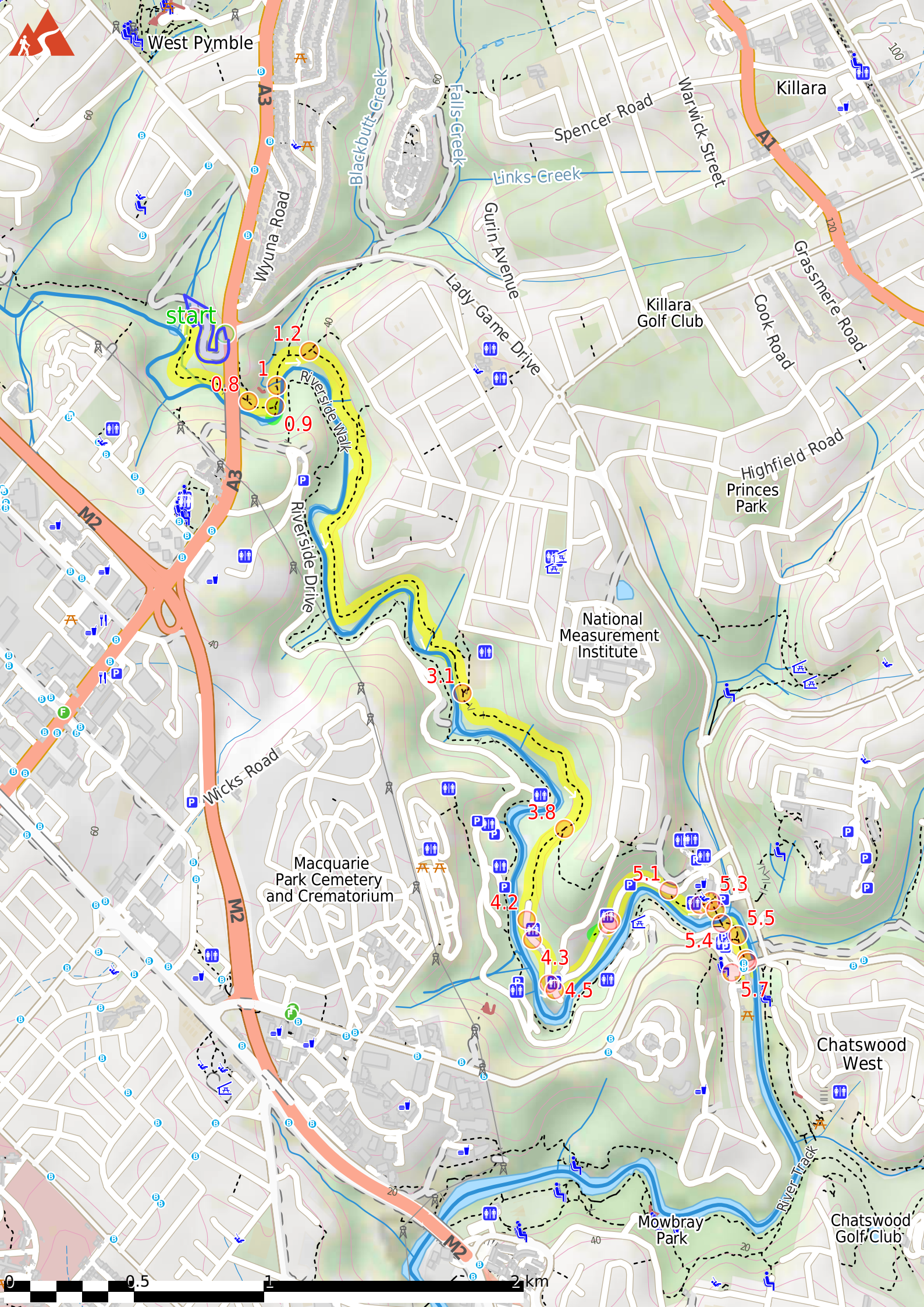
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

Killara

start

0.8

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Macquarie  
Park Cemetery  
and Crematorium

National  
Measurement  
Institute

Killara  
Golf Club

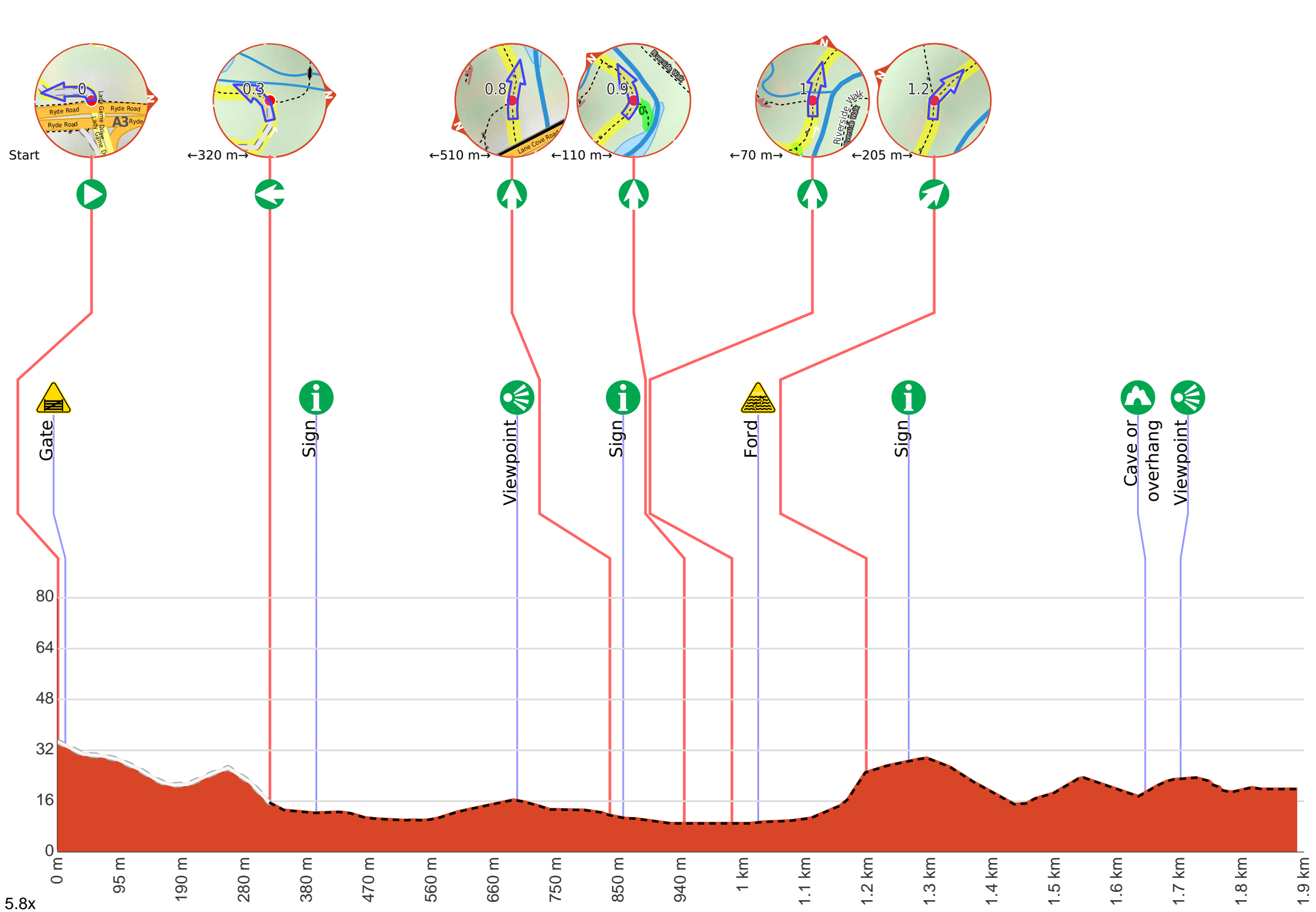
Princes  
Park

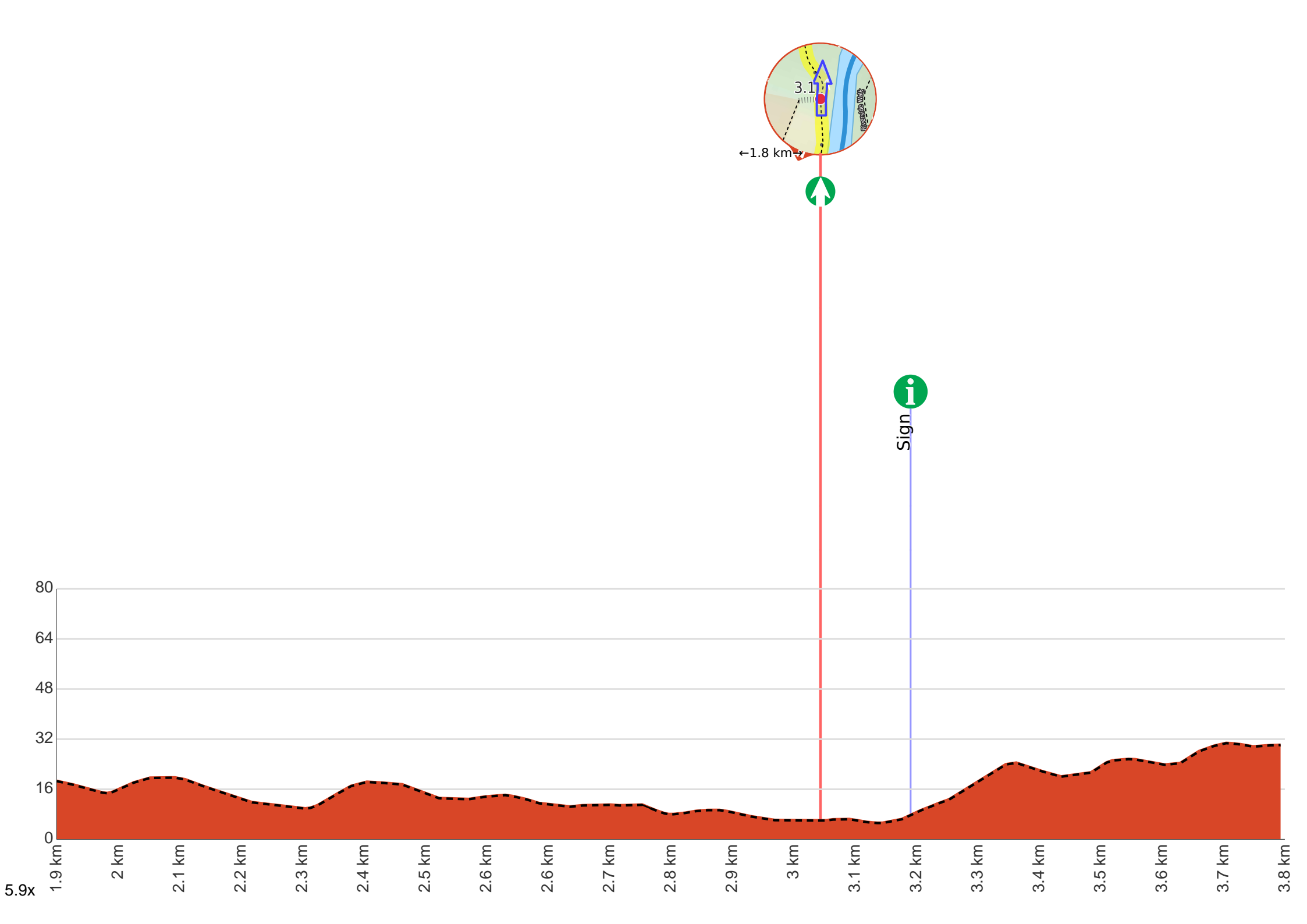
Chatswood  
West

Chatswood  
Golf Club

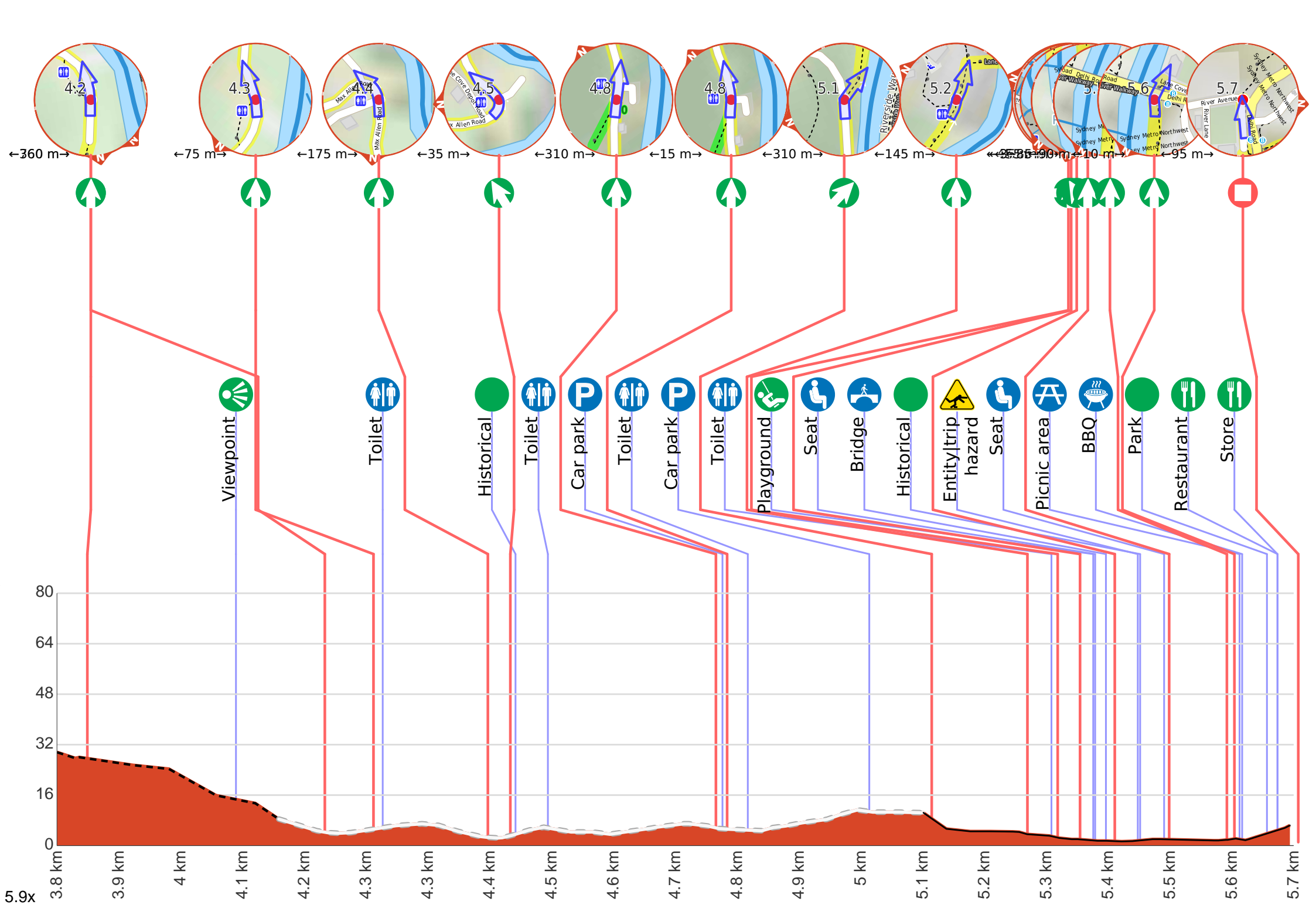
Mowbray  
Park



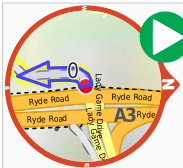








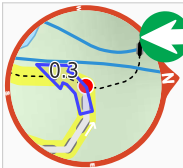
**Getting started:** From the intersection, this walk passes over the timber railing and turns left down the hill. The track winds down the hill for approximately 200m to the signposted intersection.



**Start.**



Find the gate at the start.



After another 310 m **turn left**.



After another 70 m pass the sign (7 m on your right).



After another 305 m come to the viewpoint (7 m on your right).

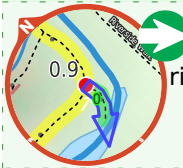


After another 140 m **continue straight**.



After another 20 m pass the sign (10 m on your right).

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Blue Hole.



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



After another 45 m come to "Blue Hole".



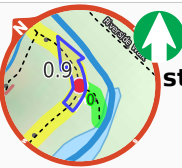
Blue Hole is found in the Lane Cove River, downstream of De Burghs Bridge. Within Lane Cove National Park this small pleasant waterhole has a flat rock and small sandy beach on the north side of the river. The water is polluted by run-off and rubbish, especially after rain, so it is not suitable for swimming. It is still a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the valley.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 45 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 940 m waypoint.



After another 90 m **continue straight**.



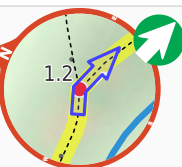
After another 70 m **continue straight**.



After another 40 m cross the ford.



After another 80 m **continue straight**.



After another 80 m **veer right**.



After another 65 m pass the sign (7 m on your left).



After another 360 m find the "Sandstone caves" (8 m on your right).



This fairly large sandstone overhang is found on the eastern side of the Lane Cove Valley. The walking track leads through the two caves that run in series, with the northern cave being larger. The lip of the overhang hangs down a bit, providing some extra protection from wind and rain. The cave also provide some shade and a cooler spot on hot days, and there are also a couple of well placed boulders forming nice seats.



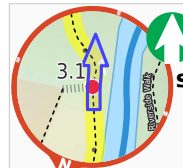
After another 55 m come to the viewpoint.



After another 500 m come to the viewpoint.



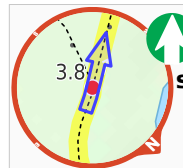
After another 600 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 250 m **continue straight**.



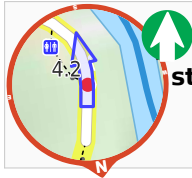
After another 140 m pass the sign (6 m on your left).



After another 620 m **continue straight**.



After another 225 m come to the viewpoint (9 m on your right).



After another 135 m **continue straight**.



After another 75 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m pass the toilet (20 m on your left).



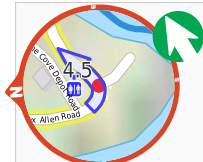
After another 160 m **continue straight**.



After another 40 m find the "Schwartz Homestead" (20 m on your left).



The Schwartz Homestead is a neat little white and green 1920's timber cottage with a balcony on three sides. It was probably built by orchardist George Warr, who leased the land from 1917.

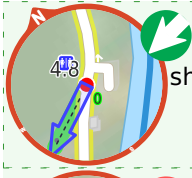


**Veer left.**



After another 55 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Baker's Cottage.



To start this optional side trip turn sharp left here. **Start.**



Continue another 65 m to find Baker's Cottage at the end.



About 50 m past the end is "Baker's Cottage".



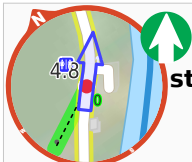
Baker's Cottage was built in 1865 as the residence of William Baker and his family. The cottage once stood in the middle of a well-kept garden and orchard. The cottage itself was once larger, with more rooms and a verandah surrounding it. The residence changed hands only twice, and was then appropriated by the Minister of Lands in 1938.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 4.8 km waypoint.



After another 255 m **continue straight**.



After another 10 m pass the car park (10 m on your right).



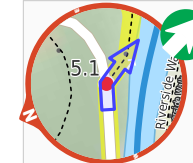
After another 7 m **continue straight**.



After another 30 m pass the toilet (25 m on your left).



After another 185 m pass the car park (5 m on your right).



After another 95 m **veer right**.



After another 180 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).



**Continue straight.**



After another 45 m **turn right**.



After another 55 m pass the playground (50 m on your left).



**Continue straight.**



After another 25 m find the "Seat" (10 m on your right).



A stone seat, 42cm high, 60cm deep and 1.7m wide with a 22cm high arm and 22cm backrest.





After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 40 m find the "Lane Cove Weir" (on your right).



The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proves an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.



**Veer left.**



After another 35 m find the "Trip Hazard" (on your left).



The edges of the weir are ungraded and there is a significant drop with water hazards. Keep clear of edges.



After another 40 m find the "Seat" (on your left).



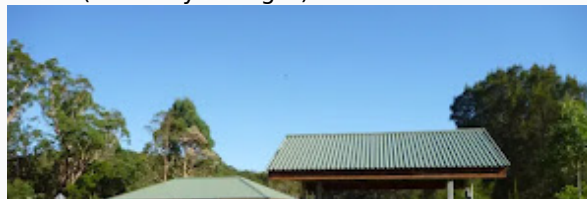
Two timber seats, 40cm high, 38cm deep and 1.8m wide with a 35cm backrest and no arm rests.



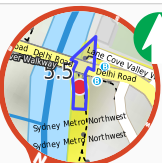
After another 8 m **continue straight.**



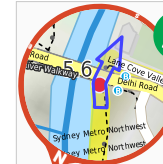
After another 105 m find the "Koonjeree Picnic Area" (7 m on your right).



Koonjeree Picnic Area is at the southern end of Lane Cove National Park, just near Fullers Bridge. The picnic area boasts free gas barbecues, flushing toilets, town tap water, picnic tables and shelters, a large open area and car parking. On the bank of the Lane Cove River, this is a pleasant spot to enjoy the park. Then pass the BBQ (25 m on your right).



**Continue straight.**



After another 10 m **continue straight.**



After another 50 m pass the "Alfred Cook Park" (20 m on your left).



After another 15 m pass the "Whitefire Grill and Bar" (15 m on your right).

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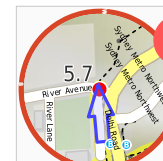
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Then find the "Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill" (20 m on your right).



The Riverside Cafe is found at the end of service road on the south-west corner of Fullers Bridge. The nicely renovated building looks over the Lane Cove River and is open 7 days, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food is cafe-style and meals are priced upwards from \$13. Ph: (02) 9412 3773.



After another 30 m come to the end.



"The Great North Walk".