




# Warrah Trig to Pearl Beach

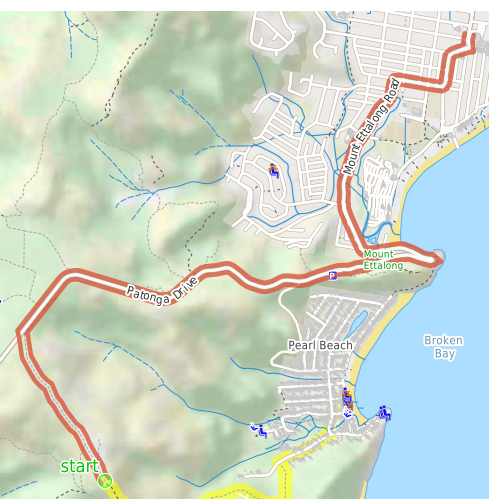
(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 1 h to 1 h 15 min

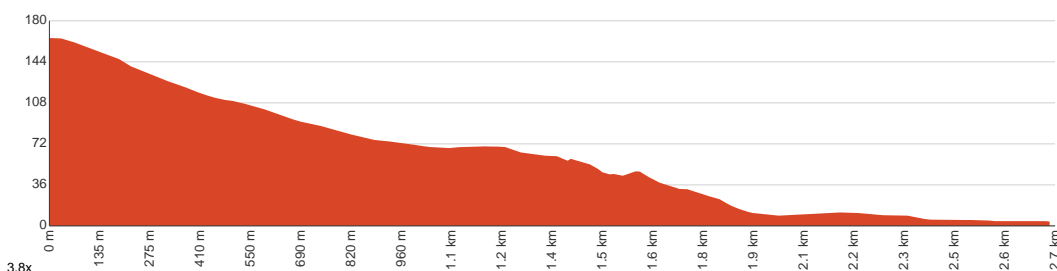
  
2.7 km  
One way

  
↑ 10 m  
↓ 172 m

 3  
Moderate track



Starting on the Tony Doyle track, this walk passes the old Warrah Trig before enjoying the views from Warrah lookout. The walk follows the wide trail down the hill to Pearl Beach. There are many great wildflowers in spring and if you are quiet, you may spot a Lyrebird or two. If you are feeling energetic, you can have a refreshing lunch and allow extra time to walk back or catch the bus home from Pearl Beach. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Ocean Beach Road

- Turn on to Ocean Beach Road then drive for 35 m
- Turn slight left onto Ocean Beach Road and drive for another 45 m
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Sydney Avenue and drive for another 1.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Mount Ettalong Road and drive for another 4.3 km
- Turn left onto Warrah Trig Road and drive for another 1.3 km

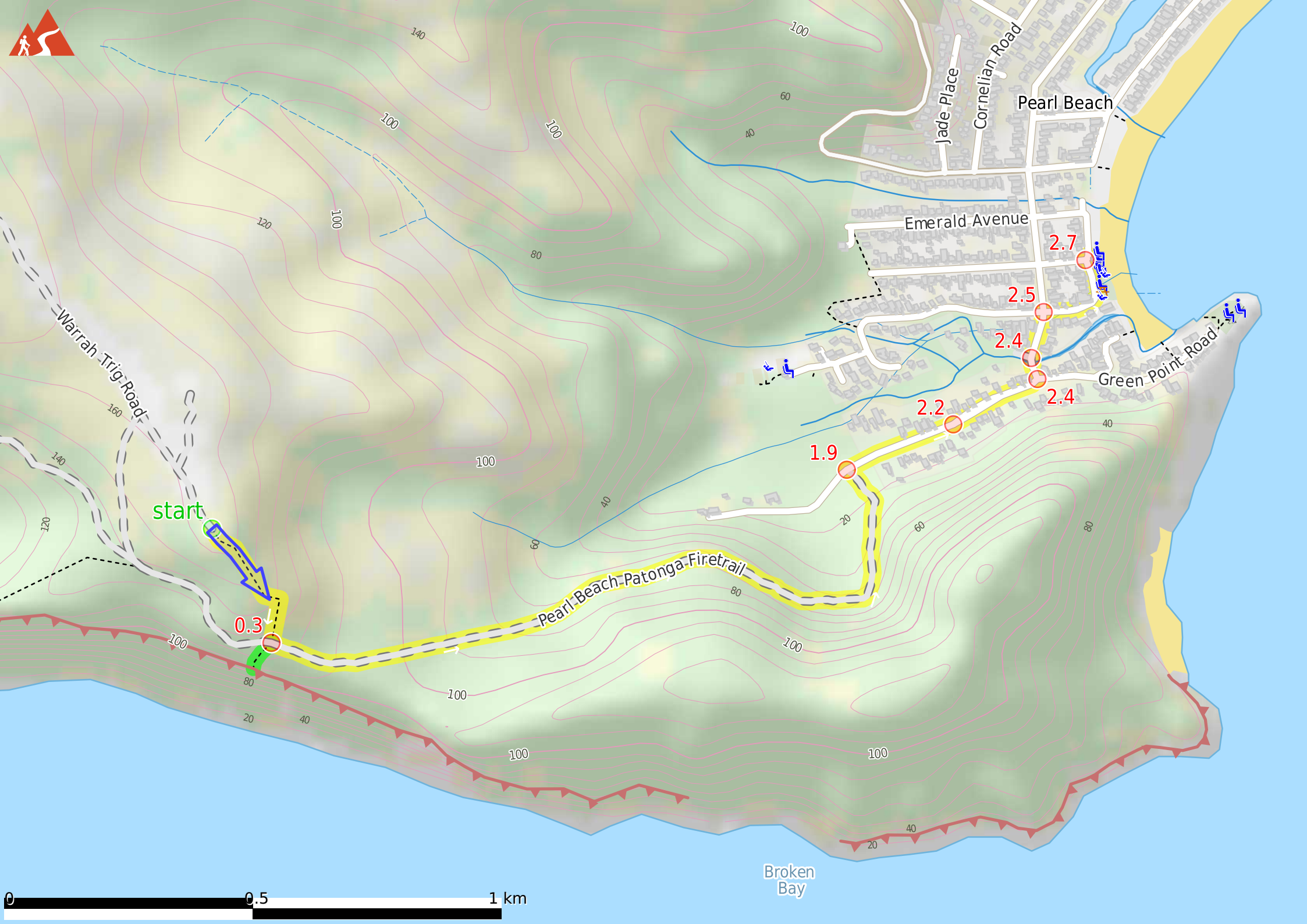
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

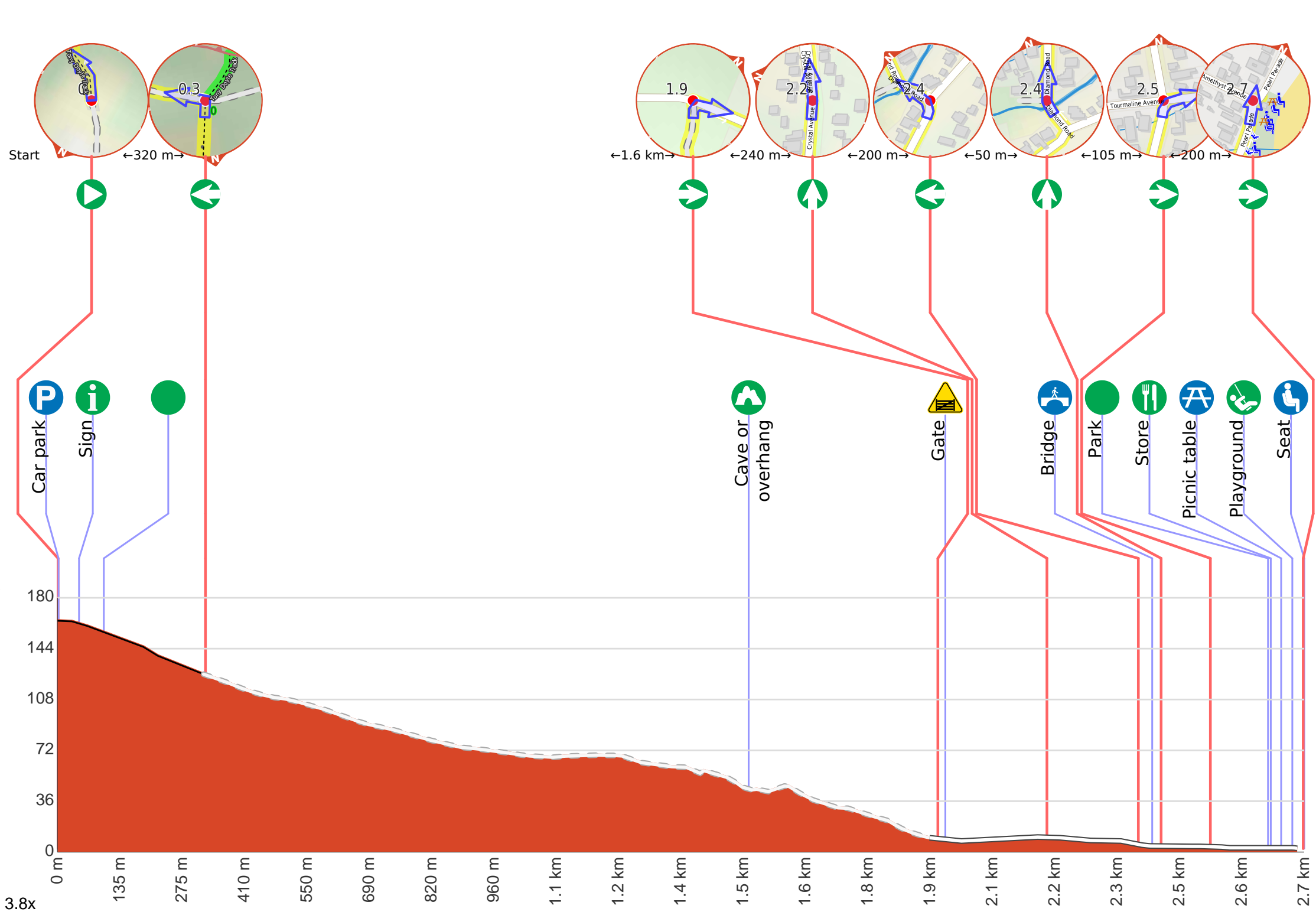
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 Warrah car park, this walk follows the 'Tony Doyle Track' sign up the steps and sandstone footpath. The path winds a short distance up to a rock platform with the old Warrah Trig station, and offering filtered distant views.



**Start.**



Find the car park at the start.



After 45 m pass the sign (5 m on your left).

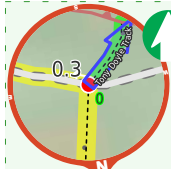


After another 55 m find the "Warrah Trig Station" (on your right).



Warrah Trig Station is part of a national geodetic survey established during the 1970's. The 'Triangulation station' (aka trigonometrical or trig station) is a distinct marker once clear of trees, and would have been visible for many kilometers in the area. There are many such trig stations around Australia, which were used to help in surveying. Each station has a known position and altitude, which allows surveyors to use triangulation and determine another point's location. With advances in technology, these trig stations have been abandoned and superseded. The trig station is now surrounded by trees, with some filtered views along the Hawkesbury River. The area is rich with wildflowers in spring.

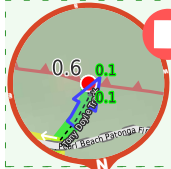
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Warrah Lookout.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Tony Doyle Track & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail **Start** heading along *Tony Doyle Track* (a footpath).



After 40 m pass the sign (on your right).



Continue another 30 m to find Warrah Lookout at the end.



"Warrah Lookout".



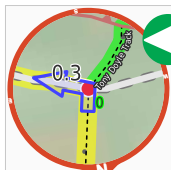
Warrah Lookout is a mostly fenced lookout on a large sandstone platform. The lookout provides fantastic views across the Hawkesbury River. From left to right, you can see along the escarpment which forms the southern boundary of Brisbane Water National Park, out to the Pacific Ocean, Barrenjoey Headland, West Head, along Cowan Creek, Juno Point and along the escarpment to Patonga. This is a great place to spend some time soaking up the views.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 70 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 320 m waypoint.



After another 220 m (at the intersection of Tony Doyle Track & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail) **turn left**, to head along Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail (a vehicle track).



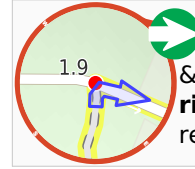
After another 1.2 km find the "Pearl Caves" (9 m on your right).



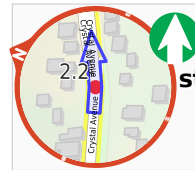
Pearl Caves is an informal name for a couple of caves found on the Pearl Beach / Patonga fire trail. The two large overhangs are found near the base of a cliff. The caves look north and have outward-sloping floors. One cave has a few small columns and stalagmite/stalactite decorations growing at the back. To protect the caves (and yourself), the caves are best viewed from a distance.



After another 430 m head through/around the gate.



At the intersection of Crystal Avenue & Pearl Beach Patonga Firetrail **turn right**, to head along Crystal Avenue (a residential road).



After another 240 m **continue straight**, to head along Crystal Avenue.



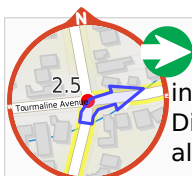
After another 200 m (at the intersection of Crystal Avenue & Diamond Road) **turn left**, to head along Diamond Road.



After another 30 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 5 m **continue straight**, to head along Diamond Road.



After another 105 m (at the intersection of Tourmaline Avenue & Diamond Road) **turn right**, to head along Tourmaline Avenue.



After another 125 m pass the "Waterfront Reserve" (15 m on your right).



After another 6 m come to the "Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe".



The Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe (ph 02 4343 1222) is found at 1 Pearl Pde, Pearl Beach, and is open 7 days. The cafe provides breakfast, lunch and dinners for about \$20 a meal. The general store provides cheaper take-away meals and general supplies (including ice-creams). Across the road is Pearl Beach and some children's play equipment. Alternatively for a more refined dining experience, 'Pearls on the Beach' is found on the other side of the road, open Thursday to Sundays for lunch and dinner (ph 02 4342 4400).



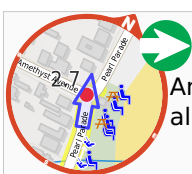
After another 25 m pass the picnic table (20 m on your right).



After another 25 m pass the playground (20 m on your right).



After another 25 m pass a seat (20 m on your right).



At the intersection of Pearl Parade & Amethyst Avenue **turn right**, to head along Pearl Parade.



After another 10 m come to the end.