



Windermere to Pelion

(Palawa Country)

 5 h to 7 h

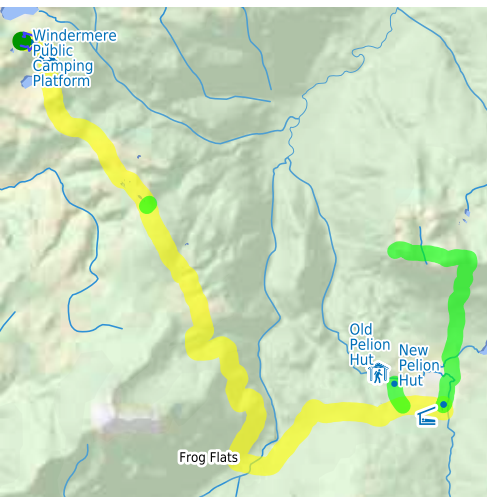

15.1 km
One way segment


↑ 477 m
↓ 626 m

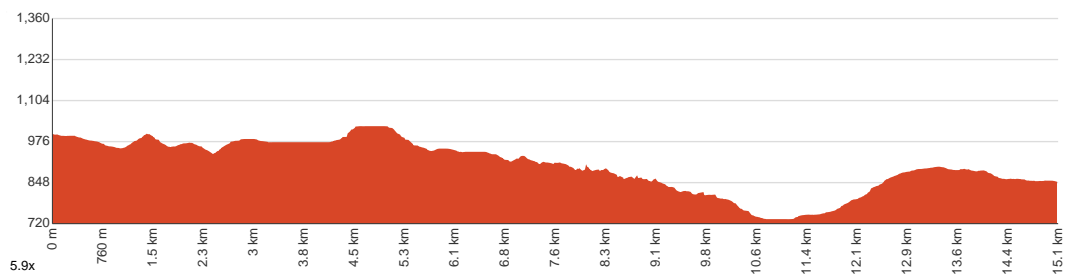

Hard track



Starting from Lake Windermere, the first part of the walk will take you through buttongrass plains. You can take your first side trip here to the Forth Valley Lookout with great views over the valley. When crossing Pelion Creek you'll start your descent through the myrtle-beech rainforest to reach the Frog Flats - the Overland Track's lowest section at 730m above sea level. There's a campsite just after crossing the Forth River at Frog Flats, if you decide to stay here. Otherwise, continue your way up through the rainforest and eucalypt forest to come to the New Pelion Hut. You can take a side trip to the Old Pelion hut, just a few hundred meters before the new one. Let us begin by acknowledging the Palawa people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



This is part of longer journey and can not be completed on it is own.
Full journey: [The Overland Track](#)



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	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	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

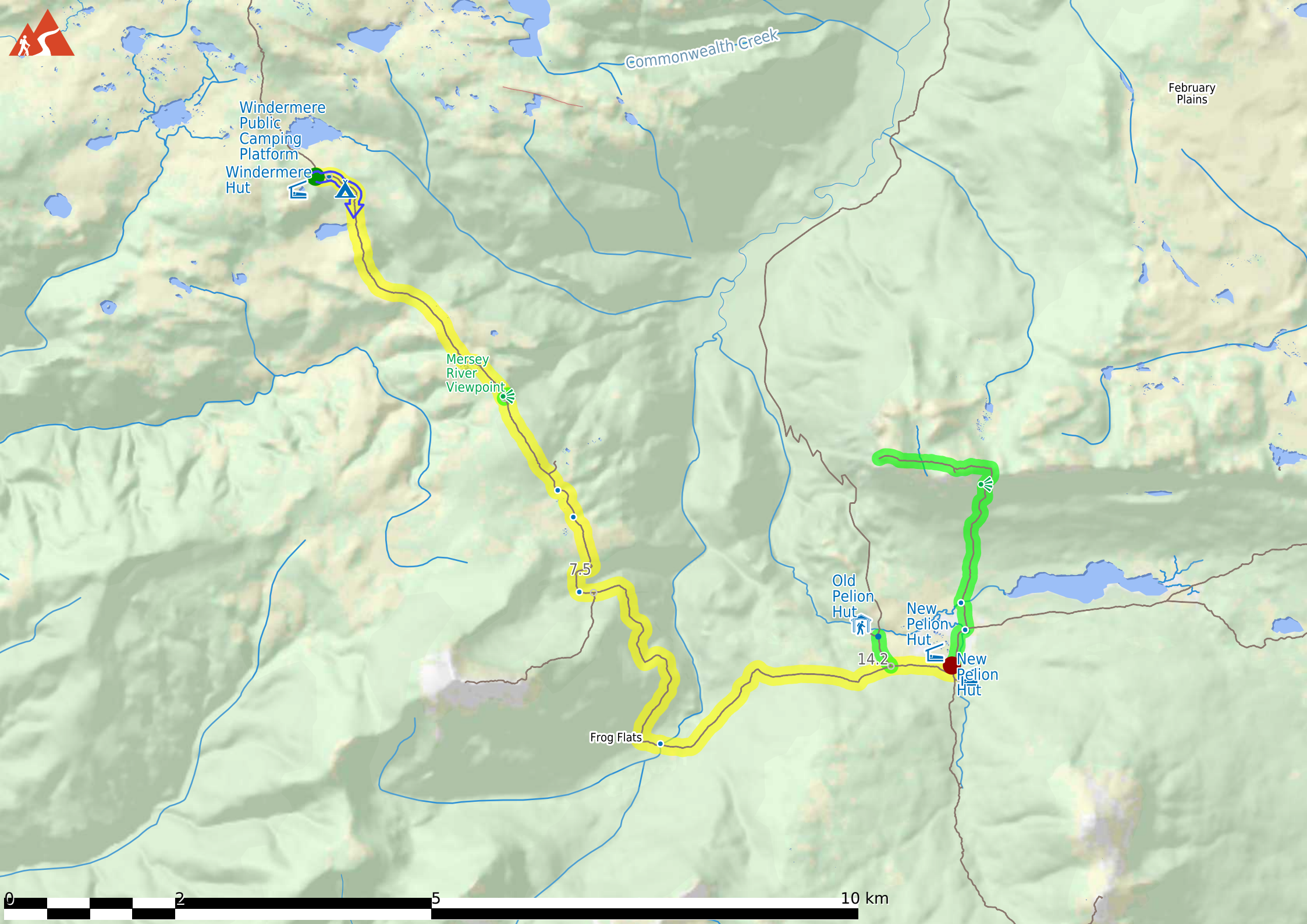
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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Windermere
Public
Camping
Platform
Windermere
Hut

Commonwealth Creek

February
Plains

Mersey
River
Viewpoint

7.5

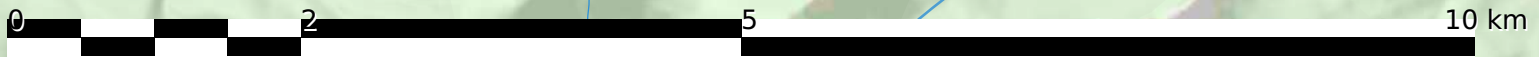
Frog Flats

Old
Pelion
Hut

14.2

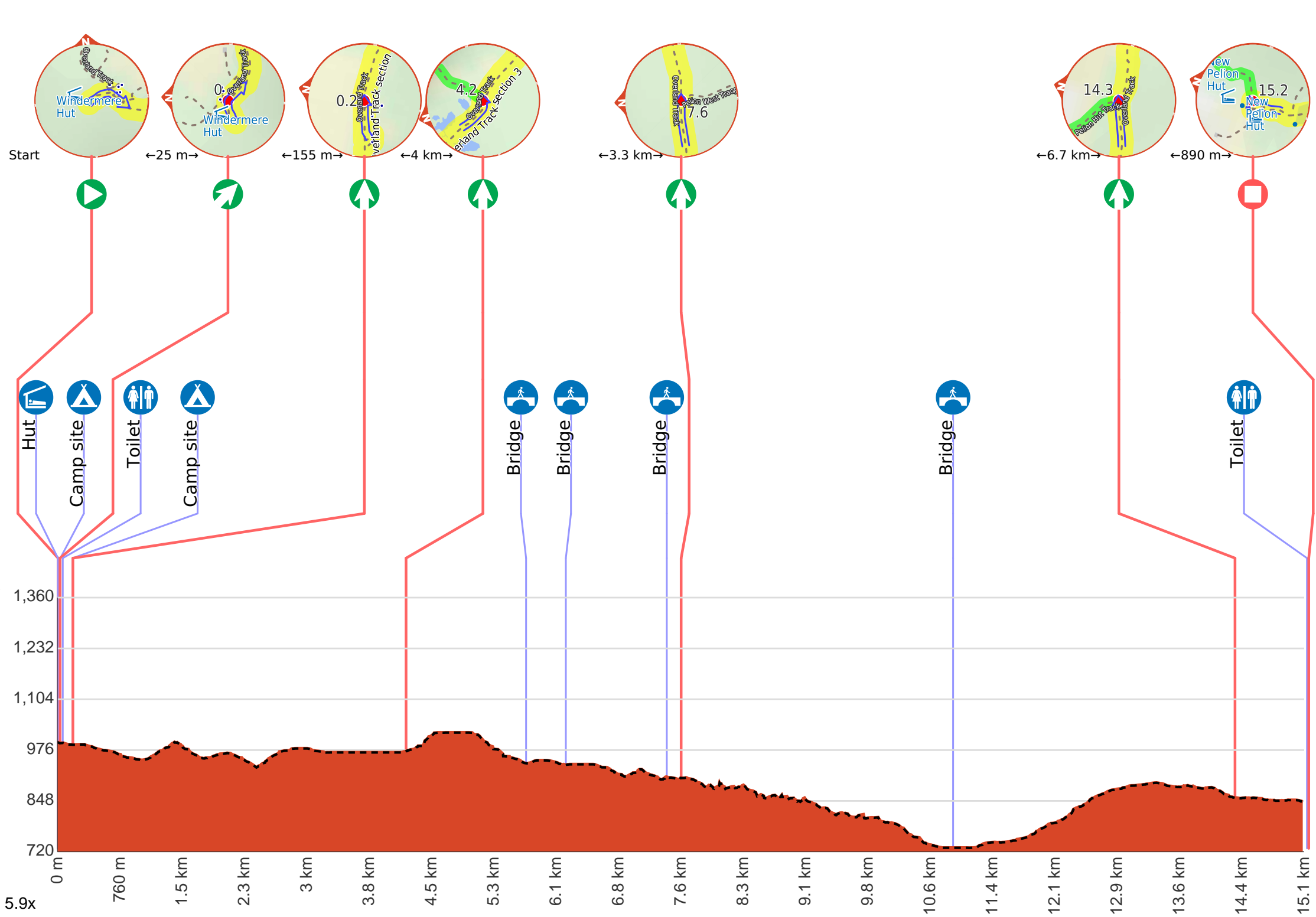
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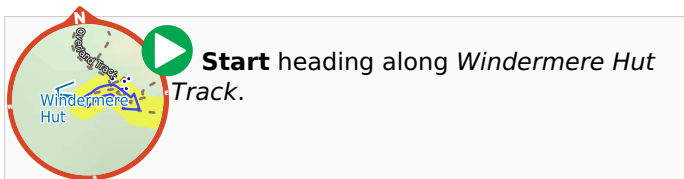
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Start heading along *Windermere Hut Track*.

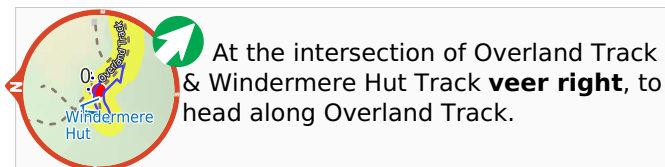


Windermere Hut.



After 30 m come to the "Windermere Public Camping Platform" (10 m on your left).

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At the intersection of Overland Track & Windermere Hut Track **veer right**, to head along Overland Track.

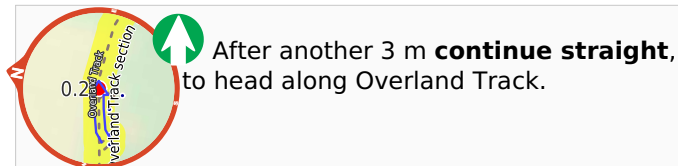


After another 35 m pass the "Windermere Hut Toilets" (10 m on your left).



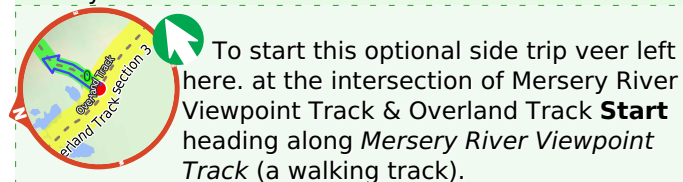
After another 120 m come to the "Windermere Public Camping Platform" (25 m on your right).

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After another 3 m **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.

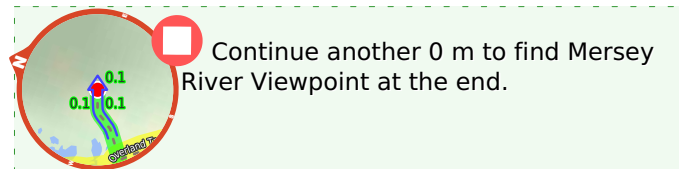
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Mersey River Viewpoint with great views over the Forth River valley.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Mersey River Viewpoint Track & Overland Track **Start** heading along *Mersey River Viewpoint Track* (a walking track).



After another 65 m come to "Mersey River Viewpoint".



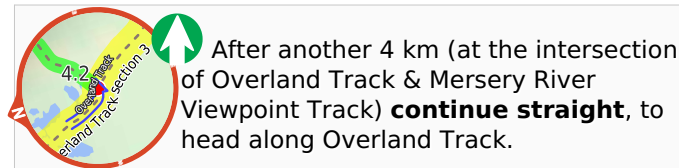
Continue another 0 m to find Mersey River Viewpoint at the end.



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



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 4.2 km waypoint.



After another 4 km (at the intersection of Overland Track & Mersey River Viewpoint Track) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.



After another 1.2 km (at the intersection of Overland Track & Pine Moor Private Hut Track) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.



After another 250 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



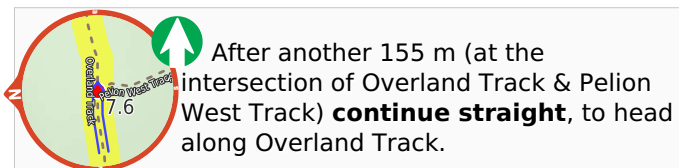
After another 470 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



After another 1.2 km cross the Pelion Creek Bridge (about 15 m long)



Continue straight, to head along Overland Track.

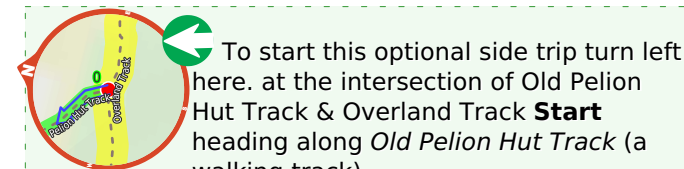


After another 155 m (at the intersection of Overland Track & Pelion West Track) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.



After another 3.3 km cross the Frog Flats Bridge (about 30 m long)

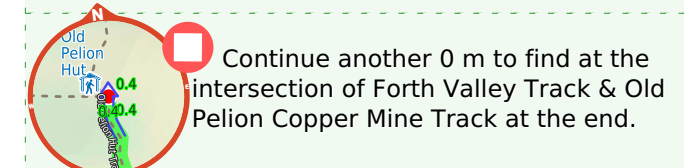
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to the charming Old Pelion Hut, constructed around 1916. If you're up for a refreshing swim, follow the foot track to a swimming hole in Douglas Creek.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Old Pelion Hut Track & Overland Track **Start** heading along *Old Pelion Hut Track* (a walking track).



After another 440 m come to "Old Pelion Hut".



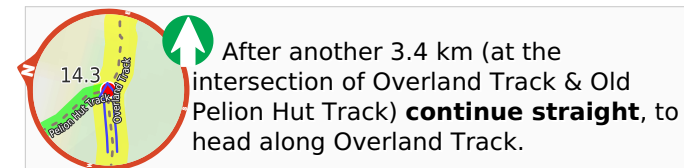
Continue another 0 m to find at the intersection of Forth Valley Track & Old Pelion Copper Mine Track at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 440 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 14.2 km waypoint.



After another 3.4 km (at the intersection of Overland Track & Old Pelion Hut Track) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.



After another 870 m pass the "New Pelion Hut Toilets" (on your left).



After another 20 m come to "New Pelion Hut".

Start of an optional side trip: A side trip to Mt Oakleigh from Pelion Hut. A great option if you are having a rest day at Pelion Hut, have favourable weather and are up for more challenging side trips. Walk along the porch 'behind' the hut (away from the toilets and down the timber steps to initially follow the Arm River Track. Then the Mt Oakleigh track leads up the southern flank. The track is very steep, not always clear and can be very muddy as it leads through the low lands. On top, you can enjoy the views from the first lookout or keep going to the far end of the mountain. The tops of the cliffs are not fenced. The views are amazing.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Arm River Track & Overland Track **Start** heading along *Arm River Track* (a walking track).



Then come to the "New Pelion Hut" (on your left).



After another 540 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



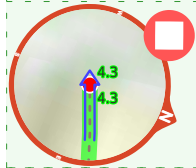
After another 7 m (at the intersection of Mount Oakleigh Track & Arm River Track) **turn left**, to head along Mount Oakleigh Track.



After another 350 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 1.7 km come to the viewpoint (on your right).



After another 1.6 km come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 4.3 km to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 15.1 km waypoint.



Continue another 0 m to find at the intersection of Arm River Track & Overland Track at the end.