



Perimeter Trail

(Guringai Country)

2 h to 3 h 15 min
1 h to 1 h 45 min

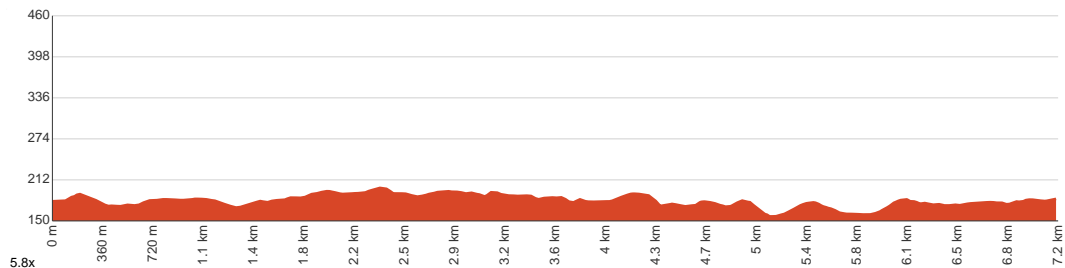
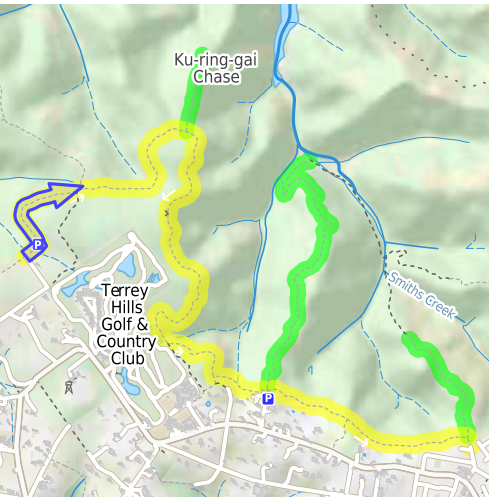
7.2 km
One way

↑ 178 m
↓ 174 m

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Moderate track



This Perimeter Trail walk contours gently around the northern side of Terrey Hills on a wide mostly level trail, with occasional views across Ku-Ring-Gai National Park. However, it is the side trips that make this walk truly worthwhile - if you are only going to do one side trip, the lookdown into Cowan Creek from Wilkins Viewpoint is fabulous. With a variety of side trip options and easy access to the start and finish, this walk is well worth considering. Let us begin by acknowledging the Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

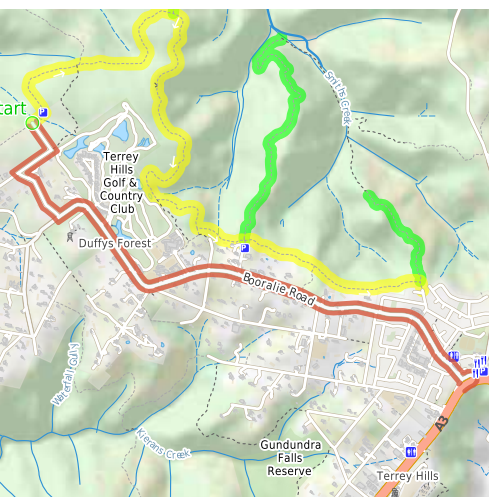


Class 3 of 6
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

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	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Mona Vale Road, A3

- Turn on to then drive for 30 m
- Turn slight left onto McCarrs Creek Road and drive for another 25 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Booralie Road and drive for another 4.3 km
- Turn right onto Eurabba Road and drive for another 540 m
- Turn right onto Mallowa Road and drive for another 630 m



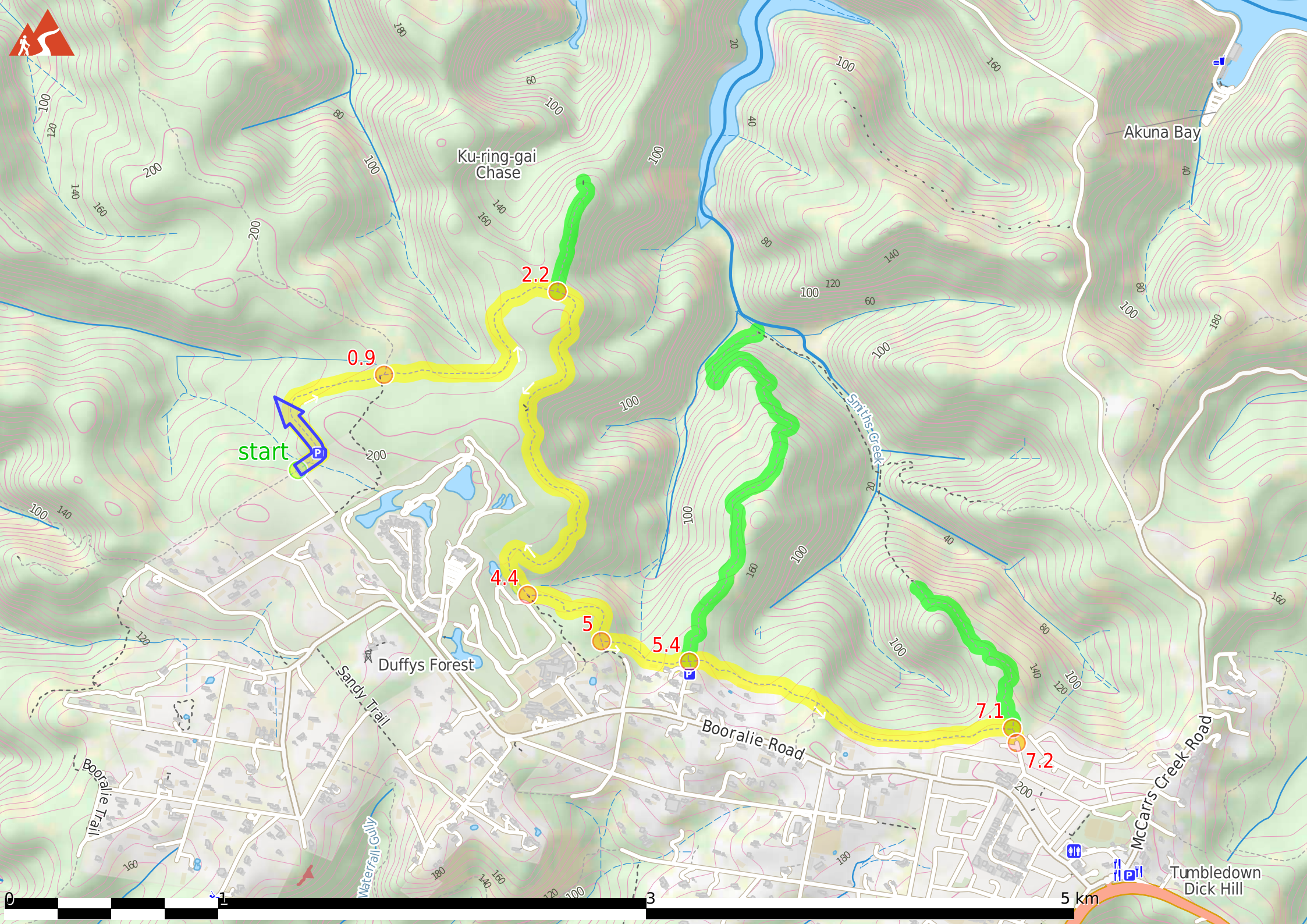
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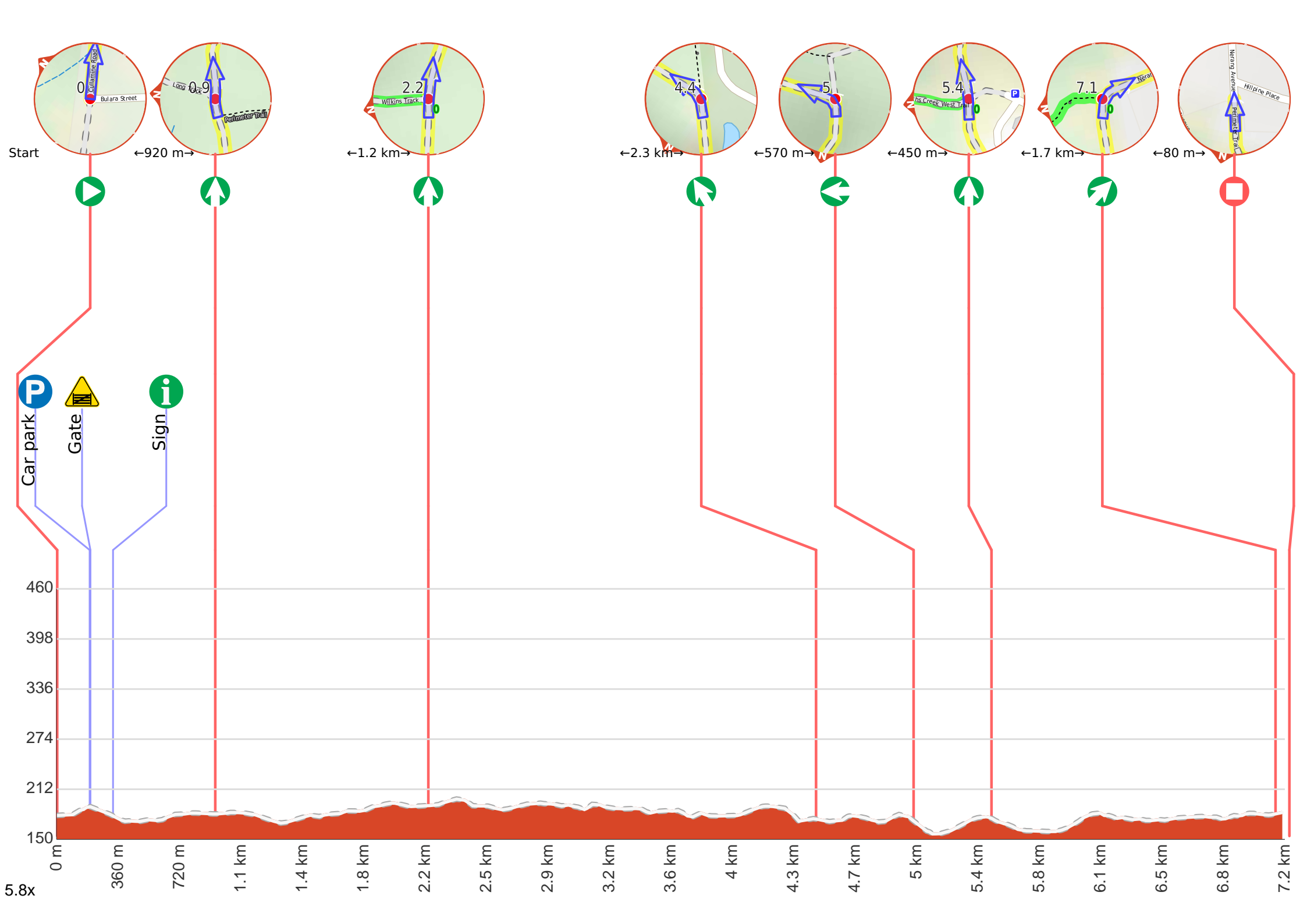
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

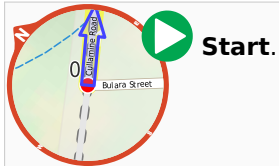
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Getting started: From the intersection, this walk follows the unsealed public road gently downhill away from the 'Callamine Trail' sign for about 150m (crossing a culverted creek halfway). This walk turns left at a three-way intersection, coming to a locked gate with a 'Perimeter Trail 7.1km One-Way' sign.

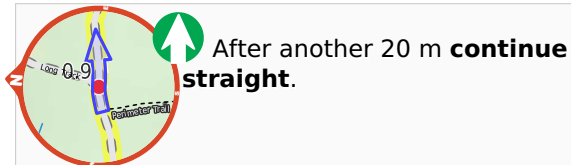


P After 190 m pass the car park (7 m on your left).

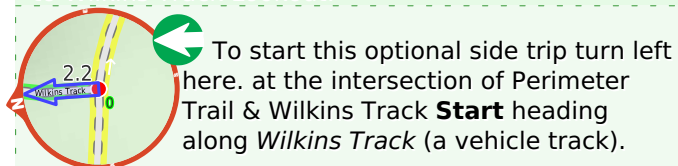
Then head through/around the gate.

i After another 130 m pass the sign (20 m on your left).

After another 580 m **continue straight**.



Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Wilkins Track Lookout.



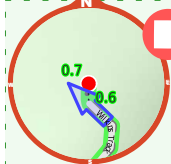
After another 620 m come to a gate.



Then find the "Wilkins Track Lookout" (on your right).



The Wilkins Track Lookout of Terrey Hills, offers good views over Cowan Creek after a short, mostly level walk. Wilkins Track Lookout consists of an unfenced level sandstone platform with the ground dropping away dramatically to the north, offering fabulous views through trees down over Cowan Creek.



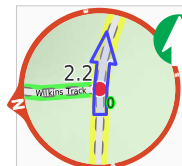
After another 4 m come to the end.



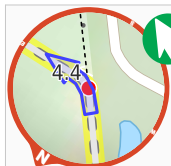
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 620 m to the main route.



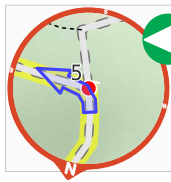
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 2.2 km waypoint.



After another 1.2 km **continue straight**.



After another 2.3 km **veer left**.



After another 570 m **turn left**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip

to Smiths Creek.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Perimeter Trail & Smiths Creek Trail **Start** heading along *Smiths Creek Trail* (a vehicle track).



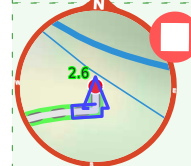
After 55 m head through/around the gate.



After another 2.5 km come to "Smiths Creek".



Smiths Creek of Terrey Hills, offers a refreshing rest by a creek and secluded grasslands to explore. Camping has occurred here previously, however visitors should be aware that the creek water is salty and not drinkable.



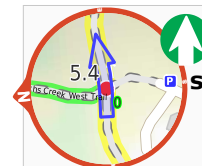
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 2.6 km to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 5.4 km waypoint.

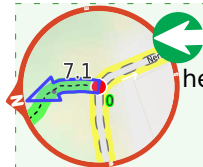


After another 450 m **continue straight**.

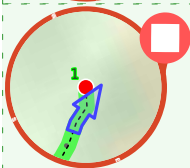


After another 670 m **continue straight**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Nerang Lookout.



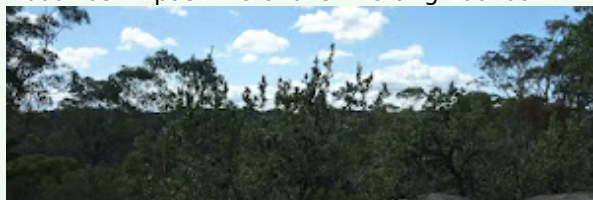
To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start.**



After another 1 km come to the end.



About 65 m past the end is "Nerang Lookout".



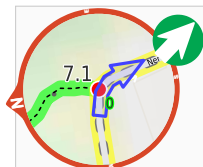
Upon arriving at Nerang Lookout of Terrey Hills, the ground drops away to the north, offering filtered views through Banksia trees. Nerang Lookout is an unfenced sandstone platform, with large boulders scattered about. These large boulders create small attractive chasms. Nerang Lookout is a relaxed and pleasant spot to appreciate a typical bush setting within Ku-Ring-Gai National Park.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1 km to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 7.1 km waypoint.



After another 990 m **veer right.**



After another 80 m come to a gate.



The end.