



McKeown's Valley Circuit

(Wiradjuri & Gundungurra Country)

 1 h 45 min to 2 h

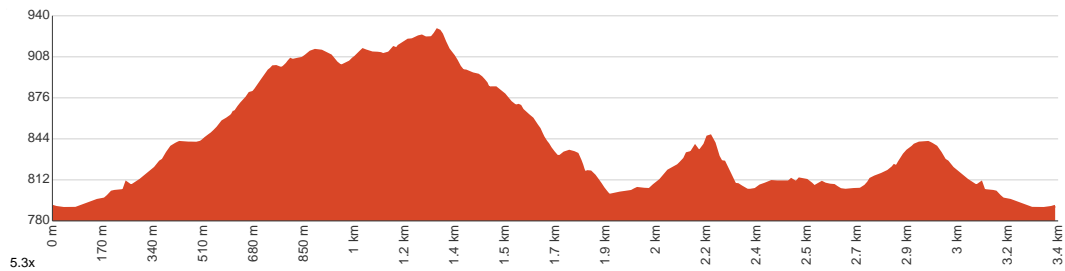

3.4 km
Circuit


↑ 278 m
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Hard track



Looping around the northern bush tracks surrounding Jenolan Caves, this walk explores a variety of different environments, up on the ridges and down along the river. The campsite is a great spot to break and enjoy the quiet, at one of the less-frequented areas of the park. Be sure to allow time to enjoy the views from up on the ridge and especially of Carlotta's Arch. Watch out for stinging nettles down on the river. Let us begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri & 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	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
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)

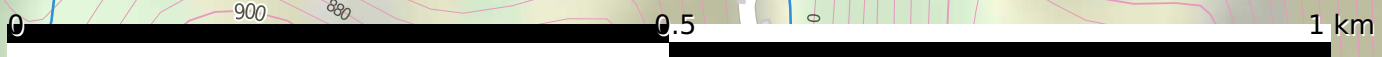
Before you start any journey ensure you;

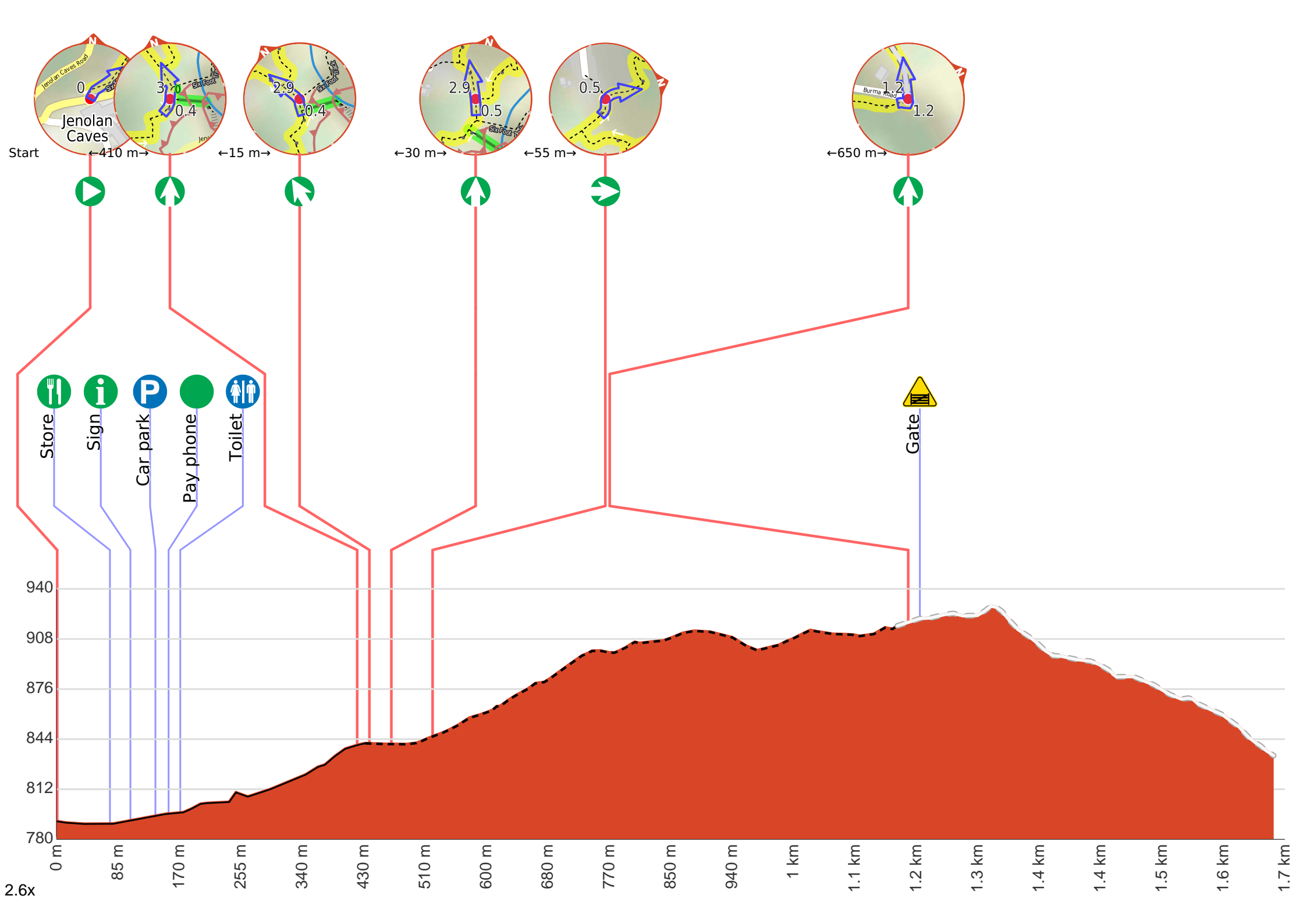
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

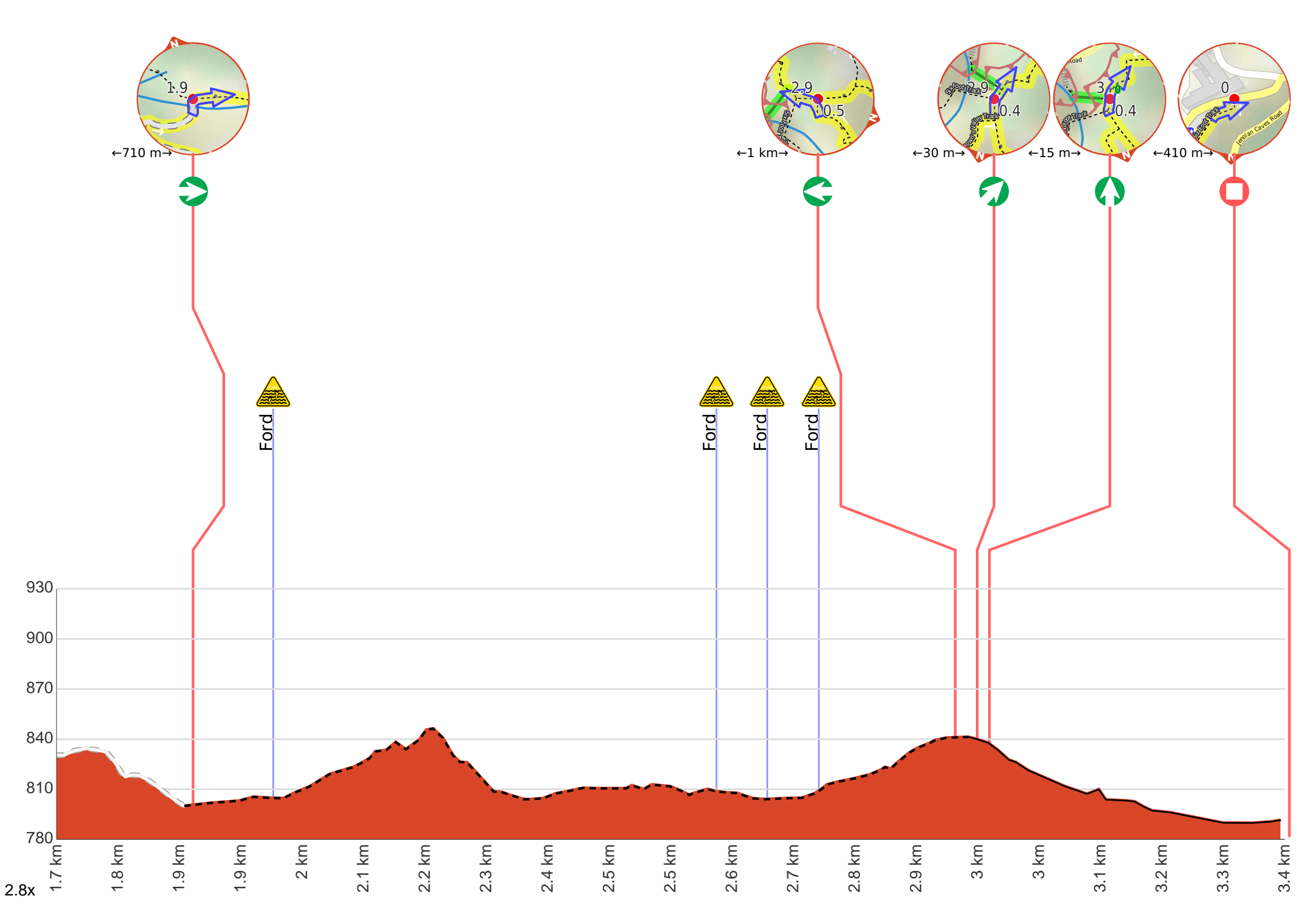
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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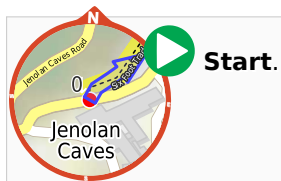










Getting started: From the opposite side of the Jenolan Caves Road from Caves House, this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track' sign up the concrete steps. The walk then follows the stone footpath up the side of the valley for about 80m to pass the 'Southside Show Caves' information sign then just over 30m later to the 'Grand Arch' information sign (and view of the Arch). The walk continues fairly gently up the path for 100m (as it bends right) to find 'Caves House' information sign. The path soon starts leading much more steeply up as it begins to Zig Zag up past a seat and more views down to caves house for 150m beside the limestone cliffs. At the top of this climb the path leads over a small small rise then gently down to a fenced lookout beside 'Carlotta Arch'.





 After 70 m find the "Jenolan Caves House" (25 m on your right).




Jenolan Caves House, built in 1898, is a heritage-listed building which houses dining, a variety of accommodation options, and other services for visitors to the caves. Jenolan has two licensed restaurants: Trails Bistro is open from breakfast onwards and closes early evening. Trails serves a range of light meals including sandwiches, salads and hot food. Chisholm's Restaurant is open each morning for breakfast and each evening for dinner from 6.00pm. Essential items and beautiful souvenirs may be purchased from Things Jenolan, located on the ground floor of Caves House. Don't forget to explore one of the many caves to explore in the area. For more information, call Jenolan Caves on 1300 76 33 11.

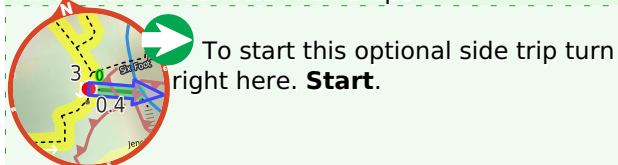
 After another 30 m pass the sign (25 m on your right).


 After another 35 m pass the car park (30 m on your right).


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

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

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Bottom of Carlotta Arch Steps.





 After another 30 m head through the tunnel


 After another 15 m come to "Carlotta Arch".

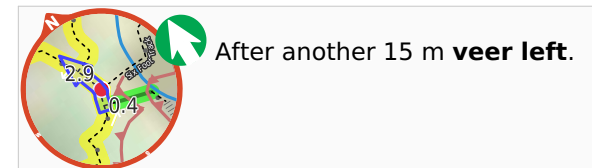


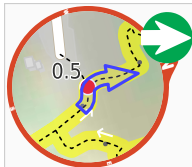
Carlotta Arch is a large and spectacular cave remnant overlooking Blue Lake. It is believed that the arch was named in honour of a daughter of a surveyor - General P.F. Adams. Adams is credited with having taken some of the earliest photos at Jenolan.

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

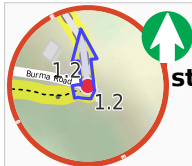
 Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 410 m waypoint.

 Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 3 km waypoint.





After another 55 m **turn right**.



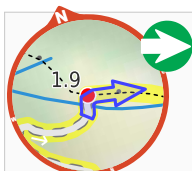
After another 650 m **continue straight**.



After another 15 m head through/around the gate.



After another 700 m cross the ford.



Turn right.



After another 110 m cross the ford.



After another 610 m cross the ford.



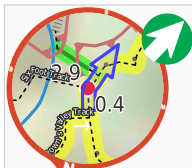
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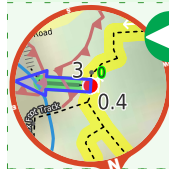


After another 185 m **turn left**.



After another 30 m **veer right**.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Bottom of Carlotta Arch Steps.



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



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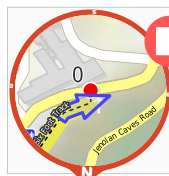
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After another 15 m **continue straight**.



After another 410 m come to the end.