




Epping to Cheltenham Station via Whale Rock (Darug Country)

 2 h 15 min to 2 h 30 min

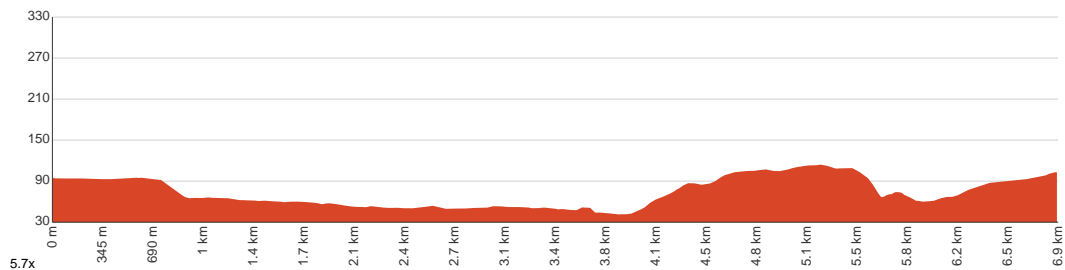

6.9 km
One way


↑ 150 m
↓ 142 m

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Hard track



This walk, to Cheltenham Station from Epping Station, visits Whale Rock and Lane Cove River. This is not the most direct route between the two stations, but it is a great way to explore Devlins Creek. With a train station at each end, this walk mostly follows well define management trails with a narrow section of track at the upper end of Devlins Creek. 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Silverwater Road, A6

- Turn on to Marsden Road, A6 then drive for 305 m
- Keep right onto Lawson Street and drive for another 280 m
- Turn right onto Brush Road and drive for another 295 m
- Turn left onto Rutledge Street and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn slight left onto Blaxland Road and drive for another 2 km
- Continue onto Langston Place and drive for another 165 m

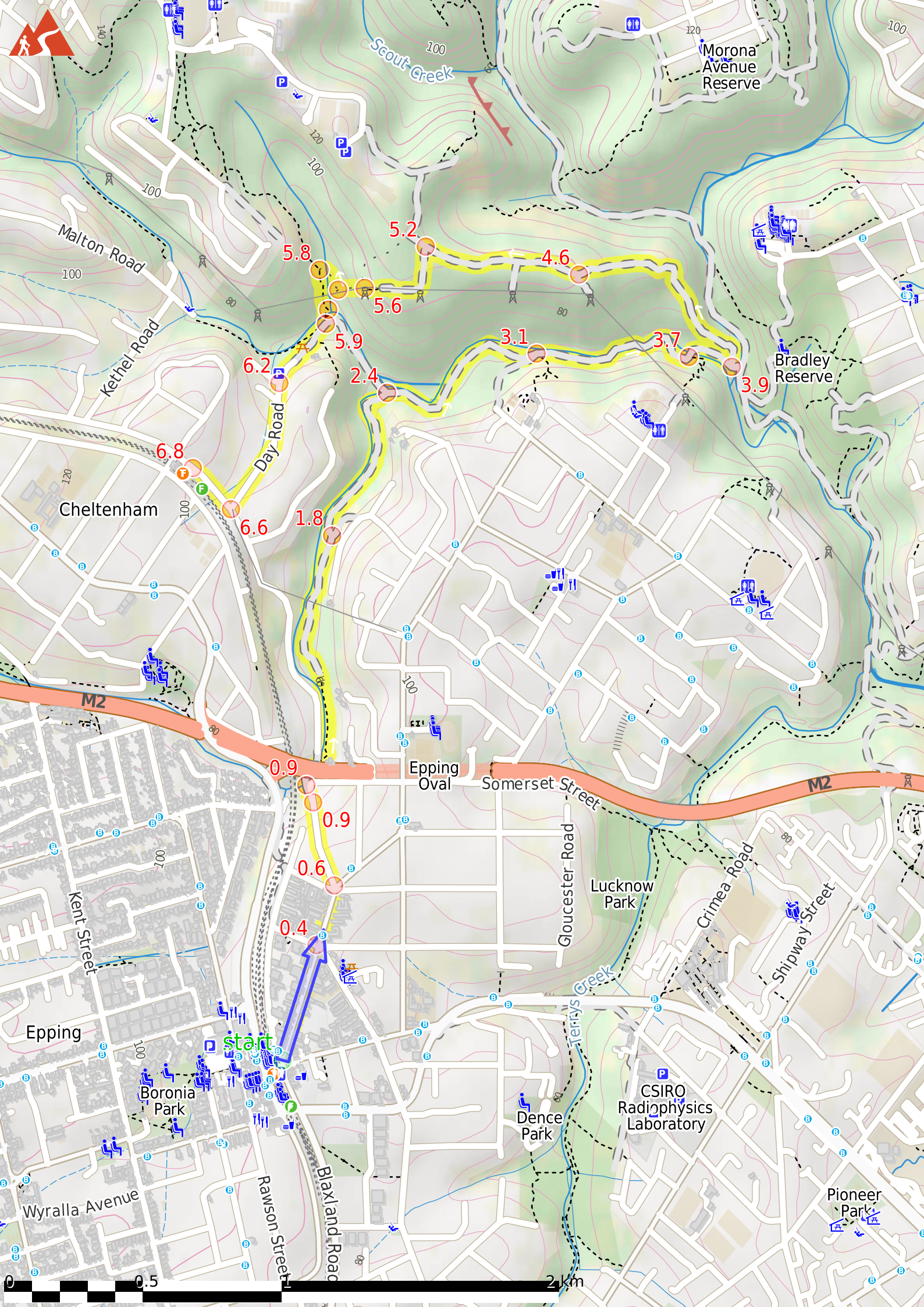
Before you start any journey ensure you;

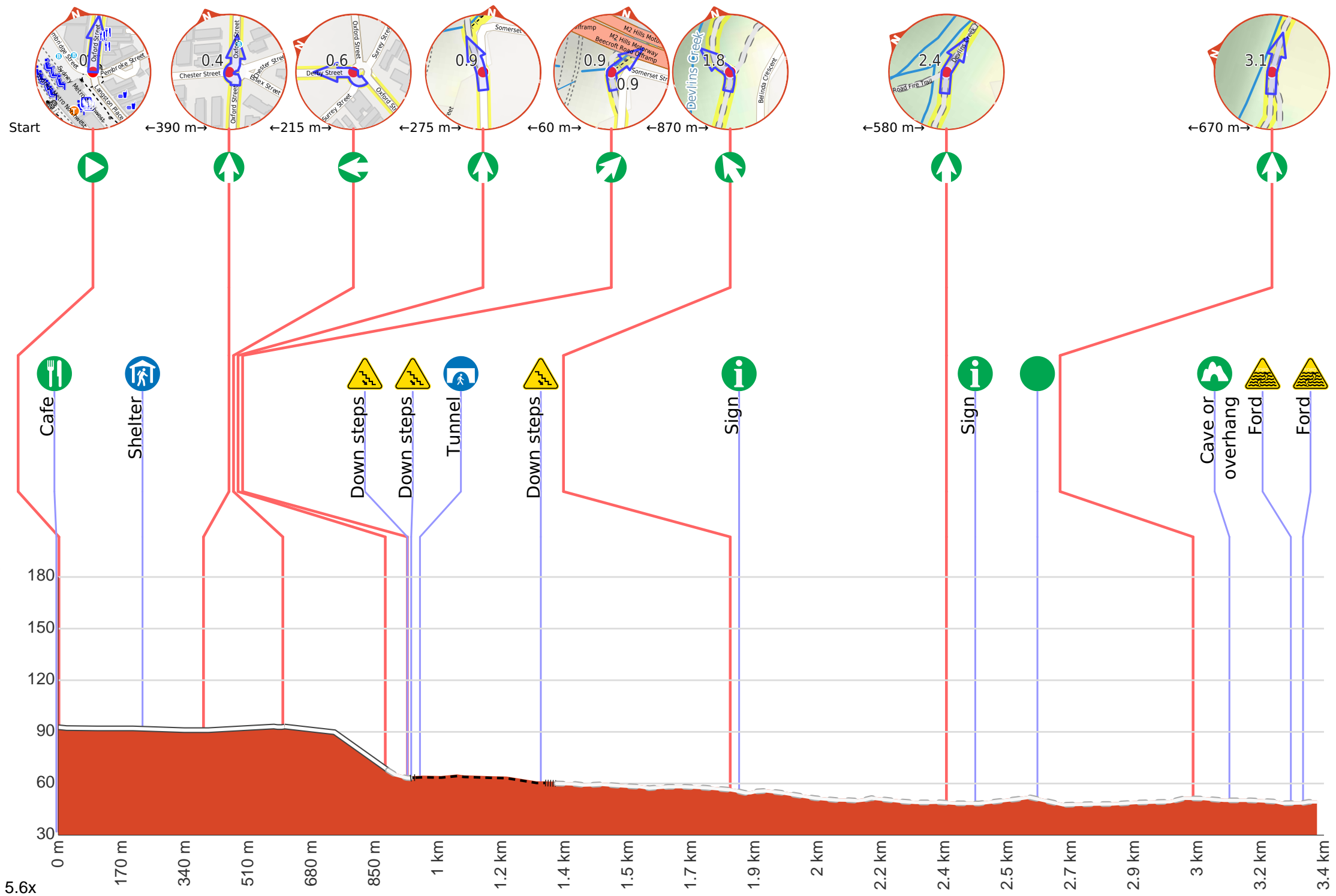
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

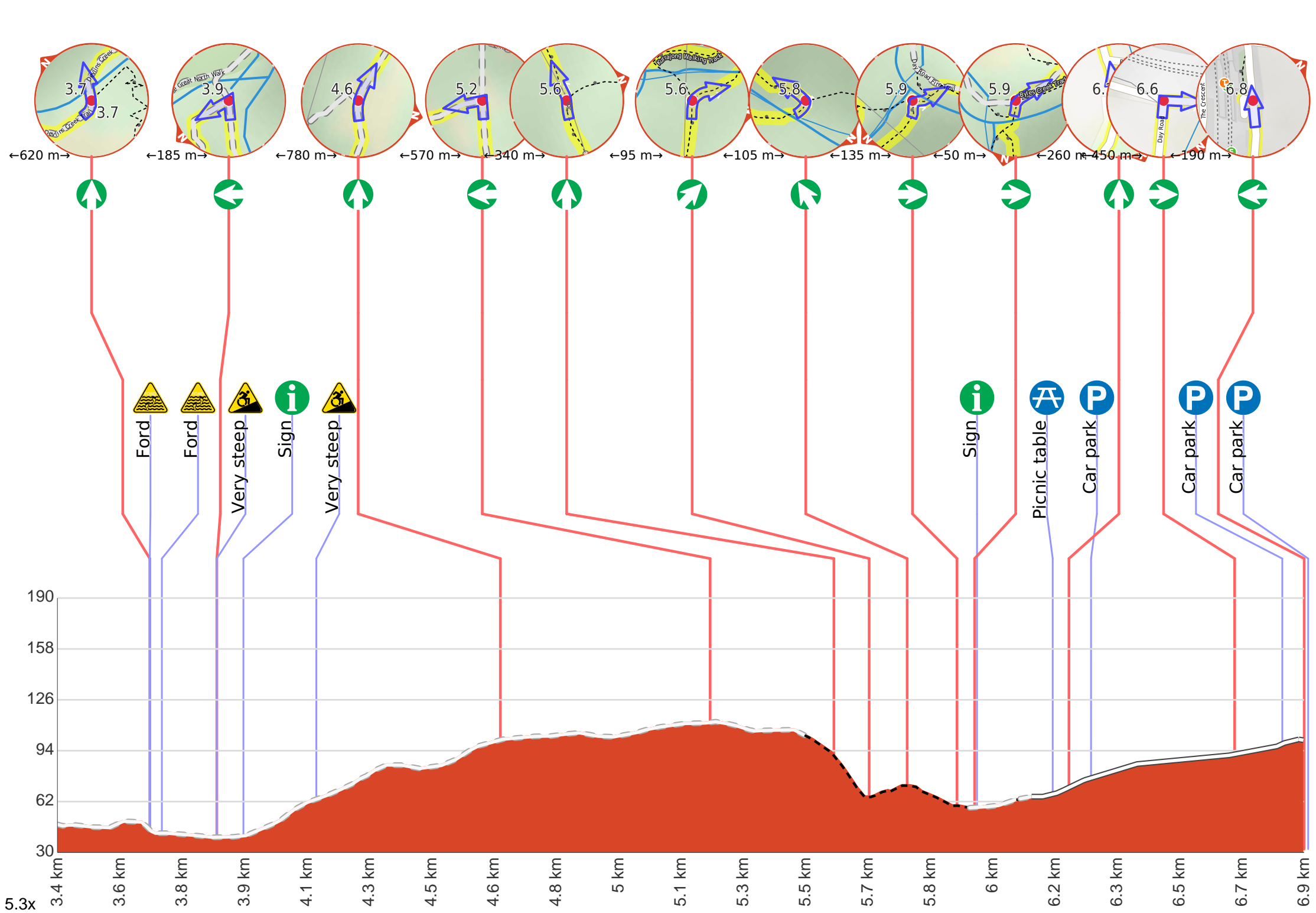
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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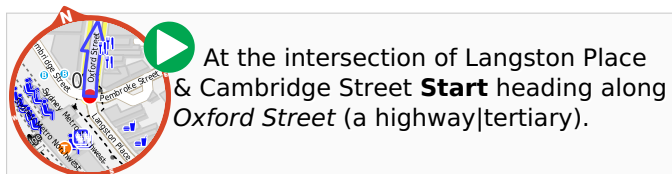








Getting started: The walk exits Epping Station on the Oxford St side. The walk then crosses Cambridge St and continues down Oxford St. The walk follows the footpath past the shops down Oxford St passing Chester St, Surrey St. Just after Surry St the walk turns left onto Derby St to the end. Nearing the end of Derby St the walk tends left around the yellow gate and onto the concrete driveway which veers left off the road. The walk continues towards the tunnel to come to an intersection just before the tunnel entrance.



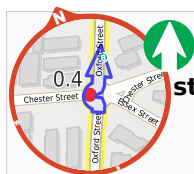
At the intersection of Langston Place & Cambridge Street **Start** heading along Oxford Street (a highway|tertiary).



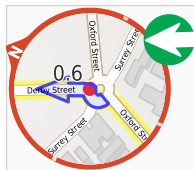
There is a cafe (about 30 m back from the start).



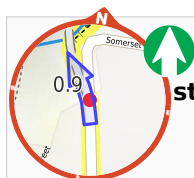
After 235 m pass the shelter (9 m on your left).



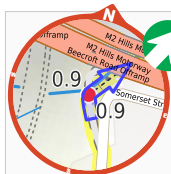
After another 165 m **continue straight**.



After another 215 m **turn left**.



After another 275 m **continue straight**.



After another 60 m **veer right**.



Then head down the concrete steps (about 6 m long)



Then head down the concrete steps (about 4 m long)



After another 20 m head through the tunnel (about 50 m long)



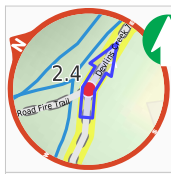
After another 280 m head down the steps (about 30 m long)



After another 480 m **veer left**.



After another 25 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



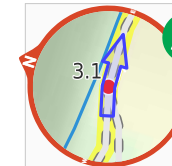
After another 560 m **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



After another 80 m pass the sign (10 m on your left).



After another 170 m find the "Big Ducky Waterhole" (on your left). The servicetrail loops around the top of the Big Ducky waterhole and there is a nice rock overhang in which to break. Is also a popular bird watching area. Unfortunately, recently there has been large quantities of rubbish in the area. (If going down to the waterhole please consider carrying out some of the rubbish if every walker carries out a bit it will make a difference)



After another 420 m (at the intersection of Devlins Creek Trail & Boundary Road Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



After another 100 m find the "Whale Rock" (6 m on your left).



This is a large boulder that looks eerily like a whale, complete with eye socket. It is a good place to break and climb around the Rock.



After another 165 m cross the ford (about 35 m long)



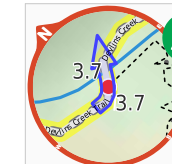
Then cross the ford.



After another 75 m cross the ford (about 30 m long)



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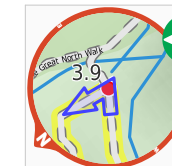
After another 210 m **continue straight**, to head along Devlins Creek Trail.



Then cross the ford (about 25 m long)



After another 8 m cross the ford.



After another 150 m (at the intersection of Devlins Creek Trail & Pennant Hills Trail) **turn left**, to head along Pennant Hills Trail.



Then head up the very steep (10% ~ 5.7°) concrete incline (about 75 m long)



Then pass the sign (6 m on your right).



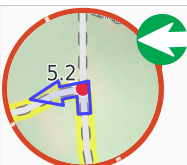
After another 200 m head up the very steep (20% ~ 11.3°) concrete incline (about 170 m long)



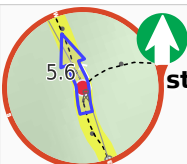
After another 330 m **continue straight**, to head along Pennant Hills Trail.



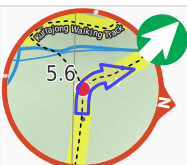
After another 230 m **continue straight**, to head along Pennant Hills Trail.



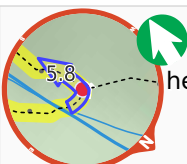
After another 345 m **turn left**.



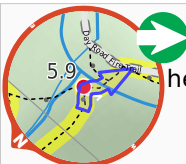
After another 340 m **continue straight**.



After another 95 m **veer right**.



After another 105 m **veer left**, to head along Kurrajong Walking Track.



After another 135 m **turn right**, to head along Kurrajong Walking Track.



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Kurrajong Walking Track.



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



At the intersection of Day Road Fire Trail & Byles Creek Track **turn right**, to head along Day Road Fire Trail (a vehicle track).



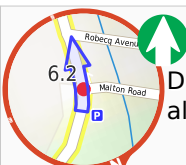
After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Day Road Fire Trail.



After another 135 m pass the picnic table (9 m on your right).



After another 105 m pass the car park (20 m on your right).



At the intersection of Malton Road & Day Road **continue straight**, to head along Day Road.



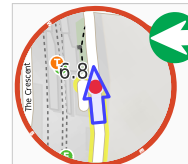
After another 60 m (at the intersection of Day Road & Robecq Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Day Road.



After another 390 m (at the intersection of Sutherland Road & Day Road) **turn right**, to head along Sutherland Road.



After another 130 m to find the car park.



After another 60 m **turn left**.



After another 10 m to find the car park.



Then come to a park.



The end.