

Lapstone train Tunnel Walk (Dharug & Gundungurra Country)





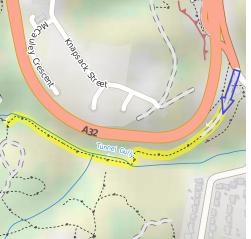






Although the train tunnel is closed to the public, this short walk does give you a view of the eastern (bricked up) entrance of the tunnel. The first half of the walk follows the sandstone cuttings where the train once went. For the second half of the walk to the tunnel, you walk on the Northern side of the cutting, giving you a view into the man-made gully. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From The Northern Road, A9

- Turn on to Western Motorway Onramp, M4 then drive for 7.4 km
- Keep left onto Governors Drive Offramp and drive for another 360 m
- Keep right and drive for another 10 m

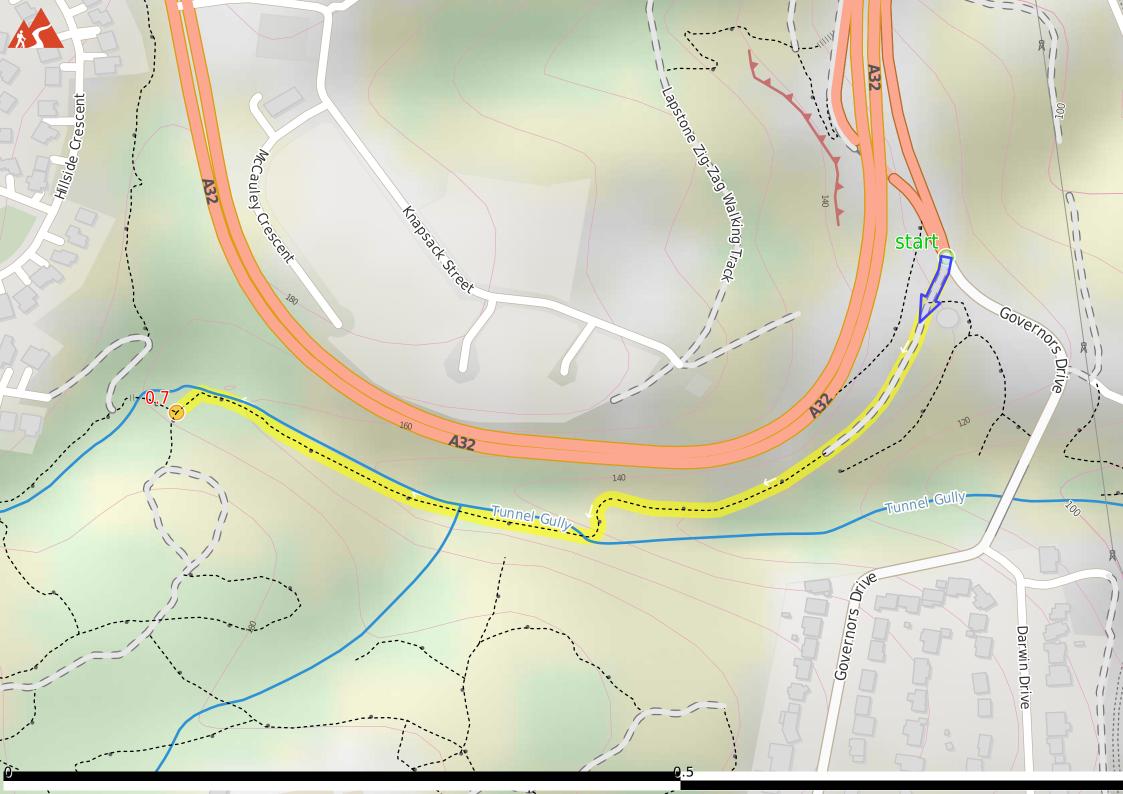


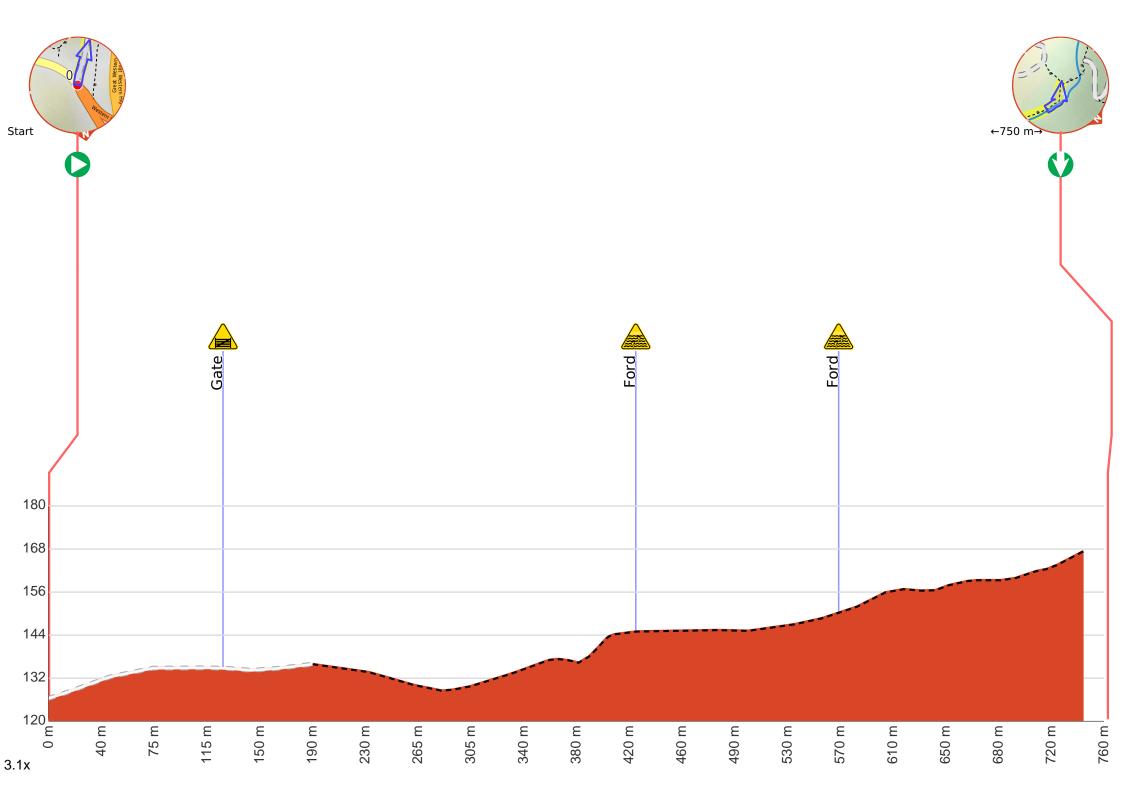
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.







Getting started: If driving from Sydney take the Lapstone exit from the Great Western Hwy (it is not far past the end of the freeway). Park in the large dirt parking area near the water tanks on the right, soon after taking the exit. From the Reservoir car park, this walk heads around the gate (which limits access to the old rail train cutting). The walk follows this cutting, where tracks once stood. When the walk comes to a track which crosses the main track, where the sandstone walls are only about 1m high, then the walk steps up to the right and follows the track that continues in the same westerly direction but high on the cutting (the main cutting gets very wet and overgrown, and would be difficult to follow). Before long, the track comes to another intersection, with a view of the tunnel entrance. It is possible to walk over the top of the tunnel entrance and look down along the cutting, with care. There is no access to the tunnel. Once finished, return the same way.





After 120 m head through/around the gate.



After another 290 m cross the ford.



After another 145 m cross the ford.



About 215 m past the end is "Hillside Park".

