



Staples Lookout to Kariong Brook

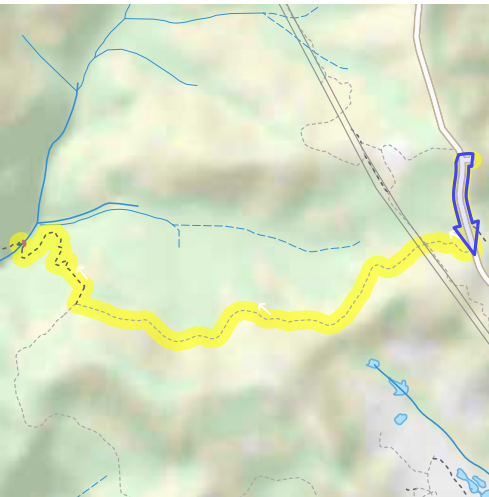
(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 2 h 30 min to 5 h

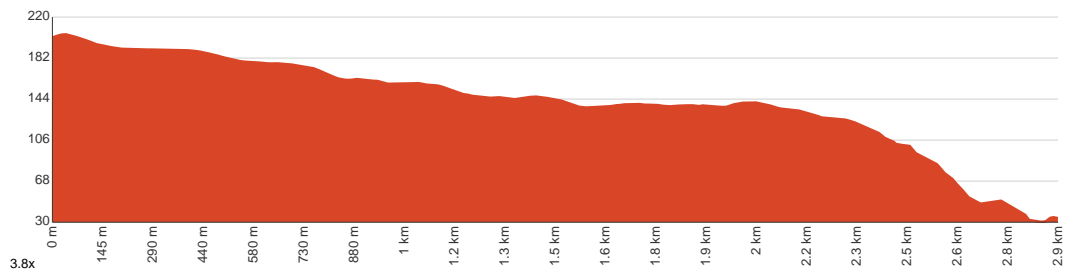

5.8 km
Return


↑ 213 m
↓ 213 m


Hard track



This walk gives the shortest access to Kariong Brook waterfall, one of the nicest falls in the area. Starting from Staples Lookout, on Woy Woy Rd, most of the walking is along the Thommos Loop management trail, except for the last descent into Kariong Brook. The waterfall is a nice and cool place to stop for lunch on a warm day. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

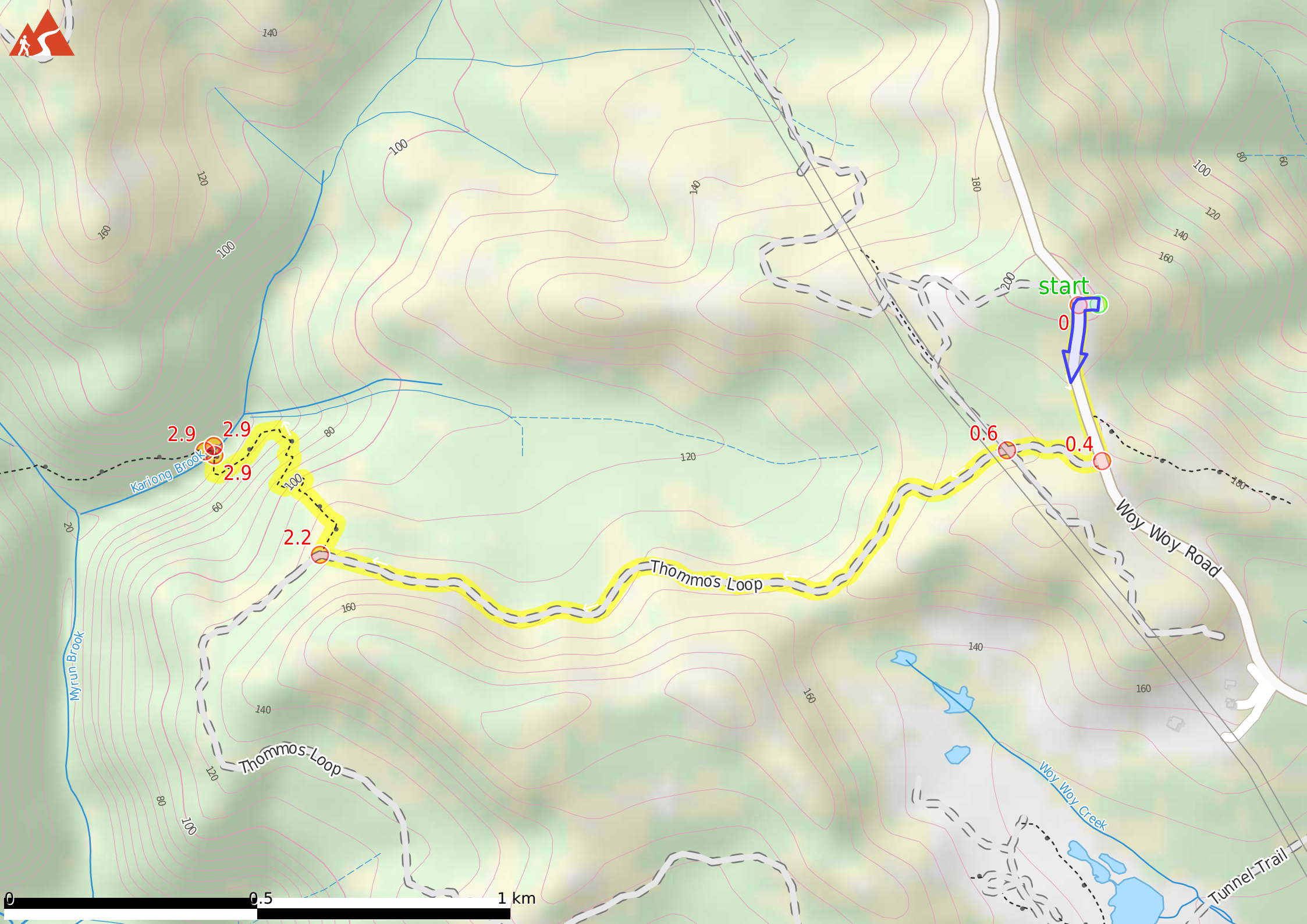
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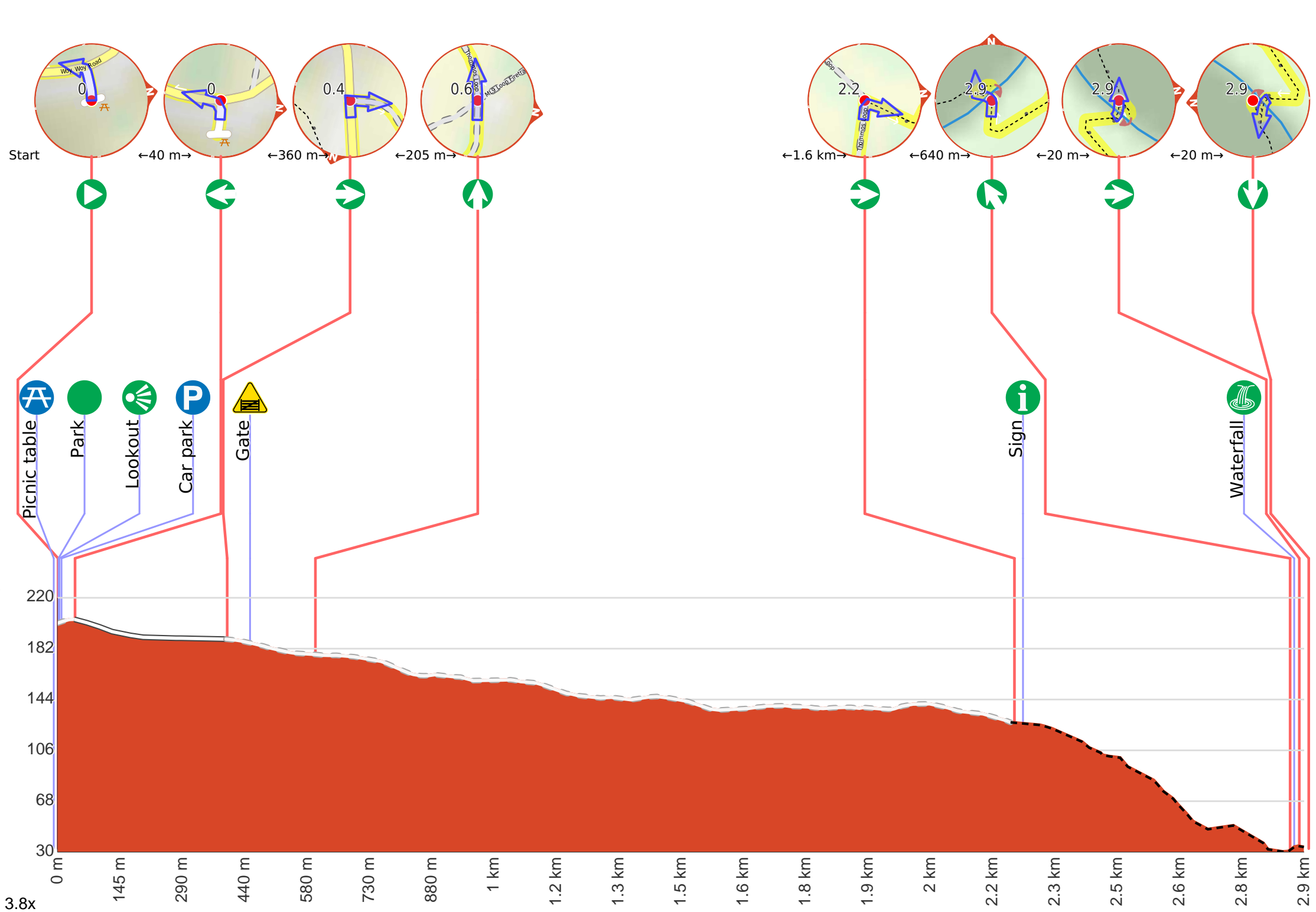
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

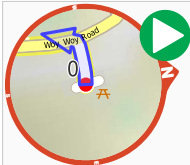
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Getting started: From Staples Lookout, this walk heads downhill alongside Woy Woy Rd (keeping the view to the left). Where safe this walk crosses the road and continues down the hill. Just after passing a large brown 'Scenic Lookout 300m' sign (facing downhill), the walk comes to the signposted start of "Thommo's Loop Fire Trail" and a locked gate.



Start.



There is a picnic table (about 20 m back from the start).



There is a park (about 7 m back from the start).



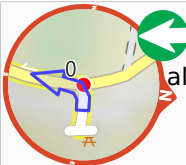
Staples Lookout (about 5 m back from the start).



Staples Lookout beside Woy Woy Road, is a fenced lookout providing good views east across the Central Coast, the Brisbane Water and out to the ocean. There is a large car park and picnic tables, with plenty of natural shade. The lookout was named as a tribute to Charles J Staples, a pioneer of route that Woy Woy Rd now follows. The lookout was constructed in 1955 by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy. An inscription at the lookout quotes 'and I shall meditate on your wondrous works' from Psalm 119:27.



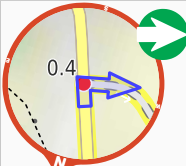
Find the car park at the start.



After another 30 m **turn left**, to head along Woy Woy Road.



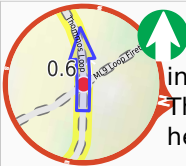
After another 250 m **continue straight**, to head along Woy Woy Road.



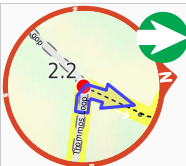
After another 105 m **turn right**.



After another 55 m head through/around the gate.



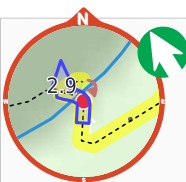
After another 155 m (at the intersection of ML9 Loop Firetrail & Thommos Loop) **continue straight**, to head along Thommos Loop.



After another 1.6 km **turn right**.



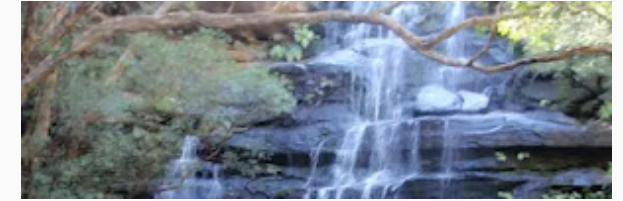
After another 20 m pass the "The Great North Walk" (on your left).



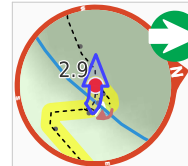
After another 620 m **veer left**.



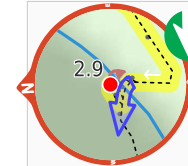
After another 10 m find the "Kariong Brook Falls" (on your left).



This tranquil spot of the Great North Walk is home to some lovely falls and a water hole. The eastern side of the creek has a tall sandstone cave and wall. After rain these falls can become very spectacular, other times is a cool place to rest. A great spot to stop for a snack.



After another 10 m **turn right**.



Continue another 20 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.9 km to get back to the start.



About 10 m past the end is "Kariong Brook Falls".