



Apsley River Waterhole and Gorge

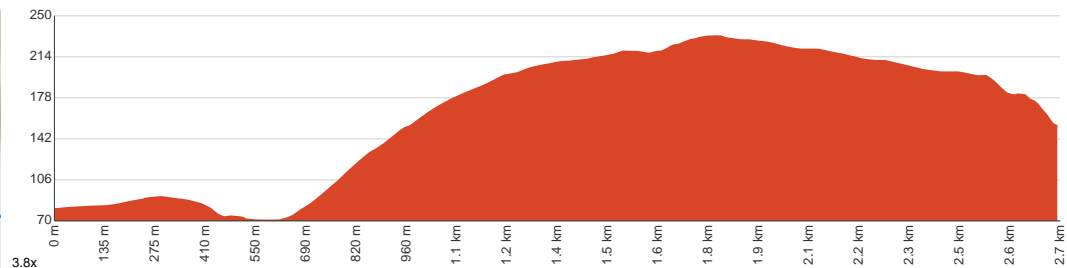
 2 h to 3 h


5.5 km
Return


↑ 279 m
↓ 279 m


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Hard track

This walk begins near the Douglas-Apsley National Park parking area on Rosedale Road, Bicheno, leading to the Apsley Waterhole and Apsley Gorge via the tracks of the same name. Starting as a gentle stroll through open woodland, this walk reaches the Apsley Waterhole where you can take a dip in the delightfully clear water. The walk crosses the river and leads you up through dry, open forest, before descending back to the river at the Apsley Gorge. This walk has a couple of gentle hill sections and a few steps, but for the most part it is fairly flat. The dirt track can become slightly slippery after rain. Some mild scrambling and rock hopping may be required at the river bed. Let us begin by acknowledging the 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	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Esk Main Road, A4

- Turn on to Story Street, A4 then drive for 16.4 km
- Turn right onto Tasman Highway, A3 and drive for another 23.3 km
- Turn sharp right onto Rosedale Road and drive for another 1.6 km
- Continue onto Rosedale Road and drive for another 5.8 km
- Turn left and drive for another 45 m
- Keep right and drive for another 110 m

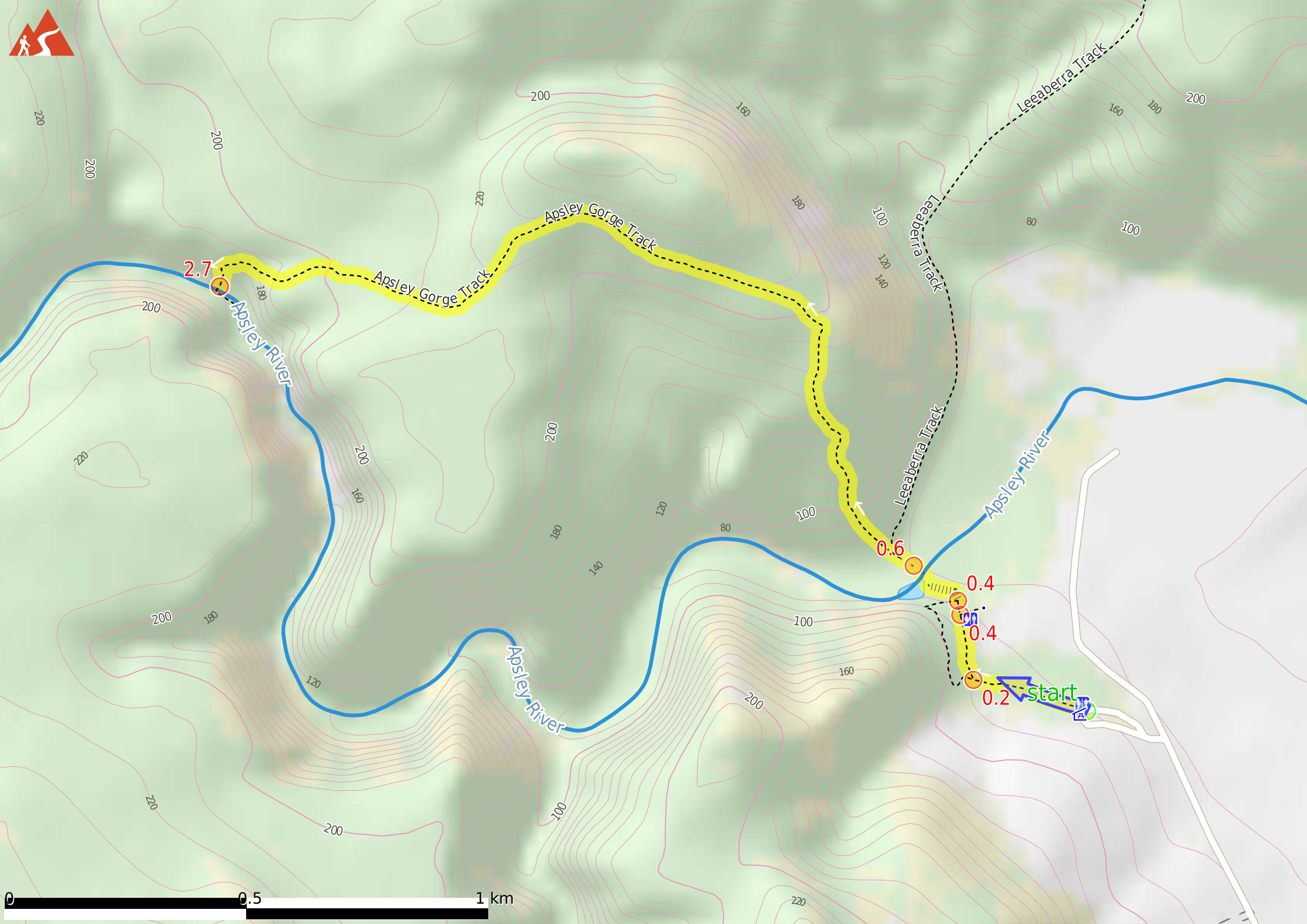
Before you start any journey ensure you;

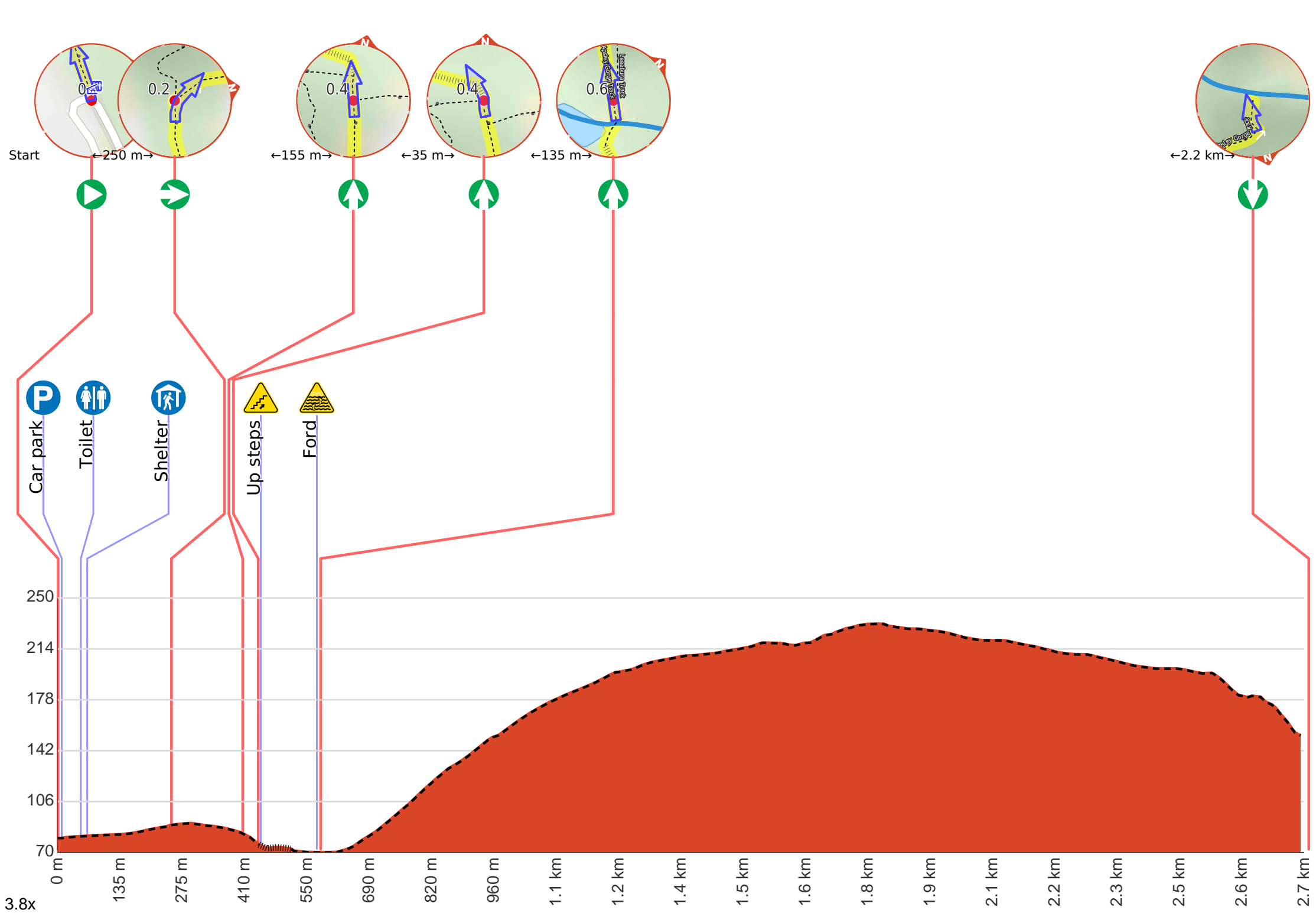
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

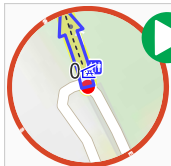
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Start.



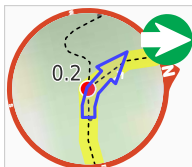
There is a car park.



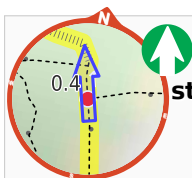
After 40 m pass the toilet (15 m on your right).



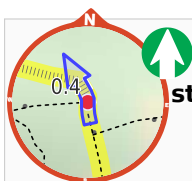
After another 15 m pass the shelter (7 m on your right).



After another 185 m **turn right**.



After another 155 m **continue straight**.



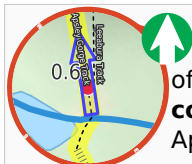
After another 35 m **continue straight**.



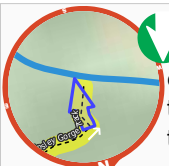
After another 6 m head up the steps (about 70 m long)



After another 50 m cross the ford.



After another 8 m (at the intersection of Leeabura Track & Apsley Gorge Track) **continue straight**, to head along Apsley Gorge Track.



Continue another 2.2 km to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.7 km to get back to the start.