



The Wishing Tree

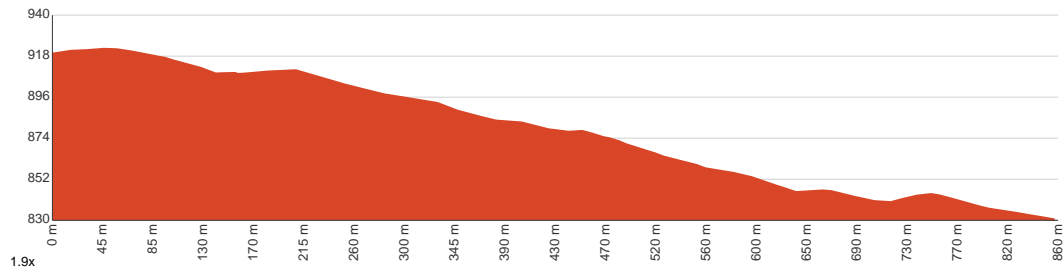
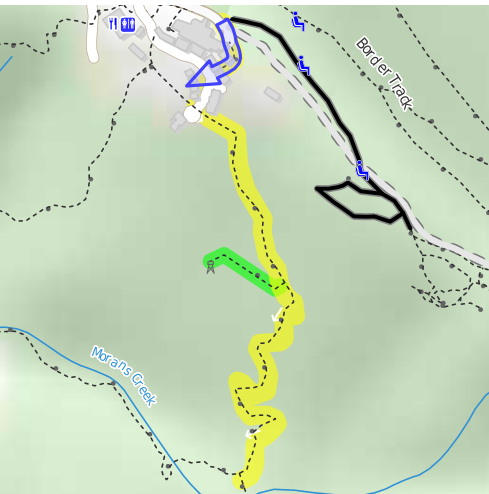
40 min to 1 h 15 min

1.7 km
Return

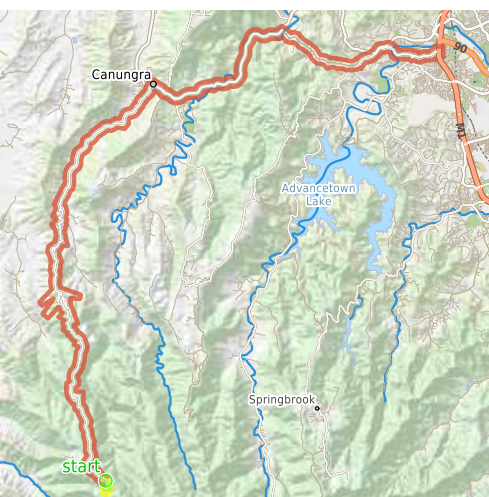
↑ 111 m
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Easy track

Starting from Lamington National Park Road, O'Reilly, this return walk takes you to a hollow tree of impressive height width, where people used to sit under and name their wishes. Located behind the O'Reilly Rainforest Retreat, this walk features a timber suspension bridge built by Peter O'Reilly and Peter Main (local engineer). The said bridge takes you through a gully of tree ferns in the dense rainforest. You'll have the option to take a detour and visit Mick's Tower along the way. Standing 18 metres above the ground, this metal tower has informative signposts about the flora at the top. Birdwatching can be fruitful from the tower and along the track, with the chance to different types of rosellas, whipbirds, catbirds and many more species. Don't miss out on the land mullets (Australia's largest skink) and red-necked pademelons along the track as well. After you make it to the hollowed tree, turn left and head south to make it to the 'Glowworm Gully'. This place is home to a magical light show at night as the glowworms light up the creekside area. Although, keep in mind that unguided access is not allowed after dusk. 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 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)



Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to then drive for 490 m
- Turn left onto Gilston Road and drive for another 1.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 670 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 530 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 820 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 185 m
- Continue onto McLaren Road and drive for another 370 m
- Keep right onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 175 m
- Continue onto Nerang - Murwillumbah Road, 97 and drive for another 1.2 km
- Turn right onto Clagiraba Road and drive for another 5.7 km
- Turn left onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 10.7 km
- Turn left onto Kidston Street and drive for another 36.1 km

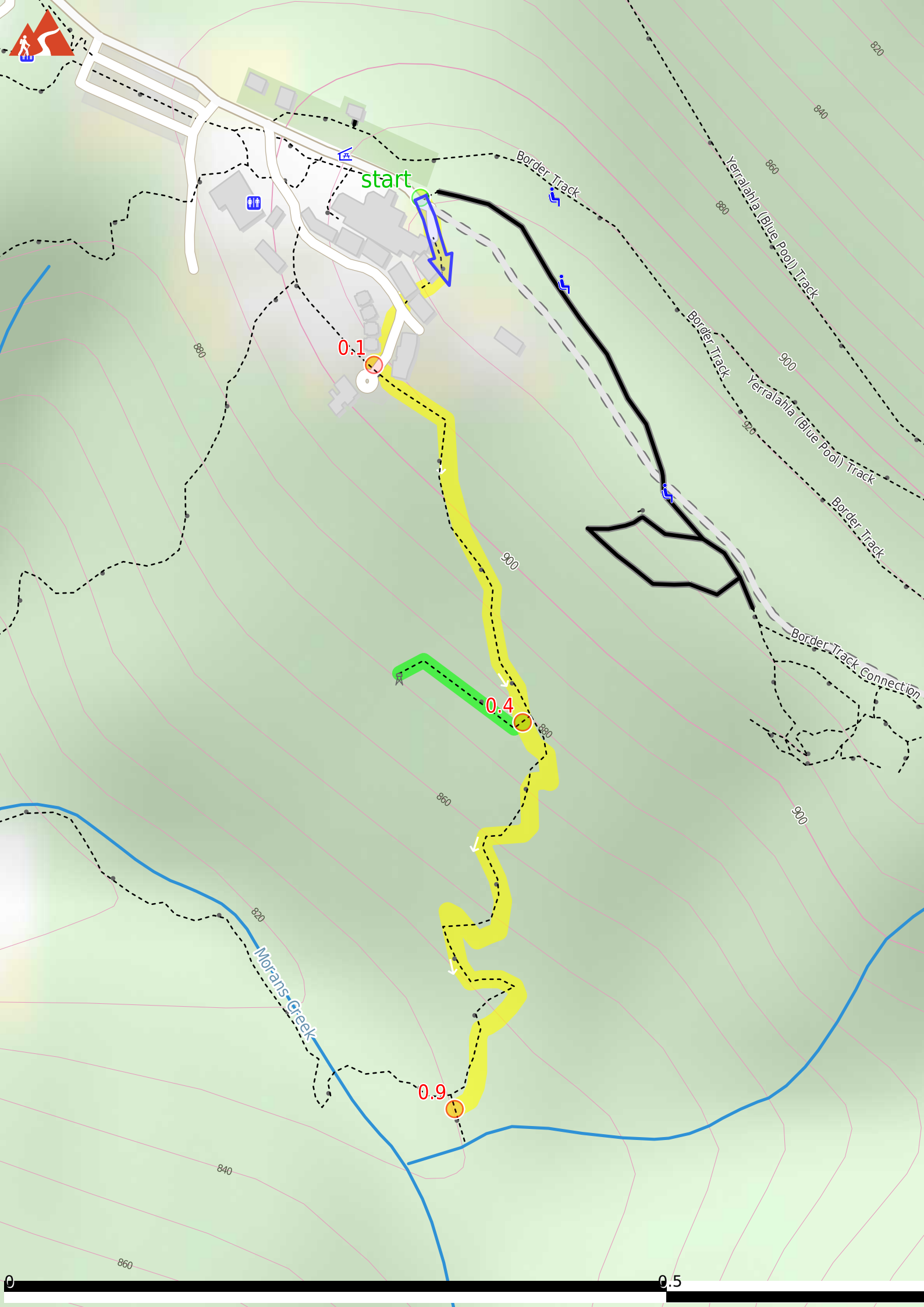
Before you start any journey ensure you;

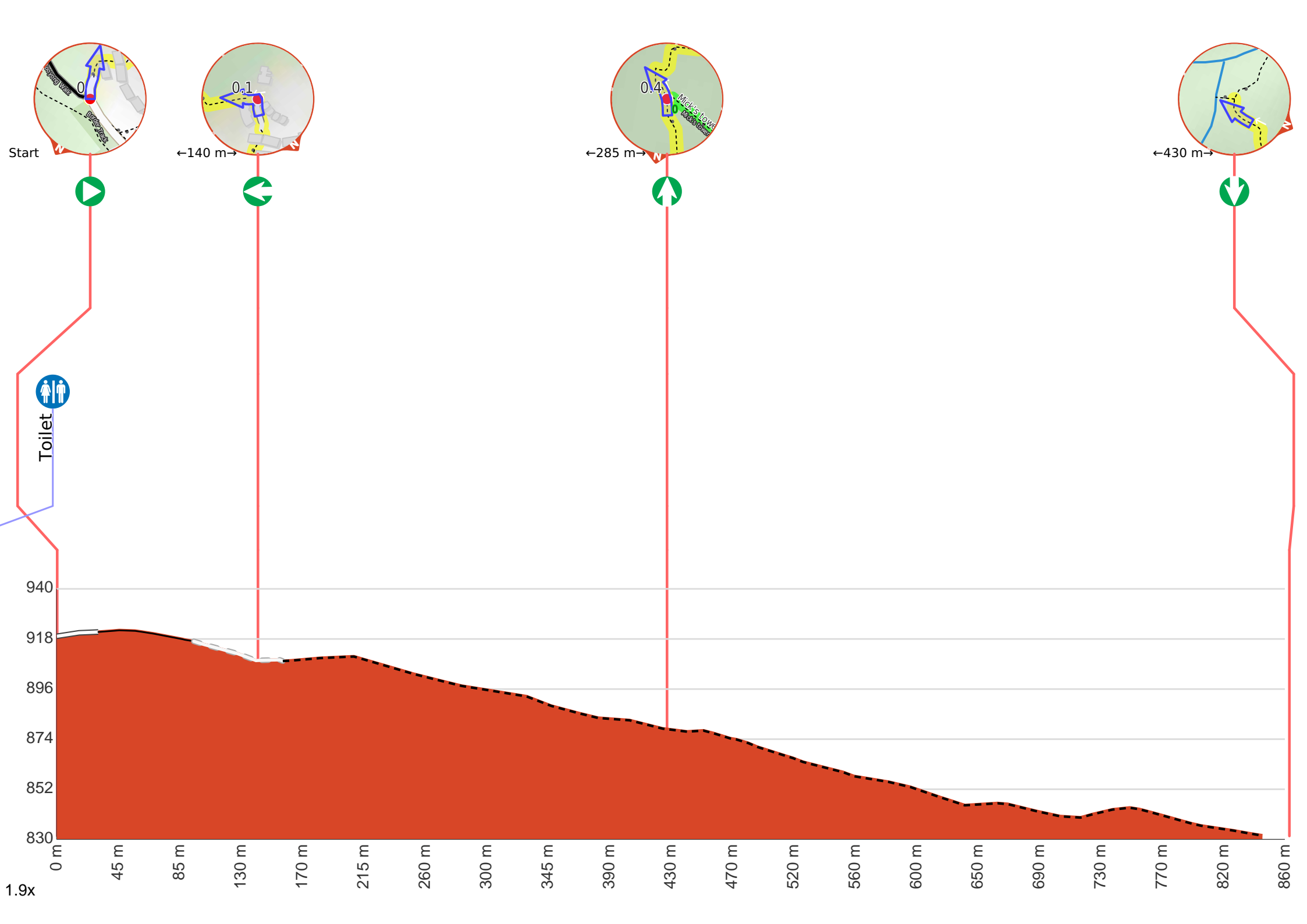
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

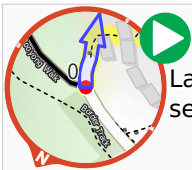
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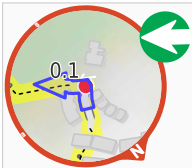
Getting started: From the end of Lamington National Park Road (near O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat), head towards the white fence next to the public telephone along the concrete path. Pass through the gap in the said fence and join the dirt track towards the buildings, moving directly away from the road. Follow the track and pass between the buildings to come to an open grass area to your left. Take a 90 degree left turn here and head into the woodland and follow the formed track to continue along The Wishing Tree Track.



At the intersection of Booyong Walk & Lamington National Park Road **Start** (a service road).



There is a toilet (about 85 m back from the start).



After another 225 m **turn left**.

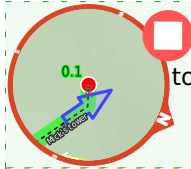
Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to Mick's Tower. Standing 18 metres above the ground, this metal structure has informative signposts about the flora at the top. Full ladder climb, 5 platforms.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. **Start** heading along *Mick's tower*.



After another 110 m come to "Micks Tower".



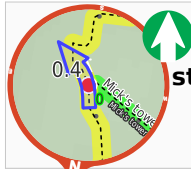
Continue another 0 m to find Mick's tower at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 110 m to the main route.



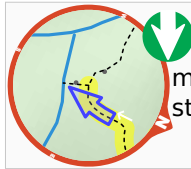
Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 420 m waypoint.



After another 285 m **continue straight**.



After another 430 m come to "The Wishing Tree".



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 860 m to get back to the start.