




Wilpena Pound and Saint Mary Peak Circuit

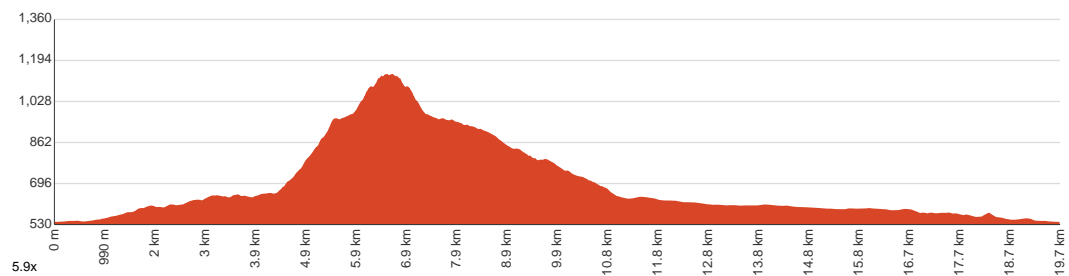
 6 h 30 min to 10 h


19.7 km
Circuit


↑ 804 m
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Very challenging

Starting near the Wilpena Pound Resort at the end of Wilpena Road, Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, this circuit walk takes you to the summit of Saint Mary Peak via the Outside, Inside and Pound Gap tracks. From the summit, walkers are rewarded with outstanding panoramic views of the Flinders Ranges, Aroona Valley, and the salt plains to the west. Wilpena Pound has a wide variety of flora and fauna. The pound is home to Sturt's desert pea, river gums, mallee, acacia and casuarinas. This hike offers a challenge for enthusiastic bushwalkers with steep climbs and rugged terrain. The directions are often marked in very subtle hard-to-spot ways, such as faded arrows scratched into the rocks. The last kilometres to the peak involve a lot of rock scrambling, but the view makes the effort worthwhile. 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 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Augusta Highway, A1

- Turn on to Range View Road, B83 then drive for 33.1 km
- Turn left onto Railway Terrace, B83 and drive for another 66.4 km
- Turn right onto Wilpena Road and drive for another 50.9 km
- Turn left onto Wilpena Road and drive for another 3.8 km
- Keep left onto Wilpena Pound Road and drive for another 10 m
- Keep right and drive for another 205 m
- Turn right and drive for another 45 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.

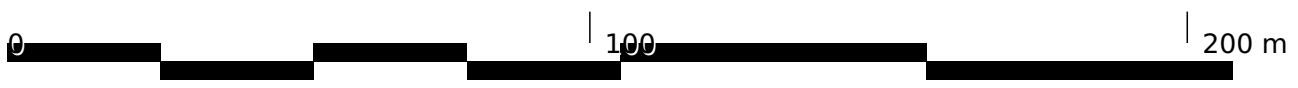
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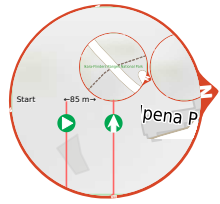


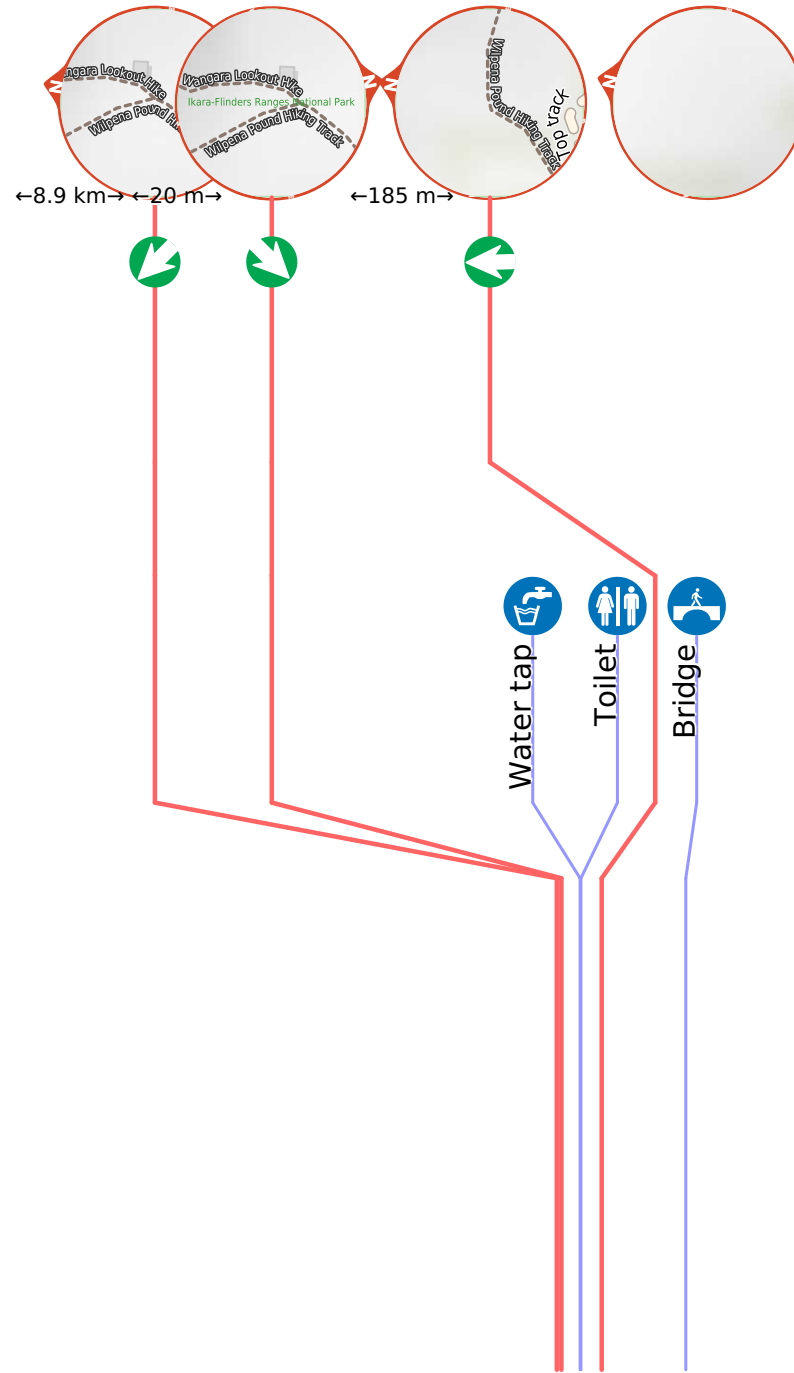












Getting started: Start from the wooden trailhead signpost with a small desk embedded to it, next to Wilpena Pound Store and Café just off Hawker-Wilpena Road. Head towards the angled hip-height signpost passing by a metal pole with color-coded track signs on it along the dirt path, moving directly away from the store. Keep right and follow the dirt trail as you pass by the said angled signpost to your left. Cross the paved road using the crosswalk and keep going straight down the dirt track as it tightens after the road. Turn right as the track widens and comes to an intersection, passing by another color-coded metal pole to your left to continue along Wilpena Pound and Saint Mary Peak Circuit.





Back at the main route turn sharp right and follow on from the 16.5 km waypoint.



After another 20 m (from the Wangara Lookout Hike) **turn sharp right**.



After another 85 m pass the "Homestead" (on your left).



Then pass the "Homestead" (60 m on your left).



After another 95 m (from the Wilpena Pound Hiking Track) **turn left**, to head along Wilpena Pound Hiking Track.



After another 390 m cross the bridge (about 15 m long)



After another 225 m (at the intersection of Pound Gap Track & Top track) **continue straight**, to head along Pound Gap Track (a vehicle track).



After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike & Pound Gap Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pound Gap Track.



After another 340 m (at the intersection of Pound Gap Track & Outside Trail) **continue straight**.

