




Lockey Pylon to Blackheath Station

 8 h to 2 days

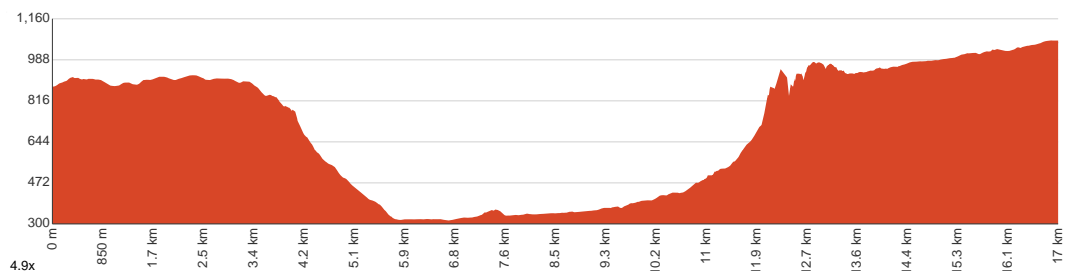

17 km
One way


↑ 1389 m
↓ 1196 m


Hard track



This walk starts in the low heath and cliff views of Lockley Pylon. The pylon, and other notable features, can be seen along the track, while the descent down to the Blue Gum Forest provides plenty of photographic opportunities. After camping overnight at Acacia Flats, the walk heads out via Govetts Leap and Pope's Glen, visiting many little cascades and the awesome Bridal Falls. A great overnight walk. 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	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 (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

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.

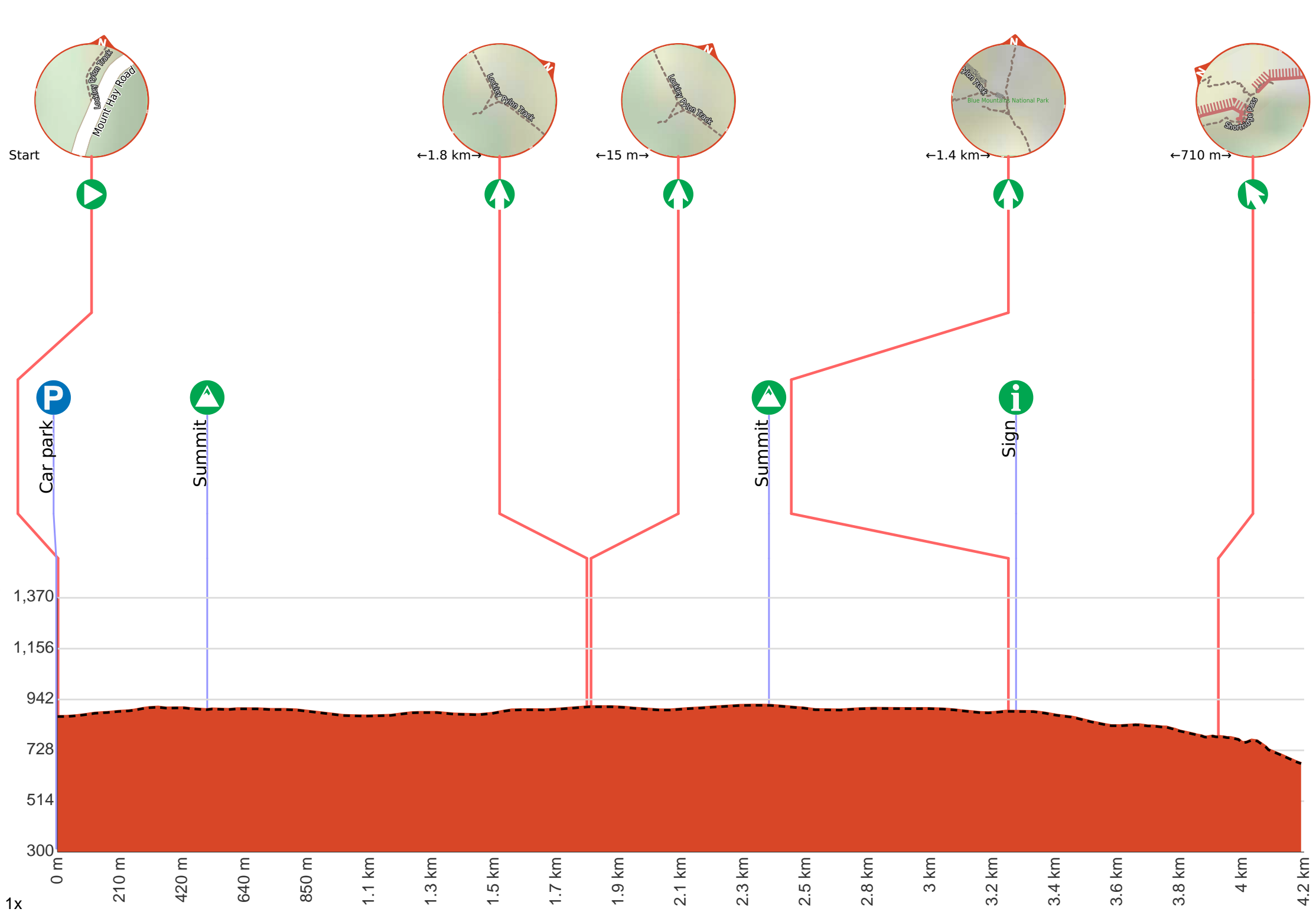
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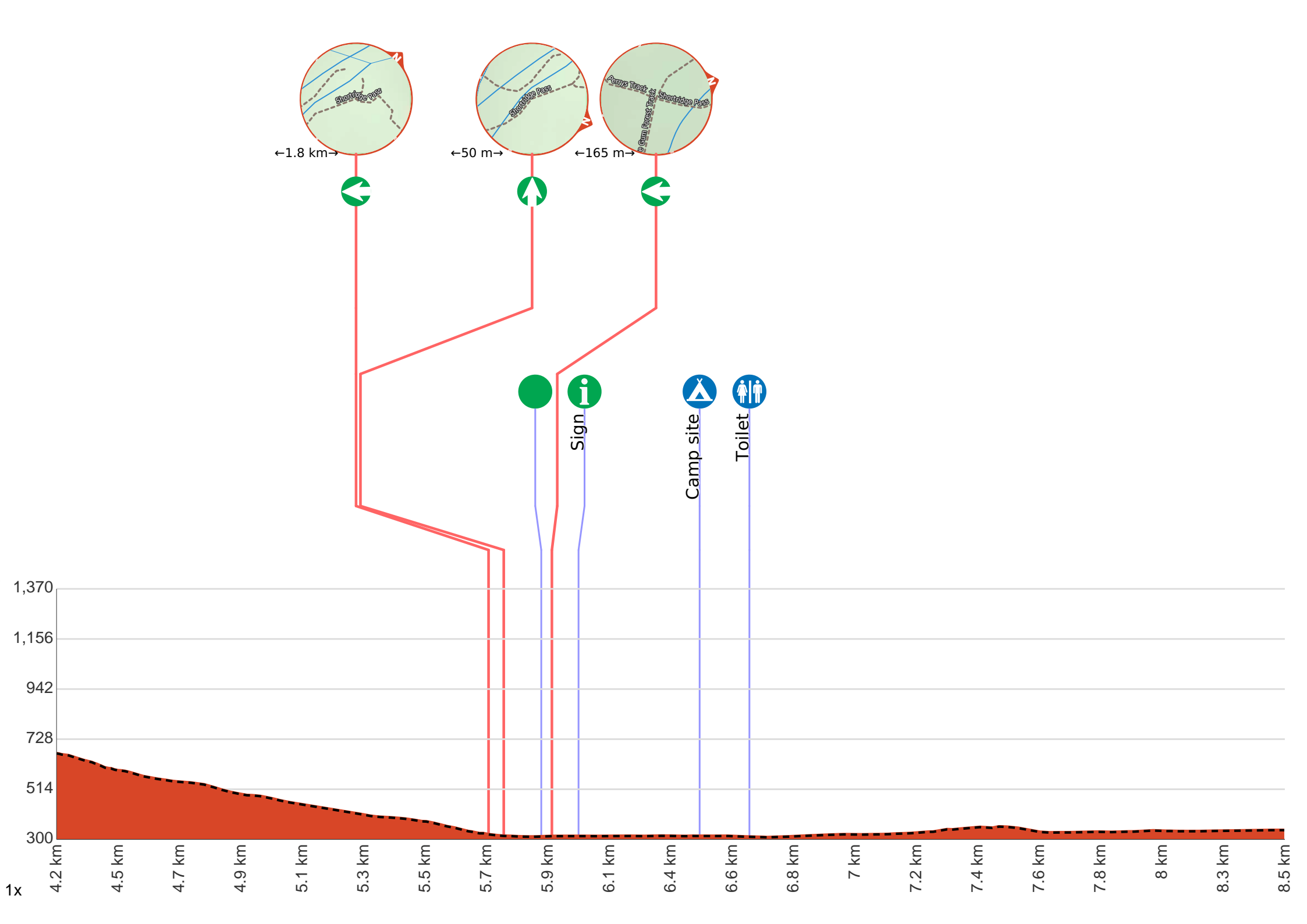


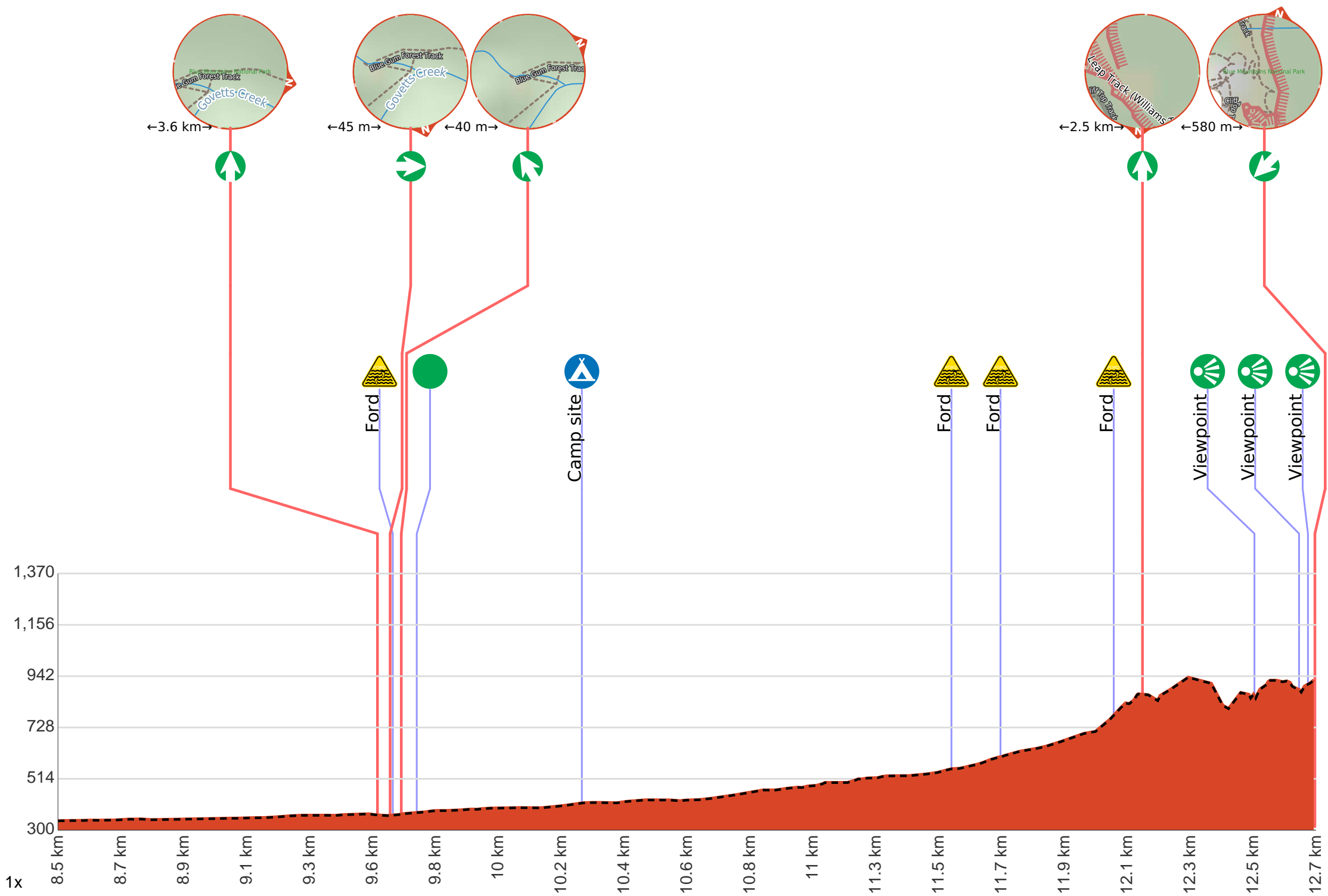


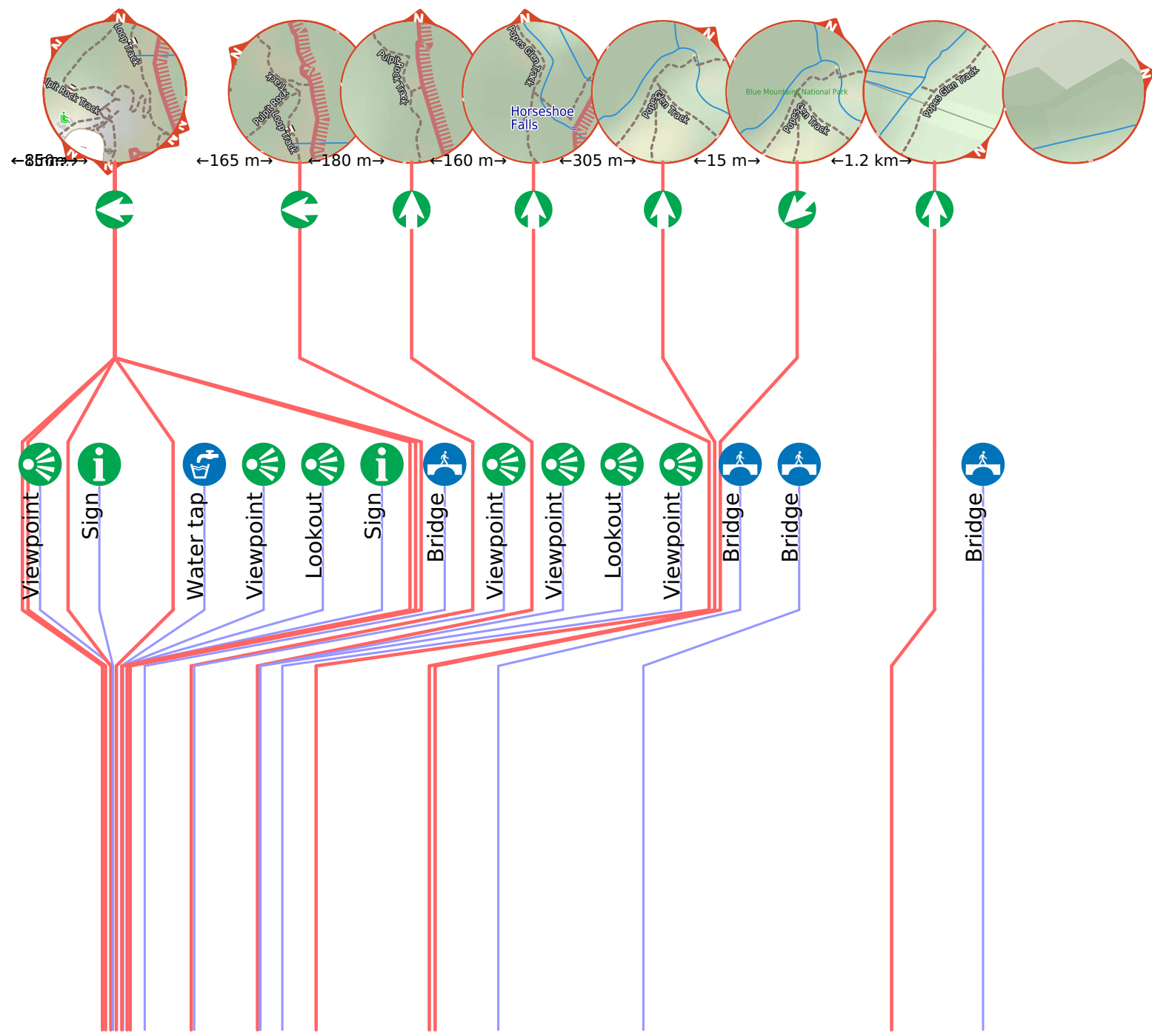












Getting started: From the car park, this walk heads past the sign for 'Lockley Pylon Track' and another sign with a map on it. The track leads up a slight hill to tend right, along the edge of a spur. The track slowly climbs to the southern pinnacle (rocky outcrop) and then continues approximately 100m to the intersection below the middle pinnacle.

From the intersection, this walk keeps the Pinnacles above to the right of the track, passing the most northern Pinnacle before coming to an intersection.

From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill away from the Pinnacles. The track then descends a further 100m into a sandy and flat saddle, until the track rises up the next hill. The track ascends the hill to gently undulate across the plateau, through the trees. The track then opens out onto a clearing where it continues up the hill for approximately 200m to the intersection on the next rise. The intersection is marked by a rocky outcrop to the left of the track.



Start.



There is a car park (about 25 m back from the start).



After 510 m pass the "The Pinnacles" (10 m on your right).



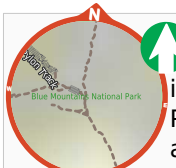
After another 1.3 km (from the Lockley Pylon Track) **continue straight**, to head along Lockley Pylon Track.



After another 15 m (from the Lockley Pylon Track) **continue straight**, to head along Lockley Pylon Track.



After another 600 m pass the "Mount Stead" (on your right).

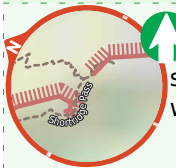


After another 810 m (at the intersection of Shortridge Pass & Lockley Pylon Track) **continue straight**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



After another 25 m pass the sign.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Du Faur Head.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. shortridge Pass **Start** (a walking track).



After another 35 m come to the end.



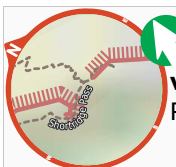
About 35 m past the end is "Du Faur Head".



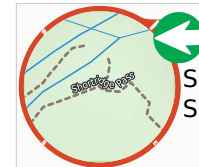
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 35 m to the main route.



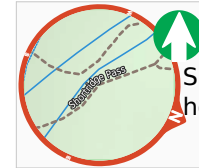
Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 3.9 km waypoint.



After another 690 m (Shortridge Pass) **veer left**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



After another 1.8 km (from the Shortridge Pass) **turn left**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



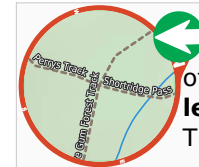
After another 50 m (from the Shortridge Pass) **continue straight**, to head along Shortridge Pass.



After another 130 m find the "Blue Gum Forest" (on your right).



Blue Gum Forest, Blue Mountains NP, is a large stand of *Eucalyptus deanei* trees on the junction of the Grose River and Govetts Creek. The magnificent trees stand tall on the flats with low vegetation beneath. The trees of Blue Gum Forest represent the protection efforts of Myles Dunphy, who lead a group to raise the 130 pounds required to buy the Blue Gum Forest - quite a sum in 1931 during the depression - and save it from being cleared. The group were successful and the Blue Gum Forest is now protected within the Blue Mountains National Park.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Perry's Track & Shortridge Pass) **turn left**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.



After another 90 m pass the sign (9 m on your right).



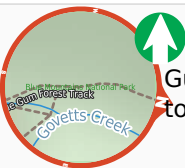
After another 420 m come to the "Acacia Flat Campground" (15 m on your right).

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This is a free campsite.



After another 170 m pass the toilet (9 m on your left).



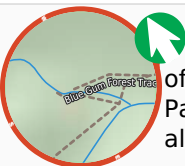
After another 2.9 km (from the Blue Gum Forest Track) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Gum Forest Track.



After another 50 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Rodriguez Pass Walking Track & Blue Gum Forest Track **turn right**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Blue Gum Forest Track & Rodriguez Pass Walking Track) **veer left**, to head along Rodriguez Pass Walking Track.



After another 50 m find the "Junction Rock" (on your left).



Junction Rock, Blue Mountains NP, is a rock situated in the middle of the Govetts Leap Brook and Govetts Creek junction. The rock is signposted, giving directions to Evans Lookout, Neates Glen, Acacia Flats and the Blue Gum Forest. Junction Rock is a great place for lunch and a swim in summer.



After another 560 m come to the camp site (5 m on your left).



After another 1.2 km cross the ford.



After another 165 m cross the ford.



After another 380 m cross the ford.



After another 95 m (at the intersection of Jungle Circuit & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **continue straight**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



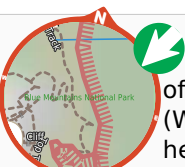
After another 380 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).



After another 150 m come to the "Williams Lookout".



After another 30 m come to the "Breakfast Rock Lookout".



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Loop Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn sharp left**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



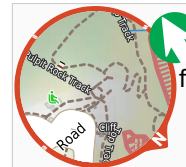
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn left**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m (from the Loop Track) **veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 20 m come to the viewpoint (6 m on your left).



From the Loop Track **veer left** (a footpath).



After another 6 m pass the sign (on your right).



After another 9 m **turn around**.



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



Then come to the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (9 m on your left).



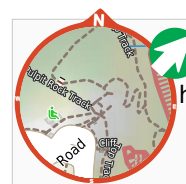
Then find the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (20 m on your right).



Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word `leap` is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.



Then pass the sign (15 m on your right).



From the Loop Track **veer right**, to head along Loop Track (a walking track).



After another 15 m (from the Loop Track) **veer left**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m (at the intersection of Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track) & Loop Track) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 40 m cross the bridge (about 4 m long)



After another 120 m (Laws Lookout) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 8 m come to the "Laws Lookout".



After another 15 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 155 m (from the Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 6 m come to the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (10 m on your right).



Then find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your right).



Horseshoe Falls Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small fenced lookout. There are views down to Horseshoe Falls and across the Grose Valley.



After another 60 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".



After another 90 m (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Boyd Beach.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. from the Popes Glen Track **Start** heading along *Popes Glen Track* (a walking track).



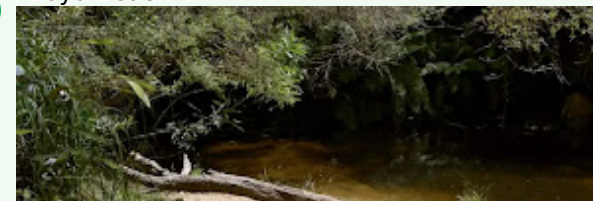
After another 15 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **turn right**.



After another 50 m come to the end.



"Boyd Beach".



Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 13.7 km waypoint.



After another 305 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 15 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 660 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 75 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 170 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 265 m (from the Popes Glen Track) **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.

