







Six Foot Track

(Dharug and Gundungurra Country)

 16 h, 2 days to 3 days
 7 h 30 min to 12 h

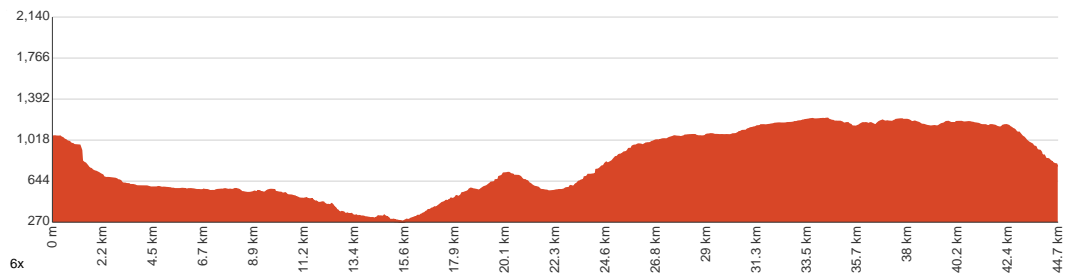

44.6 km
One way


↑ 1776 m
↓ 2030 m


Hard track



This classic walk takes you from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves via a historic horse route. The walk travels mainly along well-maintained service tracks and explores Nellie's Glen, Megalong Valley, Cox's River, Black Range, and Jenolan. There are well established and popular campsites along the way. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug and Gundungurra 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	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Parke Street, BMD, Katoomba.

- Turn on to Great Western Highway, A32 then drive for 2.2 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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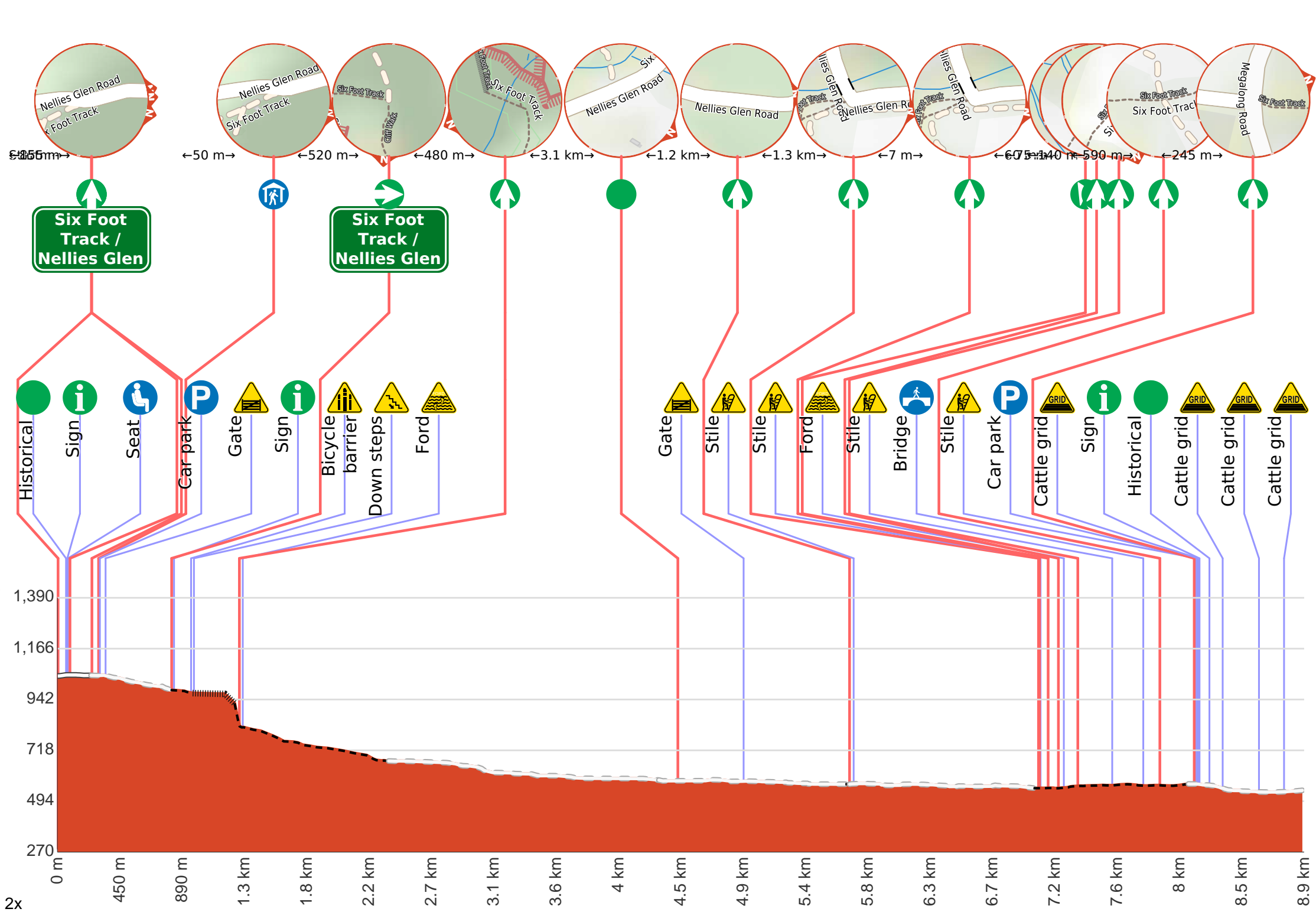


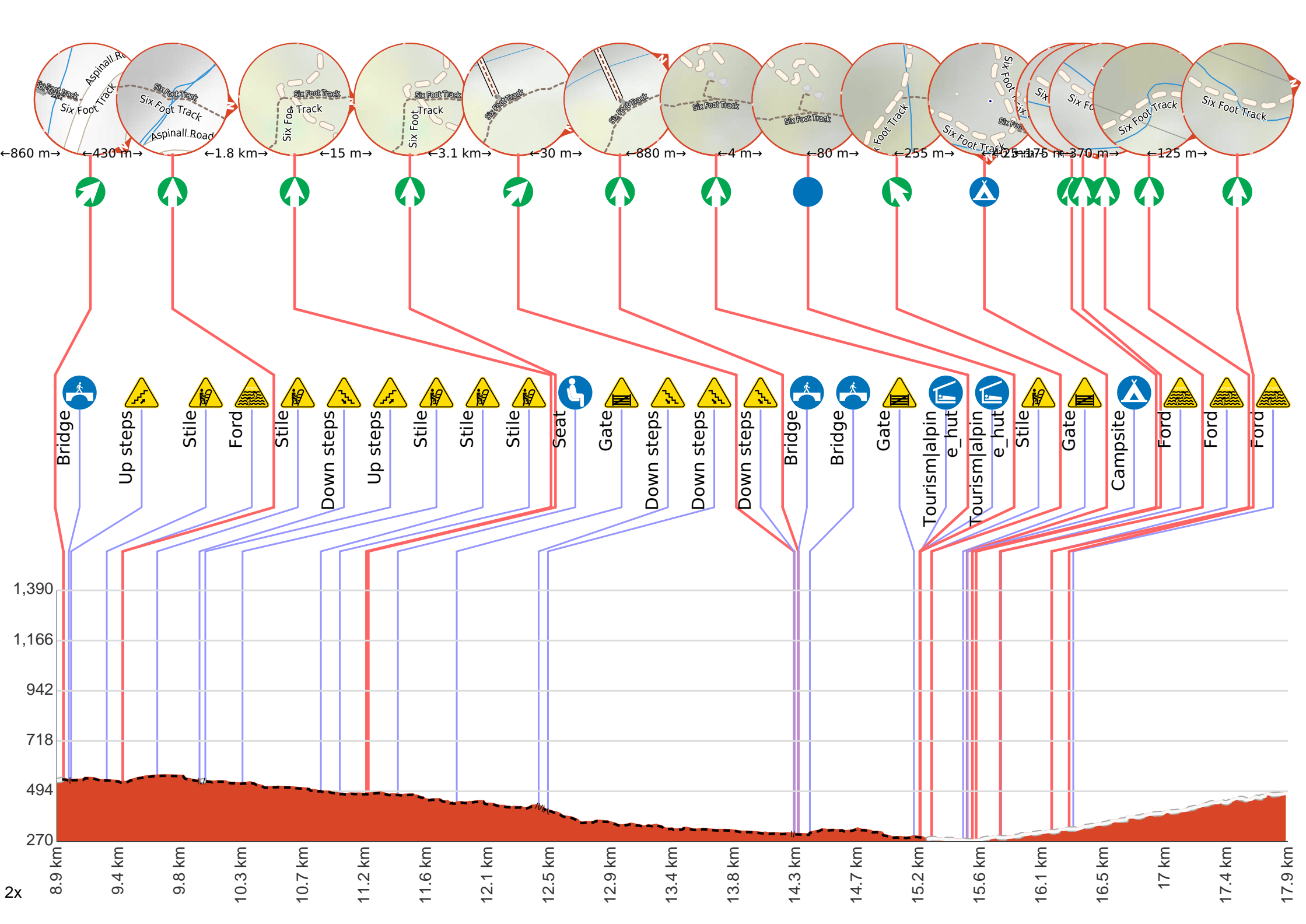


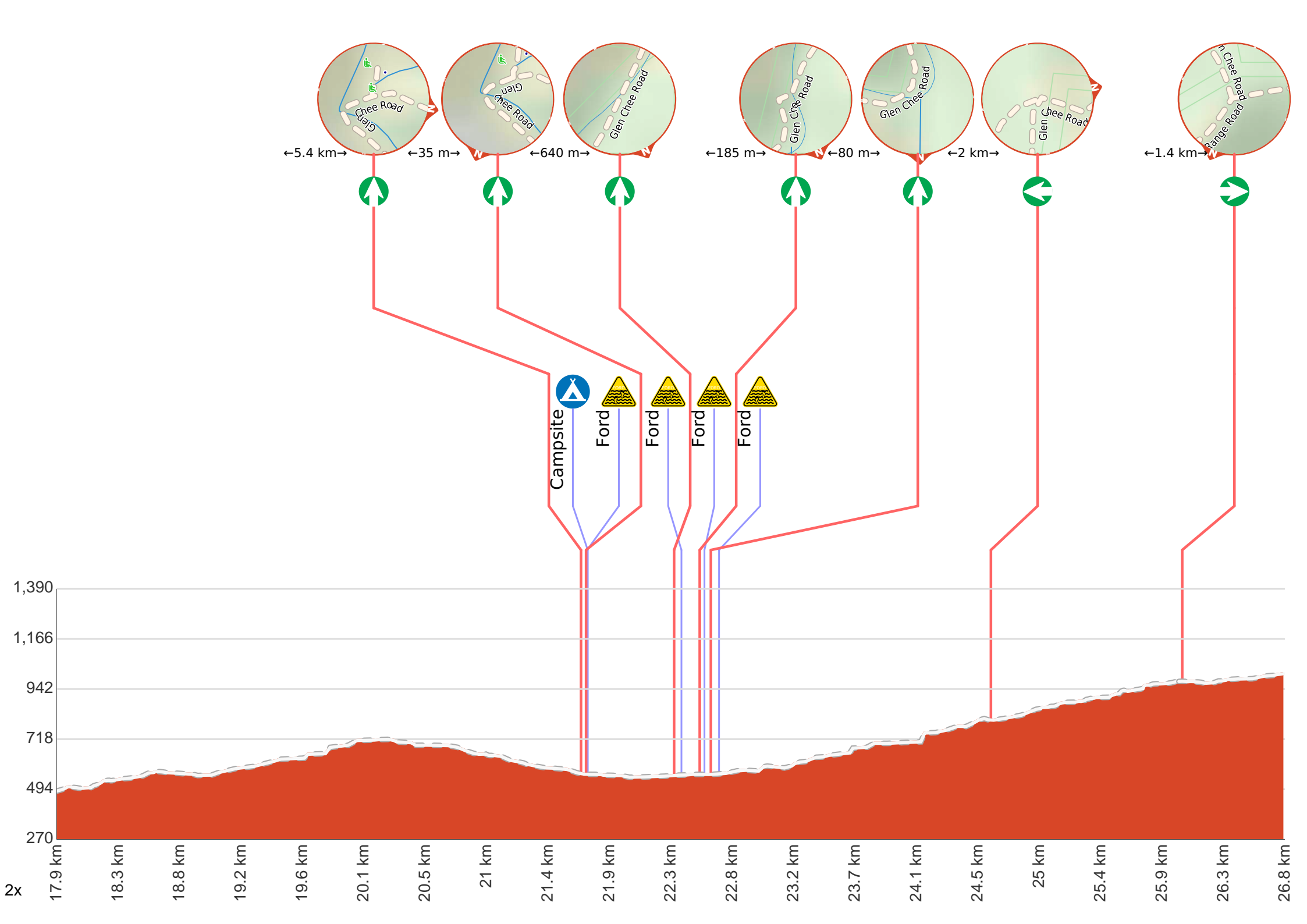


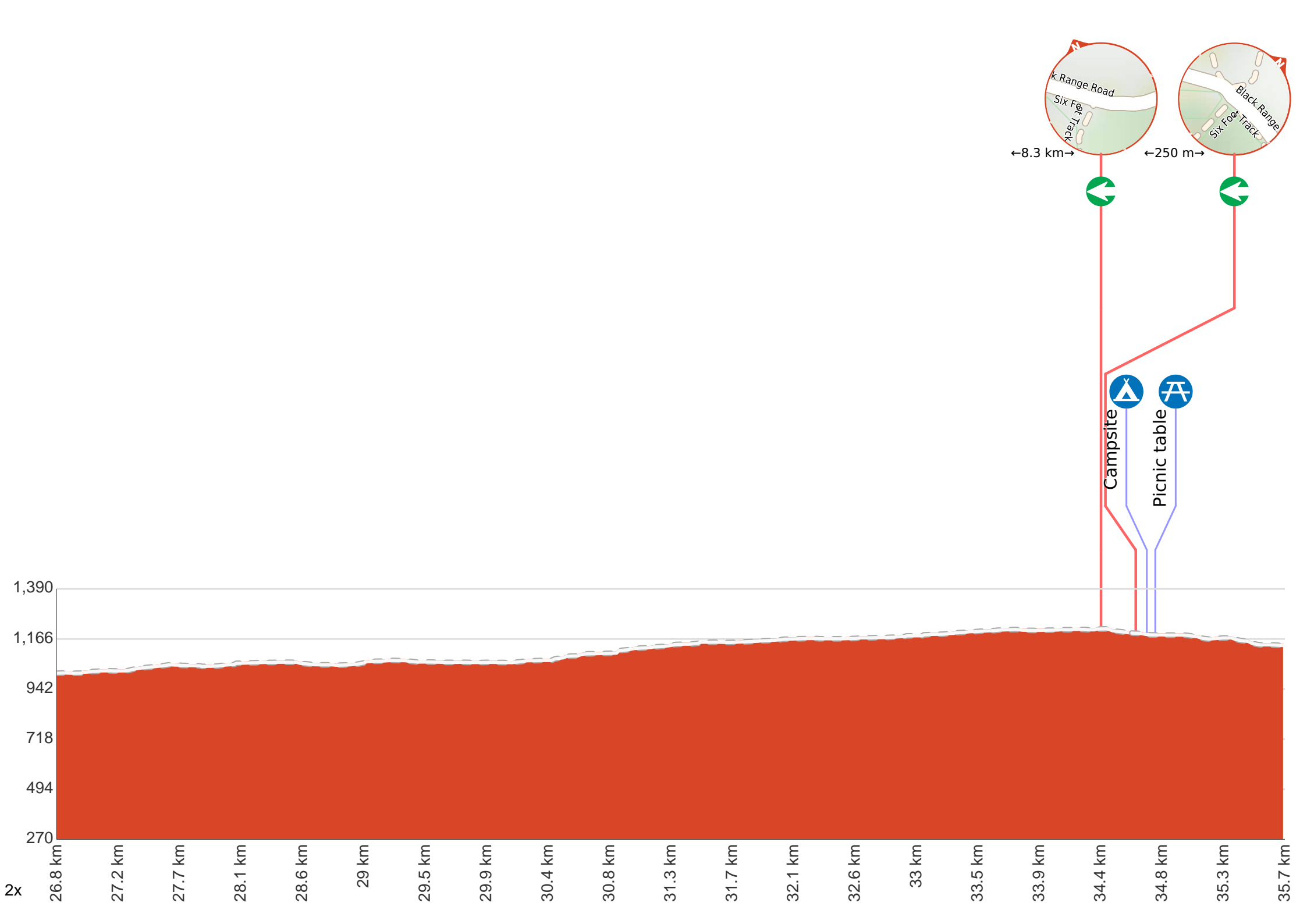


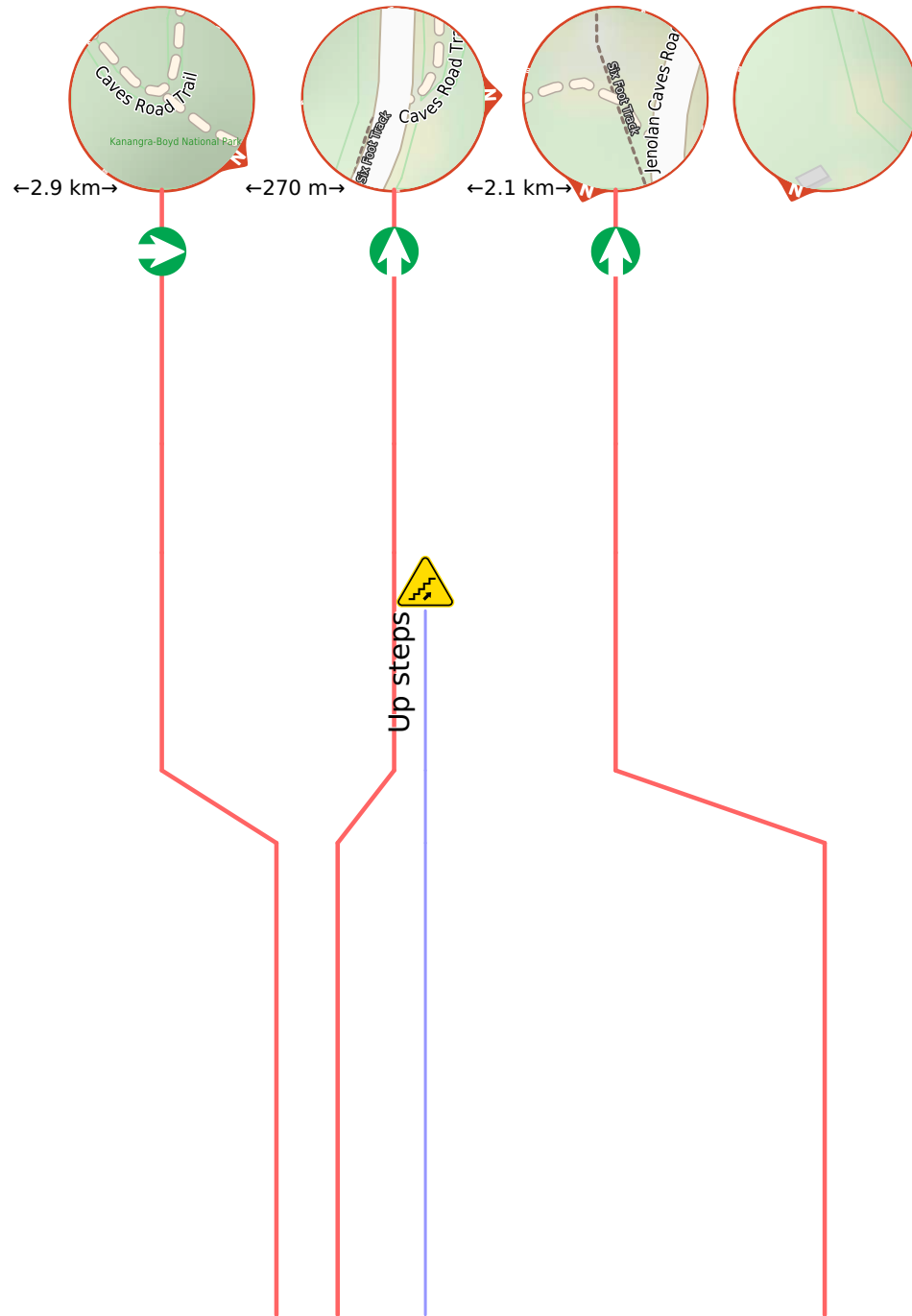




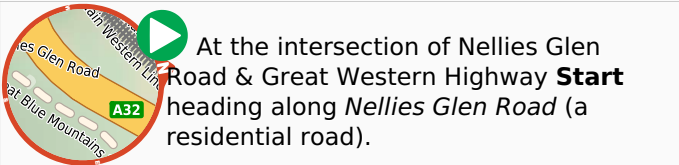








Getting started: From the 'Explorers Tree' (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Rd and the Great Western Hwy), this walk follows the 'Six Foot Track - 200m' sign up along the sealed Nellies Glen Rd for just over 200m before turning left at another 'Six Foot Track' sign. Here the walk comes to a dirt car park and shelter with a large 'Six Foot Track' information sign.



After 55 m find the "Explorers Tree, Katoomba" (10 m on your left).

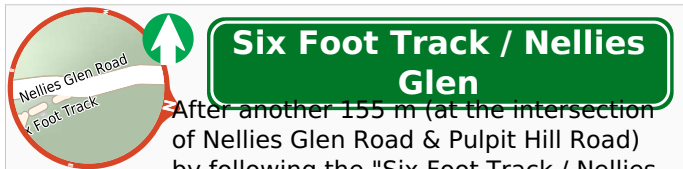
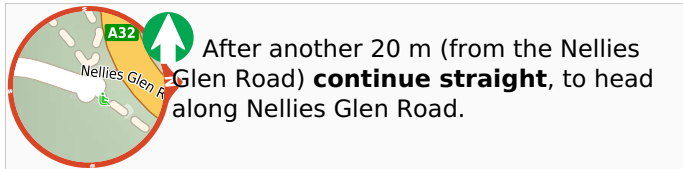


In 1813, the explorers Gregory Blaxland, William Wentworth and William Lawson, on their historic crossing of the Blue Mountains, engraved their names not only into the history books, but also reportedly into this tree on the side of Pulpit Hill. The tree now long dead was caged in 1884 in an attempt to preserve the engravings. The engravings are no longer visible and there is even debate over the last 100+ years as to the authenticity of the engravings.

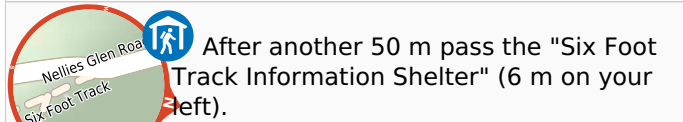
After another 9 m pass the sign (15 m on your left).

Then pass a seat (20 m on your left).

From the Nellies Glen Road **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 155 m (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Pulpit Hill Road) by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road (a vehicle track).



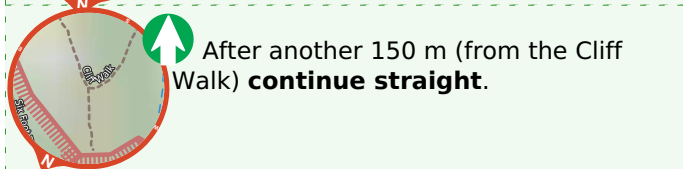
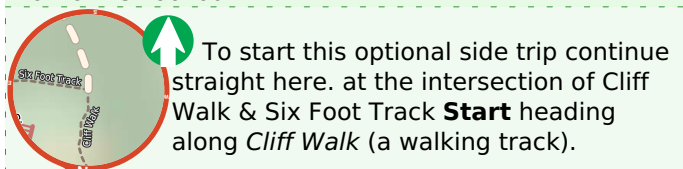
After another 9 m pass the car park (on your right).

After another 40 m head through/around the gate.

After another 320 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.

After another 165 m pass the sign (on your left).

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Norths Lookout.



After another 65 m come to "Norths Lookout".

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 215 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 810 m waypoint.

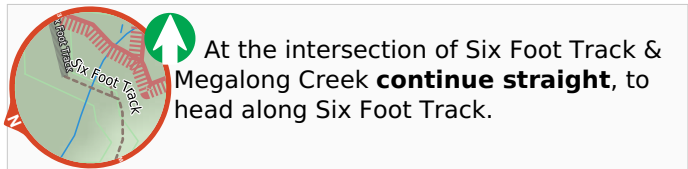


At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Cliff Walk by following the "Six Foot Track / Nellies Glen" sign **turn right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).

After another 140 m head through the bicycle barrier.

After another 20 m head down the steps (about 300 m long)

After another 50 m cross the ford.



After another 20 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.

After another 3 km (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Water Board Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road (a vehicle track).



After another 110 m find the "Megalong Village (Historic)" (15 m on your left).



In 1870, kerosene shale was discovered in the area surrounding the upper end of Megalong and Diamond Creeks so in 1885, Mr J. B. North started to mine the resource. The mine continued for nearly 10 years. During the life of the mine, the Megalong Village grew to to a small town with a hotel, butchery, bakery, public hall and around about 40 families. When the mines were closed in 1904, the best buildings were demolished and rebuilt in Katoomba. In the December of 1904, a huge bushfire ripped up through the valley destroying what buildings were left. Now the area is private land with a horse paddock with a view of the escarpment behind. A small bronze sign marks the site .



From the Nellies Glen Road **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 490 m head through/around the gate.



After another 610 m (at the intersection of Nellies Glen Road & Mitchells Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 145 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight** (a walking track).



After another 30 m climb over the stile.



After another 115 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 440 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



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



After another 380 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 195 m (from the Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Nellies Glen Road.



After another 105 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track & Nellies Glen Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).



After another 15 m climb over the stile.



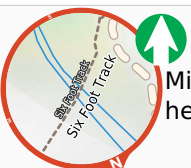
From the Six Foot Track **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 60 m (from the Six Foot Track) **veer left**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 110 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Mitchells Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 140 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 245 m climb over the stile.



After another 220 m cross the McLennan Bridge (about 10 m long)



After another 105 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 265 m climb over the stile.



Then pass the car park (20 m on your left).

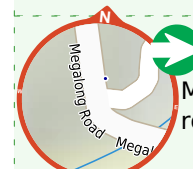
Start of an optional side trip: Side trip to Old Ford Reserve camping and picnic area where you can spend the night.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Megalong Road & Six Foot Track **Start** heading along *Megalong Road* (a highway|tertiary).



After another 410 m cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



After another 45 m (from the Megalong Road) **turn right** (a service road).

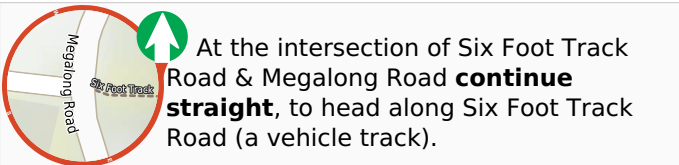


After another 7 m come to the "Old Ford Reserve" (20 m on your left).



After another 15 m come to a car park.

- Turn around and retrace your steps back the 510 m to the main route.
- Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 8.1 km waypoint.



After another 30 m cross over the cattle grid.

After another 10 m pass the sign (8 m on your left).

After another 70 m find the "Megalong Cemetery (historical)" (9 m on your left).



The Megalong Cemetery became the final resting place for at least 14 people who died between 1894 and 1931. Many of the grave sites are in poor repair or can no longer be easily found - please take care in the area to avoid any further damage. A tall stone monument marks the edge of the cemetery on the Six Foot Track, about 100m west of Megalong Road. This cemetery is currently under the management of the Blue Mountains City Council, and is recognised by the National Trust.

After another 95 m cross over the cattle grid.

After another 165 m (from the Six Foot Track Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.

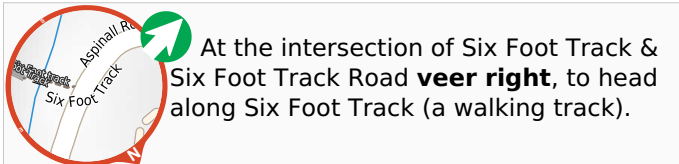
After another 90 m cross over the cattle grid.

After another 115 m (from the Six Foot Track Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.

After another 20 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track Road & Olana) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.

After another 45 m cross over the cattle grid.

After another 230 m cross over the cattle grid.

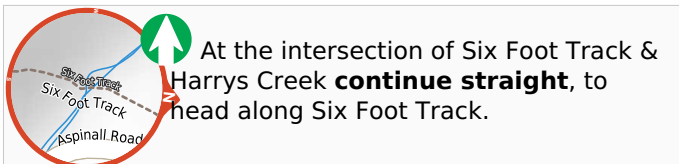


After another 40 m cross the Guyver Bridge (about 8 m long)

After another 9 m head up the steps (about 10 m long)

After another 245 m climb over the stile.

After another 120 m cross the ford.



After another 250 m climb over the stile.

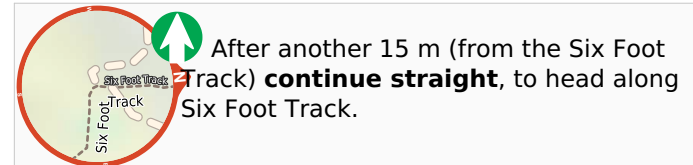
After another 305 m head down the steps (about 35 m long)

After another 6 m head up the steps (about 20 m long)

After another 250 m climb over the stile.

After another 570 m climb over the stile.

After another 135 m climb over the stile.



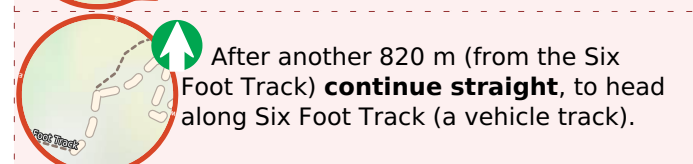
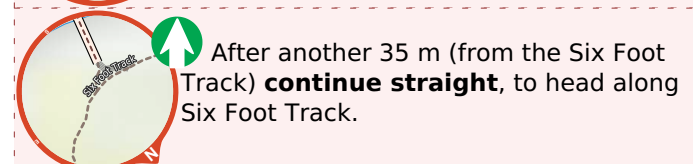
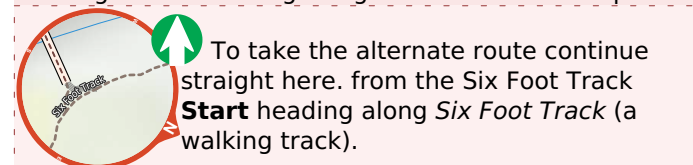
After another 215 m pass a "Ron's Roost" (on your right).

After another 430 m head through/around the gate.

After another 590 m head down the steps (about 55 m long)

After another 10 m head down the steps (about 25 m long)

Start of an alternate route: An alternative route linking Bowtells Swing Bridge to Coxs River Campsite.





After another 205 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Coxs River **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 10 m find the "Coxs River" (20 m on your right).



The Coxs River starts west of Katoomba, running south-east as the main tributary for the Warragamba Dam. The Six Foot Track crosses the river using the slippery rounded stones or, when in flood, the large metal Bowtells Bridge. The campsite is located a short distance up the west bank from where the 6FT crosses. The water must be treated before drinking. The river provides some potentially nice swimming spots, with pools and interesting granite rock formations, be very careful if deciding to swim as it can also be very dangerous.



Continue another 55 m to find from the Six Foot Track at the end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 15.5 km waypoint.



After another 1.8 km (from the Six Foot Track) **veer right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a steps).



Then head down the steps (about 30 m long)



From the Six Foot Track **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).



Then cross the Bowtells Swing Bridge (about 100 m long)



Then find the "Bowtells Swing Bridge" (10 m on your left).



This suspension footbridge spans the Coxs River and provides an alternate route for the Six Foot Track when the river is in flood. Regardless of weather, this route is now becoming more popular with many walkers, wanting to avoid the river crossing. The bridge was built and opened in 1992 by the Royal Australian Engineers. The bridge is named after a fellow soldier of the builders, Corporal Bob Bowtell, who suffocated and died in foul air whilst attempting to clear a tunnel of the VC during the Vietnam war. Bowtell grew up in Katoomba and is now buried in West Malaysia.



After another 750 m head through/around the gate.



After another 50 m come to the tourism|alpine_hut (20 m on your right).



From the Six Foot Track **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



Then come to the tourism|alpine_hut (30 m on your right).



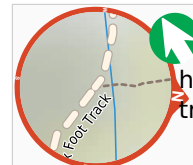
Then find the "Six Foot Track Lodge" (20 m on your right).



The Six Foot Track Lodge is situated above the flats of the Coxs River along the Six Foot Track alternate route, not far north of Coxs River Campsite. The lodge consists of two cabins, each with the capacity to sleep twelve people in bunks. The cabins are equipped with linen, warm blankets, log fire, pizza oven, tank water and has its own outhouse toilet. At \$35 per person per night, this is a very pleasant way to spend an evening. Authentic meals can also be organised for a fee. For more information, visit www.6fttracklodge.com or call Pavel on 0421 932 631. Walk-ins are welcome, however to ensure beds are available, booking in advance is recommended.



After another 85 m climb over the stile.



From the Six Foot Track **veer left**, to head along Six Foot Track (a vehicle track).



After another 225 m head through/around the gate.



After another 30 m find the "Coxs River Camping Area" (25 m on your right).

Cox's River Campsite, on the Six Foot Track, is situated on the western bank of the Cox's River. It provides a shelter, water (rain tank or creek - treat before drinking either), picnic tables, toilet and a flat grassed camping area with excellent access to the river.



Then find the "Coxs River Campsite" (25 m on your right).



Coxs River Campsite, on the Six Foot Track, is found on the western bank of the Coxs River. It provides a sheltered picnic table, water (rain tank or creek - treat before drinking either), toilet and a flat grassed camping area with excellent access to the river. The campsite is used by people walking the Six Foot Track, but is also visited at times people people camping in 4WD. A nice place to camp. Despite the several fire scares, this is a fuel stove only area no fires allowed.



The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 15.5 km waypoint.



After another 35 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 25 m (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 180 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Gibraltar Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 370 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Gibraltar Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 155 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Gibraltar Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 2.4 km cross over the cattle grid.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 3 km pass the toilet (7 m on your right).



From the Glen Chee Road **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



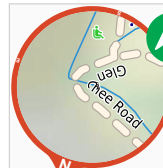
After another 50 m find the "Alum Creek Camping ground" (on your right).



Signposted as 'Alum Creek Reserve', this fairly flat grassy area, off the side of the dirt Glen Chee Road, part of the six foot track). The campsite is the least used and least developed of the three official campsites on the Six Foot Track, and makes a good place to stay if attempting the walk in two days. There are no facilities provided but the flat campsite is in a well-protected valley with the small Alum Creek beside the campsite and the fairly reliable Little River down the road (treat water before use).



Then cross the ford.



At the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Alum Creek **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



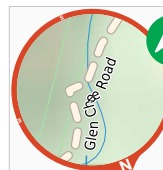
After another 690 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Little River **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 220 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Little River **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 140 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Glen Chee Road & Little River **continue straight**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 2 km (from the Glen Chee Road) **turn left**, to head along Glen Chee Road.



After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Glen Chee Road) **turn right**, to head along Black Range Road (a vehicle track).



After another 2.1 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Moorara Boss Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 3.2 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Warlock Fire Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 870 m (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Bulls Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 1.7 km (at the intersection of Black Range Road & Bulls Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 95 m (from the Black Range Road) **continue straight**, to head along Black Range Road.



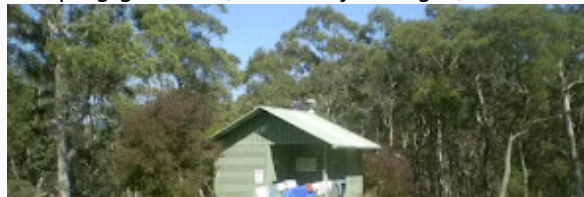
After another 410 m (from the Black Range Road) **turn left**, to head along Black Range Road.



After another 250 m (at the intersection of Caves Road Trail & Black Range Road) **turn left**, to head along Caves Road Trail (a vehicle track).



After another 80 m find the "Black Range camping ground" (10 m on your right).



Black Range camping ground is found along the Six Foot Track, and is also accessible by car. The well maintained and signposted campsite has a couple of sheltered picnic tables, toilets, rainwater tank and and information board with map. The campsite is in a large fenced grassy area. The tank water is quiet reliable but the tank can become empty during long dry spells or through vandalism, please treat before use. A sign reminds campers that this is a Fuel Stove Only area - no camp fires



After another 60 m pass the picnic table (20 m on your right).



After another 2.1 km (from the Caves Road Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Caves Road Trail.



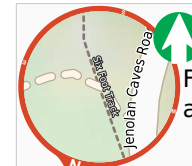
After another 660 m (from the Caves Road Trail) **turn right**, to head along Caves Road Trail.



After another 270 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track & Jenolan Caves Road) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track (a footpath).



After another 390 m head up the steps (about 55 m long)



After another 1.7 km (from the Six Foot Track) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.

