



# Viaduct Track Circuit

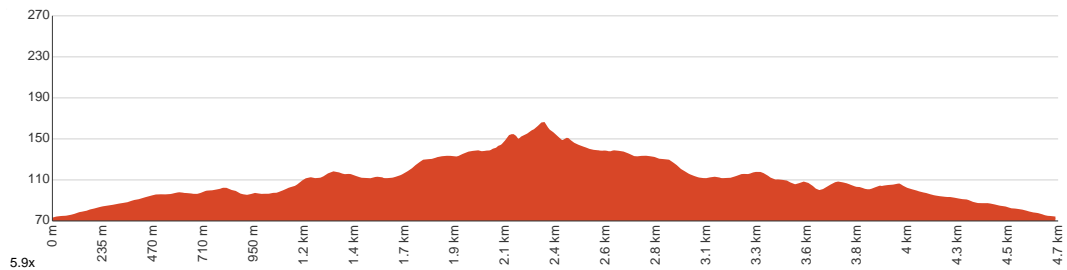
1 h 30 min to 2 h  
45 min to 1 h 15 min

4.7 km  
Circuit

↑ 142 m  
↓ 141 m

3  
Moderate track

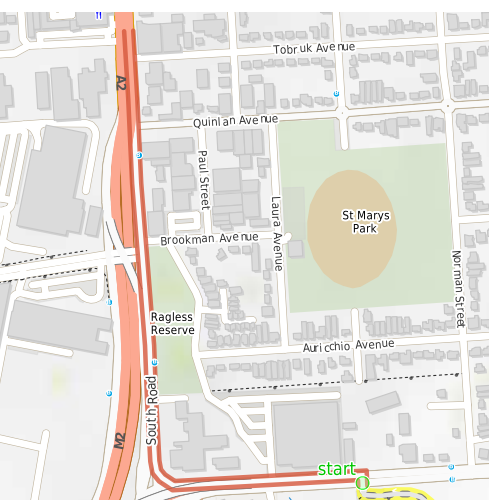
Starting from the Shepherds Hill Recreation Park carpark on Ayliffes Road, St Marys, this walk takes you on a circuit via the Viaduct Creek Trail and Viaduct Track. Explore the tracks, creeks, old railway tunnel and viaduct remains in Shepherds Hill Recreation Park and adjacent Watiparinga Reserve on this walk. The railway line viaduct and tunnel were built in 1883 as part of the Adelaide to Melbourne railway, and replaced by the current dual track embankment and tunnel in 1919. This hike takes you through scenic woodland of Grey Box trees, over a lush green grassy understorey dotted with brightly coloured wildflowers. The tracks are mainly wide and well-formed, with some narrow and slightly rocky sections. Be aware that the train tracks are active, and so is the open railway tunnel. The abandoned tunnel is just around the corner from the active one, and is boarded up and covered in colourful graffiti. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Clearly signposted (2/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (2/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

**Getting to the start:** From South Road, A2

- Turn on to South Road, A13 then drive for 460 m
- Keep left onto South Road and drive for another 110 m
- Keep left and drive for another 325 m
- Turn right and drive for another 15 m

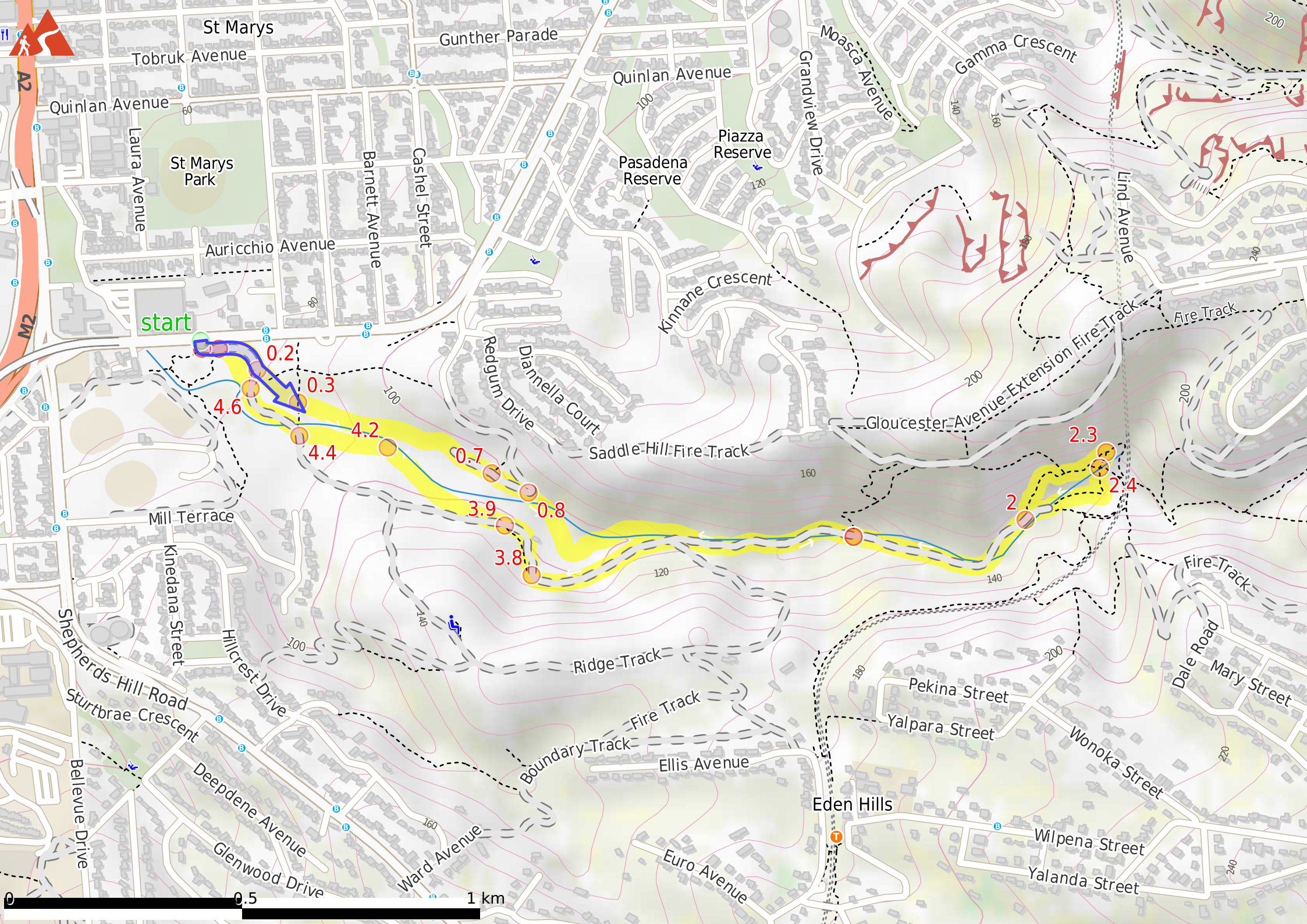


### Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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A2  
M2

0

0.5

1 km

St Marys

Gunther Parade

Quinlan Avenue

Grandview Drive

Gamma Crescent

Tobruk Avenue

Quinlan Avenue

Laura Avenue

St Marys Park

Auricchio Avenue

Barnett Avenue

Cashel Street

Pasadena Reserve

Piazza Reserve

Kinnane Crescent

Redgum Drive

Diannella Court

Saddle Hill Fire Track

Gloucester Avenue Extension Fire Track

start

0.2

0.3

4.6

4.4

4.2

0.7

3.9

0.8

3.8

2

2.3

2.4

Mill Terrace

Kinedana Street

Hillcrest Drive

Ridge Track

Fire Track

Boundary Track

Ellis Avenue

Eden Hills

Pekina Street

Yalpara Street

Wonoka Street

Dale Road  
Mary Street

Shepherds Hill Road

Sturtbrae Crescent

Bellevue Drive

Deepdene Avenue

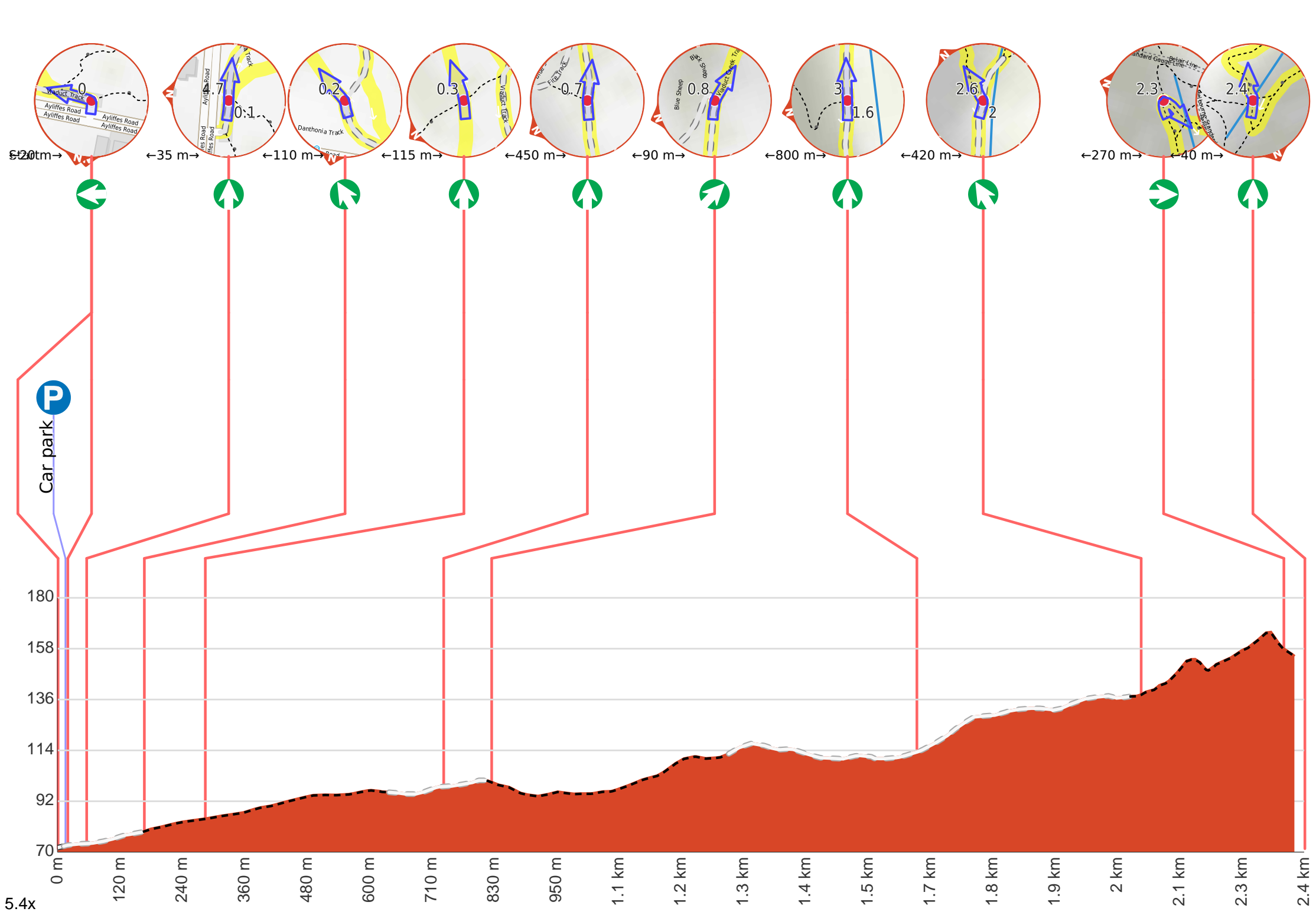
Glenwood Drive

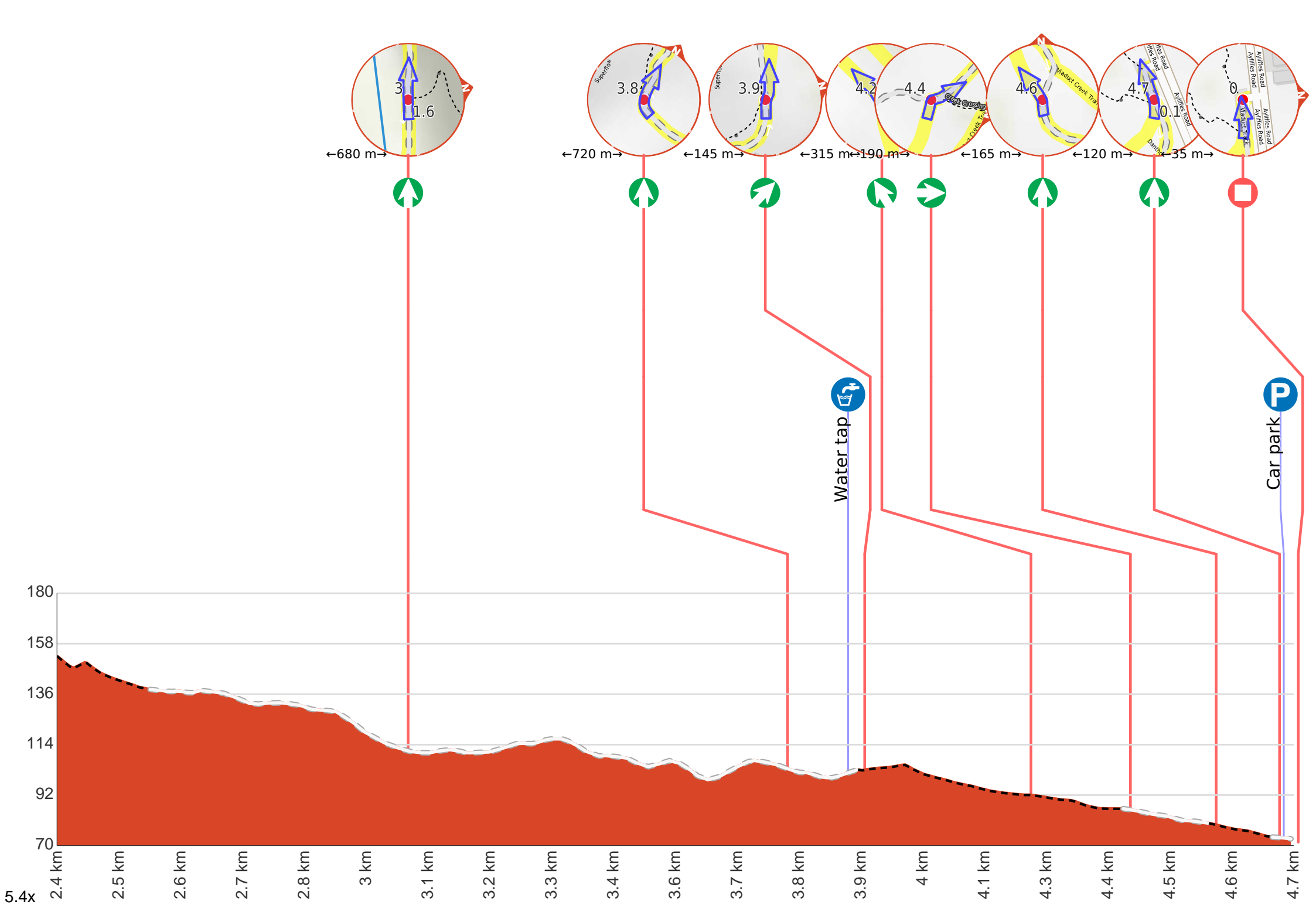
Ward Avenue

Euro Avenue

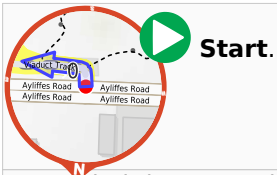
Wilpena Street

Yalanda Street





**Getting started:** Starting from the gravel car park off Ayliffes Road (320 metres east of intersection with Shepherds Hill Road), head towards the metal gate with a "GATE:1" sign on it, moving parallel to the road. Pass through the gap in the wooden fence next to the gate, and keep left as you follow the gravel/dirt fire trail to continue along Viaduct Track Circuit.

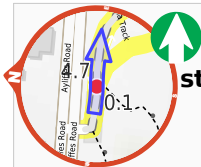


**Start.**

**P** Find the car park at the start.



After another 4 m **turn left**, to head along Viaduct Track.



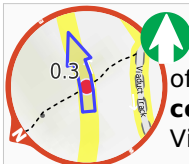
After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.

After another 70 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Track & Danthonia Track) **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Track & Viaduct Creek Trail) **veer left**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail (a walking track).

After another 65 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail.



After another 50 m (at the intersection of Creek Crossing & Viaduct Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail.

After another 220 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail.

After another 160 m **continue straight**, to head along Fire Track.



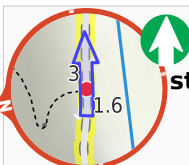
After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along Fire Track.



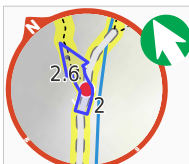
After another 90 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Creek Trail & Fire Track) **veer right**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail (a walking track).

After another 205 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Creek Trail.

After another 260 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Track & Viaduct Creek Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track (a vehicle track).

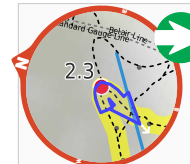


After another 340 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.

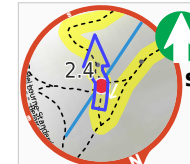


After another 420 m **veer left**.

After another 165 m **continue straight**.

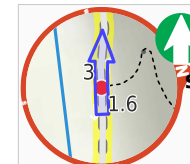


After another 105 m **turn right**.



After another 40 m **continue straight**.

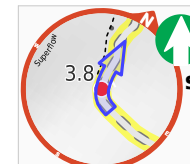
After another 250 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.



After another 420 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.

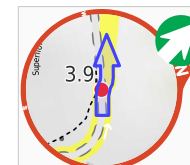
After another 340 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Creek Trail & Viaduct Track) **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.

After another 75 m (at the intersection of Viaduct Track & Ridge Track) **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.



After another 305 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.

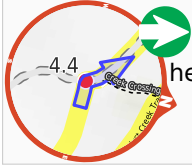
After another 115 m pass the water tap (40 m on your right).



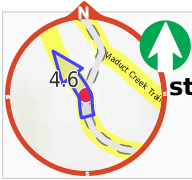
After another 30 m **veer right**.



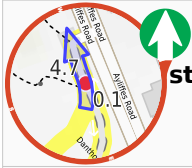
After another 315 m **veer left**.



After another 190 m **turn right**, to head along Viaduct Track.



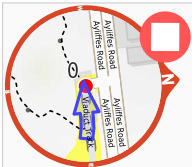
After another 165 m **continue straight**.



After another 120 m **continue straight**, to head along Viaduct Track.



After another 8 m to find the car park.



After another 30 m come to the end.