



Mount Macedon and Towrong Loop

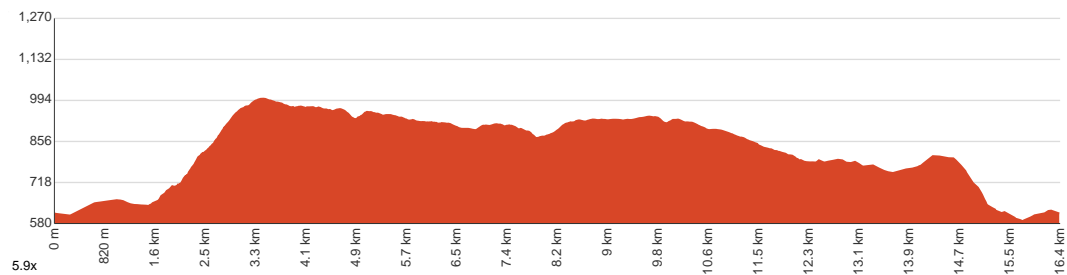
 5 h 30 min to 8 h 30 min


16.3 km
Circuit


↑ 730 m
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Hard track

Starting from the intersection of Mount Macedon Road and Douglas Road, Victoria, this walk takes you into the diverse woodland of Macedon Regional Park. The steep climb to the top of Mt Macedon is not for faint hearted, but there's the Memorial Cross, Major Mitchell Lookout and a picnic area at the top to take a breather before heading forward. Lush forest, two mountain tops and tranquil Sanatorium Lake make this walk worth a while. The Camel's Hump side trip is for experienced bushwalkers only. 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Calder Freeway, M79

- Turn on to Black Forest Drive Offramp then drive for 550 m
- Continue onto Black Forest Drive Offramp and drive for another 125 m
- Turn right onto Black Forest Drive, C792 and drive for another 950 m
- Turn left onto Nursery Road and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn left onto Carrington Street and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn left onto Mount Macedon Road, C322 and drive for another 2.8 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

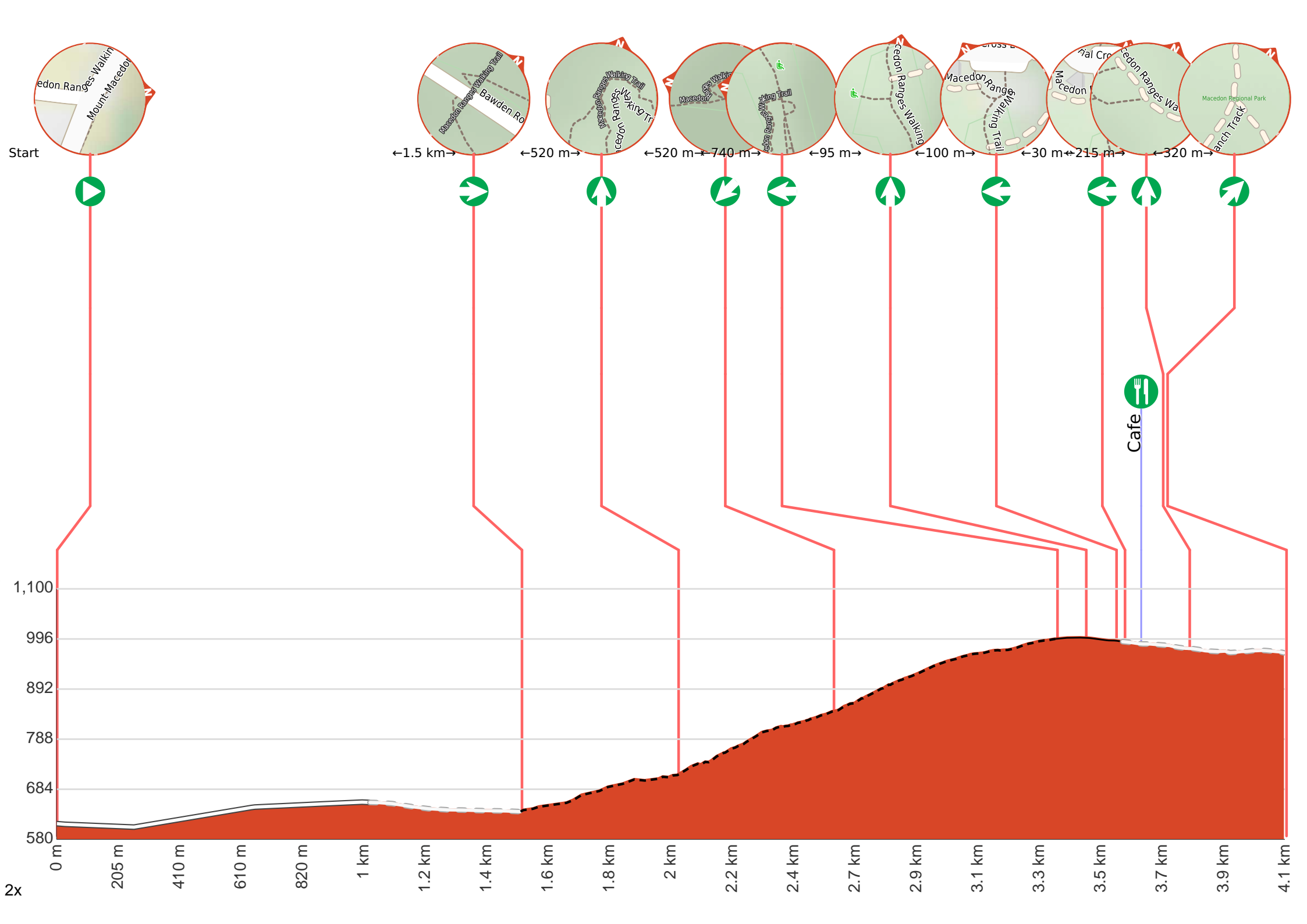
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

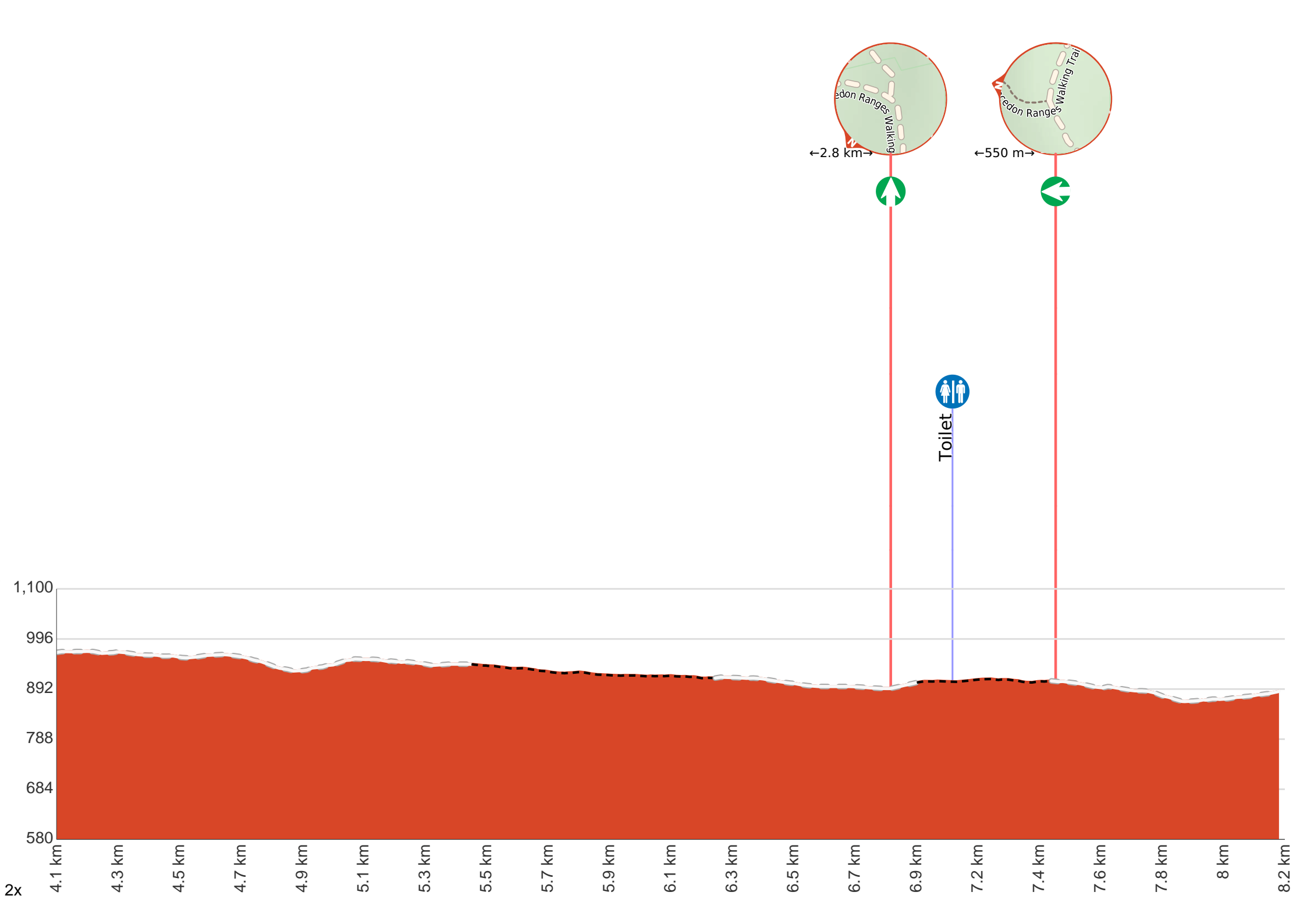
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

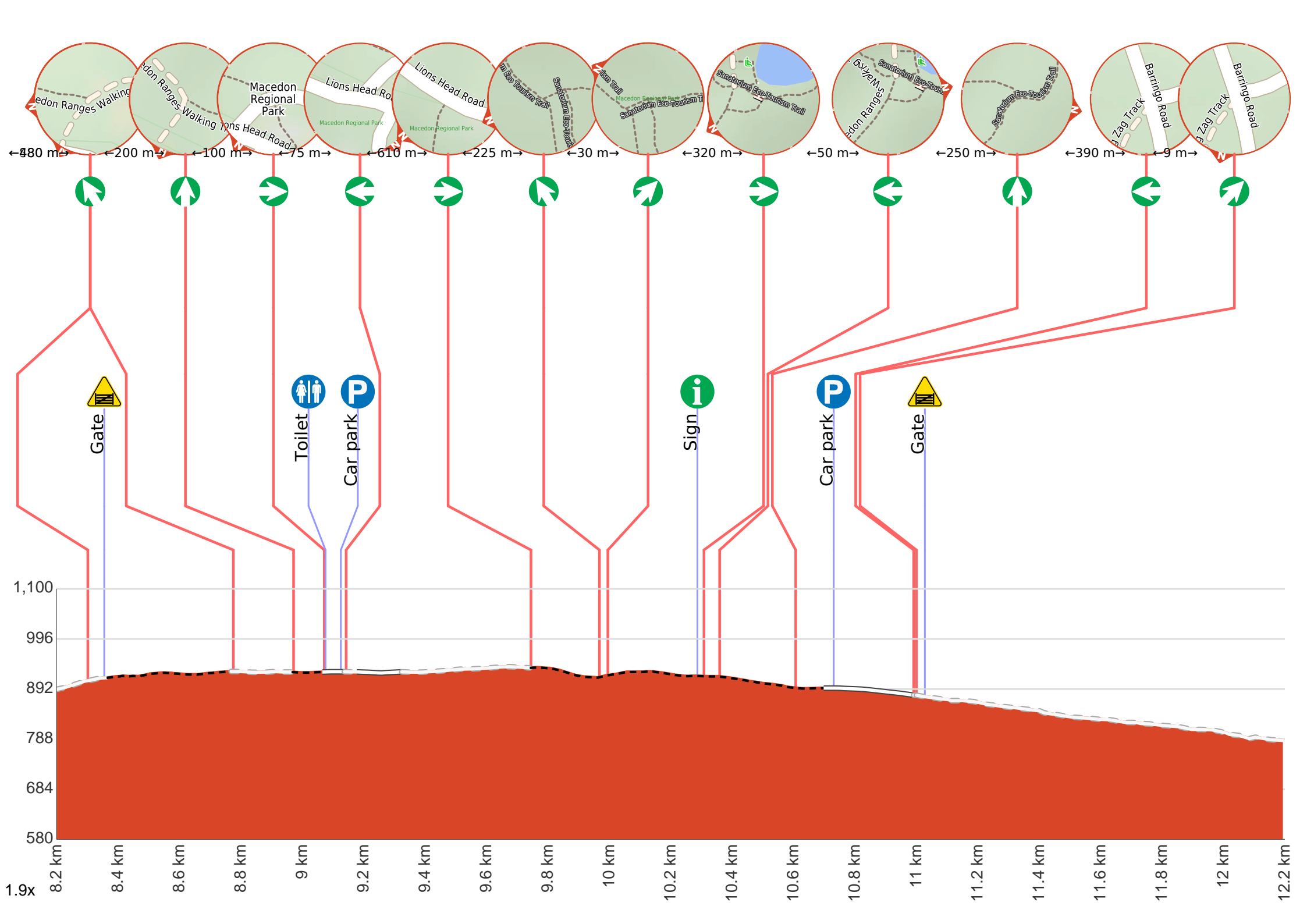
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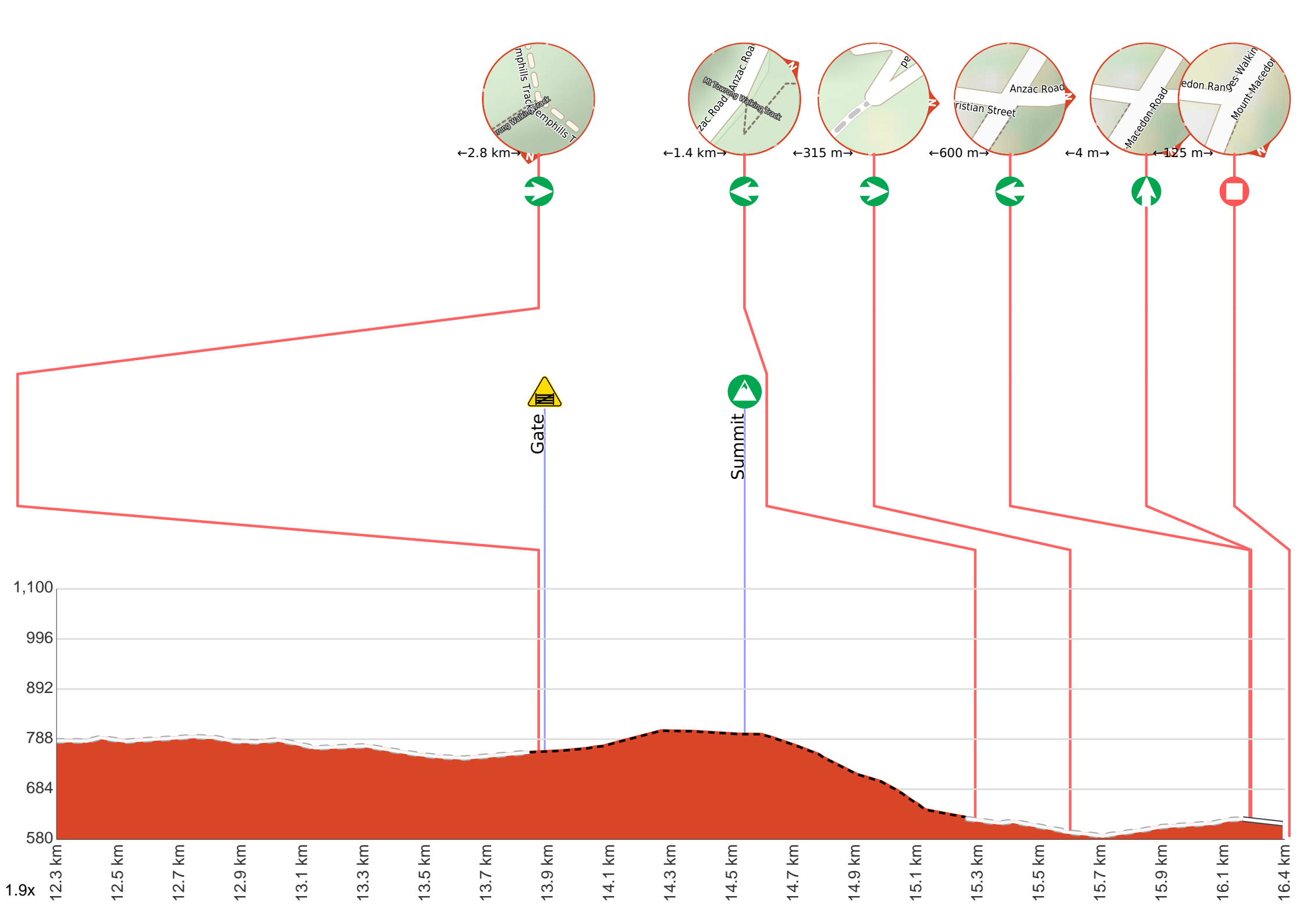












Getting started: From the intersection of Mount Macedon Road and Douglas Road, head along Douglas Road as you move directly away from Mount Macedon Road. After about 1.54km of walking straight, turn right and join the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail. Follow the said trail as it meanders deeper into the woodland to continue along Mount Macedon and Towrong Loop (clockwise).



At the intersection of Mount Macedon Road & Douglas Road **Start** heading along *Douglas Road* (a residential road).

After another 255 m (at the intersection of Alton Road & Douglas Road) **continue straight**, to head along Douglas Road.

After another 35 m (at the intersection of Douglas Road & Governors Drive) **continue straight**, to head along Douglas Road.

After another 370 m (at the intersection of Douglas Road & Wynn Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Douglas Road.

After another 640 m (from the Bawden Road) **continue straight**, to head along Bawden Road.

After another 125 m (from the Bawden Road) **continue straight**, to head along Bawden Road.



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Macedon Ranges Walking Trail & Bawden Road) **turn right**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a walking track).



After another 520 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.



After another 520 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **turn sharp left**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Mt. Macedon Memorial Cross. May the martyrs of war rest in peace.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail **Start** (a highway|pedestrian).

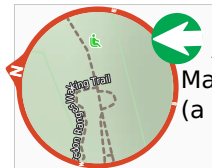
After another 110 m come to "Mt. Macedon Memorial Cross". Mt. Macedon Memorial Cross is considered one of the most important war memorials in Victoria. This structure commemorates all the people who've fought in the wars and battles, and stands 21 metres above the ground.



The end.

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

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 3.3 km waypoint.

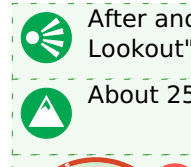


After another 740 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **turn left** (a highway|pedestrian).

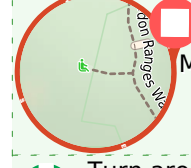
Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the Major Mitchell Lookout.



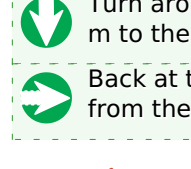
To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start**.



After another 30 m come to "Major Mitchell Lookout".



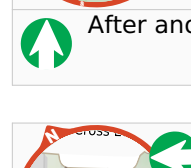
About 25 m past the end is "Mount Macedon".



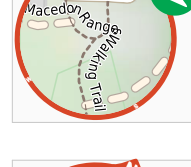
Continue another 0 m to find Major Mitchell Lookout at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 30 m to the main route.



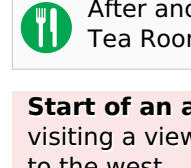
Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 3.4 km waypoint.



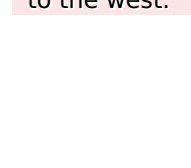
After another 95 m **continue straight**.



After another 30 m **continue straight**.



After another 70 m **turn left**.



After another 30 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **turn left**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a vehicle track).

After another 55 m pass the "Top of the Range Tea Rooms" (35 m on your right).

Start of an alternate route: An alternate route visiting a viewpoint which provides panoramic views to the west.



 To take the alternate route turn left here. from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail **Start** (a walking track).

 After another 60 m **veer left**.

 After another 15 m come to the viewpoint.

 After another 10 m **continue straight**.


 After another 55 m come to the end.


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

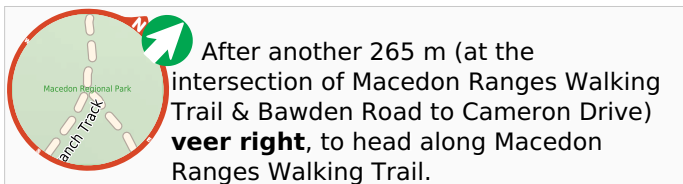
 The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 3.8 km waypoint.





 After another 160 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.


 The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 3.8 km waypoint.


 After another 55 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.





 After another 265 m (at the intersection of Macedon Ranges Walking Trail & Bawden Road to Cameron Drive) **veer right**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.


 After another 140 m (at the intersection of Bawden Road to Cameron Drive & Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.

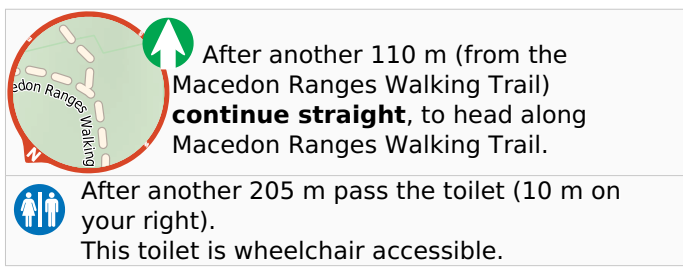
 After another 680 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.


 After another 570 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a walking track).


 After another 810 m (at the intersection of Macedon Ranges Walking Trail & Chute Track) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a vehicle track).

 After another 450 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.

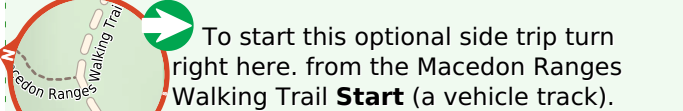
 After another 15 m head through/around the gate.




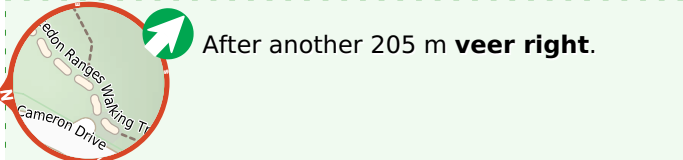
 After another 110 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.


 After another 205 m pass the toilet (10 m on your right). This toilet is wheelchair accessible.


Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the summit of Camel's Hump. Keep in mind that this track is steeper than the main track and only suited for experienced bushwalkers as mentioned in the description. Can take about 30 minutes out&back.

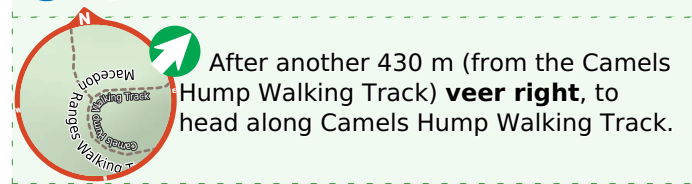



 To start this optional side trip turn right here. from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail **Start** (a vehicle track).




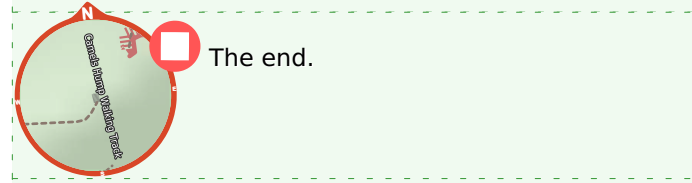
 After another 205 m **veer right**.


 After another 35 m pass the car park (on your right).





 After another 430 m (from the Camels Hump Walking Track) **veer right**, to head along Camels Hump Walking Track.

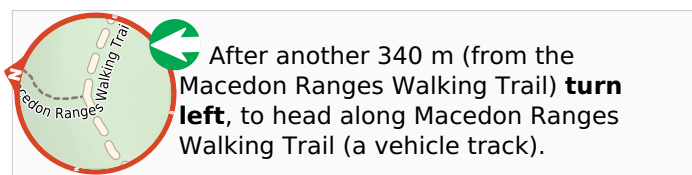
 After another 90 m come to "Camels Hump".





 The end.

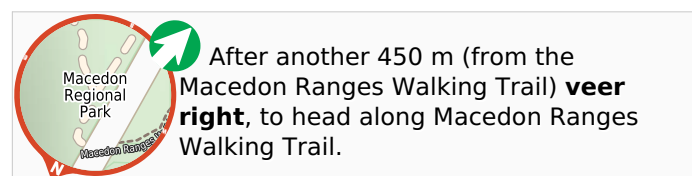
 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 760 m to the main route.


 Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 7.4 km waypoint.





 After another 340 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **turn left**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a vehicle track).


 After another 430 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.




 After another 450 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **veer right**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail.

 After another 55 m head through/around the gate.


 After another 15 m (at the intersection of Macedon Ranges Walking Trail & Mount Macedon Road) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a walking track).



After another 410 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **veer left** (a vehicle track).



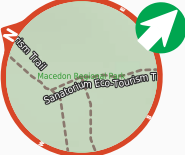
After another 90 m **veer left**.




After another 165 m (from the Barringo Road) **turn left**, to head along Barringo Road (a vehicle track).




After another 200 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Macedon Ranges Walking Trail (a walking track).



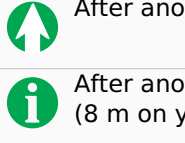
After another 30 m **veer right**.



After another 9 m (at the intersection of Zig Zag Track & Barringo Road) **veer right**, to head along Zig Zag Track (a vehicle track).




After another 100 m (from the Macedon Ranges Walking Trail) **turn right** (a service road).




After another 280 m **continue straight**.

After another 15 m pass the "Information Board" (8 m on your right).




After another 30 m head through/around the gate.


After another 1.2 km (at the intersection of Moola Track & Zig Zag Track) **continue straight**, to head along Hemphills Track.




Then pass the toilet (35 m on your left).




After another 50 m pass the car park (10 m on your right).




After another 20 m **turn right**.




After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Mt Towrong Walking Track & Hemphills Track) **turn right**, to head along Mt Towrong Walking Track (a walking track).




After another 20 m (from the Lions Head Road) **turn left**, to head along Lions Head Road (a vehicle track).




After another 50 m **turn left**.




After another 20 m head through/around the gate.




After another 660 m pass the "Mount Towrong" (30 m on your right).



After another 300 m (from the Lions Head Road) **continue straight**, to head along Lions Head Road.




After another 250 m **continue straight**.




After another 760 m (at the intersection of Anzac Road & Mt Towrong Walking Track) **turn left**, to head along Anzac Road (a vehicle track).




After another 310 m (from the Lions Head Road) **turn right** (a walking track).



After another 125 m pass the "Sanatorium Lake Picnic Ground" (15 m on your left).



After another 100 m **continue straight**.



After another 315 m (from the Anzac Road) **turn right**, to head along Anzac Road.



After another 600 m (at the intersection of Mount Macedon Road & Anzac Road) **turn left**, to head along Mount Macedon Road (a road).



After another 4 m (at the intersection of Mount Macedon Road & Christian Street) **continue straight**, to head along Mount Macedon Road.



After another 125 m come to the end.