



Monkey Face Cliff Walk

(Awabakal Country)

20 min to 30 min

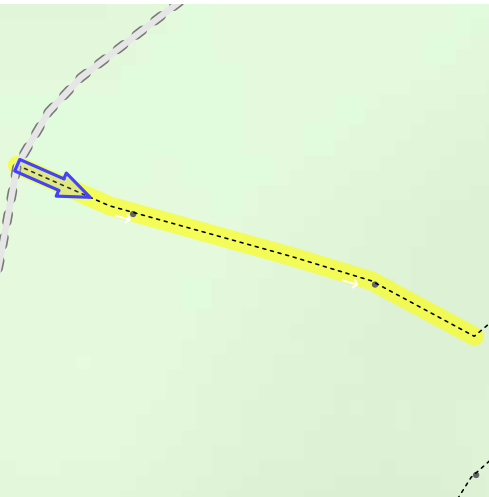
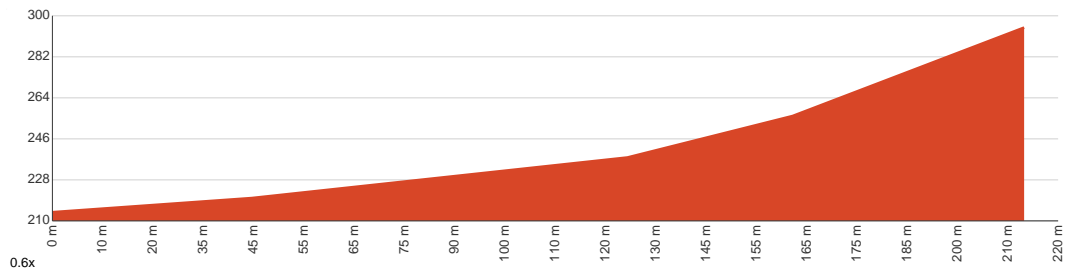
430 m
Return

↑ 81 m
↓ 81 m

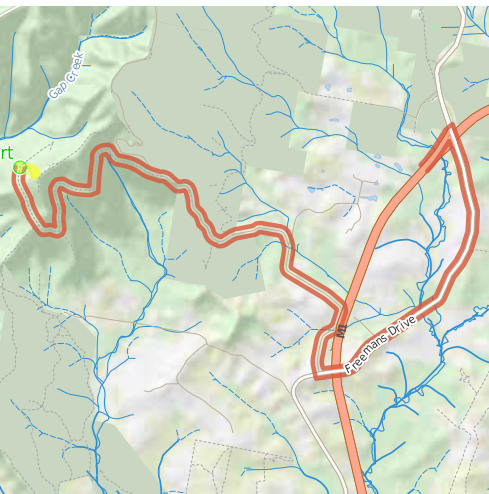
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Hard track



This short but steep walk to the base of an attractive cliff is worthwhile. The walk travels through open forest with gum trees and Xanthorrhoea trees to eventually follow timber steps steeply to the base of the Monkey Face cliff. This cliff is used by rock climbers and abseiling parties, so be aware that people may be above you. Spend some time exploring the base of cliff before returning the same way. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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)



Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Freemans Drive Exit then drive for 510 m
- Keep right and drive for another 45 m
- Turn right onto Freemans Drive and drive for another 4.6 km
- Turn right onto Mount Faulk Road and drive for another 4.9 km
- Keep left onto Bangalow Road and drive for another 2.8 km
- Turn slight right onto Bangalow Road and drive for another 1.2 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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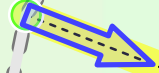




200



start



220

240

260

280

300

320

0.2

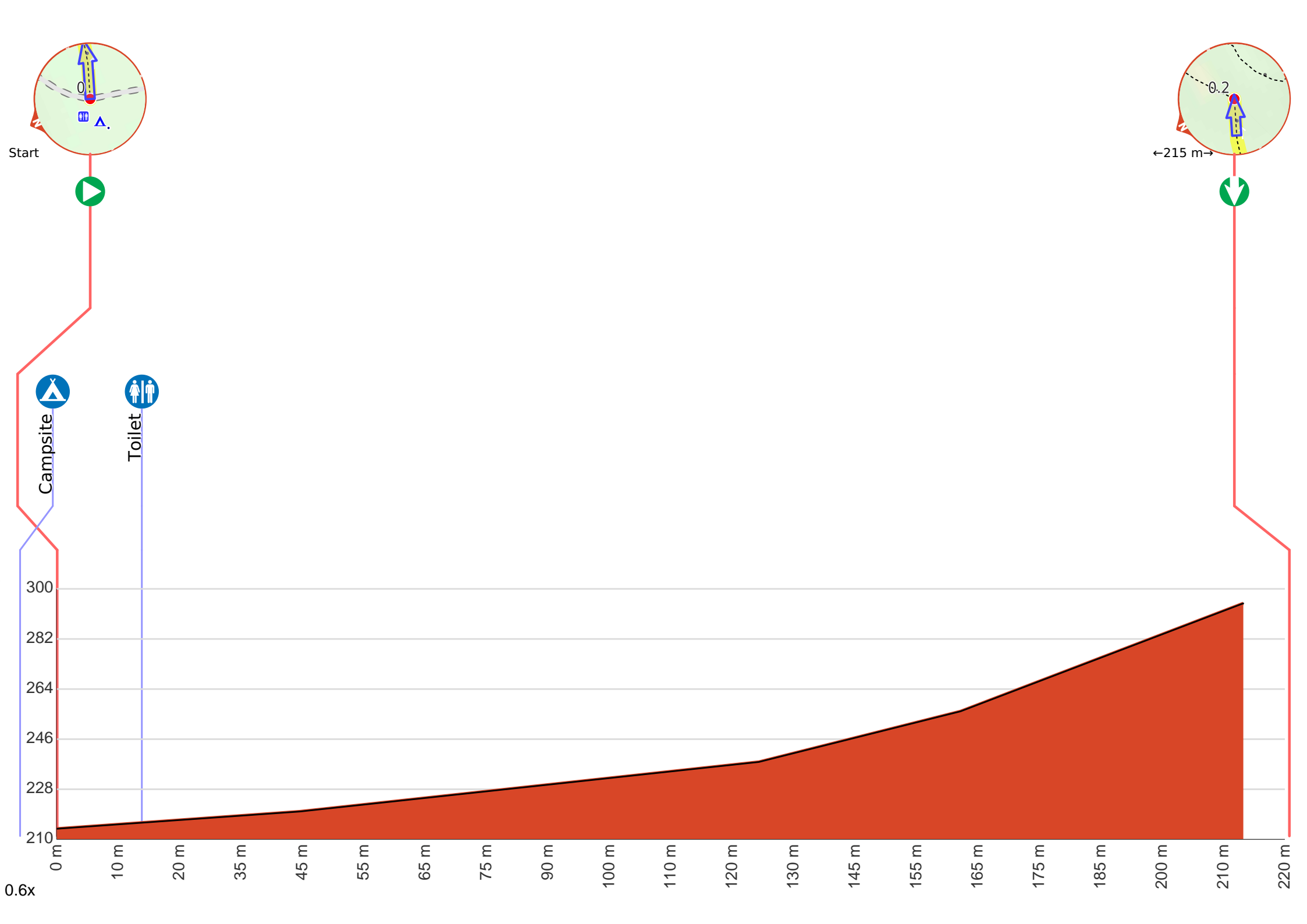


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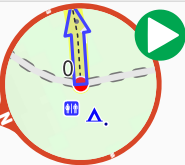
100

200 m





Getting started: From Bangalow Camping Ground (on Bangalow Rd), this walk follows the track up the moderately steep hill (directly opposite the camp ground). The track is followed for about 100m, to find a small flat area with a large rock. The track then continues steeply uphill with timber steps for about 110m, until coming to an indistinct three-way intersection at the base of Monkey Face cliff.



Start.

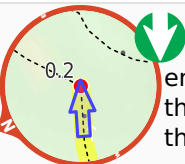


Bangalow camping ground (about 50 m back from the start).

The Bangalow campsite, beside Bangalow Road is within the Watagans National Park and is a small, quiet spot to camp amongst native bush. The site has a number of picnic tables, a barbeque, and a toilet.



There is a toilet (about 30 m back from the start).



Continue another 200 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 215 m to get back to the start.



About 10 m past the end is "Base of Monkey Face Cliff".



This large and extensive cliff line overlooks the Gap Creek Valley. This sandstone cliff is used by rock climbing and abseiling parties, so be aware that people may be above you. It is possible to explore around the base of this cliff and find attractive rock formations, including caves.