



# Helena Pipehead Walk

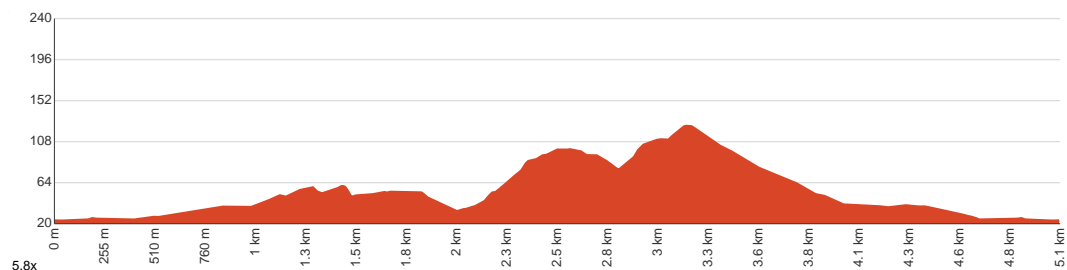
 1 h to 2 h

  
5.1 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 171 m  
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Moderate track

Starting from the end of Helena Valley Road, Gooseberry Hill, this walk takes you on a circuit through Kalamunda National Park via the Helena River Walk. The first part of the hike follows a hardened road before veering off onto a gravel track that takes you over a steel bridge and uphill to beautiful valley views. A short detour at the steel bridge allows you to explore the nearby creek and gauging station, a delightful spot in Winter. After enjoying the views of the river, the trail continues uphill along an old vehicle track through the lush jarrah forest that fills the valley, complete with granite boulders, wildflowers and grass trees. The valley views keep getting better, and as you reach the crest of the hill the Lower Helena Pipehead Dam and its pumping facility come into view. The trail continues alongside the Pipehead Dam then descends close to the river, offering great views across the water, where you may be lucky enough to spot black swans and other bird life. Leaving the river, the trail provides picturesque valley views of Piesse Brook as you climb a moderately steep hill, back up the valley and into wandoo woodlands. The trail eventually levels out to a flat, easy going walk as it returns to the start of the loop. The trail is comfortable and wide, but it can be quite rocky and steep in sections. There are no obvious trail markers or signage so it is important to follow the trail map closely, as it is easy to find yourself on a different trail. With picturesque river and valley views, granite boulders, wildflowers and wandoo woodlands, this is a great Perth trail waiting for you to explore. 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.



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| Class 3 of 6<br>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>   | Directional signs along the way (3/6)               |
| <b>Infrastructure</b>  | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6) |
| <b>Experience Required</b>   | Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)       |
| <b>Weather</b>   | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)    |

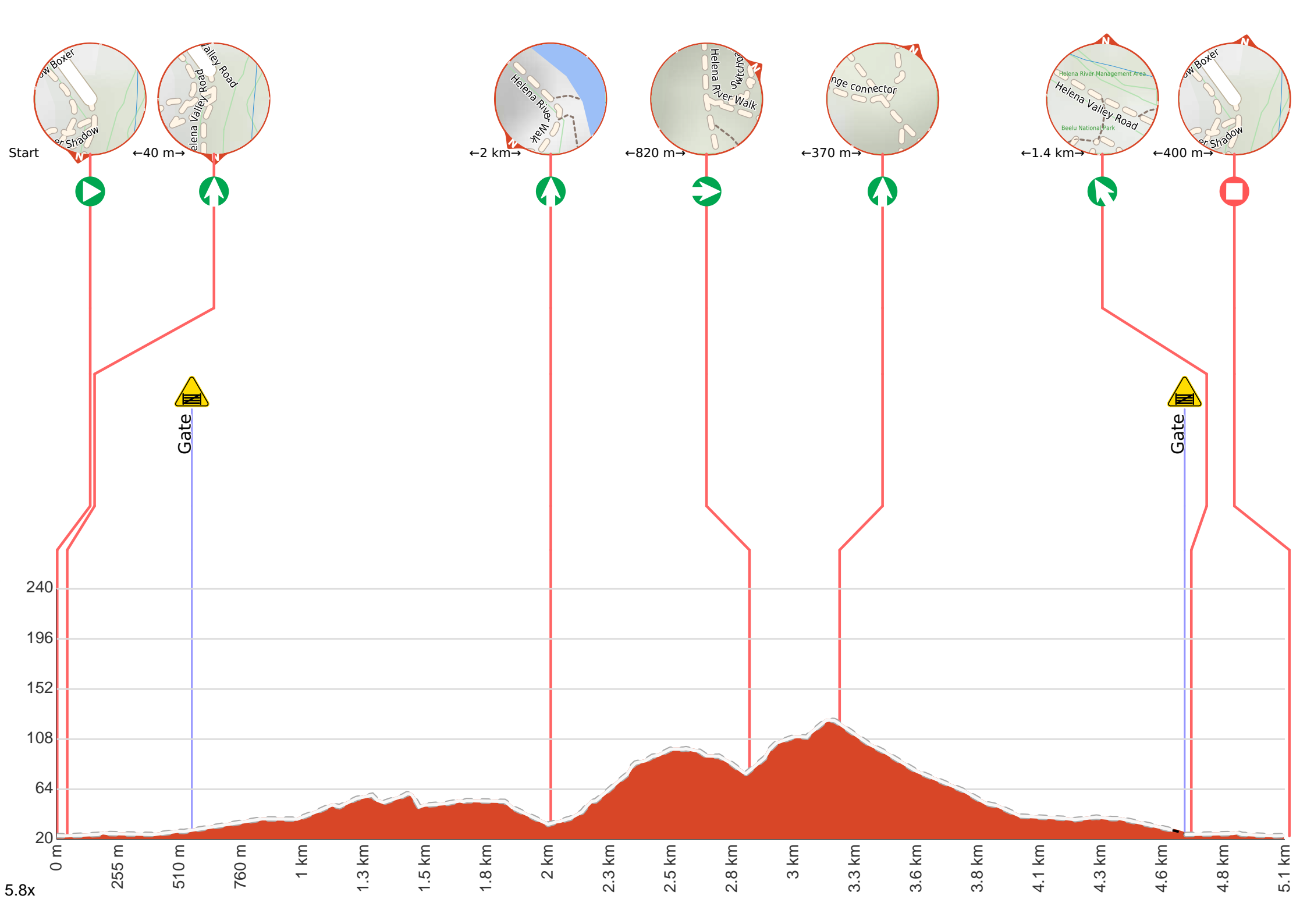
**Getting to the start:** From Roe Highway, 3, 94

- Turn on to Roe Hwy Nth Bnd off to Clayton Street then drive for 430 m
- Continue onto Roe Hwy Nth Bnd off to Clayton Street and drive for another 45 m
- Turn right onto Clayton Street and drive for another 490 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Clayton Street and drive for another 390 m
- Turn right onto Katharine Street and drive for another 2.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto Scott Street and drive for another 60 m
- Turn slight left onto Scott Street and drive for another 450 m
- Turn left onto Helena Valley Road and drive for another 100 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Helena Valley Road and drive for another 400 m
- Turn slight right onto Helena Valley Road and drive for another 2.1 km

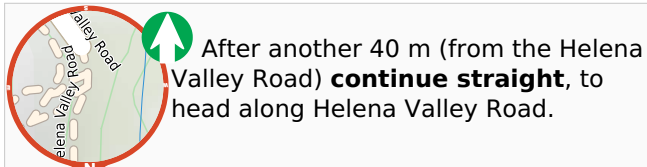
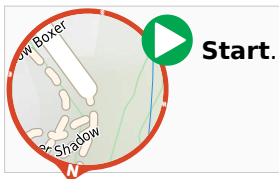
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**Getting started:** From the end of Helena Valley Road, Gooseberry Hill, head past the open area where the sealed section of the road ends and continue along the dirt track, keeping the pipeline to your left. Pass through the white metal gate, and head along the Helena River Walk gently uphill. After about 400 metres, keep left and continue moving parallel to Helena River (to your left) to continue along Helena Pipehead Walk (clockwise).

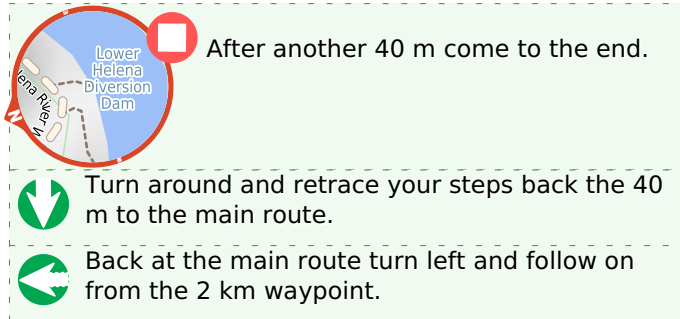
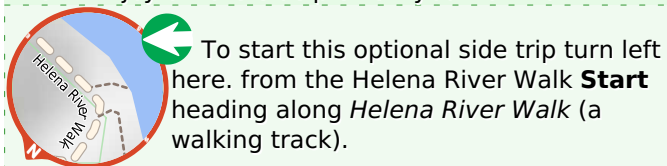


After another 360 m (from the Helena Valley Road) **continue straight**, to head along Helena Valley Road.

After another 100 m (at the intersection of Helena Valley Road & Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.

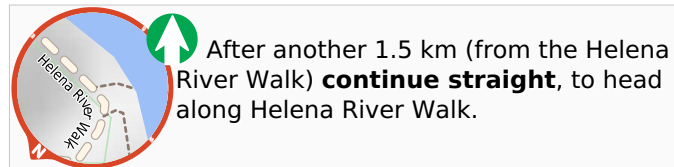
After another 50 m head through/around the gate.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This little side trip will take you the foreshore of Lower Helena Diversion Dam. Enjoy a waterside picnic if you want to.



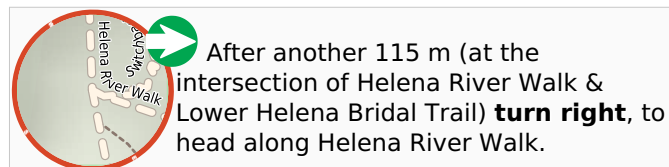
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 2 km waypoint.



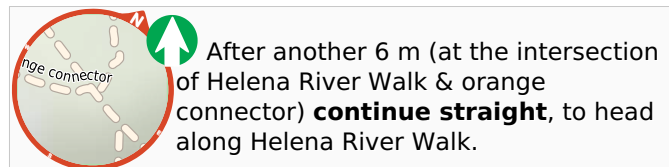
After another 35 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.

After another 670 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.



After another 330 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.

After another 35 m (at the intersection of Helena River Walk & clockwork) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.



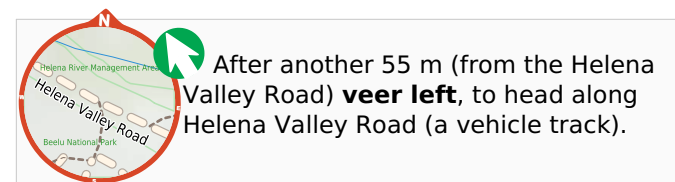
After another 950 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.

After another 400 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Helena River Walk.

After another 45 m (from the Helena River Walk) **continue straight** (a walking track).

After another 30 m head through/around the gate.

**Continue straight.**



After another 360 m (from the Helena Valley Road) **continue straight**, to head along Helena Valley Road.

