



# Bellamy Fire Trail

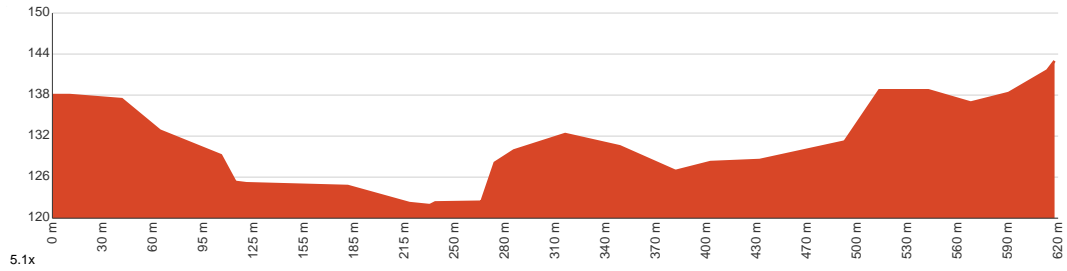
10 min to 20 min  
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620 m  
One way

↑ 29 m  
↓ 24 m

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Moderate track

This walk follows a wide concrete trail through Berowra Valley National Park, through lovely bushland and the site of the historic Zig Zag railway. The railway is long gone, but the quarry site is interesting to explore and crossing Zig Zag Creek on the bridge gives a lovely view down on the fern trees. Stop and read the information signs along the way, bring your dog for a walk or use this trail for fitness training. The trail on the north side of Zig Zag Creek is very steep for about 50m, otherwise, this walk is easy to follow. To save the car shuttle you can just allow extra time and retrace your steps back to the start. 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.



<b>Class 3 of 6</b> 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>	Short steep hills (3/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Clearly signposted (2/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
<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 , Pennant Hills.

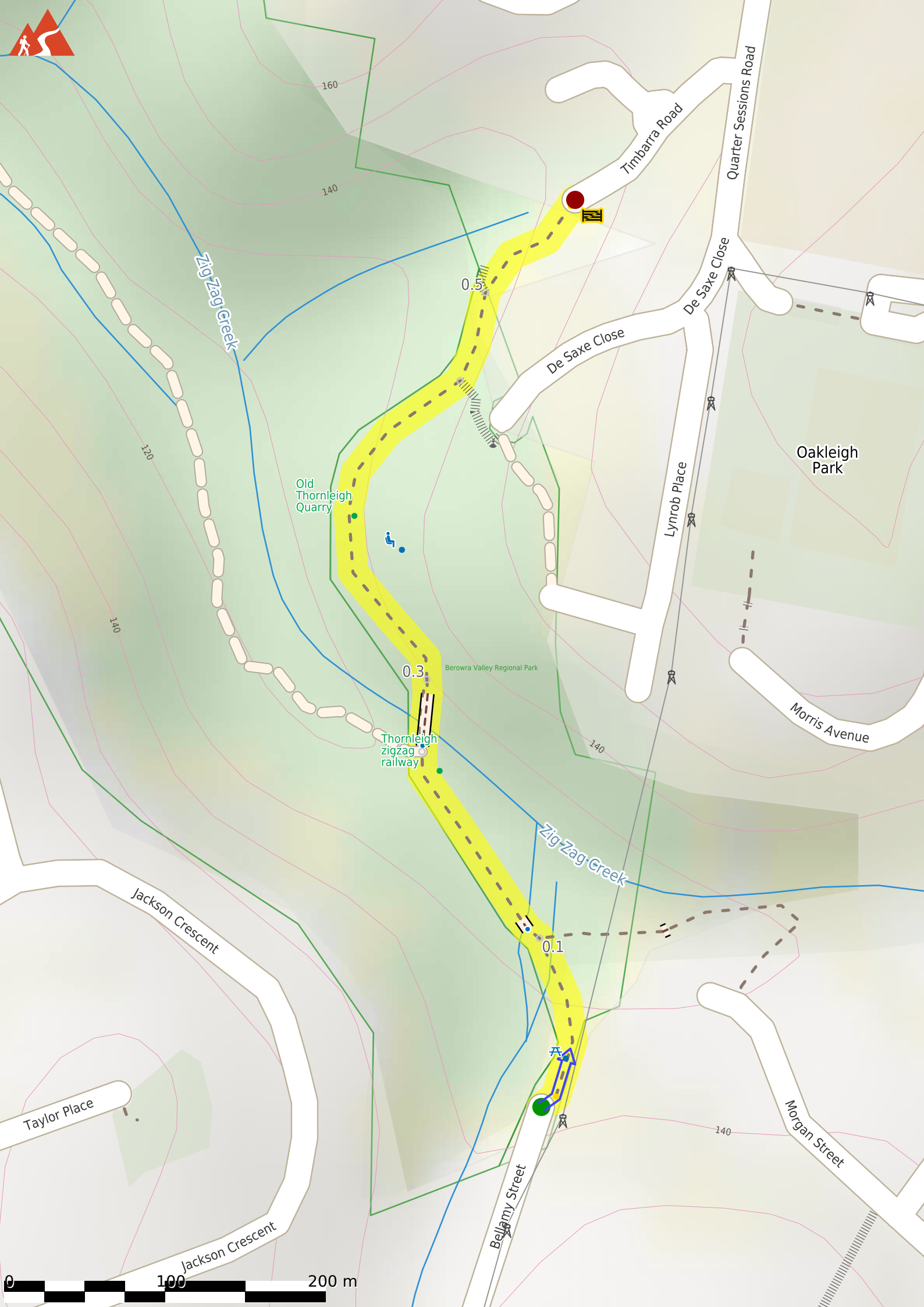
### Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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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Jackson Crescent

Taylor Place

Jackson Crescent

Bellamy Street

Morgan Street

Zig-Zag-Creek

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Old Thornleigh Quarry

Thornleigh zigzag railway

Berwra Valley Regional Park

Oakleigh Park

Timbarra Road

De Saxe Close

Lynrob Place

De Saxe Close

Quarter Sessions Road

Morris Avenue

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0.3

0.1

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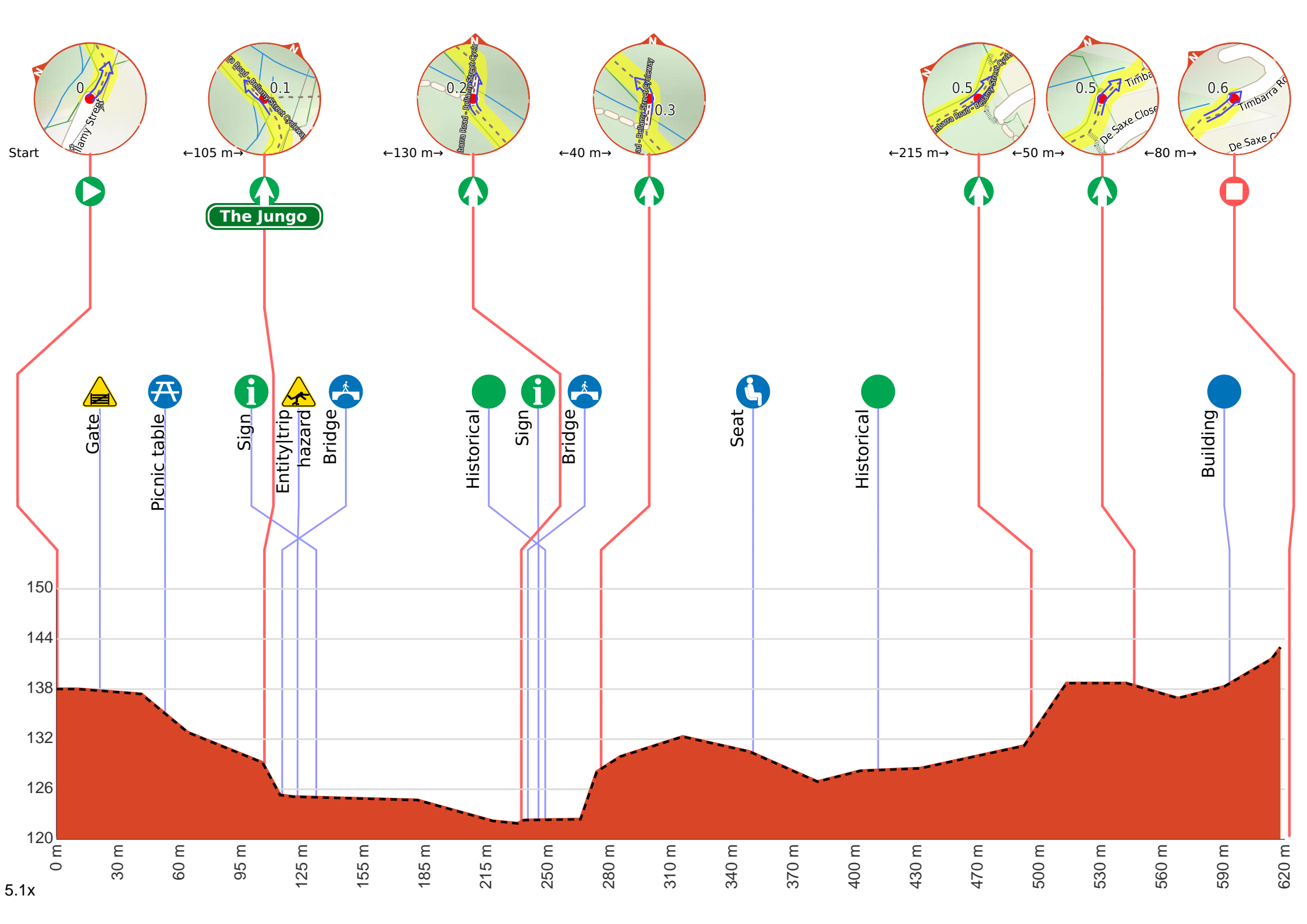
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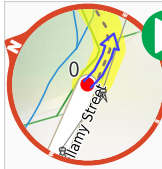
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At the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & Bellamy Street **Start** heading along *Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway* (a walking track).



After 20 m head through/around the gate.



After another 35 m find the "Picnic Table" (on your left).



A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 80cm high, 71cm deep and 2.4m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.07m wide. On a 3x3m concrete slab about 7m walk over rough grass from the trail.



After another 75 m pass the sign (5 m on your right).



## The Jungo

At the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk by following the "The Jungo" sign **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 15 m find the "Trip Hazard" (on your right).



Unfenced and unmarked edge with potential 80cm or higher fall into the creek. Keep clear of the culverts edge when crossing.



Then cross the bridge (about 7 m long)



After another 125 m find the "Thornleigh zigzag railway" (10 m on your right).



The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to a historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9



Then pass the sign (on your left).



At the intersection of Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway & The Great North Walk **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



Then cross the bridge (about 30 m long)



After another 8 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



After another 75 m find the "Seat" (30 m on your right).



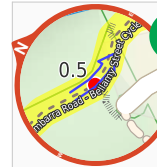
Nine timber log seats in old quarry. The seats are 3.7m wide and typically 50cm high. Access is over a flat dirt path 40m from the concrete trail.



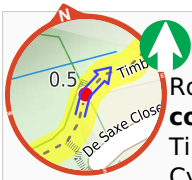
After another 65 m find the "Old Thornleigh Quarry" (on your right).



The old Thornleigh Quarry is located beside the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh, within Berowra Valley Regional Park. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. There is a firm, flat dirt track that leads about 40m from the concrete trail to the centre of the old quarry. You will find a series of log seats in this amphitheatre making this a pleasant spot to sit and enjoy the intriguing mix of nature and history. A book is available with some detail on this quarry and the associated zigzag railway: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9



After another 75 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.



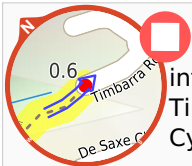
After another 50 m (from the Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway) **continue straight**, to head along Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway.

After another 50 m find the "Wirreanda Thornleigh Guide Hall" (4 m on your left).



The 'Wirreanda Thornleigh Guide Hall' is a short distance along the concrete management trail from the end of Timbarra Rd. Thornleigh.

After another 30 m come to a gate.



Continue another 0 m to find at the intersection of Timbarra Road & Timbarra Road - Bellamy Street Cycleway at the end.