



# Coolleman 66

 2 days to 4 days

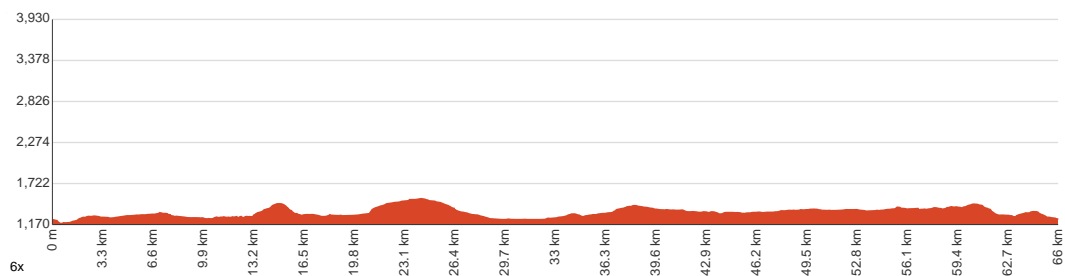
  
66 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 1421 m  
↓ 1420 m

  
Hard track



Starting from Magpie Flat Campground, Coolleman, this walk takes you on a circuit, visiting a number of historical viewpoints, pools and caves along the way. You can divide this walk into sections and stay the night in one of the campsites that it passes through. It is possible to visit the Coolleman caves and to do some observations as some of them are open to the public. Swimming is also a highlight. The pools scattered around will help you refresh and get back on track (literally). 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
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 Tuggeranong Parkway, Kambah.

- Turn on to Drakeford Drive then drive for 2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Drakeford Drive and drive for another 700 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 950 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 540 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 890 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 1 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Tharwa Drive and drive for another 5 km
- Turn slight left onto Naas Road and drive for another 54.9 km
- Turn left onto Bobeyan Road and drive for another 940 m
- Keep right onto Bobeyan Road and drive for another 22.3 km
- Turn right onto Snowy Mountains Highway, B72 and drive for another 57.2 km
- Turn right onto Long Plain Road and drive for another 17.2 km
- Turn right onto Blue Waterholes Fire Trail and drive for another 7.7 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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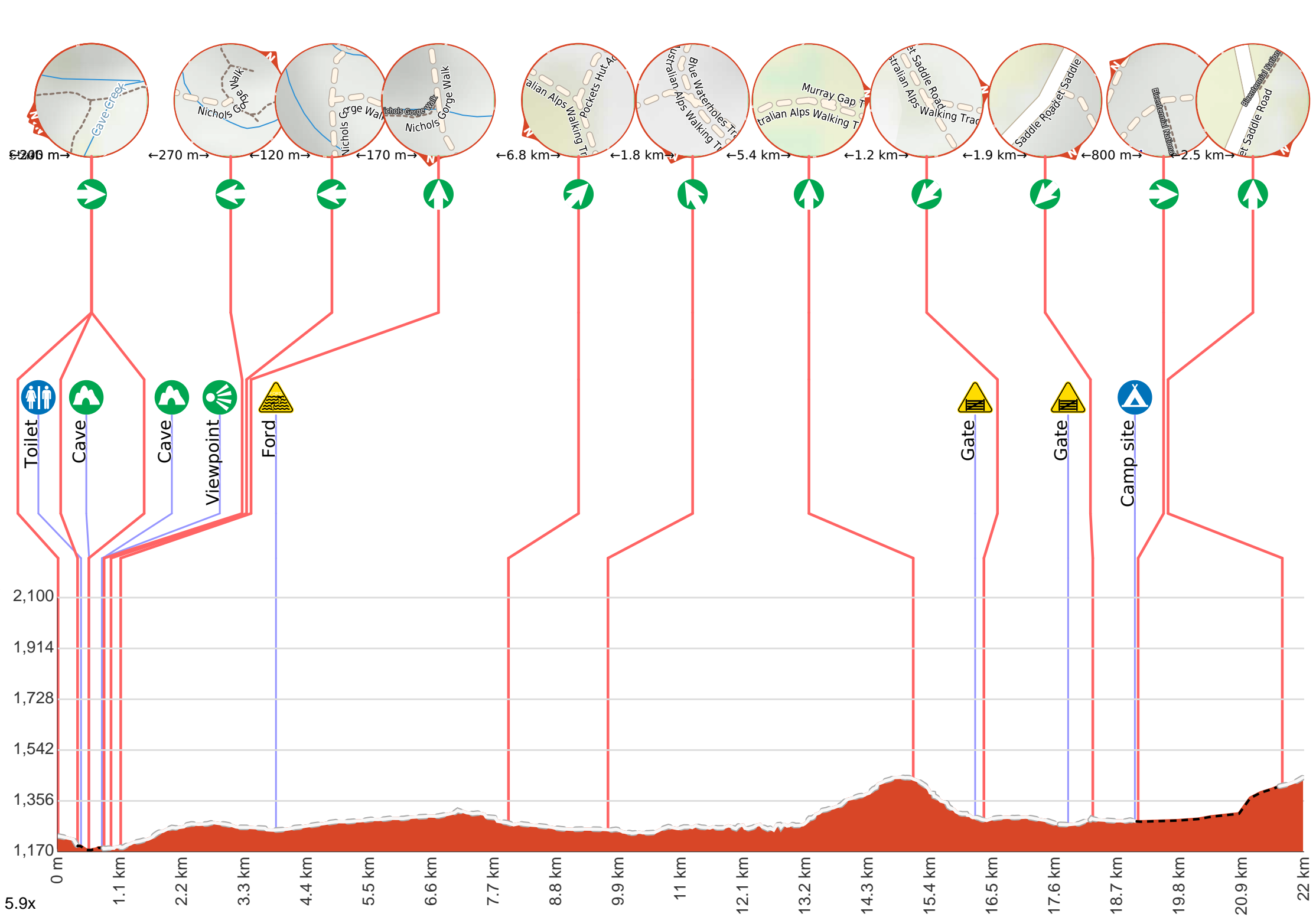


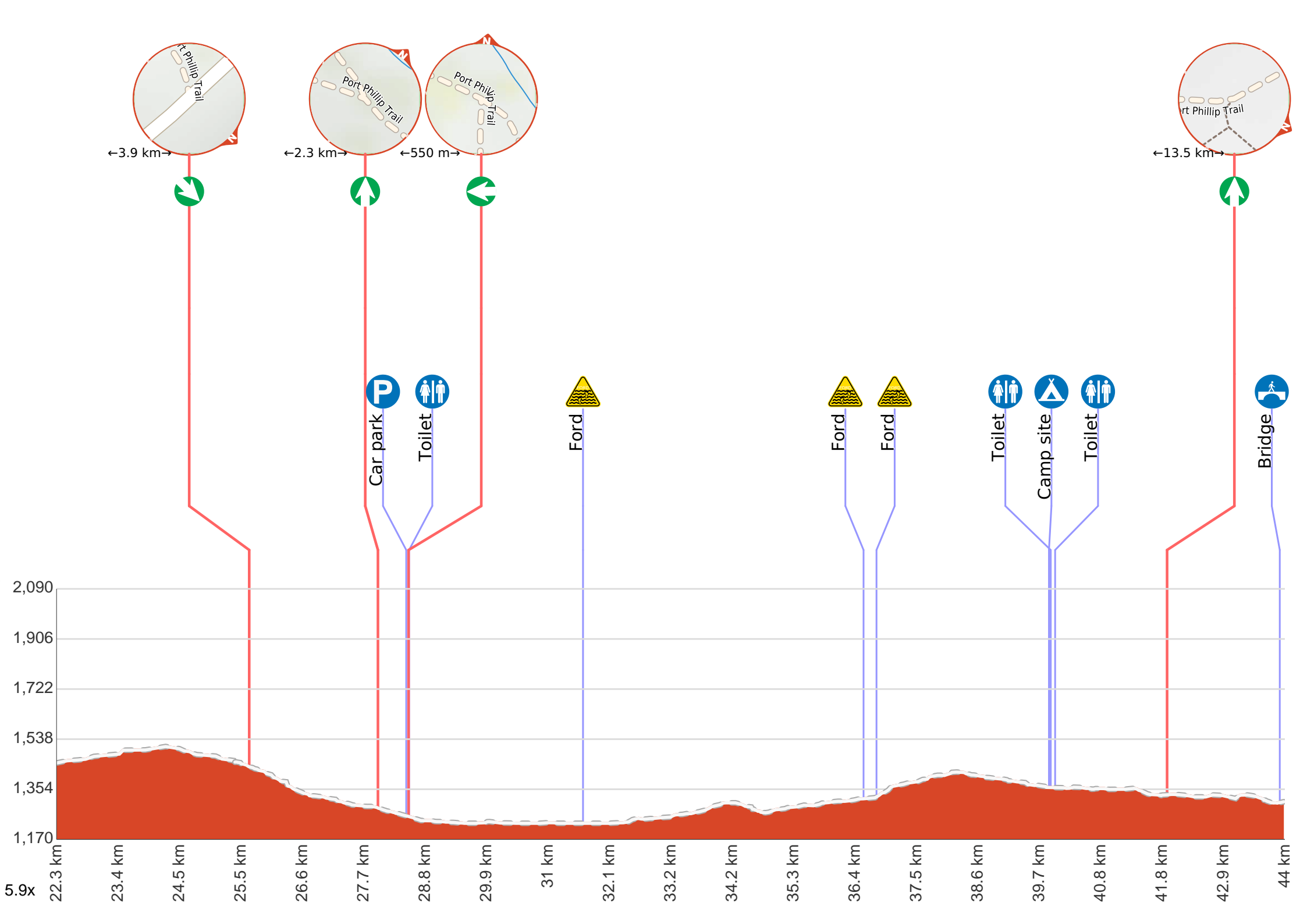


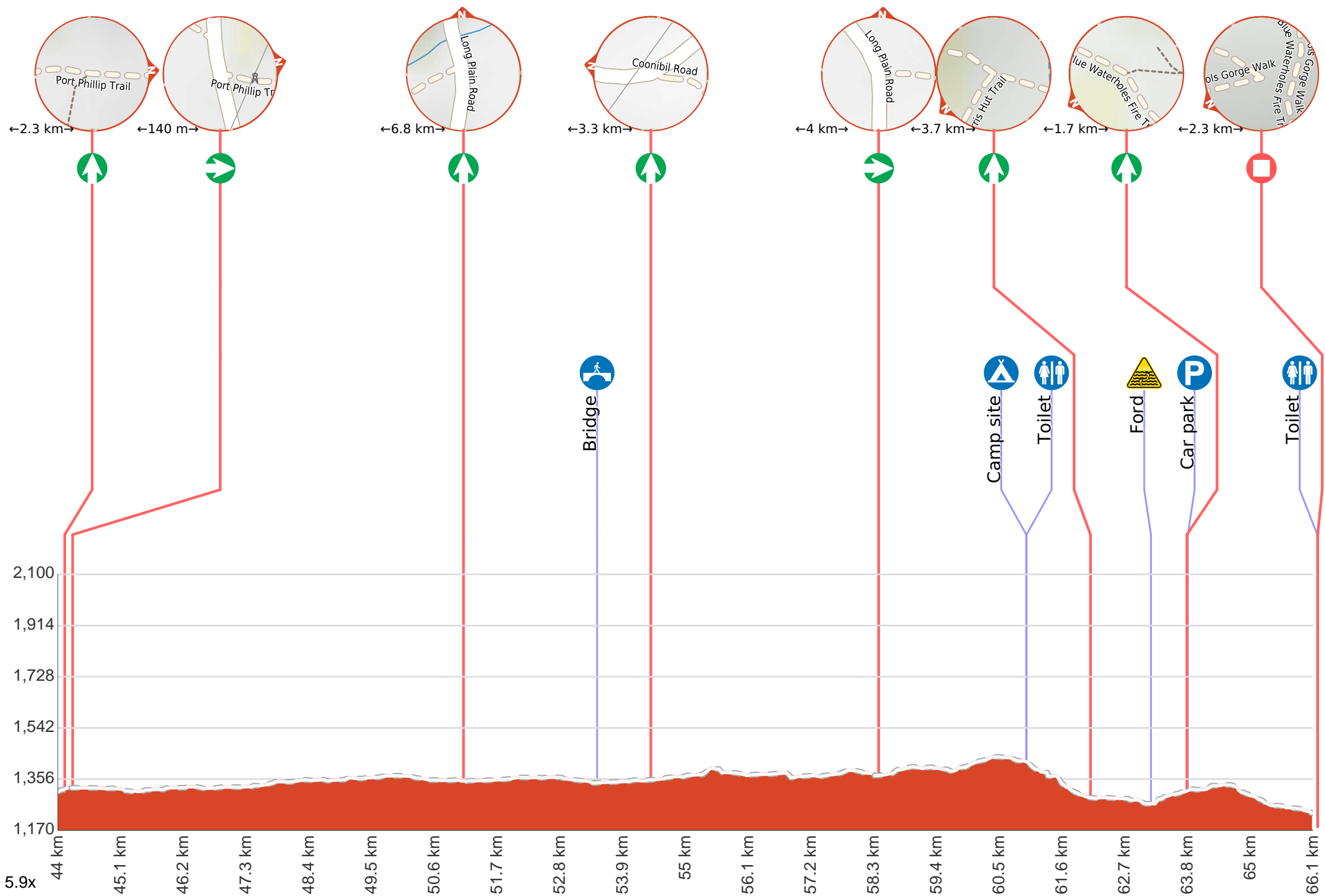


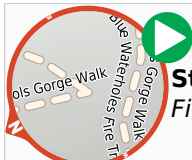












From the Blue Waterholes Fire Trail **Start** heading along *Blue Waterholes Fire Trail* (a vehicle track).



After 400 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



**Continue straight.**



After another 205 m pass the cave (65 m on your left).



From the Clarke Gorge Walking Track **turn right.**



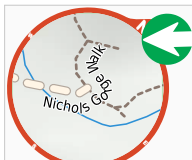
After another 245 m pass the "Blue Waterholes Cave" (30 m on your left).



Then come to the viewpoint (10 m on your left).



After another 8 m **continue straight.**



After another 30 m **turn left.**



After another 120 m (from the Blue Waterholes Trail) **turn left**, to head along Blue Waterholes Trail.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to Coolleman Cave if you're feeling like caving.

Coolleman and Right Coolleman caves are accessible to the public, although you should have a sturdy (and preferably waterproof) light source if you want to go in.



To start this optional side trip veer right here. at the intersection of Nichols Gorge Walk & Blue Waterholes Trail **Start** heading along *Nichols Gorge Walk* (a walking track).



After 30 m cross the ford.



After another 40 m pass the "Right Coolleman Cave" (40 m on your right).



After another 255 m come to "Coolleman Cave".



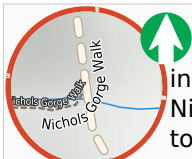
Continue another 0 m to find from the Nichols Gorge Walk at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 325 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 1.1 km waypoint.



After another 170 m (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Trail & Nichols Gorge Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Waterholes Trail.



After another 2.7 km cross the ford.



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Trail & Mosquito Creek Fire Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Waterholes Trail.

**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip taking you to Pockets Hut. You can camp in the open area around it, and the toilet nearby can be handy at night.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Pockets Hut Access & Blue Waterholes Trail **Start** heading along *Pockets Hut Access* (a vehicle track).



After another 650 m come to "Pockets Hut".  
W: [www.khuts.org](http://www.khuts.org)



About 70 m past the end is a toilet.



Continue another 0 m to find from the Pockets Hut Access at the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 650 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 7.9 km waypoint.



After another 4 km (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Trail & Pockets Hut Access) **veer right**, to head along Blue Waterholes Trail.



After another 900 m (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Trail & Leura Gap Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Waterholes Trail.





After another 850 m (from the Blue Waterholes Trail) **veer left**.





After another 660 m (from the Leura Gap Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Leura Gap Firetrail.


**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip taking you to Oldfields Hut, where you can camp outside and use the toilet nearby.


 To start this optional side trip turn around here. at the intersection of Murray Gap Trail & Leura Gap Firetrail **Start** heading along *Murray Gap Trail* (a vehicle track).


 After another 790 m (from the Murray Gap Trail) **turn sharp left** (a walking track).


 About 40 m past the end is a toilet.

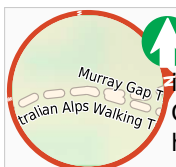
 About 10 m past the end is "Oldfields Hut".  
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 About 15 m past the end is a water tap.

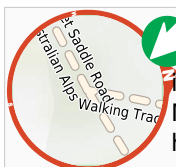
 The end.


 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 810 m to the main route.


 Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 15.1 km waypoint.


 After another 4.7 km (at the intersection of Murray Gap Trail & Leura Gap Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Murray Gap Trail.

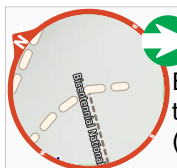
 After another 1.1 km head through/around the gate.

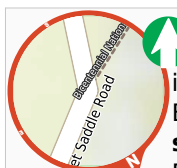
 After another 155 m (at the intersection of Pocket Saddle Road & Murray Gap Trail) **turn sharp left**, to head along Pocket Saddle Road.


 After another 1.5 km head through/around the gate.


 After another 430 m (from the Pocket Saddle Road) **turn sharp left** (a vehicle track).


 After another 740 m come to the "Old Camp" (30 m on your right).


 After another 55 m (from the Bicentennial National Trail) **turn right**, to head along Bicentennial National Trail (a walking track).


 After another 2.5 km (at the intersection of Pocket Saddle Road & Bicentennial National Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Pocket Saddle Road (a vehicle track).


 After another 740 m (at the intersection of Pocket Saddle Road & Murrumbidgee National Trail - Bicentennial National Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Pocket Saddle Road.


 After another 1.6 km (from the Pocket Saddle Road) **continue straight**, to head along Pocket Saddle Road.


 After another 25 m pass the summit (25 m on your left).

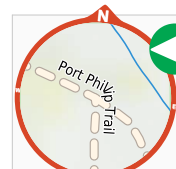
 After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Port Phillip Trail & Pocket Saddle Road) **turn sharp right**, to head along Port Phillip Trail (a vehicle track).


 After another 1.3 km (at the intersection of Port Phillip Trail & Tantangara East Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 980 m (from the Port Phillip Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 510 m pass the "Day Parking" (40 m on your right).


 After another 50 m pass the toilet (30 m on your right).


 From the Port Phillip Trail **turn left**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 3.1 km cross the ford.


 After another 910 m (from the Port Phillip Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 920 m (at the intersection of Port Phillip Trail & Dam Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 3.2 km cross the ford.

 After another 230 m cross the ford.


 After another 3.1 km pass the toilet (65 m on your left).

 Then come to the "Ghost Gully Camping Ground" (25 m on your left). This is a free campsite.


 After another 110 m pass the toilet (30 m on your right).


 At the intersection of Port Phillip Trail & Mosquito Creek Trail **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.



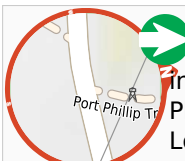


After another 2 km (from the Port Phillip Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.


 After another 2 km cross the bridge (about 25 m long)




After another 260 m (from the Port Phillip Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Port Phillip Trail.




After another 140 m (at the intersection of Long Plain Road & Port Phillip Trail) **turn right**, to head along Long Plain Road (a vehicle track).


 After another 45 m (at the intersection of Long Plain Road & Long Plain Hut Access) **continue straight**, to head along Long Plain Road.



After another 6.8 km (at the intersection of Long Plain Road & Spicers Creek Firetrail) **continue straight**, to head along Long Plain Road.

 After another 2.3 km cross the bridge (about 50 m long)


**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to the historic Coonibil Homestead, which was originally built in 1866. There is also a campsite that might be busy.




To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Coonibil Road & Long Plain Road **Start** heading along *Coonibil Road* (a vehicle track).



After another 1.1 km (from the Coonibil Road) **continue straight**, to head along Coonibil Road.


 After another 40 m come to a toilet.

 "Coonibil Homestead".  
W: [www.khuts.org](http://www.khuts.org)

 Continue another 0 m to find from the Coonibil Road at the end.

 Turn around and retrace your steps back the 1.1 km to the main route.

 Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 54.4 km waypoint.



After another 890 m (at the intersection of Long Plain Road & Coonibil Road) **continue straight**, to head along Long Plain Road.




After another 4 km (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Fire Trail & Long Plain Road) **turn right**, to head along Blue Waterholes Fire Trail (a vehicle track).


 After another 2.6 km come to the "Coleman Mountain Camp Site" (25 m on your right).  
W: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)


This is a free campsite.

 After another 5 m pass the toilet (7 m on your left).




After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Blue Waterholes Fire Trail & Harris Hut Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Blue Waterholes Fire Trail.


 After another 1.1 km cross the ford.


 After another 640 m pass the car park (9 m on your left).


**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to the historic Coolamine Homestead, where you can go back in time and see what life was like in the early 1900s.





To start this optional side trip veer left here. from the Blue Waterholes Fire Trail **Start** (a walking track).


 After 80 m pass the toilet (45 m on your left).

 **Continue straight.**

 After another 50 m head through/around the gate.

 About 30 m past the end is "Stockyards".

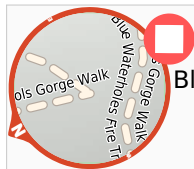
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After another 2.3 km pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



Continue another 7 m to find from the Blue Waterholes Fire Trail at the end.