

Arboretum Loop Trail (Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

50 min to 1 h









A very nice walk through a mixture of native (regrowth) forest and one of Australia's oldest arboretums. The arboretum has both native and exotic trees, with the plantings dating from 1887-1924. This walk takes you along some of the rainforest-clad creeks of Strickland State Forest, before crossing a small suspension bridge and looping through the arboretum with its stands of huge Hoop Pines, Bunya Pines and others. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Wisemans Ferry Road Offramp

- Turn on to then drive for 700 m
- Turn right onto Dog Trap Road and drive for another 5 km
- Turn right onto Mangrove Road and drive for another 240 m
- Turn right onto Strickland Forest Road and drive for another 1.4 km
- Keep left onto Strickland Forest Road and drive for another 1.2 km

Before you start any journey ensure you;

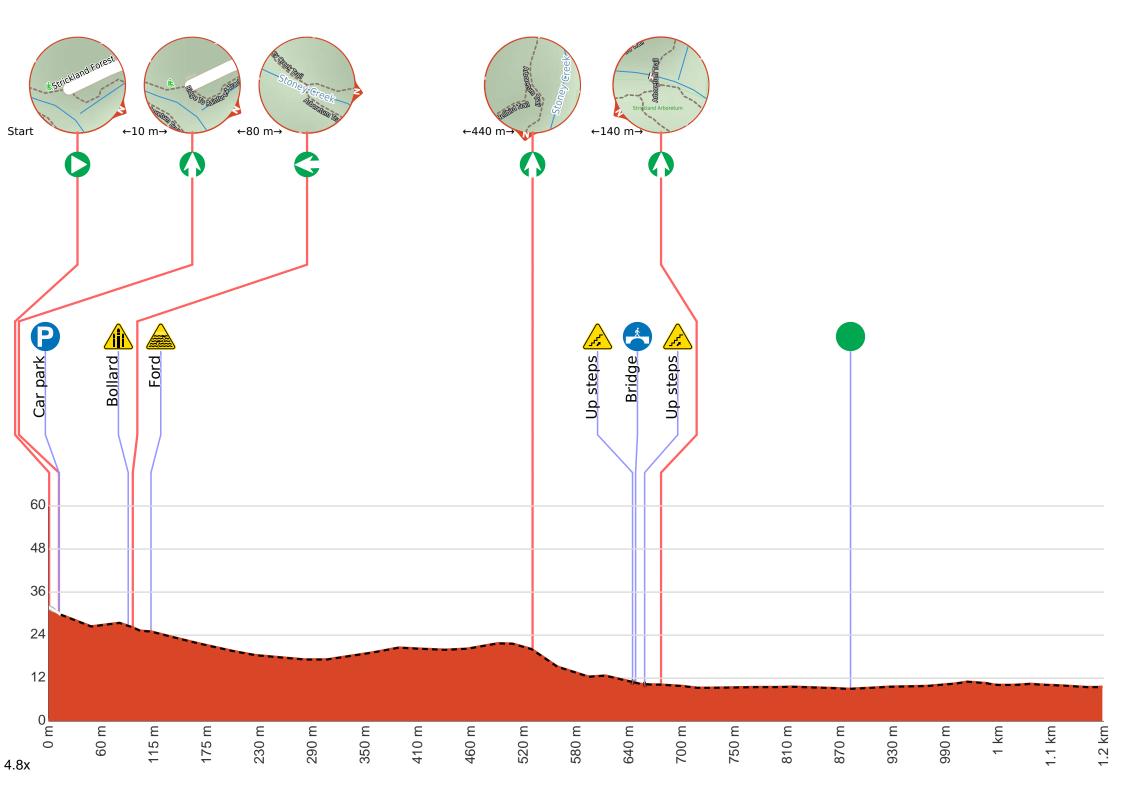
- · Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- · Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point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

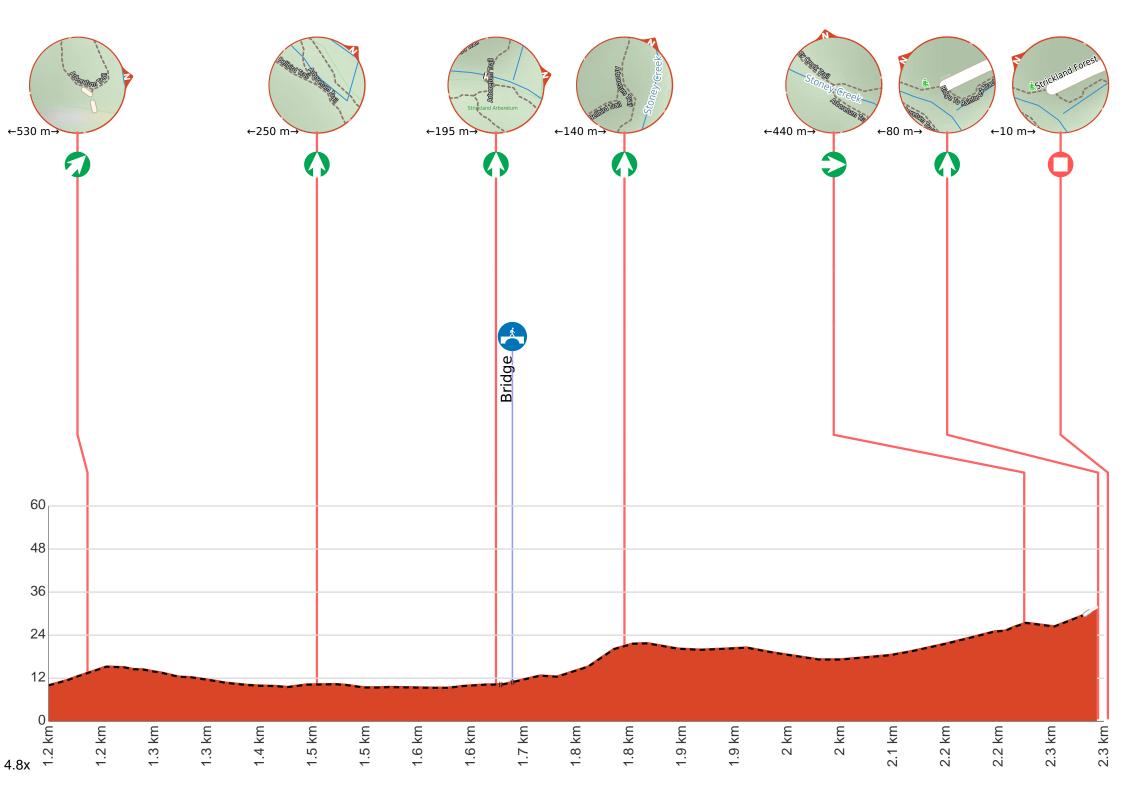
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.





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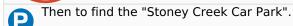


Getting started: From the car park, the walk follows the 'Walking Trails' arrow along the management trail. The walk passes an information board, with a map of the walking trails, and continues a short distance to an intersection just before the creek crossing.



Start

After another 10 m (at the intersection of Strickland Forest Road & Ridge To Rainforest Track) **continue straight**, to head along Strickland Forest Road.





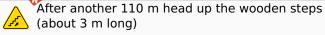
After another 75 m head through the bollard.

After another 5 m (at the intersection of Stoney Creek Trail & Arboretum Trail) turn left, to head along Arboretum Trail.



After another 20 m cross the ford.

After another 420 m (at the intersection of Bellbird Trail & Arboretum Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Arboretum Trail.





Then cross the bridge (about 10 m long)



Then head up the wooden steps (about 3 m long)



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Bellbird Trail & Arboretum Trail) continue straight, to head along Arboretum Trail.

After another 210 m find the "Strickland State Forest Arboretum" (5 m on your left).

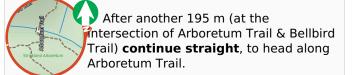


This arboretum is apparently one of the oldest in Australia, with plantings dating from 1887-1924. Numerous signs have been placed along the walking tracks to identify some of the species of trees. There are very tall, and impressive, examples of Hoop Pine, Bunya Pine, Tallow Wood and Red Cedar.



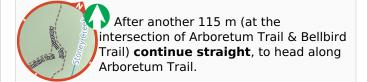
After another 325 m veer right.







After another 20 m cross the bridge (about 10 m long)





After another 80 m (at the intersection of Strickland Forest Road & Ridge To Rainforest Track) **continue straight**, to head along Strickland Forest Road.



After another 10 m come to the end.