



Muir's Rainforest Walk

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

40 min to 1 h

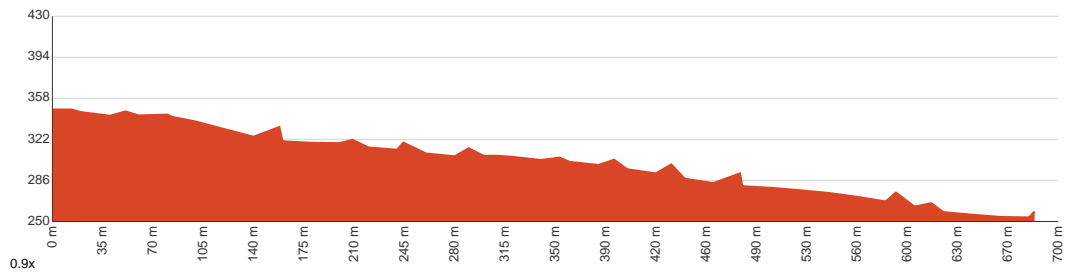
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Return

↑ 99 m
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Moderate track



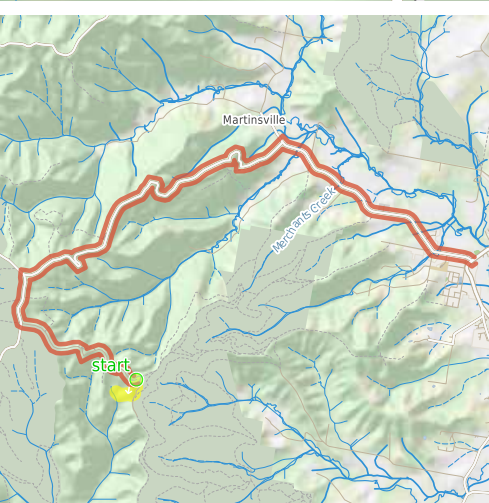
This is a good walk on a hot day. This walk leaves Muir's Lookout and descends through healthy blackbutt and blue gum forest to find a moist rainforest of ferns and mosses. A quiet sit and picnic within the rainforest would be lovely. This walk returns the same way you have come. Let us begin by acknowledging 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	Short steep hills (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Freemans Drive, Cooranbong.

- Turn on to Martinsville Road then drive for 4.5 km
- Turn left onto Watagan Road and drive for another 7.1 km
- Turn sharp left onto Watagan Forest Road and drive for another 940 m
- Turn left onto Prickly Ridge Road and drive for another 2.7 km
- Keep right and drive for another 125 m



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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300

320

Muir's Lookout Walking Track

start



Prickly Ridge Road

300

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300

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Prickly Ridge Road

Cut Rock Road

300

300

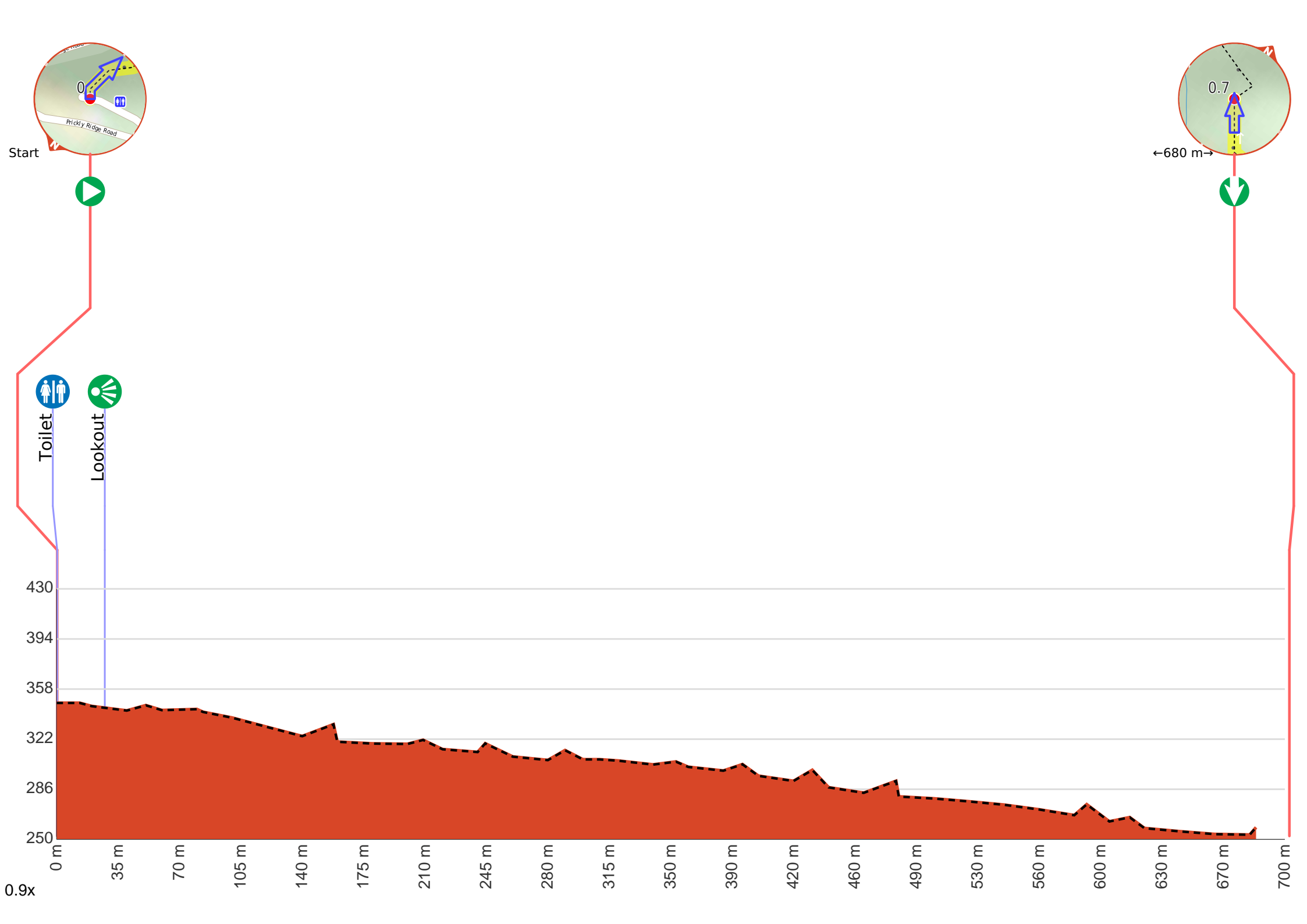
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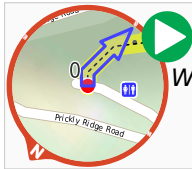
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Getting started: From Muirs Lookout and car park, this walk follows the track moderately steeply downhill, passing a 'Muirs Lookout Walking Track' sign (on your left) and walking between timber posts. Then this walk continues to follow the track through blackbutt and bluegum forest for about 800m, until coming to a No.16 timber post and moist rainforest gully.



Start heading along *Muirs Lookout Walking Track*.



Find the toilet at the start.



Find the Muirs Lookout at the start.



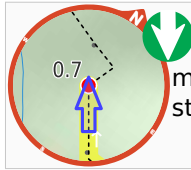
Muirs Lookout on Prickly Ridge Road, in the Jiliby State Conservation Area, offers scenic views from Lake Macquarie to Tuggerah Lakes. The picnic area is supplied with fireplaces, firewood, picnic tables, toilets and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). The lookout is surrounded by blackbutt and bluegum trees.



After another 660 m come to "Rainforest at No.16 timber post".



At the No. 16 timber post (along the Muirs walking trail), you are in a beautiful rainforest gully surrounded by a lush moist forest of cycads, ferns and mosses, with towering blackbutt and bluegum trees above. This cool moist spot is a great place to spend time on a hot dry day.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 680 m to get back to the start.