




# Marley Track

(Dharawal Country)

 3 h 45 min to 4 h 30 min

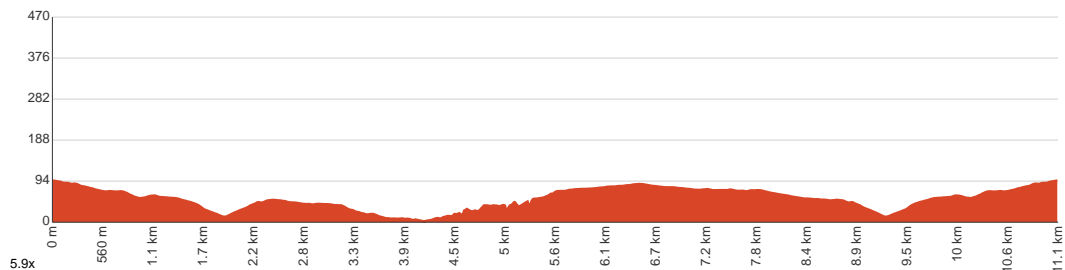
  
11.1 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 302 m  
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Hard track



This walk takes you down from the ridge to the quiet Deer Pool on Marley Creek. You pass the Big and Little Marley beaches, with an optional side trip to Wattamola Dam. This side trip is well worth it on a hot day to take a dip. The walk then leads away from the coast to loop back to the starting point on Bundeena Drive. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people, 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Sir Bertram Stevens Drive

- Turn on to Bundeena Drive then drive for 5.6 km

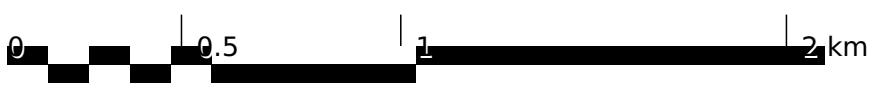
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

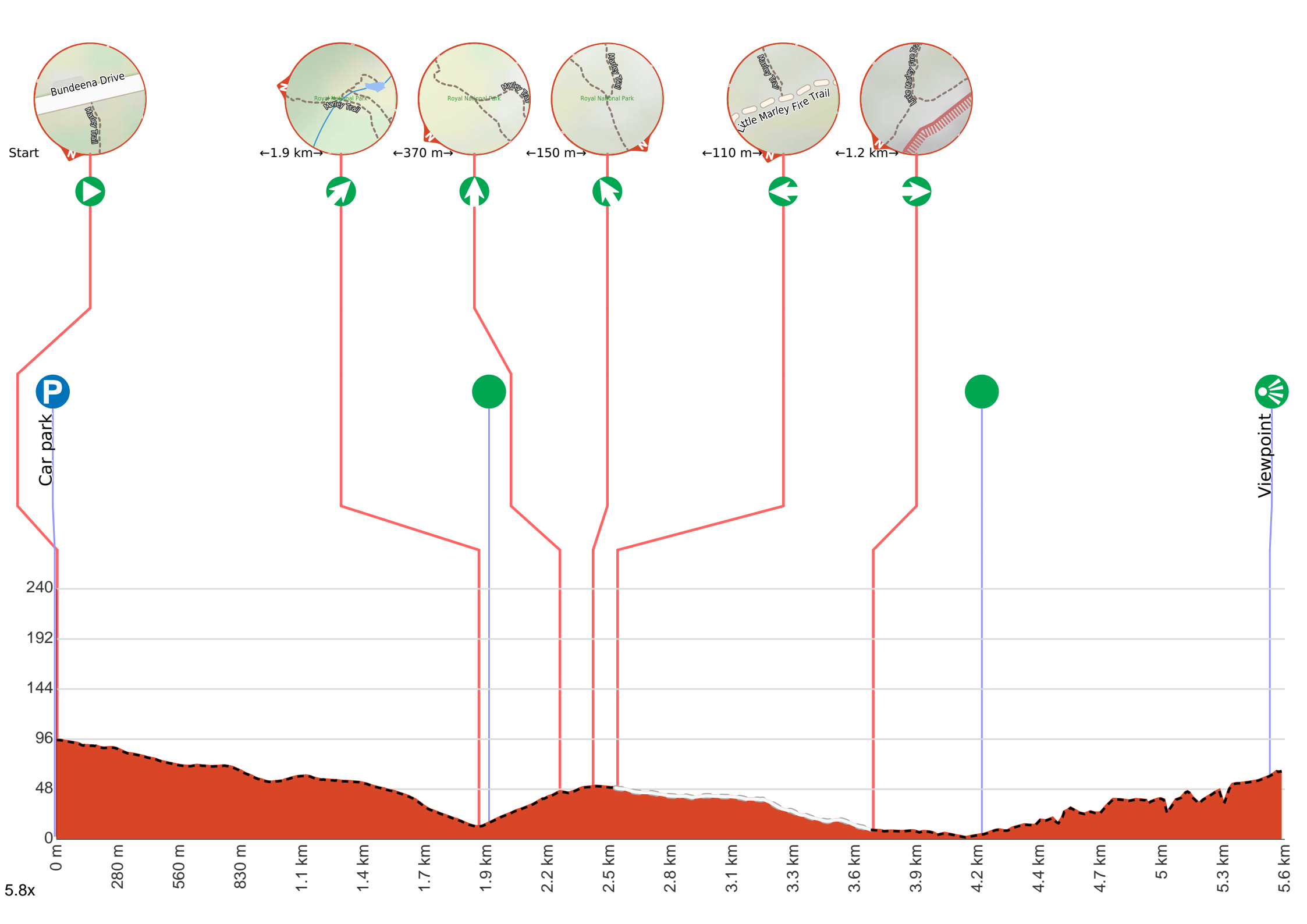
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

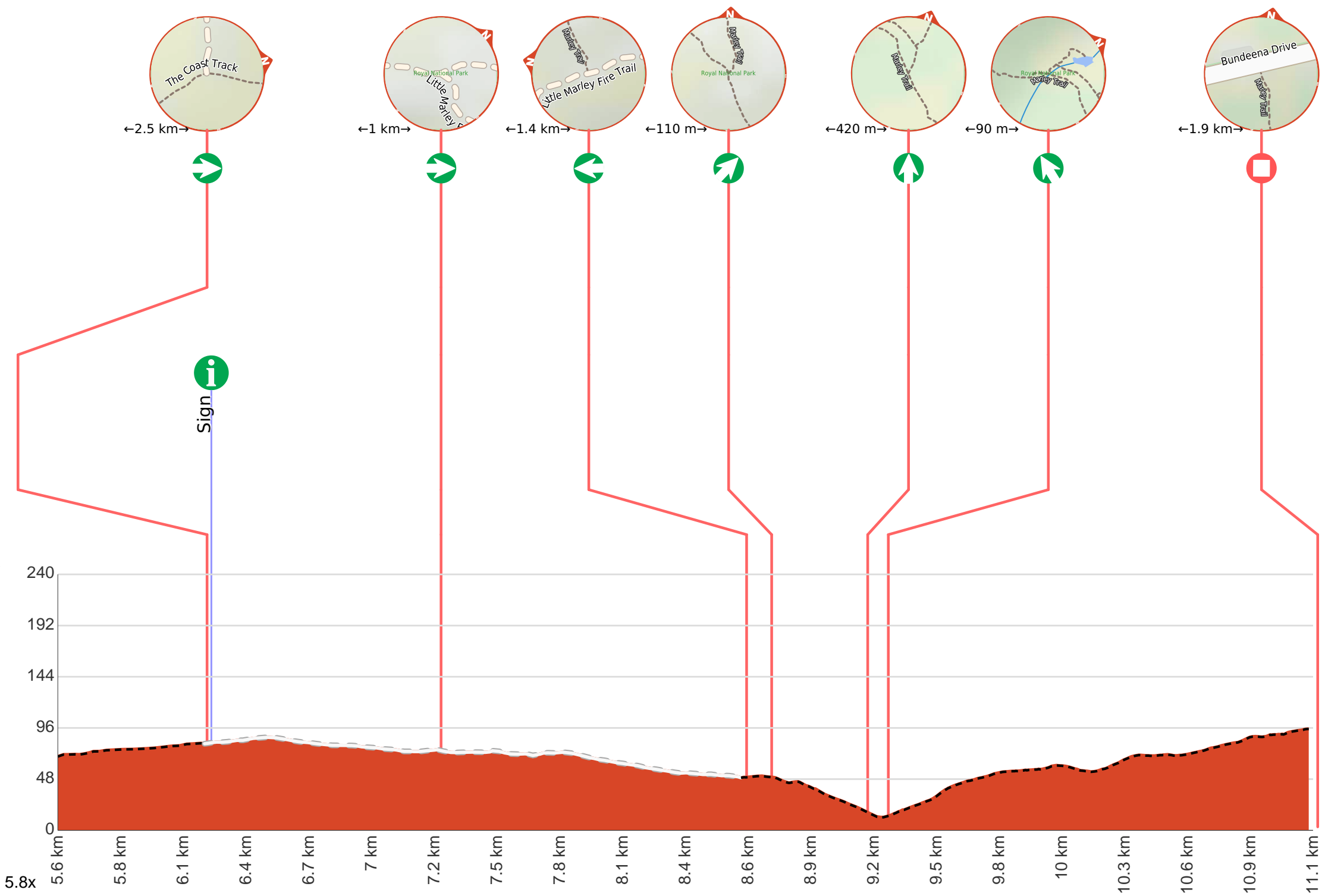
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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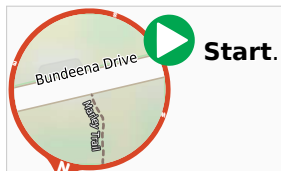




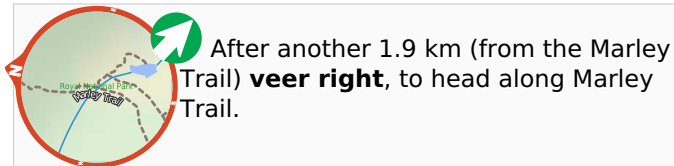




**Getting started:** From the car park on the northern side of Bundeena Drive (1.7km east of Mainbar Rd), this walk crosses the road and heads into the bush between the two posts, following the arrow. Soon the track pass the 'Marley Trail' sign and starts to head downhill. The track continues past the old concrete pipe (with white spray-painted arrows). The track passes a couple of rock platforms, but generally the track is narrow as it winds down the hill. Near Deer Pools, there is a clearing on the left as the track tends right, towards the waterfall. The track passes over the top of the waterfall to head up to a clearing on the other side.



**P** There is a car park (about 15 m back from the start).

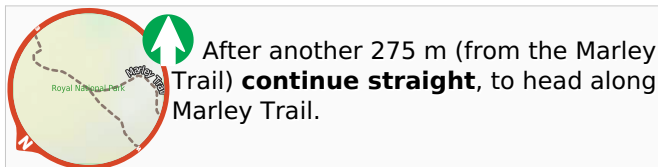


After another 1.9 km (from the Marley Trail) **veer right**, to head along Marley Trail.

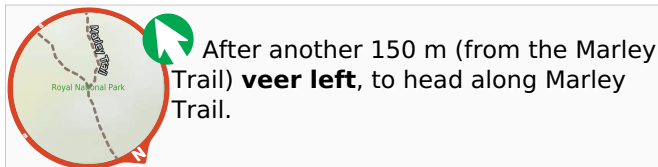


Deer Pool, Royal National Park, is a small and picturesque set of falls that run into a pool with a sandy bank. The waterfall is fed by Marley Creek which continues its journey into Marley Lagoon, behind Big Marley Beach. Royal National Park was once home to many deer, who used to frequent these pools. This is a relaxing spot on a warm day, with the opportunity for a dip or a gentle massage in the cascade. Although a sign suggests camping is permitted by permit, permits are not issued for camping here.

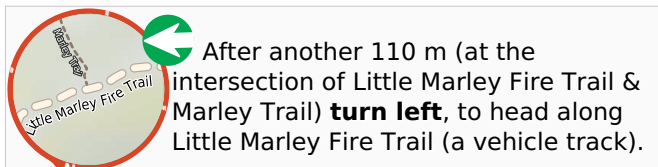
After another 45 m (from the Marley Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 275 m (from the Marley Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.

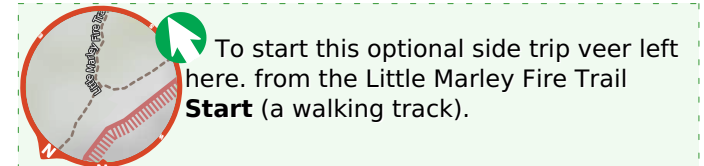


After another 150 m (from the Marley Trail) **veer left**, to head along Marley Trail.

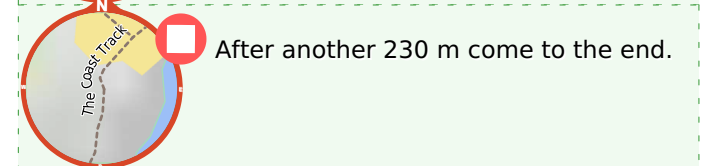


After another 110 m (at the intersection of Little Marley Fire Trail & Marley Trail) **turn left**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail (a vehicle track).

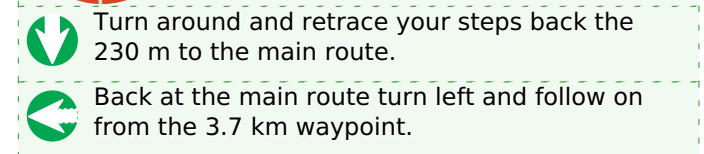
**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to West Marley Beach.



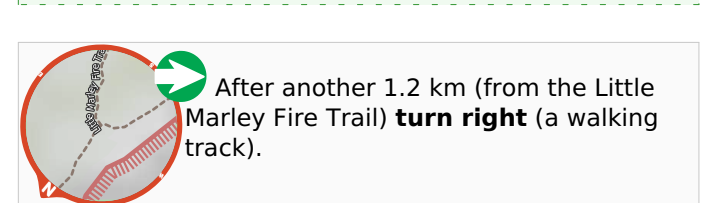
To start this optional side trip veer left here. from the Little Marley Fire Trail **Start** (a walking track).



After another 230 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 230 m to the main route.

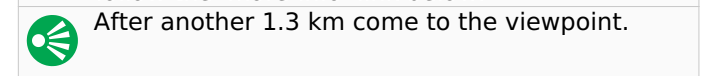


After another 1.2 km (from the Little Marley Fire Trail) **turn right** (a walking track).

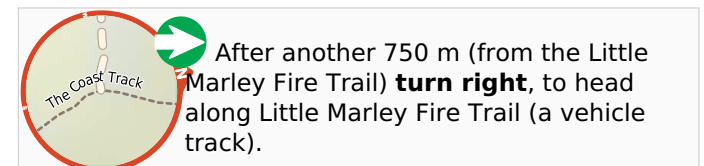


After another 490 m find the "Little Marley Beach" (30 m on your right).

Little Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand beach, approximately 140m long. The narrow beach faces north-east and has a rock platform at either end. The beach is not patrolled and has no other services. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link below.



After another 1.3 km come to the viewpoint.



After another 750 m (from the Little Marley Fire Trail) **turn right**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail (a vehicle track).



After another 20 m pass the sign.



After another 1 km (from the Little Marley Fire Trail) **turn right**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail.



After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Little Marley Fire Trail & Marley Trail) **turn left**, to head along Marley Trail (a walking track).



After another 110 m (from the Marley Trail) **veer right**, to head along Marley Trail.



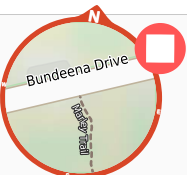
After another 150 m (from the Marley Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 275 m (from the Marley Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 90 m (from the Marley Trail) **veer left**.



After another 1.9 km come to the end.