



# Larapinta Trail, S11: Finke River to Redbank Gorge (Arrernte Country)

9 h 30 min to 2 days



26.4 km

One way segment



↑ 674 m  
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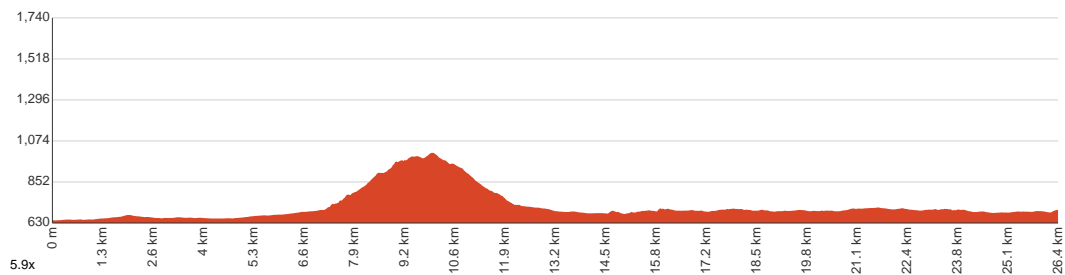
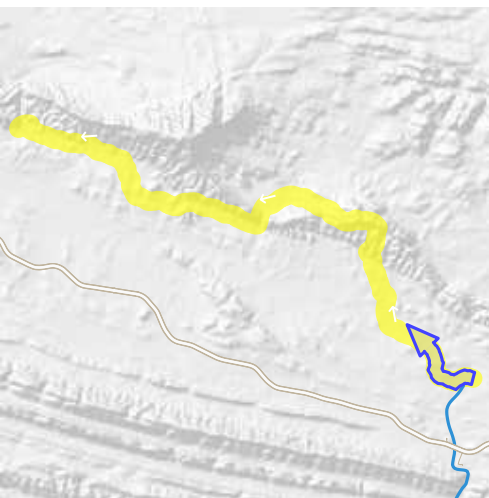


Hard track

Starting from the campsite along Finke River, Macdonnell, this walk takes you to Redbank Gorge via the Larapinta Trail (Section 11), passing through Rocky Bar Gap along the way. This is the eleventh section of the 223km long Larapinta Trail. As you get closer to Mount Sonder (considering you're coming from the east) it becomes more detailed and stunning. The Hilltop Lookout offers you 360-degree views over the surrounding land. Spend the night here if you'd like to see what Mt Sonder looks like as the sun rises, or make camp at Rocky Bar Gap to have access to water tanks and toilets. The gradient is quite harsh around the lookout yet the track is well made and maintained. Keep in mind that there is no vehicle access to the Finke River trailhead and only high clearance 4WD access to Redbank Gorge trailhead. Also, the camping area at Redbank Gorge requires a fee of \$5 per person. Let us begin by acknowledging the Arrernte people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

This is part of longer journey and can not be completed on it is own.

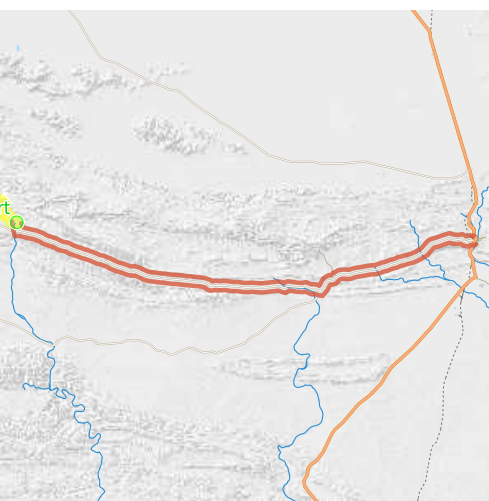
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<b>Class 4 of 6</b> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
<b>Quality of track</b>	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
<b>Gradient</b>	Very steep (4/6)
<b>Signage</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Telegraph Terrace, 87

- Turn on to 6 then drive for 25 m
- Continue onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 850 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 880 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Larapinta Drive, 6 and drive for another 44.3 km
- Turn right onto Namatjira Drive, 2 and drive for another 84.4 km
- Turn sharp right and drive for another 2.5 km
- Keep left and drive for another 400 m



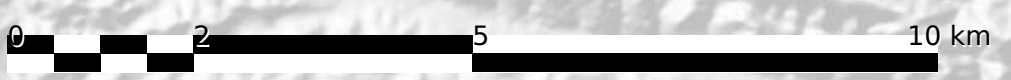
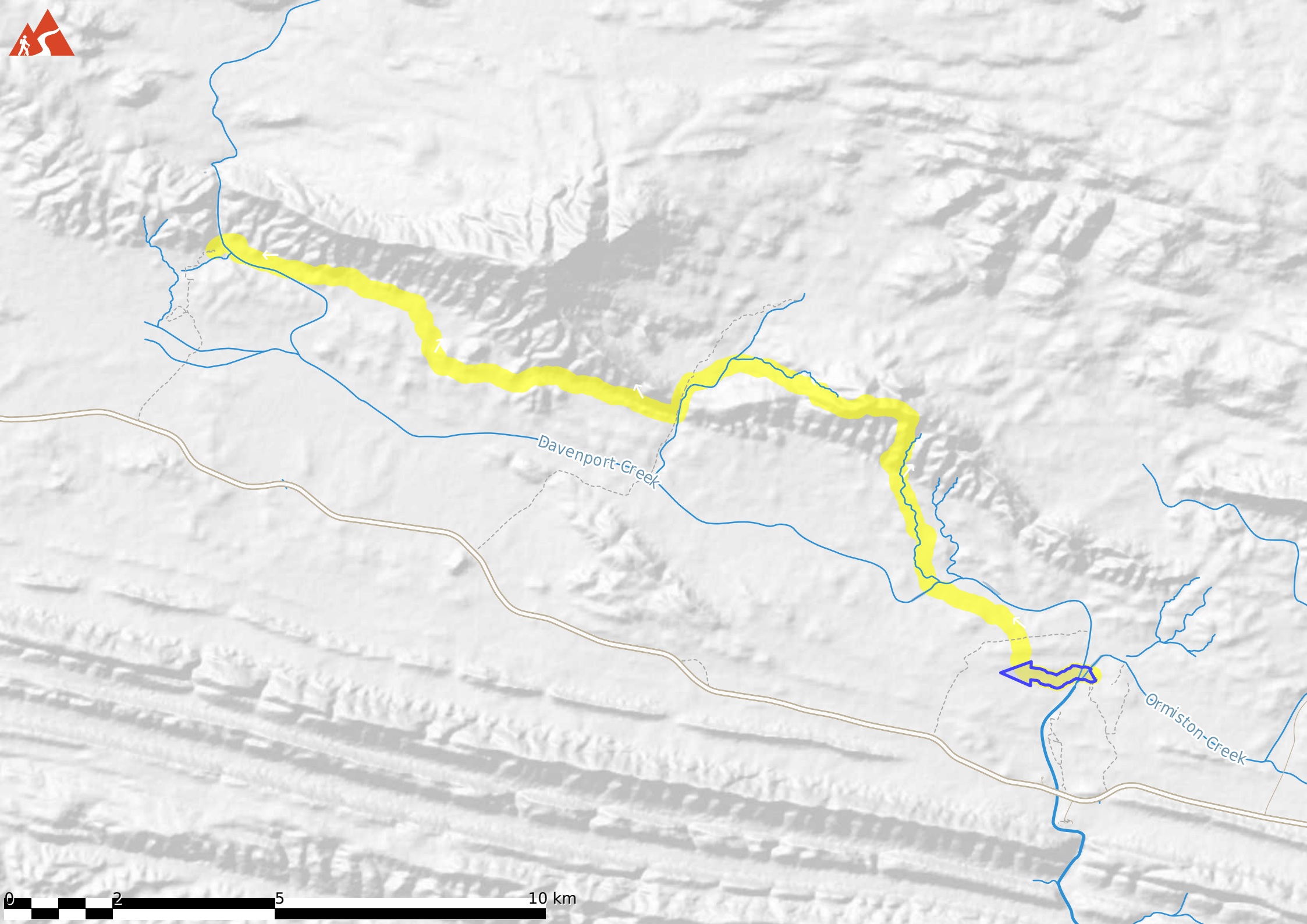
**Before you start any journey ensure you;**

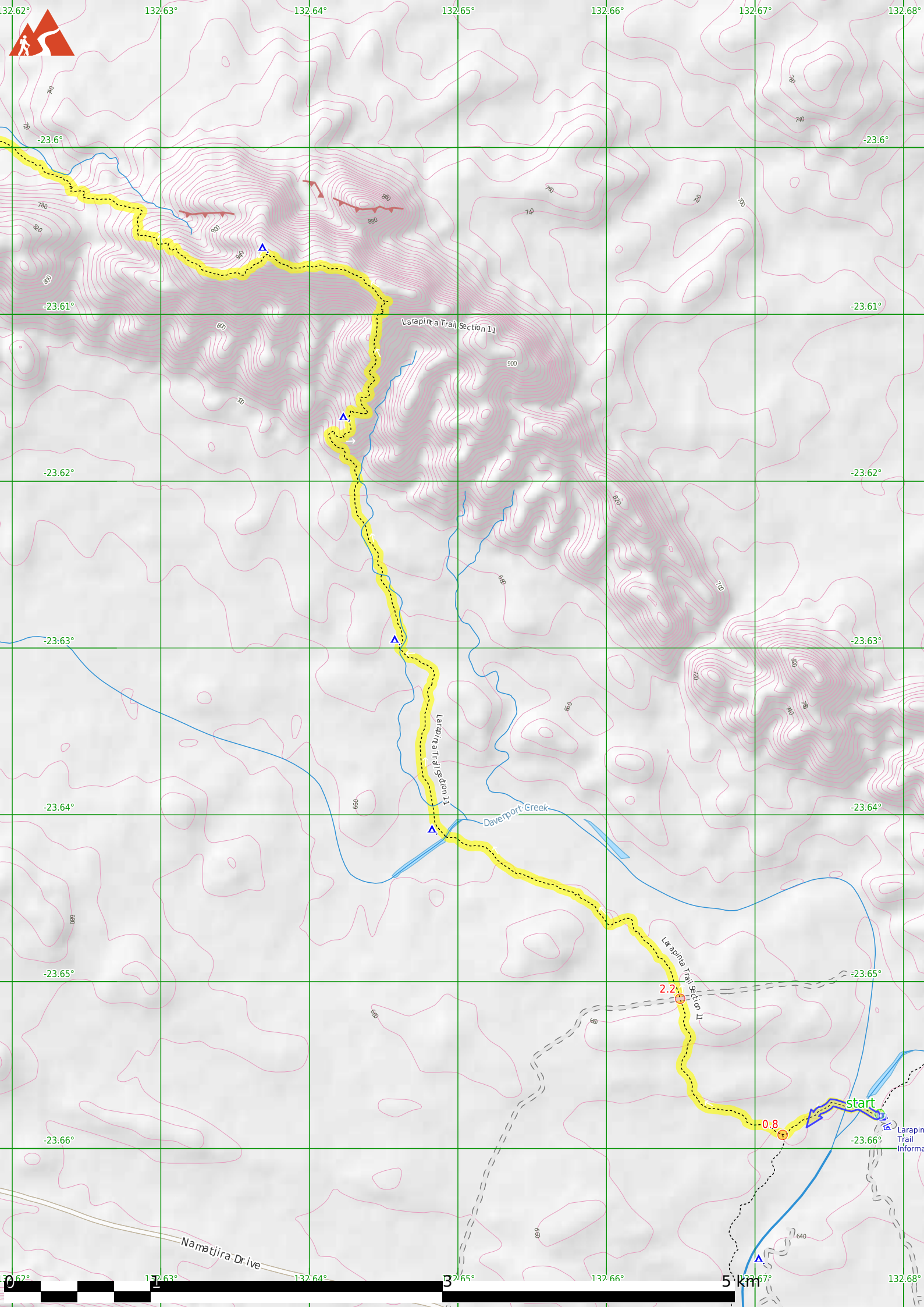
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

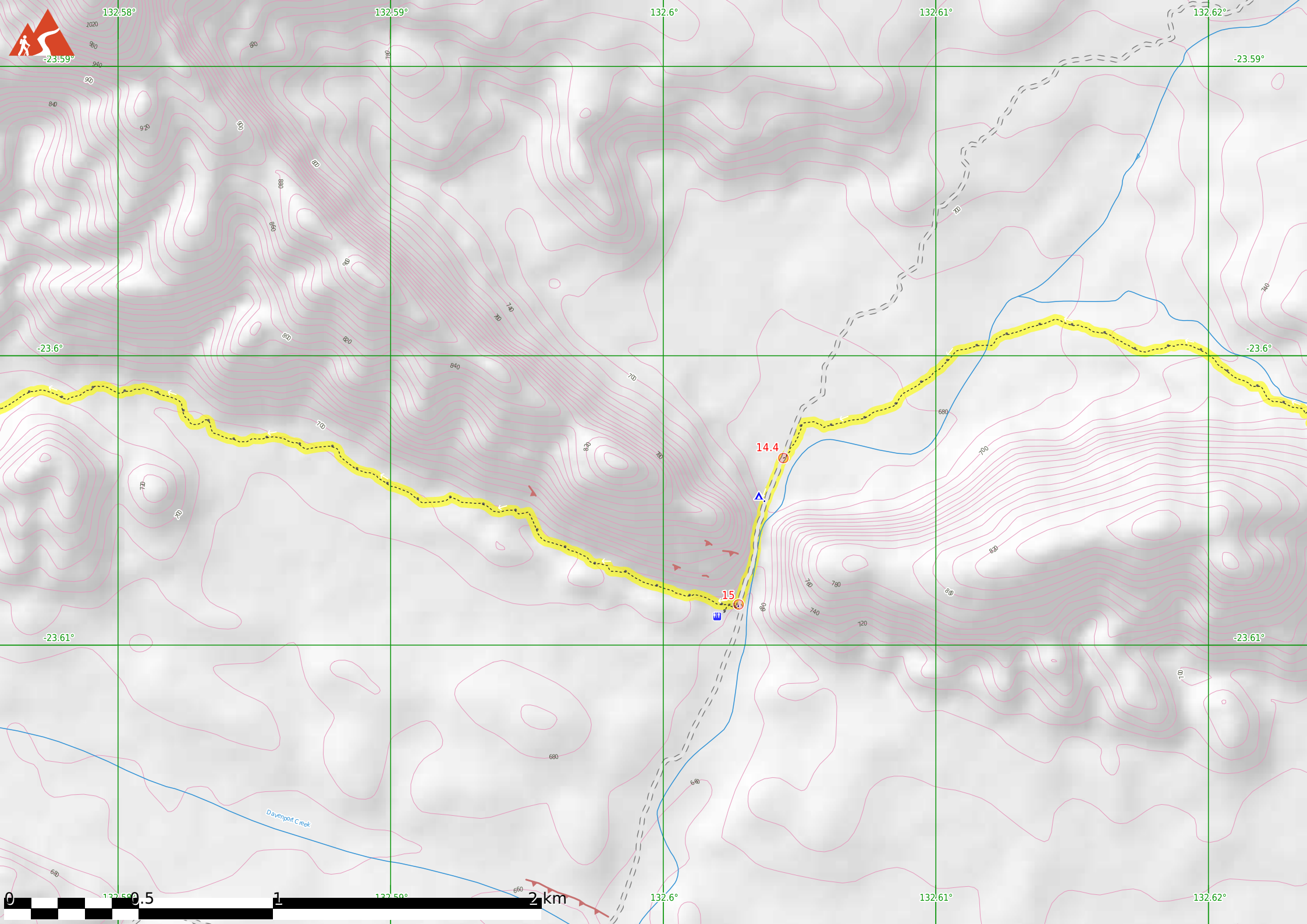
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

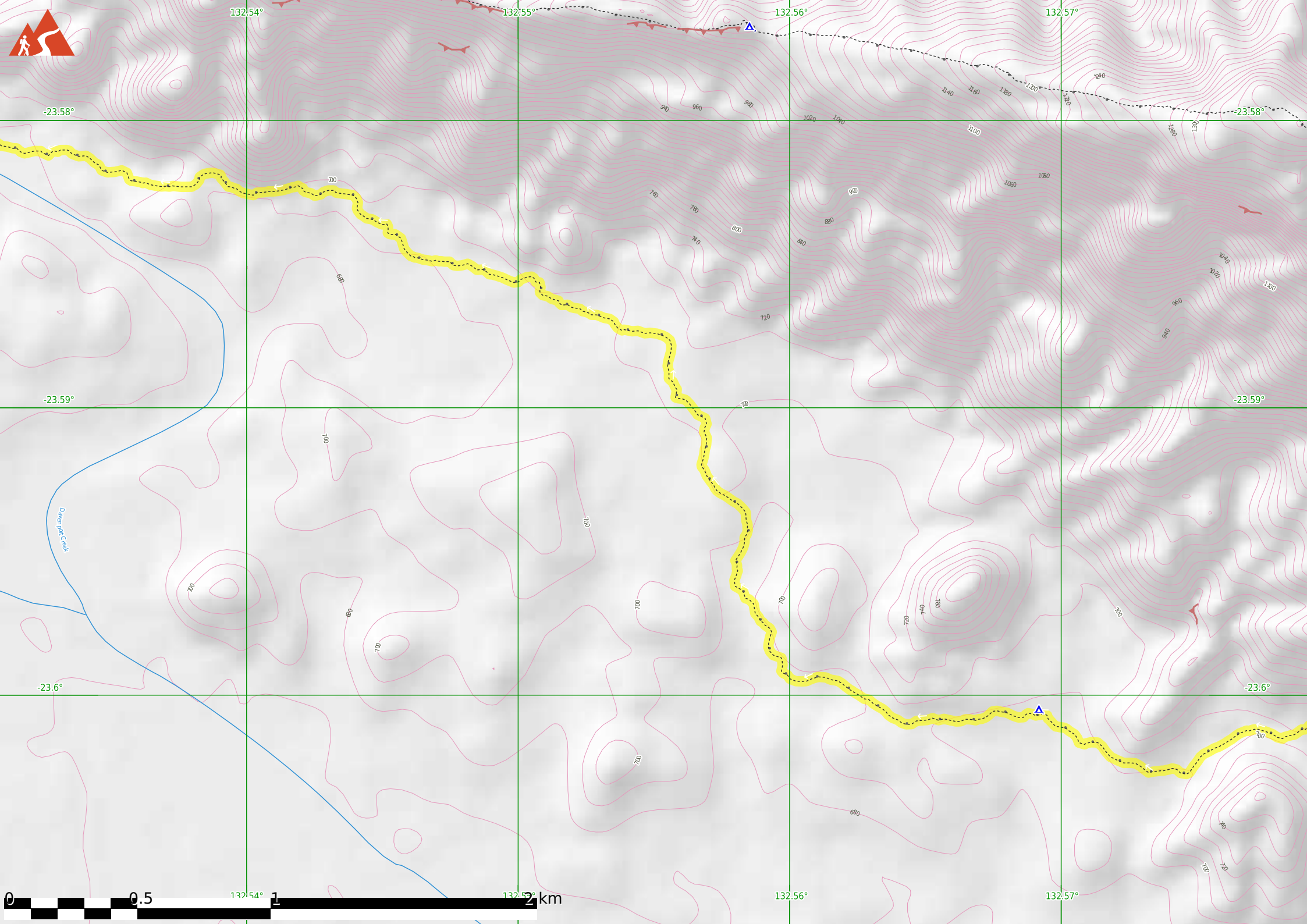
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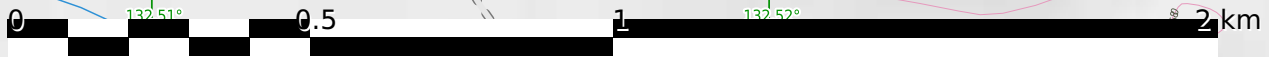
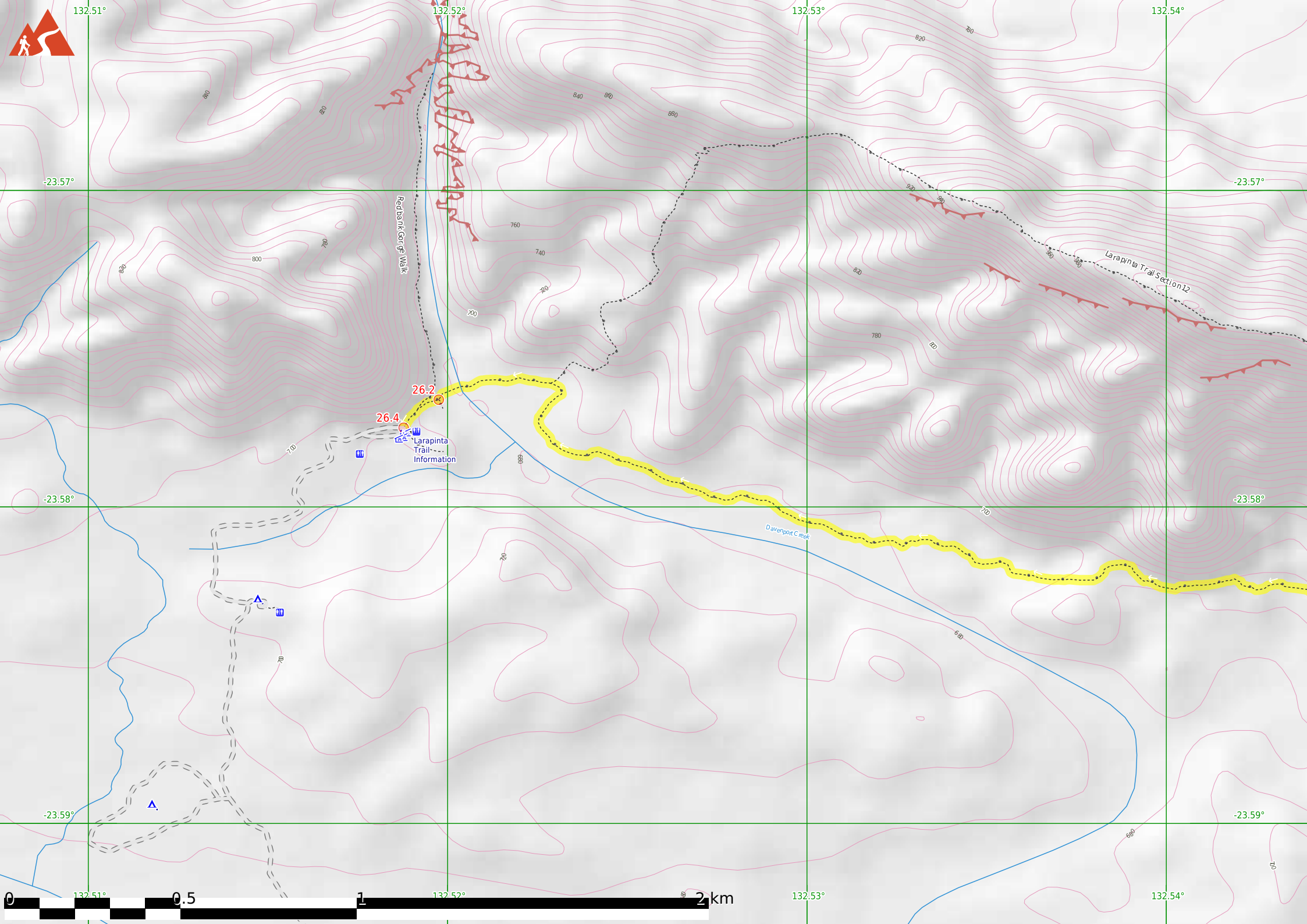
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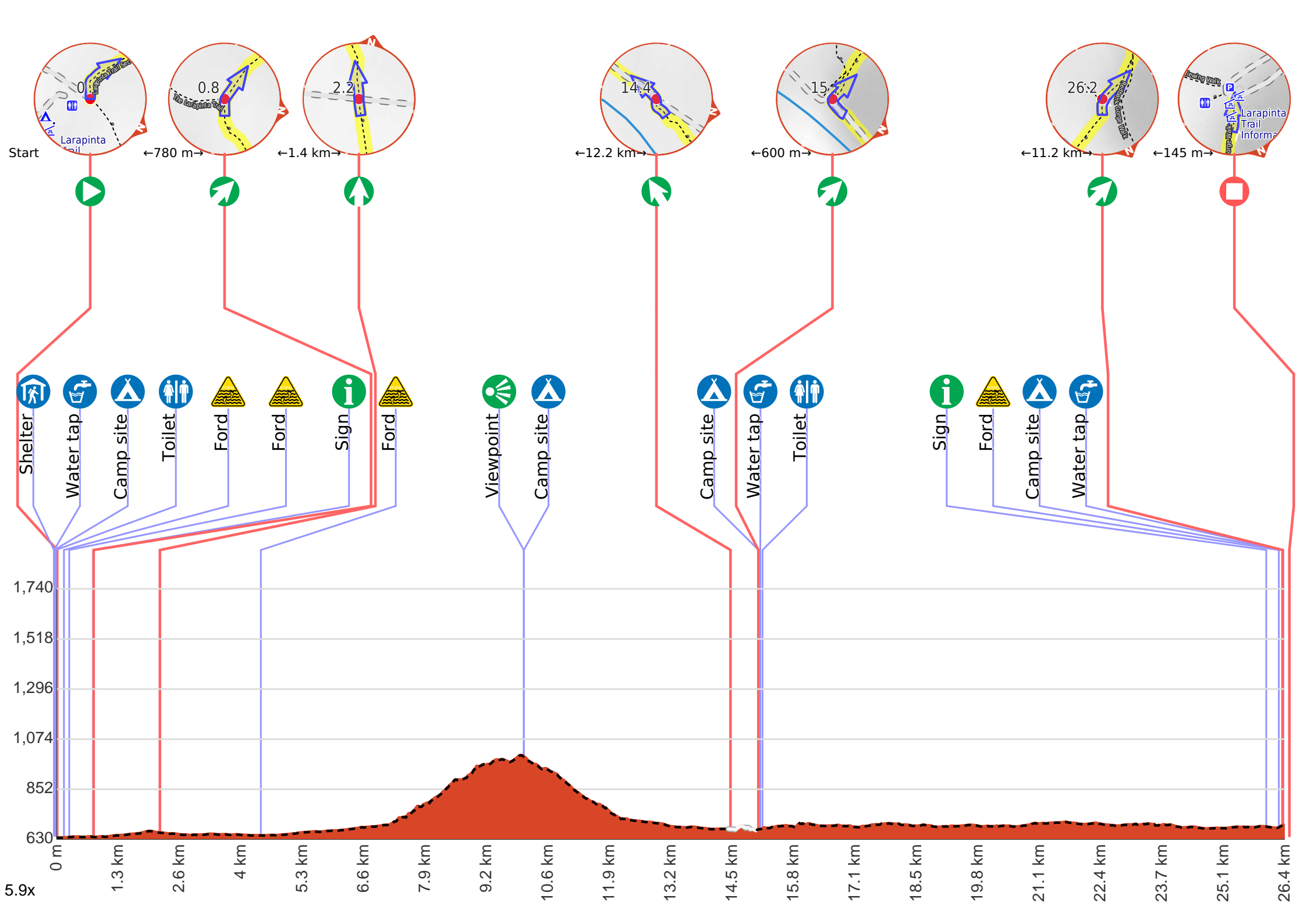
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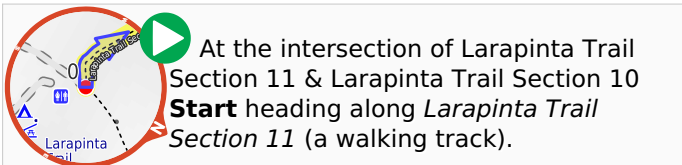
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**Getting started:** From the Larapinta Finke River Campsite, head west and cross the riverbed along the marked dirt track, moving directly away from the campsite. About 770 metres in, keep right at the 3-way intersection to continue along Larapinta Trail, S11: Finke River to Redbank Gorge.



Larapinta Trail Information (about 70 m back from the start).

There is water tap (about 65 m back from the start).

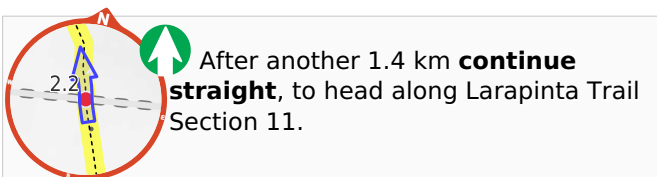
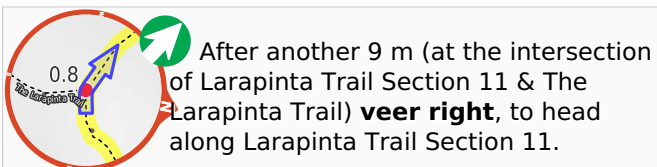
Finke River camp site (about 65 m back from the start).

There is a toilet (about 30 m back from the start).

After 170 m cross the ford.

After another 115 m cross the ford.

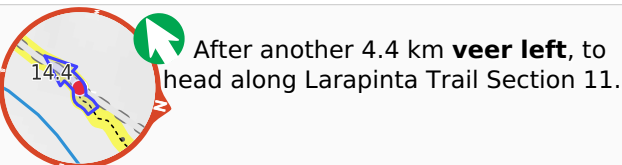
After another 510 m pass the "Glen Helen Junction".



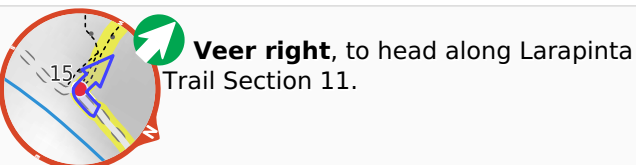
After another 2.2 km cross the ford.

After another 5.6 km come to the "Hilltop Lookout" (9 m on your right).

Then come to the camp site (15 m on your right).



After another 600 m come to the "Rocky Bar Gap" (7 m on your left).



After another 40 m pass the water tap (6 m on your left).

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

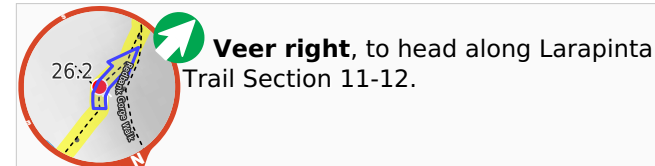
After another 10.8 km pass the sign.

At the intersection of Larapinta Trail Section 12 & Larapinta Trail Section 11 **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 11-12.

After another 270 m cross the ford.

After another 100 m come to the "Larapinta Trail Camping" (35 m on your left).

Then pass the "Larapinta Trail Water" (35 m on your left).



After another 70 m (at the intersection of Redbank Gorge Walk & Larapinta Trail Section 11-12) **continue straight**, to head along Larapinta Trail Section 11 to 12.

After another 75 m come to a toilet.

"Larapinta Trail Information".

About 15 m past the end is a picnic table.

About 20 m past the end is "Redbank Gorge".

