Lakeside Walk

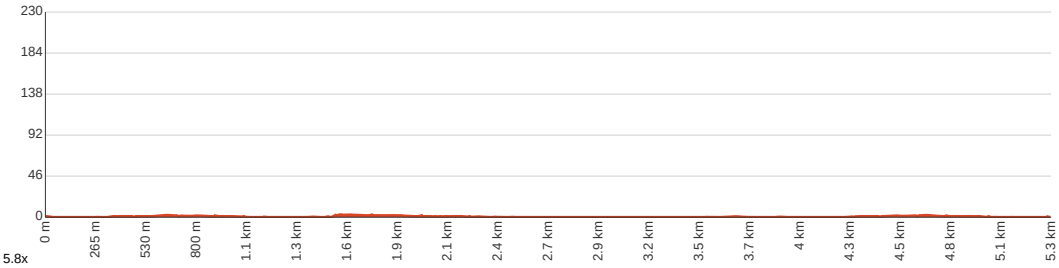
20 min to 1 h

5.3 km
Circuit

↑ 8 m
↓ 8 m

2
Easy track

Starting from Lake Clifton Trambolites Car Park, Herron, this walk takes you on a stroll alongside Lake Clifton. This walk is a peaceful and picturesque one with a historical background. The area is host to ancient thrombolites that you can visit at the beginning. You can also see paperbarks, melaleucas, peppermints and tuarts as you traverse with the open views of the like beside you. It is best to visit the area when the tides are low, and the formations beneath the water can be observed easily. The area is prone to damage and fragile, so you might want to take extra care during your journey. 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 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Old Coast Road, 1, Herron.

- Turn on to Mount John Road then drive for 1.9 km
- Turn left onto Mount John Road and drive for another 470 m
- Keep left onto Mount John Road and drive for another 15 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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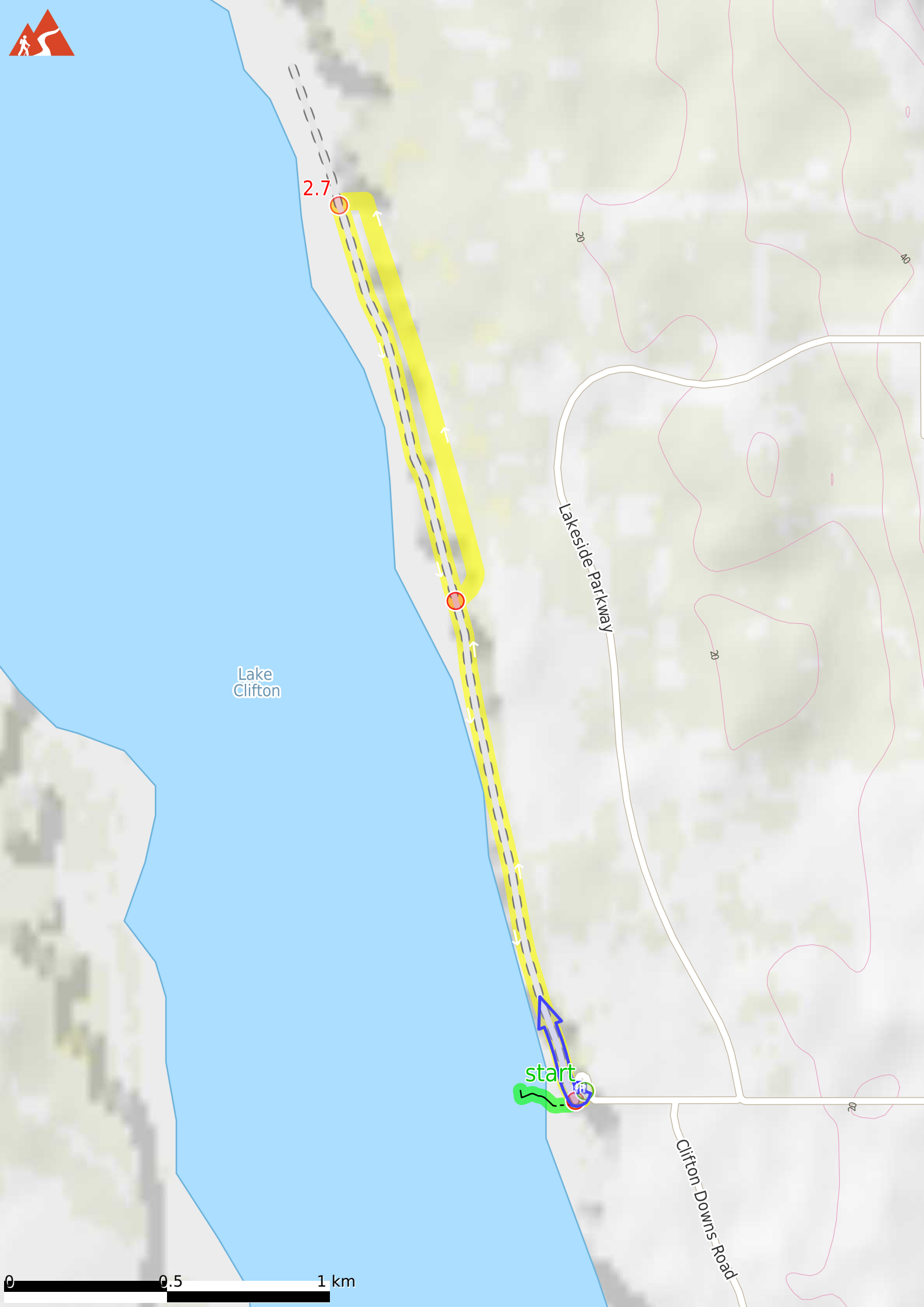
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Clifton
Lakeside Parkway
Clifton Downs Road
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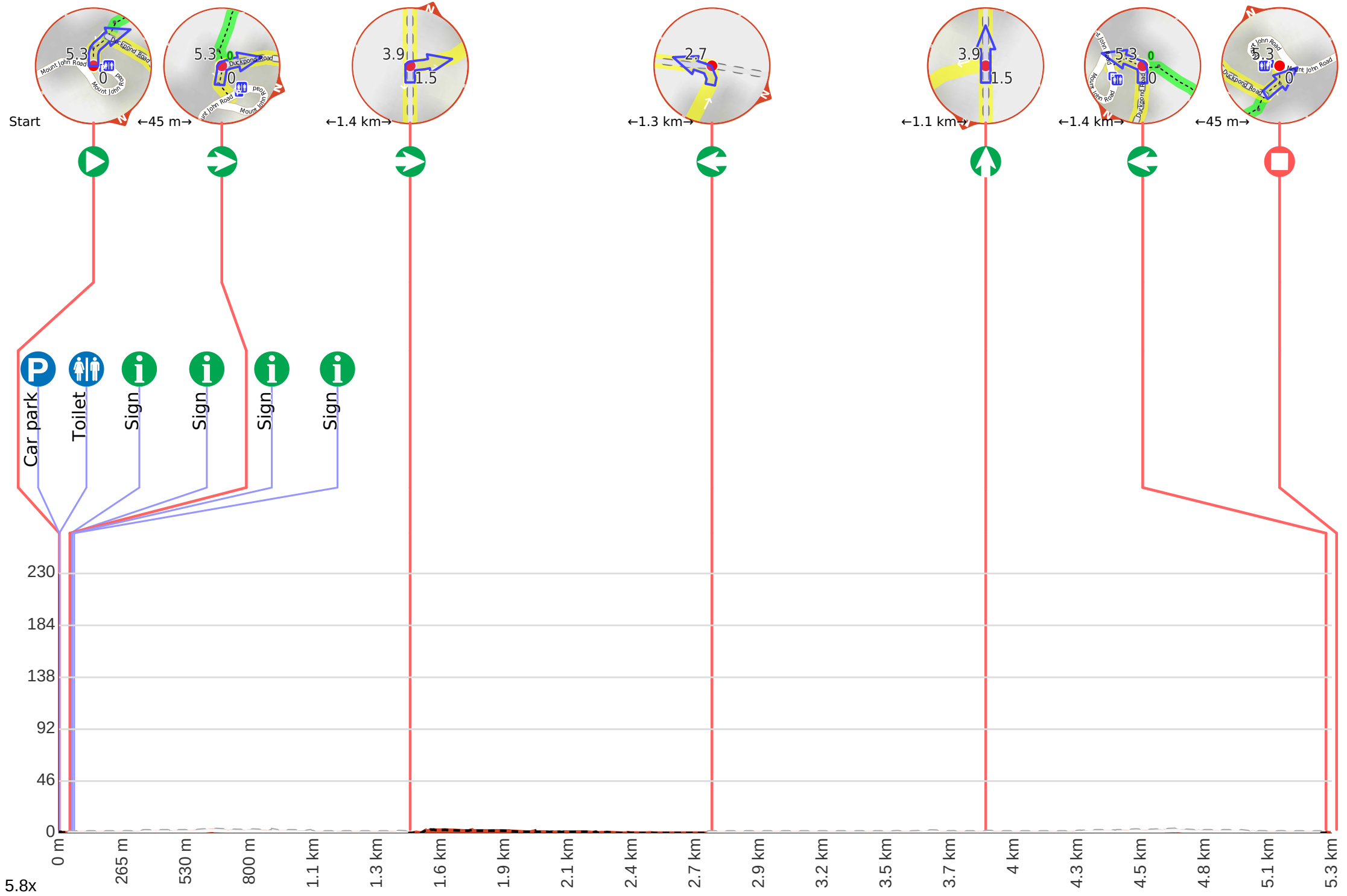
1 km


Start
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←1.4 km→
←1.3 km→
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←45 m→
Car park
Toilet
Sign
Sign
Sign
Sign
230
184
138
92
46
0
0 m
265 m
530 m
800 m
1.1 km
1.3 km
1.6 km
1.9 km
2.1 km
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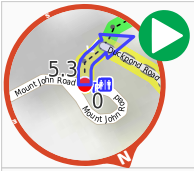


Start.

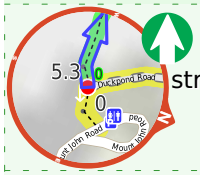
Find the car park at the start.

Find the toilet at the start.

After 50 m pass the "The Aboriginal story of the riverways and Lake Clifton" (5 m on your left).

Then pass the "Yalgorup National Park" (6 m on your left).

Start of an optional side trip: A side trip to visit Lake Clifton Trambolites.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.

After another 75 m cross the bridge (about 130 m long)

Then pass the "Thrombolites: Survival in the balance" (on your left).

Then find the "Lake Clifton Thrombolites" (on your left).
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After another 15 m come to "Looking foreward, looking backwoods".

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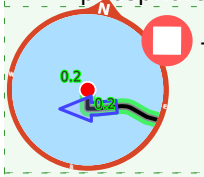

The end.

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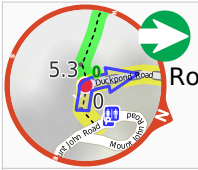
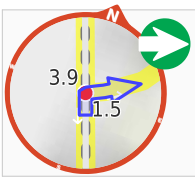


Turn right, to head along Duckpond Road.

After another 9 m pass the "Walking at Lake Clifton" (5 m on your left).

After another 9 m pass the "Welcome to Noorook Yalgorap (Lake Clifton)" (10 m on your right).



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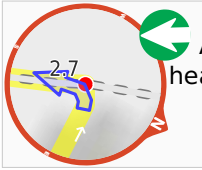

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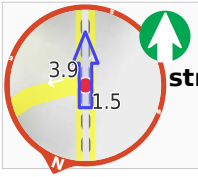

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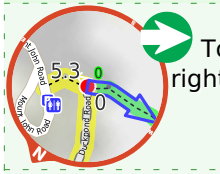

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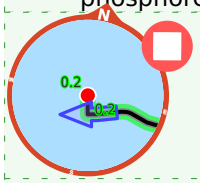

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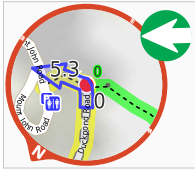

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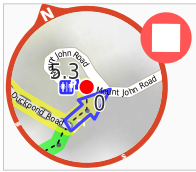

After another 45 m come to the end.