




Woonoongoora to The Settlement

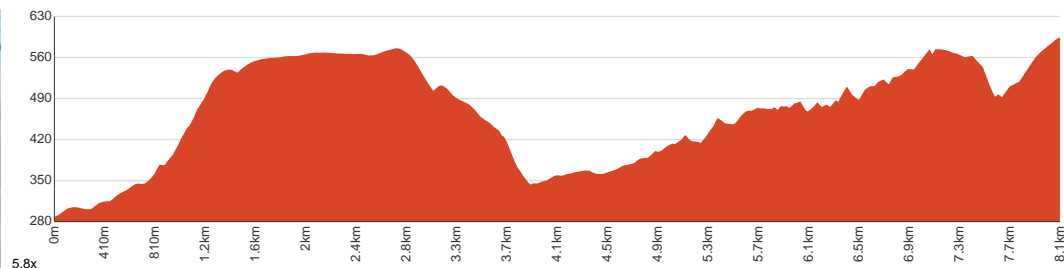
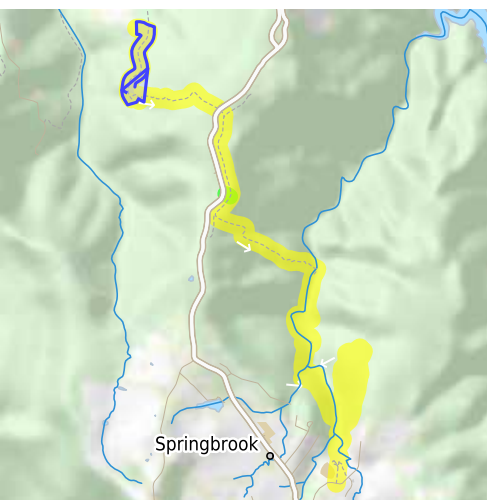
 4h to 5h


8.1km
One way


↑ 764 m
↓ 1050 m


Hard track

Starting from the Woonoongoora walkers' camp, O'Reilly, this walk takes you to The Settlement Day Use & Camping Area via the third and last section of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk, visiting Warringa Pool and Purling Brook Falls along the way. This walk will surprise you with the picturesque views it offers, from ancient plants that are older than dinosaurs to volcanic rocks and peaceful bodies of water. Going up & down in the ancient Gondwana rainforests will feel "timeless", so take your time and observe the environment before running into man-made structures. Remember to bring your jumpers as there are several pools including the well-known Warringa on your way. The Purling Brook Falls look gorgeous both from the suspension bridge at the bottom and the lookout at the top, but the feeling of cool water spraying your face can make you spend a bit more time than planned below the waterfall. Take extra care when crossing Little Nerang Creek. Beware of snakes, especially in warmer months. 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 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	Very steep (4/6)
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:

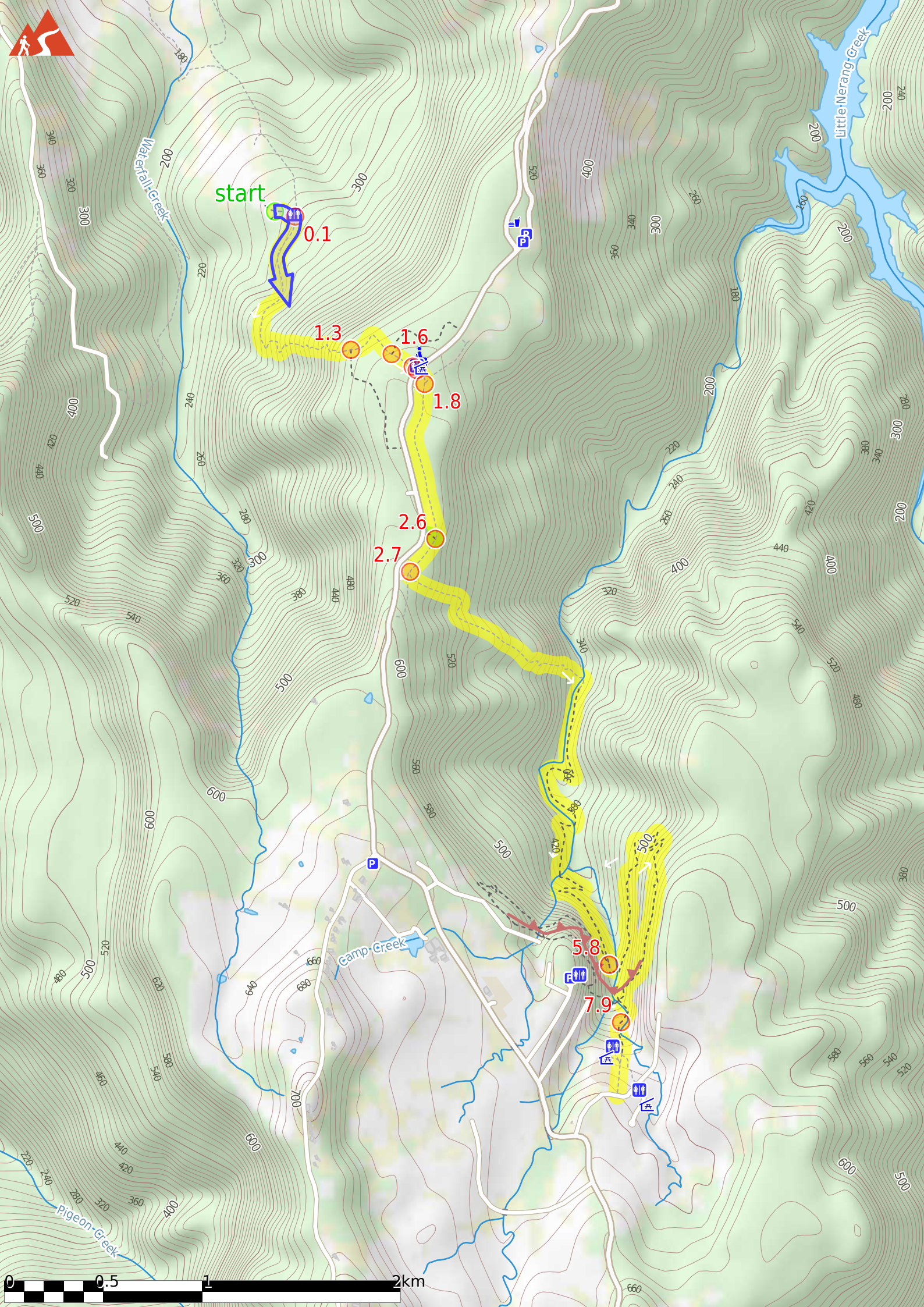
Before you start any journey ensure you;

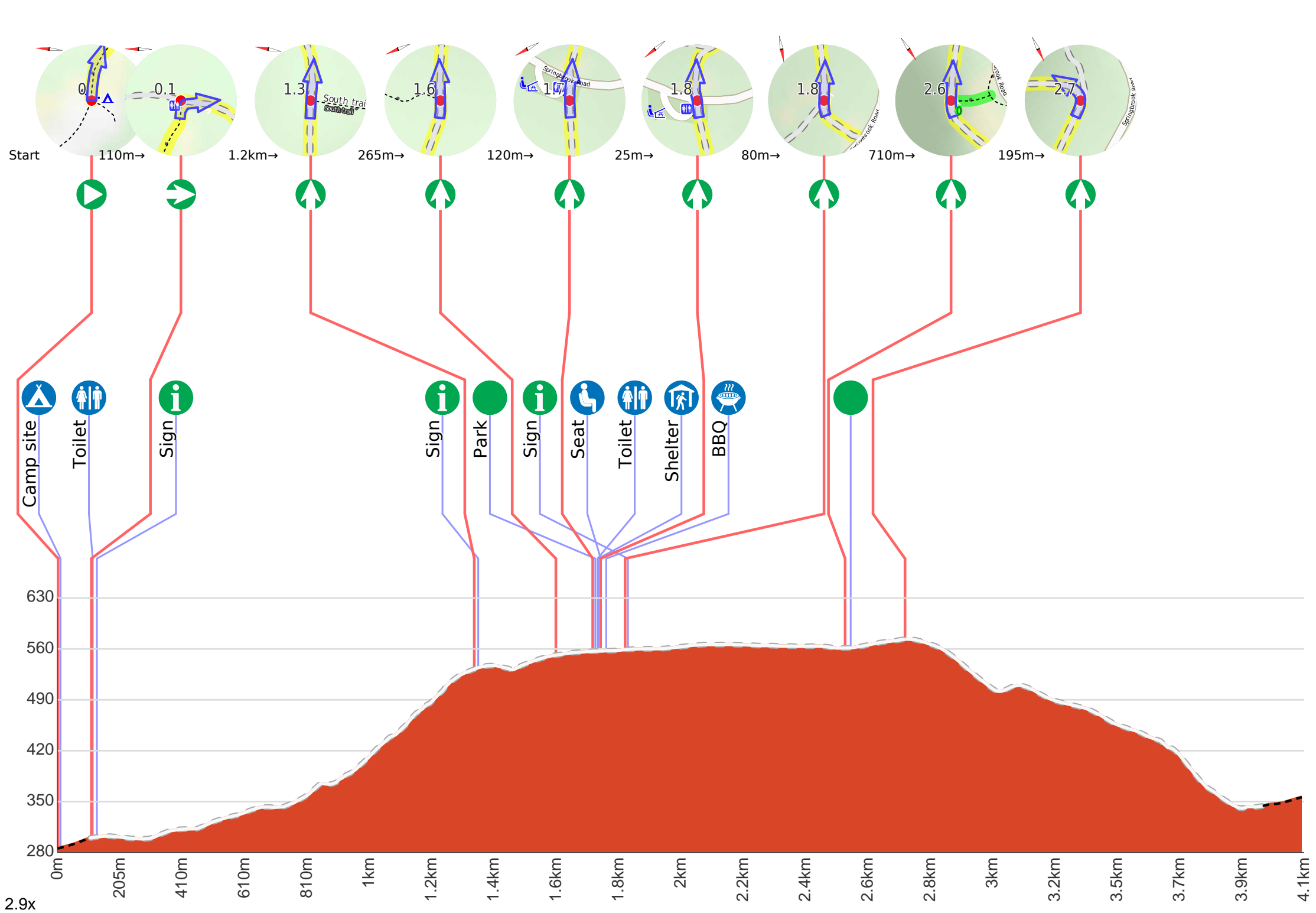
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

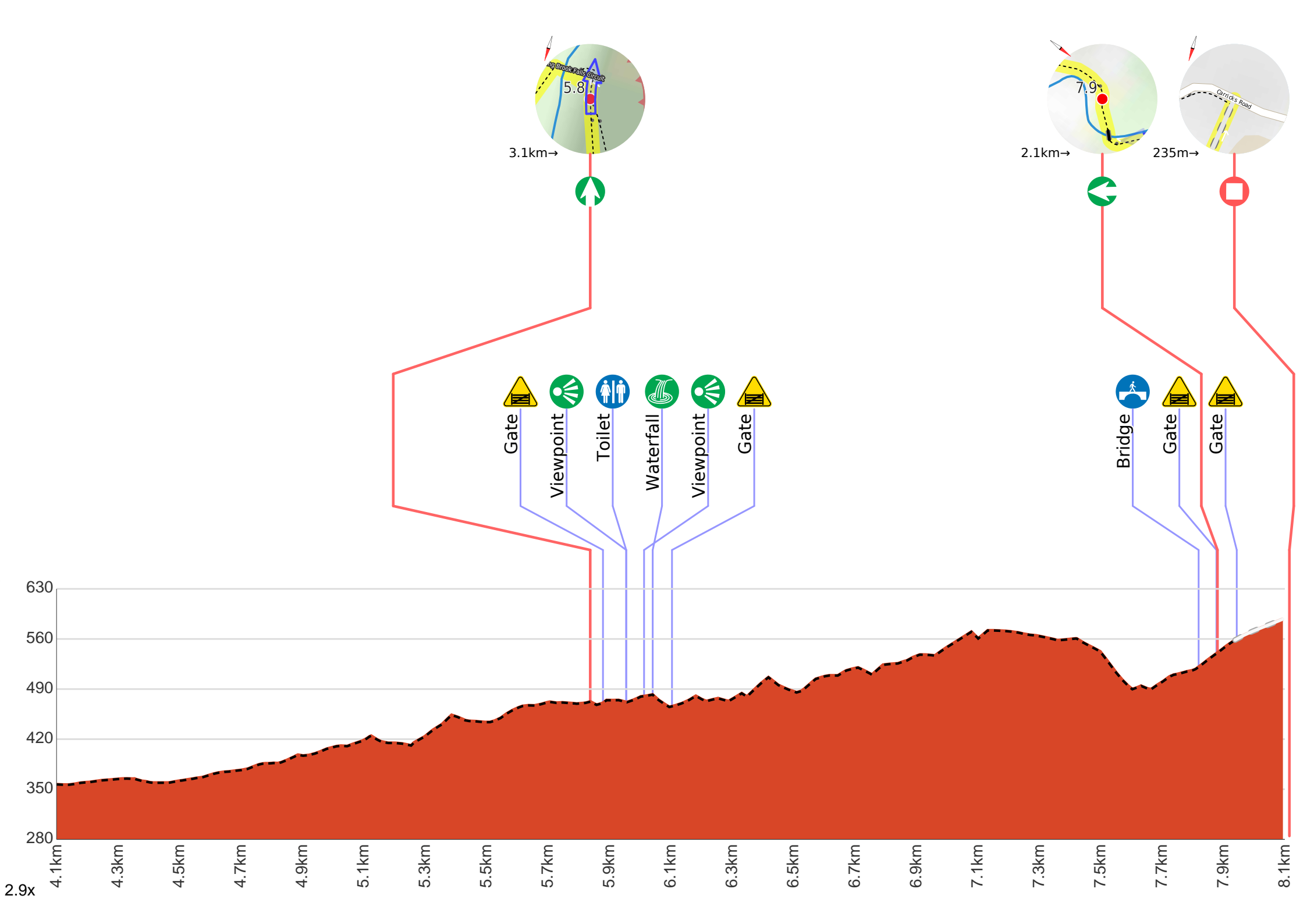
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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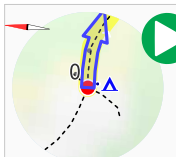
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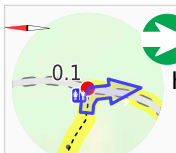
Getting started: From the junction in Woonoongoora walkers' camp (990 metres northwest of Apple Tree Park), head east for about 100 metres until you come to a T intersection, then make a perpendicular right turn to join the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk track. About 1.55 kilometres later, keep right at the 3-way intersection then pass by Apple Tree Park. Cross Springbrook Road and keep right along the same track to continue along Woonoongoora to The Settlement Track.



Start.

After 8m come to the "Woonoongoora Walkers Camp" camp site (10m on your right).

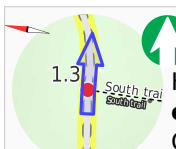
After 105m pass the toilet (10m on your left).



Turn right, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 20m pass the sign (7m on your right).

After another 1.2km pass the sign (6m on your right).



At the intersection of Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk & South trail **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 390m pass the Apple Tree Park (275m on your right).



At the intersection of Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk & North trail **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 235m pass the sign (on your left).



Continue straight, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 25m pass a seat (70m on your left).

Then pass the toilet (15m on your left).

Then pass the shelter (60m on your left).



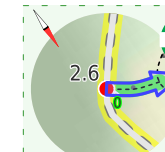
After another 8m (at the intersection of Springbrook Road & Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 20m pass the BBQ (55m on your left).



After another 60m **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to a water tank which has been painted by an anonymous artist. If you fancy it, take a look at the provided website to learn more about the others.



To start this optional side trip turn right..

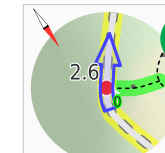
After another 50m come to the gate

To come to Springbrook Water Tank Art - Site 1 Artist unknown.

The end.

Turn around and retrace your steps to the main route.

Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 2.6km waypoint.



After another 710m **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 20m find the Springbrook Water Tank Art - Site 1 (55m on your right). Artist unknown.



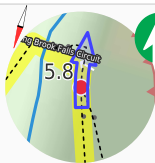
After another 175m **continue straight**, to head along Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

After another 2km find the "Warringa Pool" entity|waterhole (10m on your right). A swimming hole along Little Nerang Creek(West Branch). Then cross the ford.

After another 10m pass the waterfall (on your right).



After another 300m cross the bridge (about 10m long)



After another 710m (at the intersection of Purling Brook Falls Circuit & Warringa Pool Track) **continue straight**, to head along Purling Brook Falls Circuit.



After another 40m head through/around the gate.



After another 75m come to the viewpoint (65m on your right).



Then pass the Toilet (145m on your right).



After another 85m pass the "Purlingbrook Falls" waterfall (6m on your right).



Then come to the "Purling Brook Falls Lookout" viewpoint (8m on your right).



After another 90m head through/around the gate.



After another 1.7km cross the George Haddock Memorial Bridge (about 30m long)



After another 30m head through/around the gate.



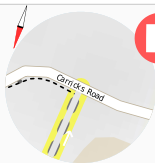
After another 4m (Pathogen hygiene station) **turn left**.



After another 65m head through/around the gate.



After another 175m come to the toilet



The end.