



# Smoky Cape Circuit

(Dunghutti Country)

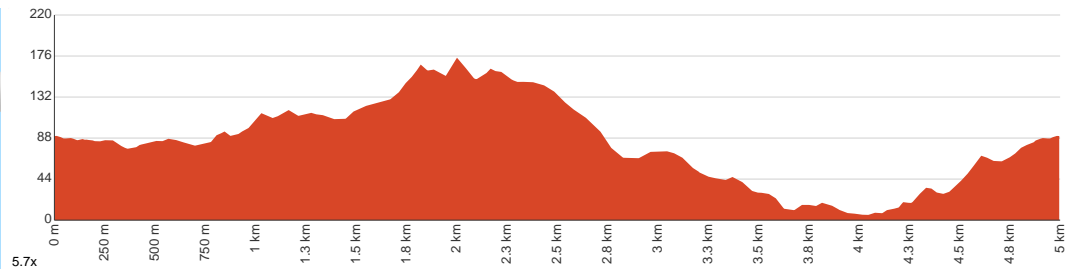
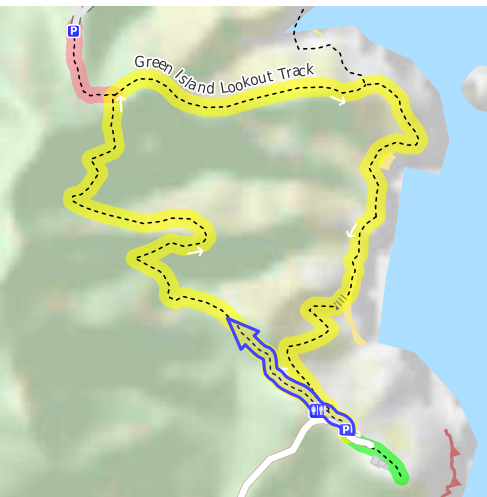
 1 h 45 min to 3 h

  
5 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 273 m  
↓ 273 m

  
Very challenging

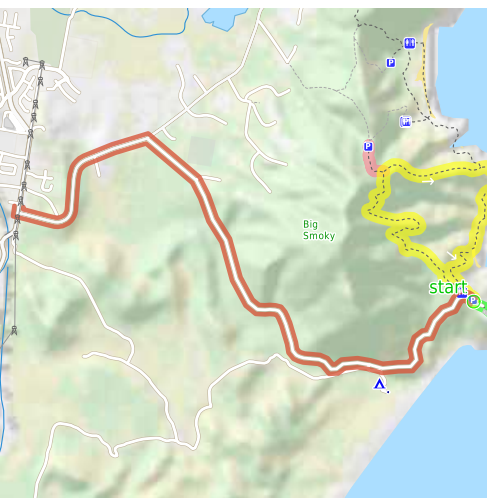
From Captain Cooks Lookout this circuit walk leads through a littoral rainforest and close to the coast in Hat Head National Park. On the way there are opportunities for scenic views and spotting wildflowers and wallabies. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dunghutti people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	No directional signs (5/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Gregory Street, 12, South West Rocks.

- Turn on to Arakoon Road, 12 then drive for 1.6 km
- Turn right onto Lighthouse Road, 12 and drive for another 4.5 km



## Before you start any journey ensure you;

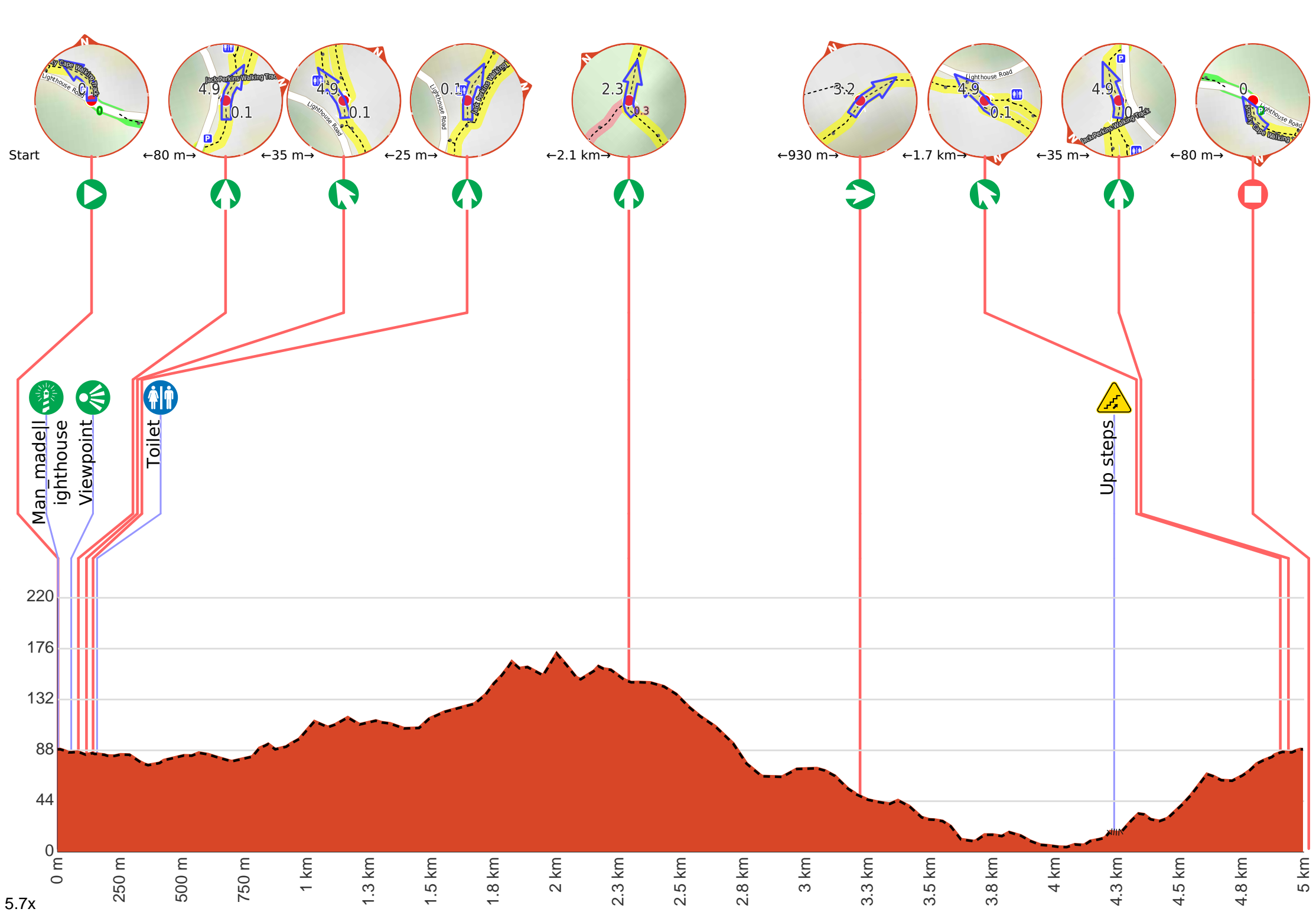
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are 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 end of Lighthouse Rd, Arakoon (just near Captain Cook Lookout), follow the concrete footpath away from the lookout, keeping the road a short distance to your left. Continue straight past the 'Jack Perkins Walking track' (the return route) and walk past the toilet block to continue on the walk.

**Start of an optional side trip:** Sidetrip to Smoky Cape Lighthouse.



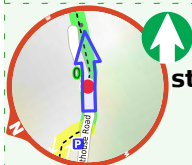
To start this optional side trip turn sharp right here. **Start.**



Find the Captain Cook Lookout at the start.



Find the gate at the start.



After another 10 m **continue straight.**



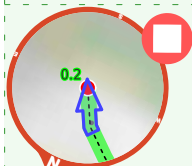
After another 125 m pass the "Smoky Cape Lighthouse" (35 m on your right).



After another 80 m come to "Smoky Cape Lighthouse".



About 15 m past the end is "Smoky Cape".



The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 245 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 0 m waypoint.



Back at the main route veer right and follow on from the 5 km waypoint.



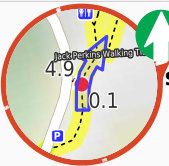
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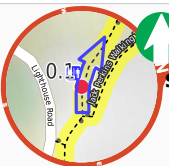
After 55 m come to the "Captain Cook Lookout".



After another 30 m **continue straight.**



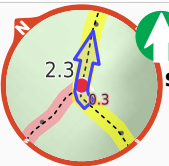
After another 35 m **veer left.**



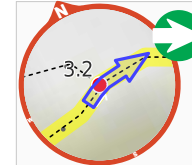
After another 25 m **continue straight.**



After another 15 m pass the toilet (15 m on your left).



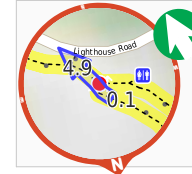
After another 2.1 km **continue straight.**



After another 930 m **turn right.**



After another 1 km head up the surface|wood steps (about 55 m long)

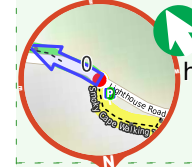


After another 610 m **veer left.**



After another 35 m **continue straight.**

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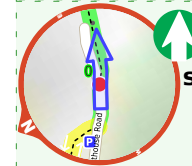
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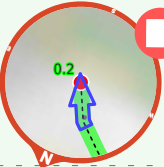
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