



# Popes Glen, Pulpit Rock, Govetts Leap and Braeside Walk

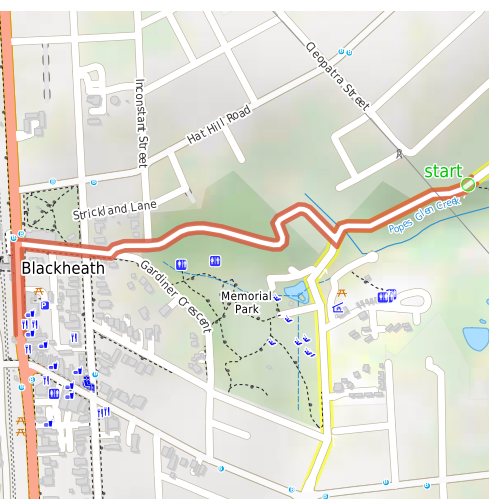
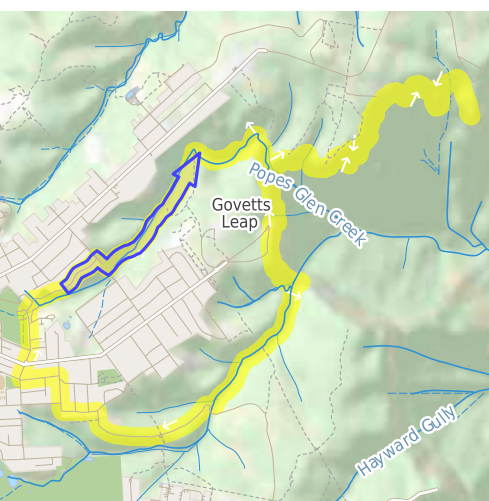
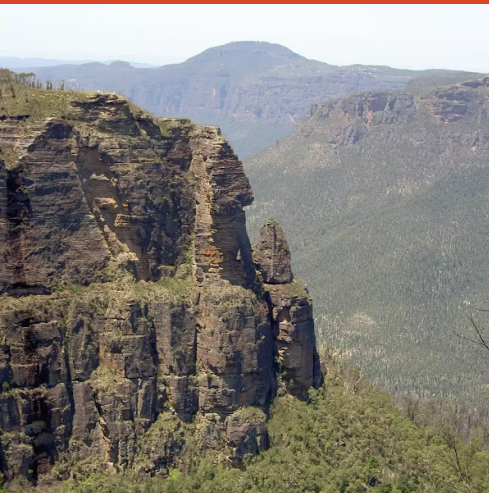
(Dharug & Gundungurra Country)

 7 h 30 min to 10 h

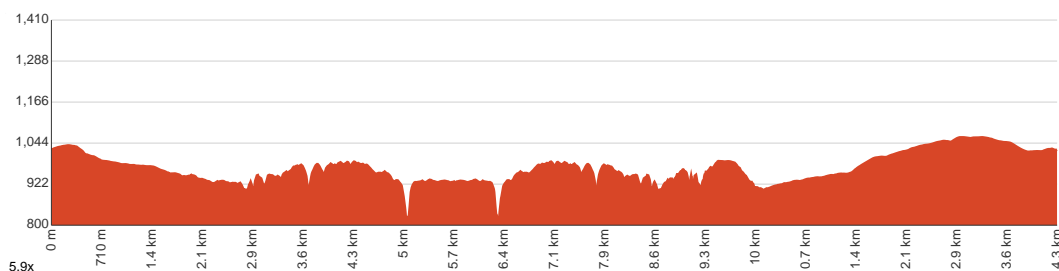
  
14.3 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 1518 m  
↓ 1518 m

  
Hard track



This large circuit walk, from Popes Glen to Pulpit Rock, Govetts leap and along the Braeside Track, passes some of the most magnificent scenery in this part of the Blue Mountains National Park. From little, hidden places, like Boyds Beach, to the stunning Bridle Veil Falls and Govetts Leap Lookout, this track covers many of the areas highlights. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug & Gundungurra 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	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
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	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Great Western Highway, A32

- Turn on to Gardiner Crescent then drive for 180 m
- Turn left onto Wills Street and drive for another 530 m
- Turn sharp left onto Wills Street and drive for another 300 m

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

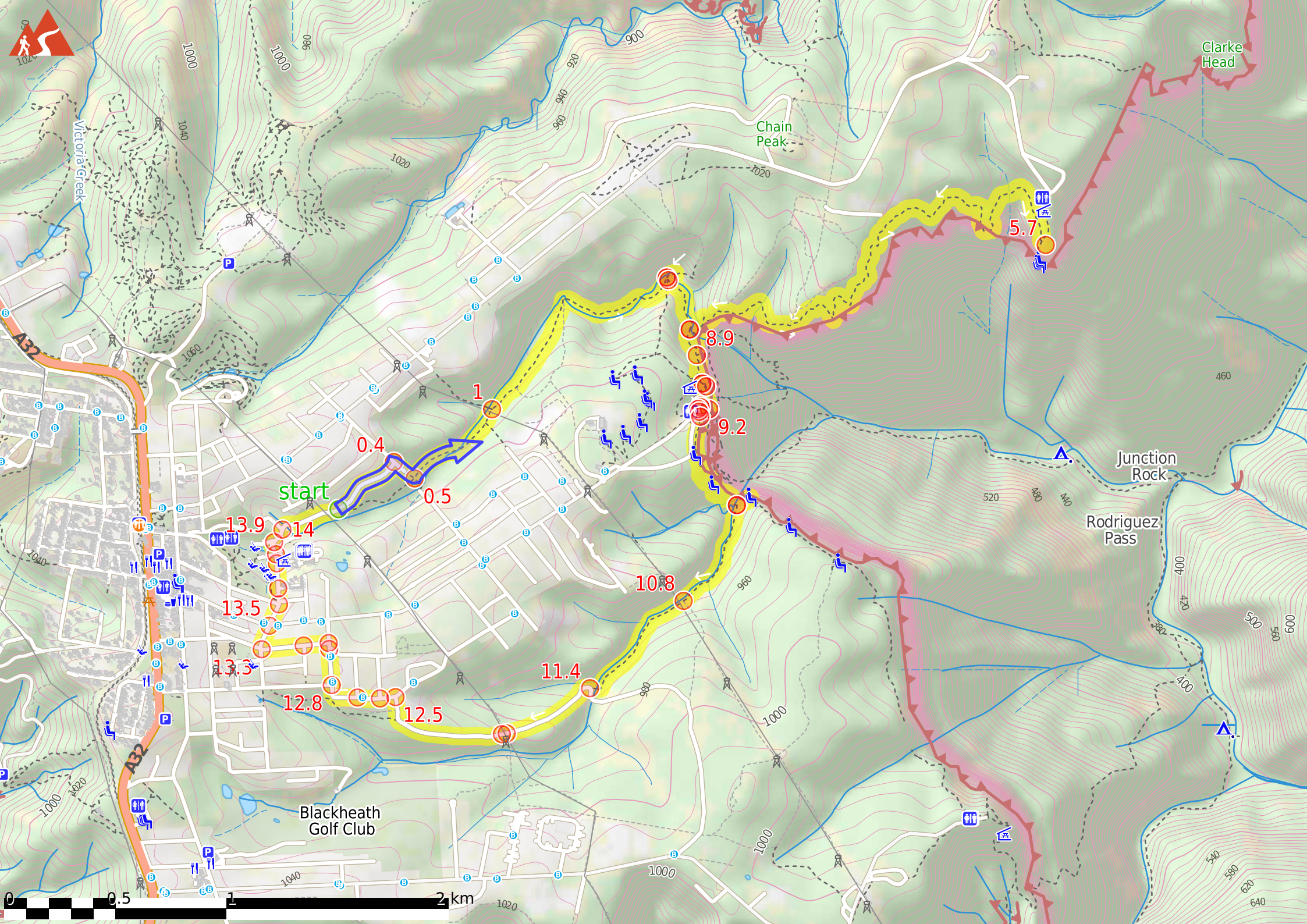
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

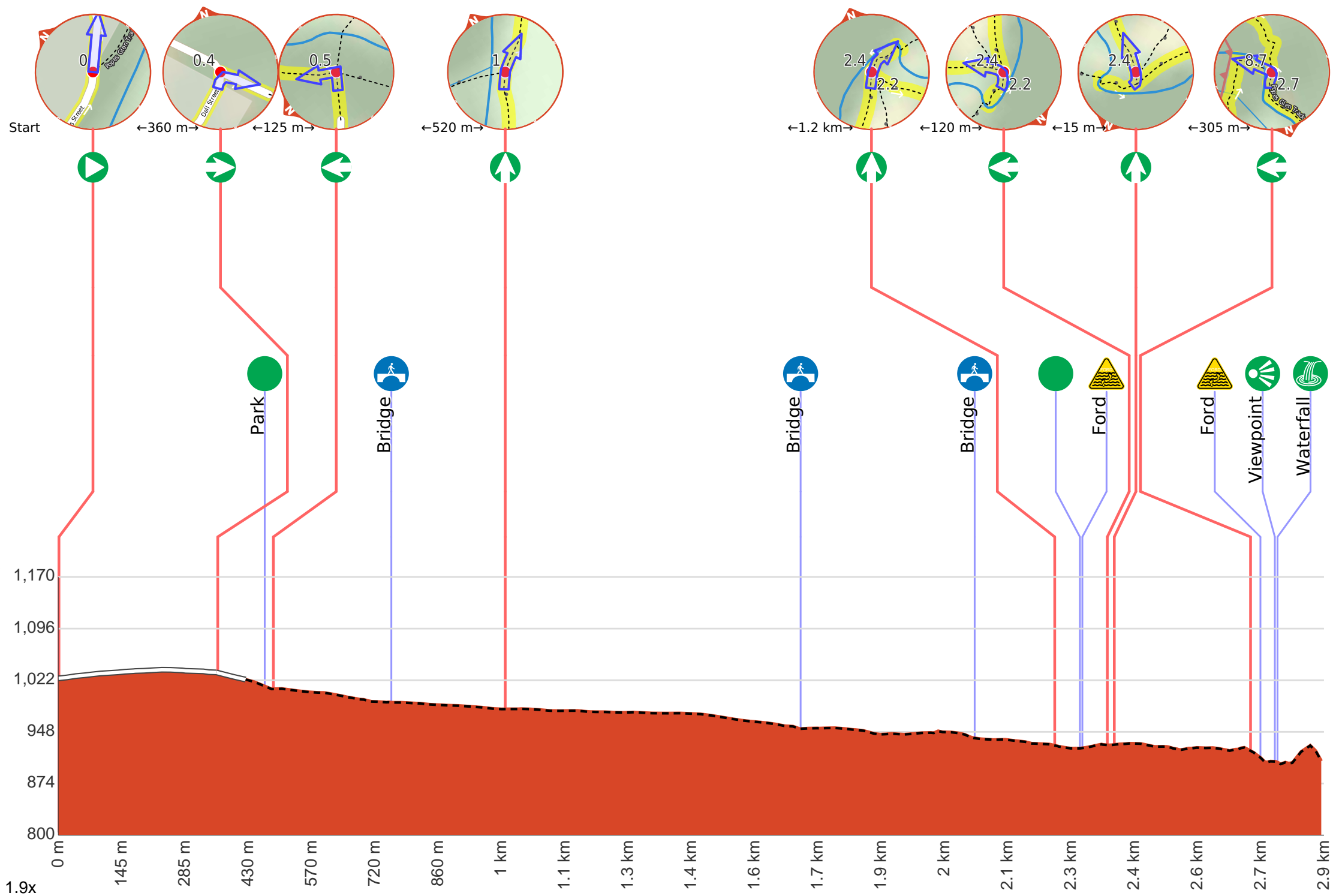
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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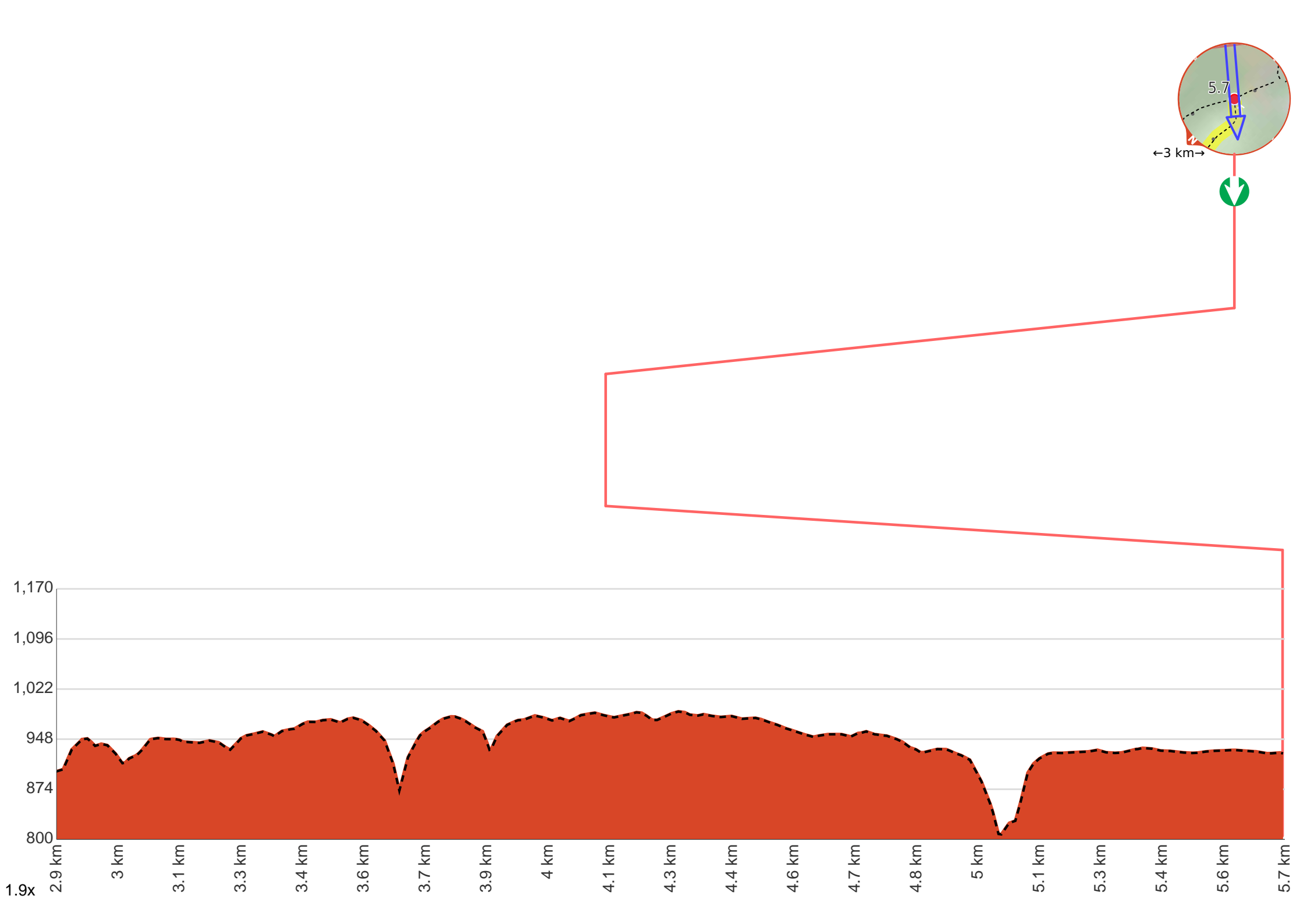


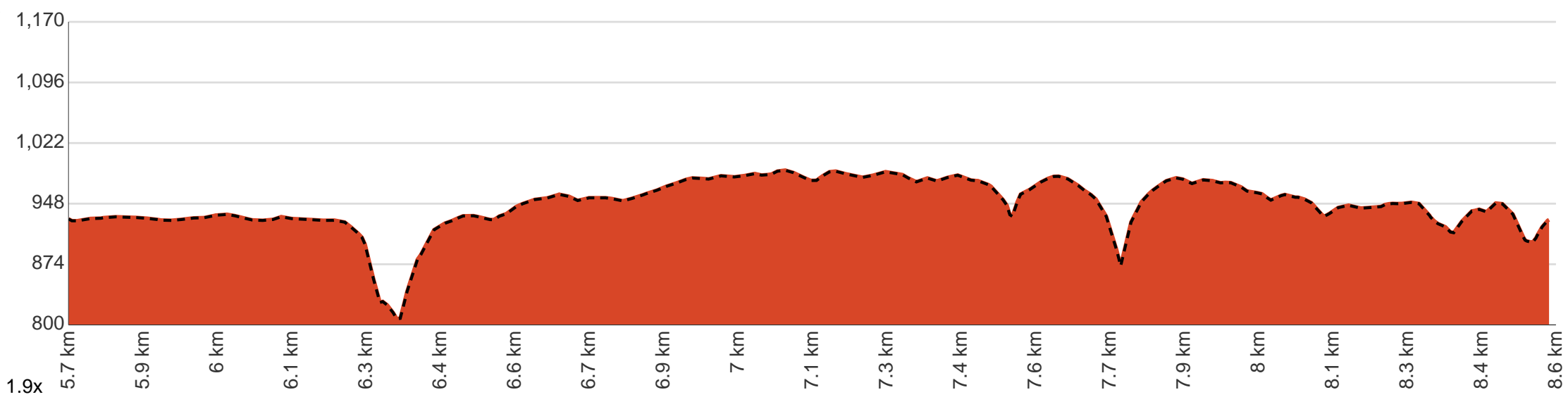


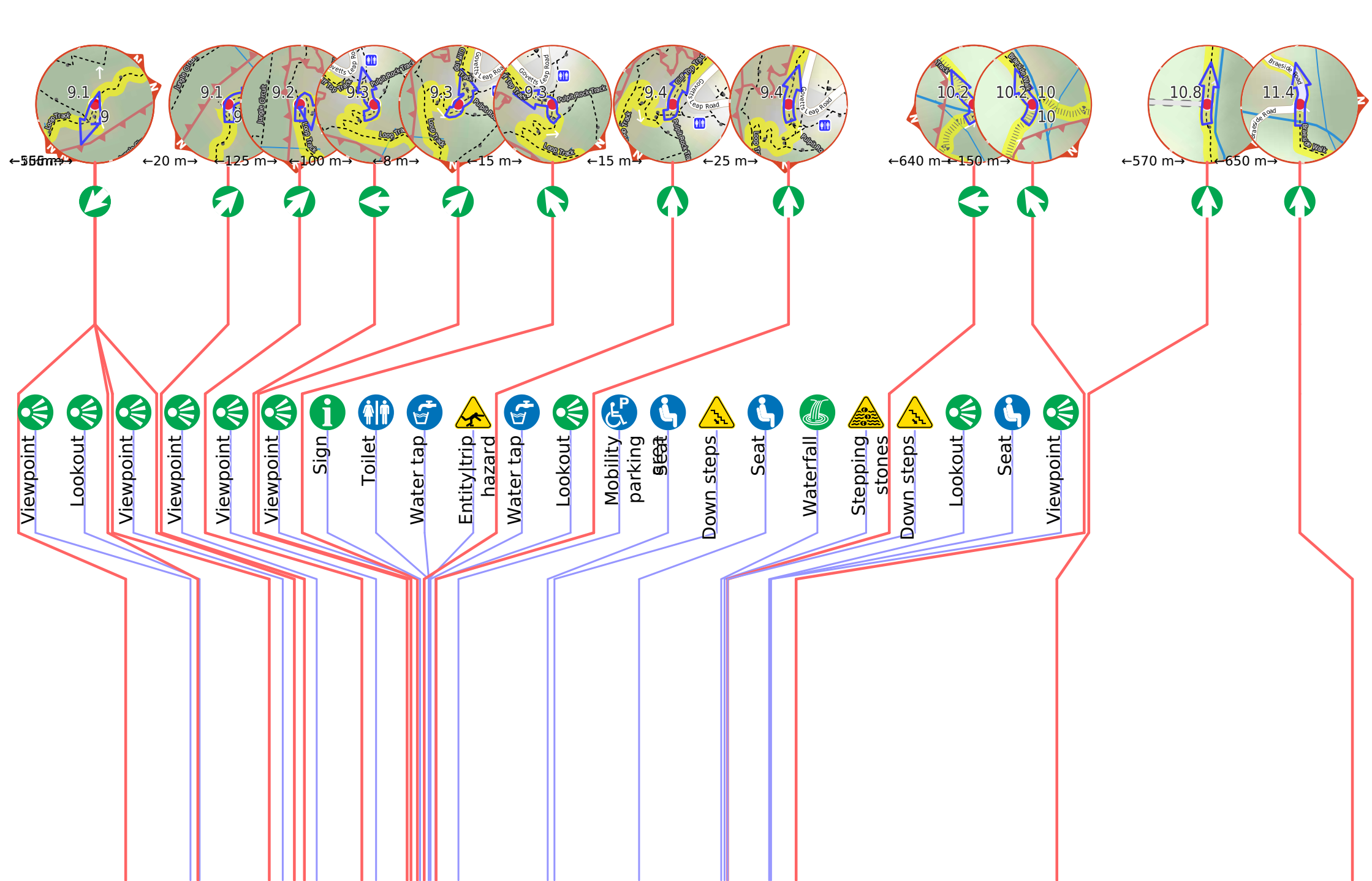




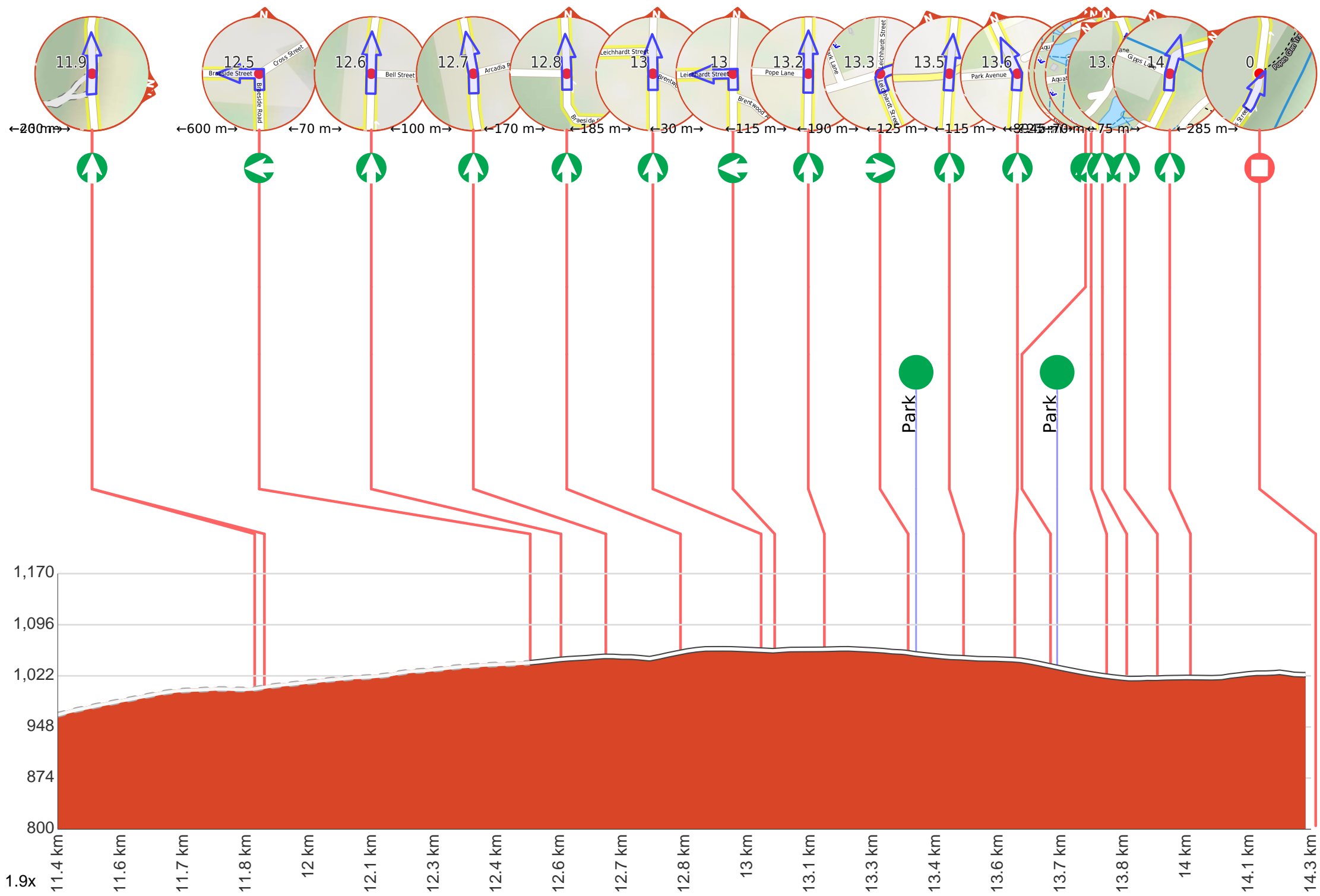








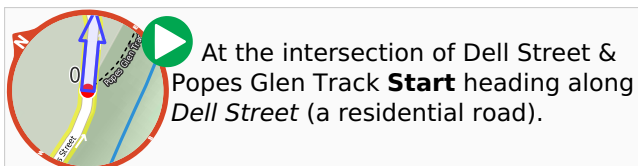
Shape must have at least 2 pairs of points



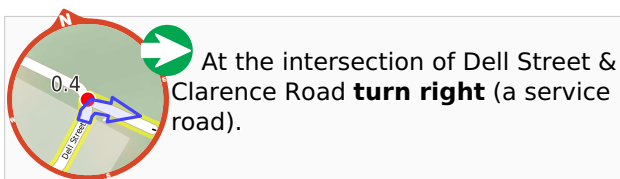
**Getting started:** From the intersection near 49 Dell St, this walk heads down the hill following the old 'Popes Glen' sign. After approximately 350m, this walk passes an intersection (with access tracks to Clarence Rd). A further 200m down the hill, the walk passes a waterfall on the right, then continues down parallel to the creek (on the right). The walk crosses two bridges, then continues to follow the creek (now on the left) to an intersection below power lines.

From the intersection, this walk heads down a slight hill, keeping the creek on the left of the track. After some time, the walk crosses a bridge, then continues beside the creek until crossing a second bridge. The track continues for some time downhill, to a signposted intersection.

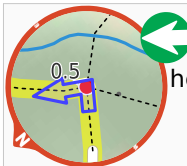
From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill following the 'Boys Beach' sign (under the bush). The walk winds down the rocky steps for approximately 40m to Boyd Beach.



After 460 m pass the "Rolnor Park" (290 m on your right).



At the intersection of Dell Street & Clarence Road **turn right** (a service road).



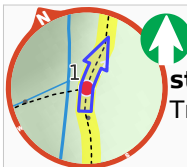
After another 125 m **turn left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 265 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 170 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



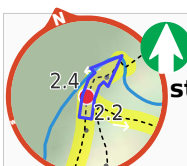
After another 75 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 660 m cross the bridge (about 8 m long)



After another 380 m cross the bridge (about 9 m long)



After another 170 m **continue straight**.



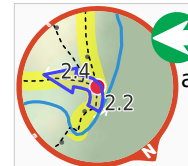
After another 55 m find the "Boyd Beach" (on your left).



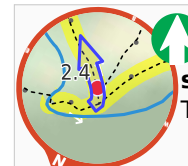
Boyd Beach, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small sandy bank on Popes Glen Creek. The beach is a quiet spot with nice ferns and shade. The beach is a short distance from the Popes Glen track.



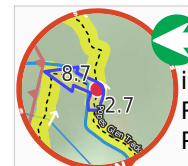
After another 5 m cross the ford.



After another 55 m **turn left**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Popes Glen Track.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **turn left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 20 m cross the ford.



After another 30 m come to the "Bradleys Lookout".



After another 6 m find the "Horseshoe Falls" (20 m on your right).



Horseshoe Falls, Blue Mountains National Park, are sourced by Popes Glen Creek which runs over the cliff into the Grose Valley. The Horseshoe Falls seem to be named after the shape of the valley into which they drop.



After another 310 m come to the "Cripps Lookout" (9 m on your right).

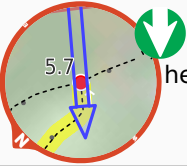




After another 1 km find the "Boyd Lookout" (15 m on your right).



Boyd Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley with a spectacular view over Pulpit Rock to the east. It is an unfenced, informal lookout.



After another 1.6 km **turn around**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 65 m come to the "Pulpit Rock Upper Lookout" (95 m on your right).



Then find the "Pulpit Rock Lookout" (95 m on your right).



Pulpit Rock Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks over the Grose Valley and back towards Blackheath, with Bridal Veil Falls and the Govetts Leap cliff edge in view. The lookout has many levels with the uppermost lookout having the easiest access.



Then pass a seat (110 m on your right).



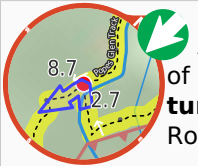
Then come to the viewpoint (110 m on your right).



Then come to the viewpoint (115 m on your right).



Then come to the "Pulpit Rock Lookout" (135 m on your right).



After another 3 km (at the intersection of Popes Glen Track & Pulpit Rock Track) **turn sharp left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 140 m come to the "Rodriguez Lookout".



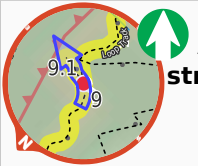
After another 20 m find the "Horseshoe Falls Lookout" (25 m on your left).



Horseshoe Falls Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small fenced lookout. There are views down to Horseshoe Falls and across the Grose Valley.



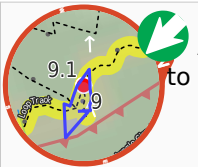
**Continue straight**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



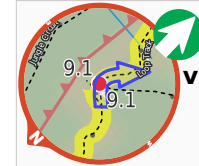
After another 155 m **continue straight**.



After another 30 m come to the "Two Falls Lookout".



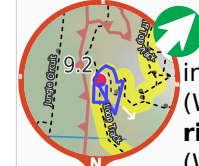
After another 25 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Pulpit Rock Track.



After another 20 m (Laws Lookout) **veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 25 m come to the "Laws Lookout".



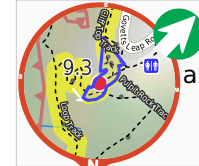
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track) & Loop Track) **veer right**, to head along Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track).



After another 30 m come to the "Breakfast Rock Lookout" (30 m on your left).



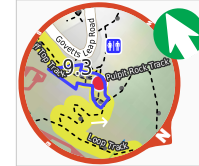
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Pulpit Rock Track & Govetts Leap Track (Williams Track)) **turn left**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 8 m **veer right**, to head along Loop Track.



After another 20 m come to the viewpoint (6 m on your left).



**Veer left.**



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



After another 20 m pass the toilet (40 m on your right).



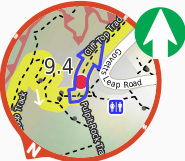
Then pass the water tap (50 m on your right).



Then find the "Trip Hazard" (115 m on your right).



A 5 to 10cm step between carpark and track. Access is between bollards that are 110cm apart.



**Continue straight.**



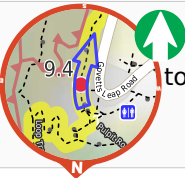
After another 15 m pass the water tap (7 m on your right).



After another 10 m find the "Govetts Leap Lookout" (6 m on your right).



Govetts Leap Lookout is named after the first European man to have enjoyed this view, William Govett, as an assistant surveyor in June 1831. Govetts Leap Lookout offers wonderful views over the Grose Valley and the spectacular Bridal Falls. The word 'leap' is an old Scottish word meaning waterfall. The lookout is easily accessed from the car park, there are also toilets and picnic shelters nearby.



After another 1 m **continue straight**, to head along Cliff Top Track.



After another 50 m find the "Parking Accessible" (120 m on your right).



There are two signposted parking places at the lower end of the sealed Fairfax track. Specific parking bays are not marked with lines. The carpark has a loose gravel surfaces with some eroded sections.



After another 195 m pass a seat (5 m on your right).



After another 15 m head down the earthen steps (about 370 m long)



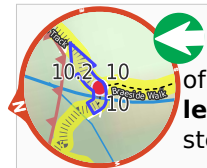
Then pass a seat (5 m on your right), has no backrest.



After another 180 m pass the "Bridal Veil Falls" (30 m on your left).



After another 7 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 7 m (at the intersection of Braeside Walk & Cliff Top Track) **turn left**, to head along Cliff Top Track (a steps).



Then head down the earthen steps (about 150 m long)



Then find the "Barrow Lookout" (5 m on your right).



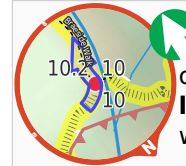
Barrow Lookout, Blue Mountains National Park, looks down to Govetts Leap falls and across the Grose Valley. The lookout is fenced and has a bench seat to rest.



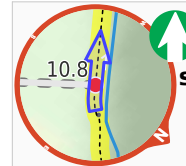
Then pass a seat (5 m on your right), has a backrest.



Then come to the "Barrow Lookout" (10 m on your right).



After another 55 m (at the intersection of Cliff Top Track & Braeside Walk) **veer left**, to head along Braeside Walk (a walking track).



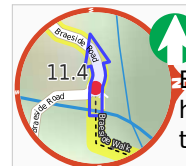
After another 570 m **continue straight**, to head along Braeside Walk.



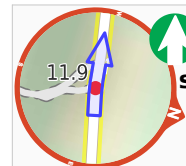
After another 690 m find the "Braeside Picnic Area" (10 m on your left).



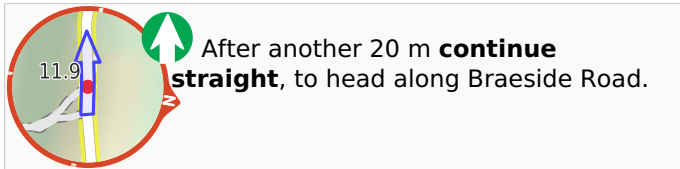
Braeside Picnic Area, Blue Mountains National Park, is a small picnic area on the southern end of the Braeside walking track. The picnic area has a bench table and stone barbeque. The picnic area is situated next to a small weir and waterfall amongst the ferns.



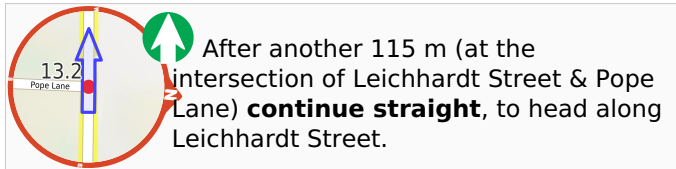
At the intersection of Braeside Road & Braeside Walk **continue straight**, to head along Braeside Road (a vehicle track).



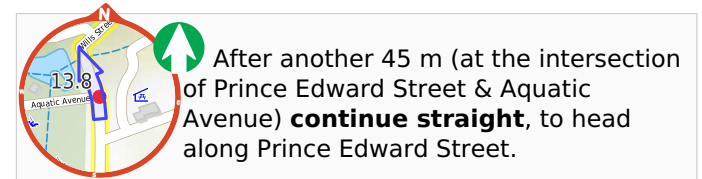
After another 460 m **continue straight**.



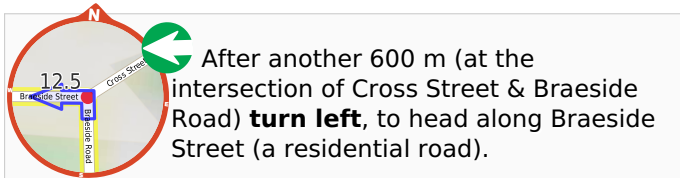
After another 20 m **continue straight**, to head along Braeside Road.



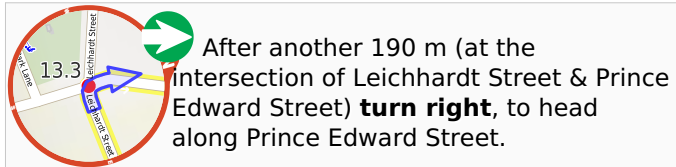
After another 115 m (at the intersection of Leichhardt Street & Pope Lane) **continue straight**, to head along Leichhardt Street.



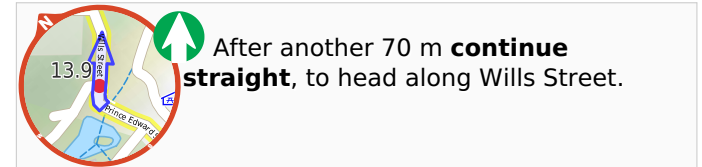
After another 45 m (at the intersection of Prince Edward Street & Aquatic Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Prince Edward Street.



After another 600 m (at the intersection of Cross Street & Braeside Road) **turn left**, to head along Braeside Street (a residential road).



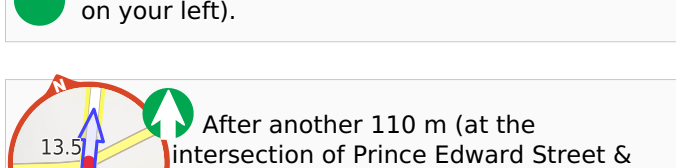
After another 190 m (at the intersection of Leichhardt Street & Prince Edward Street) **turn right**, to head along Prince Edward Street.



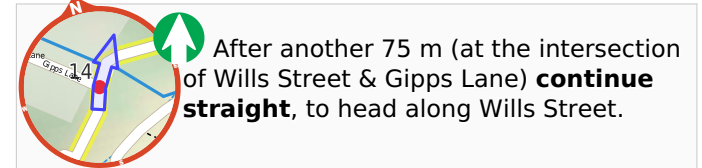
After another 70 m **continue straight**, to head along Wills Street.



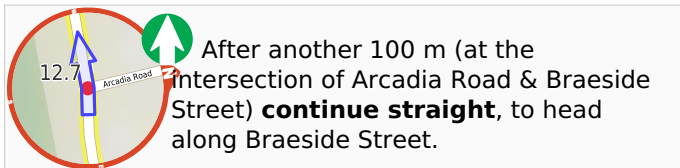
After another 70 m (at the intersection of Bell Street & Braeside Street) **continue straight**, to head along Braeside Street.



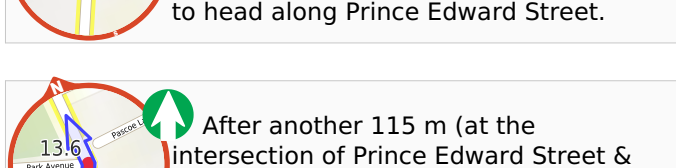
After another 110 m (at the intersection of Prince Edward Street & Govetts Leap Road) **continue straight**, to head along Prince Edward Street.



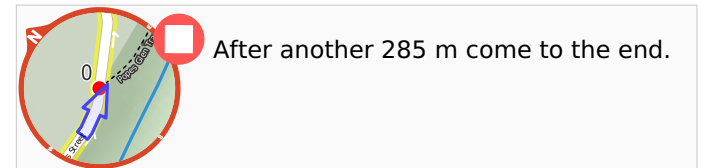
After another 75 m (at the intersection of Wills Street & Gipps Lane) **continue straight**, to head along Wills Street.



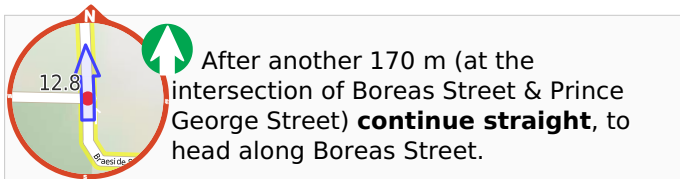
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Arcadia Road & Braeside Street) **continue straight**, to head along Braeside Street.



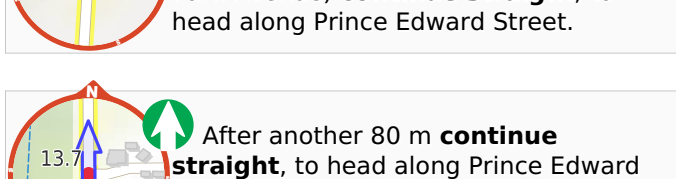
After another 115 m (at the intersection of Prince Edward Street & Park Avenue) **continue straight**, to head along Prince Edward Street.



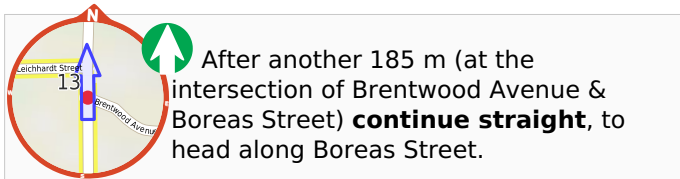
After another 285 m come to the end.



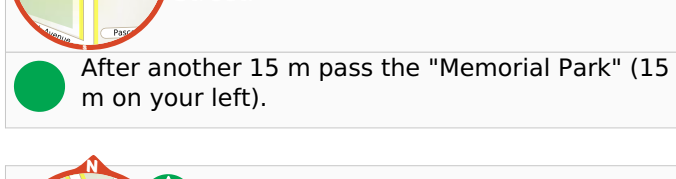
After another 170 m (at the intersection of Boreas Street & Prince George Street) **continue straight**, to head along Boreas Street.



After another 80 m **continue straight**, to head along Prince Edward Street.



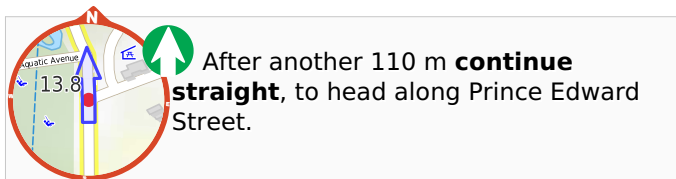
After another 185 m (at the intersection of Brentwood Avenue & Boreas Street) **continue straight**, to head along Boreas Street.



After another 15 m pass the "Memorial Park" (15 m on your left).



After another 30 m (at the intersection of Boreas Street & Leichhardt Street) **turn left**, to head along Leichhardt Street.



After another 110 m **continue straight**, to head along Prince Edward Street.