



Wyrrabalong Coast Walk Circuit

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)

 3 h 15 min to 3 h 30 min

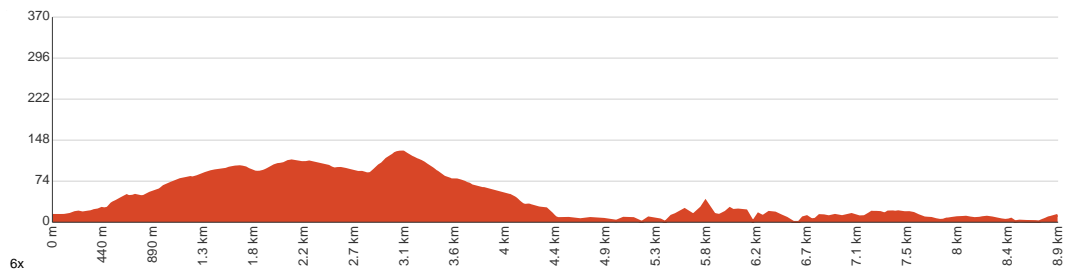

8.9 km
Circuit


↑ 317 m
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Very challenging



A fairly tough but fantastic walk in the southern section of Wyrrabalong National Park. This walk runs through a long, thin strip of beautiful coastal forest, with fantastic views of the coastline from many vantage points along the way, and returns via the boulder-strewn shoreline and beaches. There is a lot of rock-hopping along the shoreline section and it is very exposed to the ocean, so it is fairly tough going and should not be attempted at high tide or with heavy seas. The variety of scenery through the various stages of the walk is excellent. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai 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	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Central Coast Highway, A49 then drive for 7.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Dane Drive, A49 and drive for another 6.5 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 3.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 710 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 1.6 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 100 m
- Continue onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 870 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 2 km
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 540 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto The Entrance Road, A49 and drive for another 340 m
- Turn right onto Bateau Bay Road and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Harbour Street and drive for another 170 m
- Turn left onto Reserve Drive and drive for another 60 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

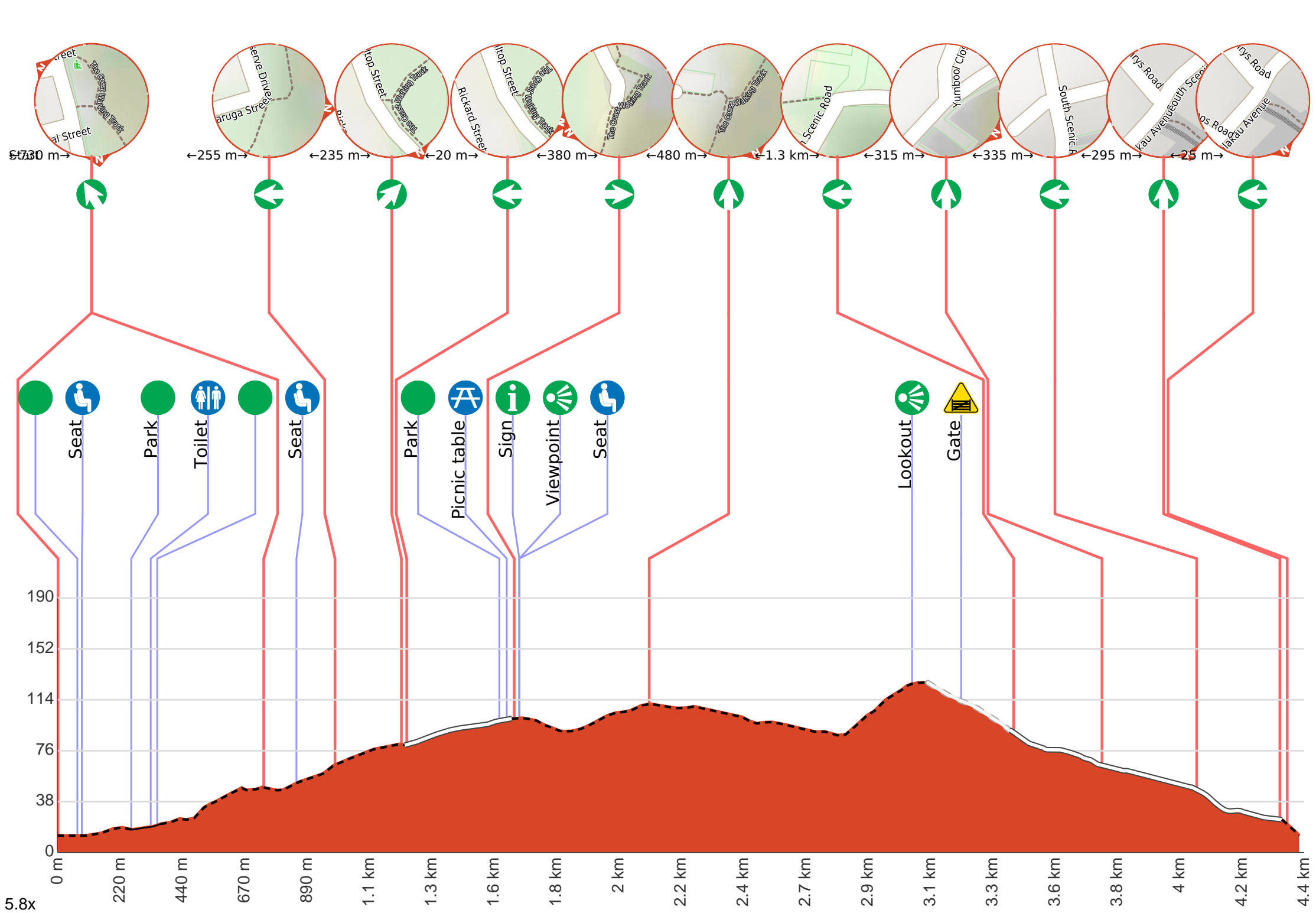
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

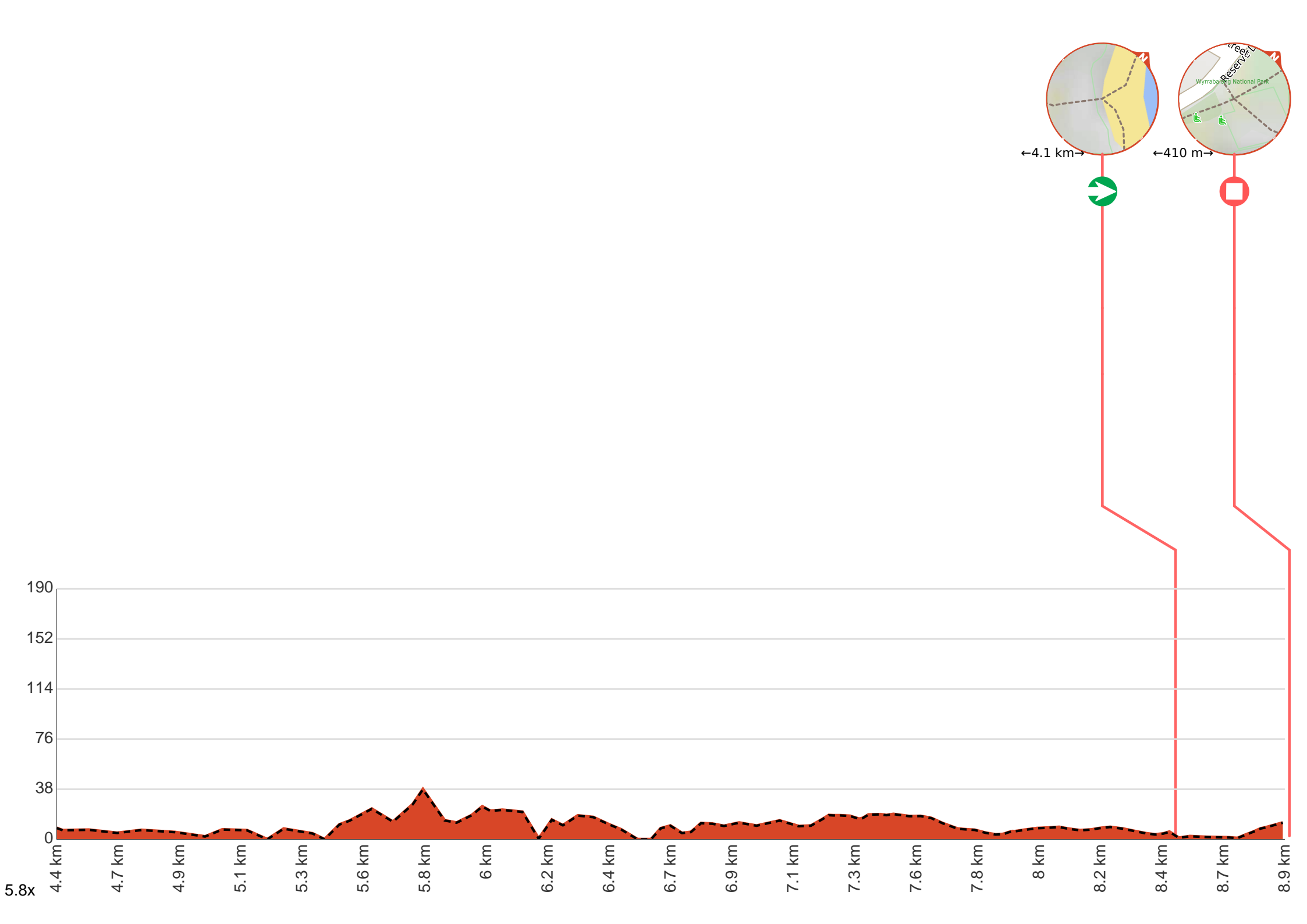
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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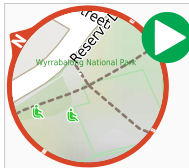






Getting started: Starting from the track intersection beside the beach access steps, this walk follows the faint track a very short distance across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk soon arrives at some seats and an open viewing area, to the left, with stunning views across the water.

From the viewpoint, this walk goes south across the picnic area, keeping Reserve Dr to the right. The walk passes a fenced viewing area just before reaching an intersection at the end of the picnic area, with a concrete beach-access track to the left.



Start.



After another 1 m **turn around**.



After 65 m find the "Bateau Bay Beach picnic area and lookout" (on your left).



This unnamed picnic area and lookout is within Wyrabalong National Park, at the intersection of Reserve Dr and Harbour St, Bateau Bay. The picnic area overlooks Bateau Bay and the beach. There are large grass areas, plenty of shade and facilities including picnic tables, garbage bins, and beach access steps. There are beautiful views along the coast and out to sea from the picnic area. There are free electric BBQs at Sutton Reserve, a block further south along Reserve Drive. Takeaway food is available at a small shopping centre near the intersection of Harbour St and Bateau Bay Rd, one block from the picnic area.



After another 15 m pass a seat (10 m on your left).



After another 175 m head into the park.



After another 70 m pass the toilet (20 m on your right).



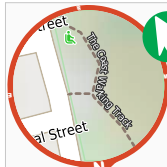
After another 25 m find the "Southern Bateau Bay beach picnic area" (9 m on your right).



This picnic area, near the intersection of Reserve Dr and Rushby St, Bateau Bay, overlooks the southern end of Bateau Bay and the beach. The facilities include toilets, picnic tables, garbage bins and some slides for the kids. There are great views along the coast and out to sea. There is plenty of shade.



After another 4 m **continue straight**.



After another 370 m (from the The Coast Track) **veer left**, to head along The Coast Track.



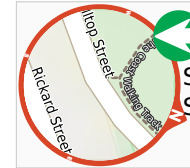
After another 115 m pass a seat (6 m on your left).



After another 135 m (from the The Coast Track) **turn left**, to head along The Coast Track.



After another 235 m (from the The Coast Track) **veer right**.



After another 20 m (from the Hilltop Street) **turn left**, to head along Hilltop Street (a residential road).



After another 330 m pass the park (6 m on your left).



After another 25 m pass the picnic table (25 m on your left).



After another 25 m (at the intersection of Coast Track & Hilltop Street) **turn right**, to head along Coast Track (a walking track).



After another 20 m pass the sign (15 m on your left).



Then come to the "Crackneck Lookout" (40 m on your left).



Then pass a seat (25 m on your left).



After another 460 m (from the Coast Track) **continue straight**, to head along Coast Track.



After another 930 m find the "Wyrabalong Lookout and Cromarty Hill" (on your left).



This lookout and picnic area is on Cromarty Hill, near the end of Cromarty Hill Rd, Forresters Beach. There are picnic tables and fantastic views from the lookout point, as well as the concrete roof platform beside the large communications tower. There is a hang gliding launch spot beside the lookout.



After another 175 m head through/around the gate.



After another 185 m (at the intersection of Cromarty Hill Road & North Scenic Road) **turn left**, to head along North Scenic Road (a residential road).



After another 315 m (at the intersection of Yumbool Close & North Scenic Road) **continue straight**, to head along North Scenic Road.



After another 335 m (at the intersection of Forresters Beach Road & North Scenic Road) **turn left**, to head along South Scenic Road.



After another 295 m (at the intersection of Henrys Road & South Scenic Road) **continue straight**, to head along South Scenic Road.



After another 25 m (from the South Scenic Road) **turn left** (a walking track).



After another 130 m find the "Forresters Beach" (20 m on your right).



Forresters Beach is the name of a township and beach on the Central Coast of NSW. There are public toilets and a beach access path near the intersection of Crystal St and Kalakau Ave, and a beach access path near the bottom of Henrys Rd.



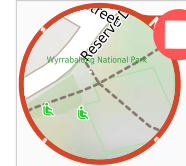
After another 2.8 km find the "Crackneck Beach" (on your right).



This unnamed beach is below Crackneck Lookout and can be reached with some difficulty by walking along the very rocky shoreline from Forresters Beach, to the south, or from Bateau Bay beach, to the north. The beach is covered in rounded rocks about the size of a fist.



After another 1.2 km **turn right**.



After another 410 m come to the end.