



# Ronny Creek to Waterfall Valley

(Palawa Country)

 4 h to 6 h

  
10.8 km  
One way segment

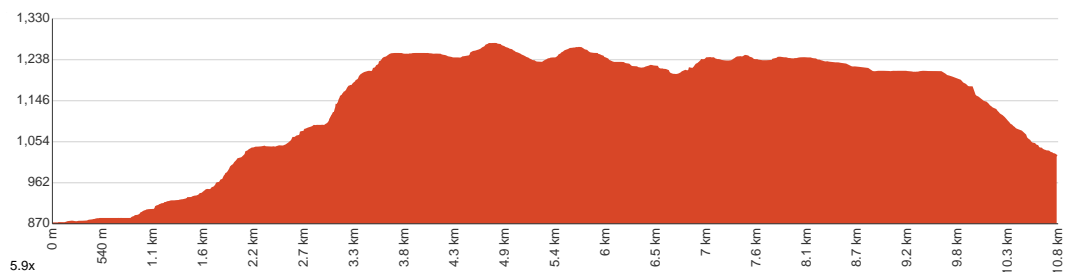
  
↑ 535 m  
↓ 383 m

  
Very challenging



The Overland Track starts by guiding you through some amazingly diverse and spectacular landscapes. You start from the bus stop and car park at Ronny Creek, then wander for a few hundred meters through the buttongrass plains beside Ronny Creek. After this the uphill starts, it is very steep in places, take your time and enjoy the views. You will pass Crater Falls in a lovely rainforest before emerging at the mouth of the glacier-carved Crater Lake. The climbing continues up from here, with chains to assist one short rocky scramble up to Marion's Lookout and the amazing views over Dove Lake. Continue along the Overland Track to Kitchen Hut (a great lunch spot) where there is the potential side trip to Cradle Mountain. The Overland Track then continues 'behind' Cradle Mountain before wandering down the lovely Waterfall Valley. Before heading down to Waterfall valley is the option challenging side trip to Barn Bluff. One of the more challenging days on track with a stunning environment, start early and take your time to soak it all up. Let us begin by acknowledging the Palawa people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

This is part of longer journey and can not be completed on it is own.  
Full journey: [The Overland Track](#)



Class 5 of 6 Rough unclear track	
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6)

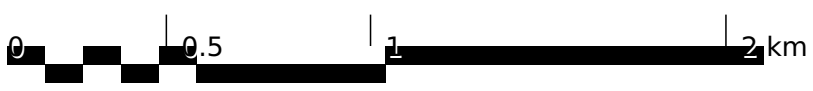
**Getting to the start:** From Cradle Mountain Road, C132, Pencil Pine.

- Turn on to then drive for 5 m

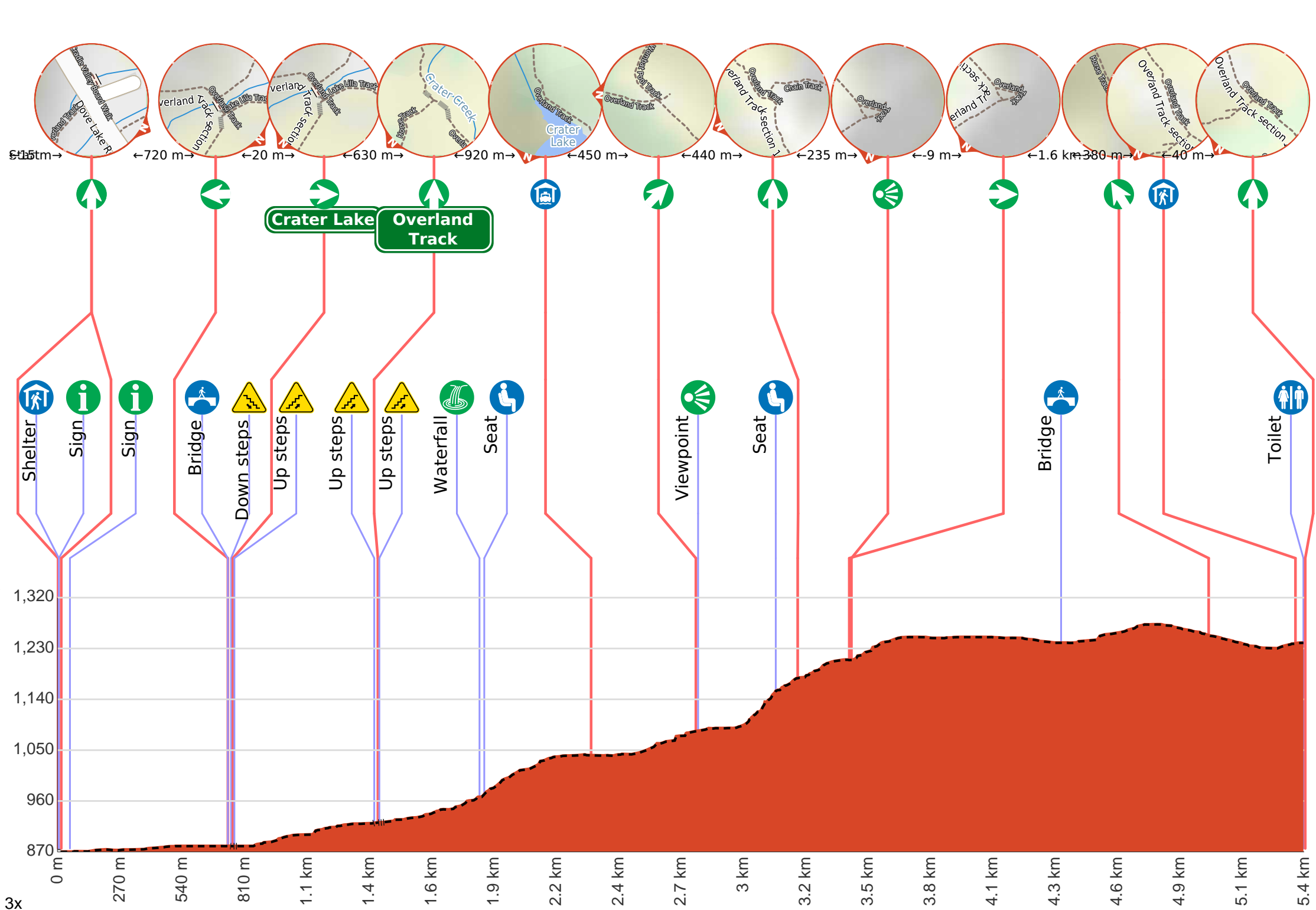
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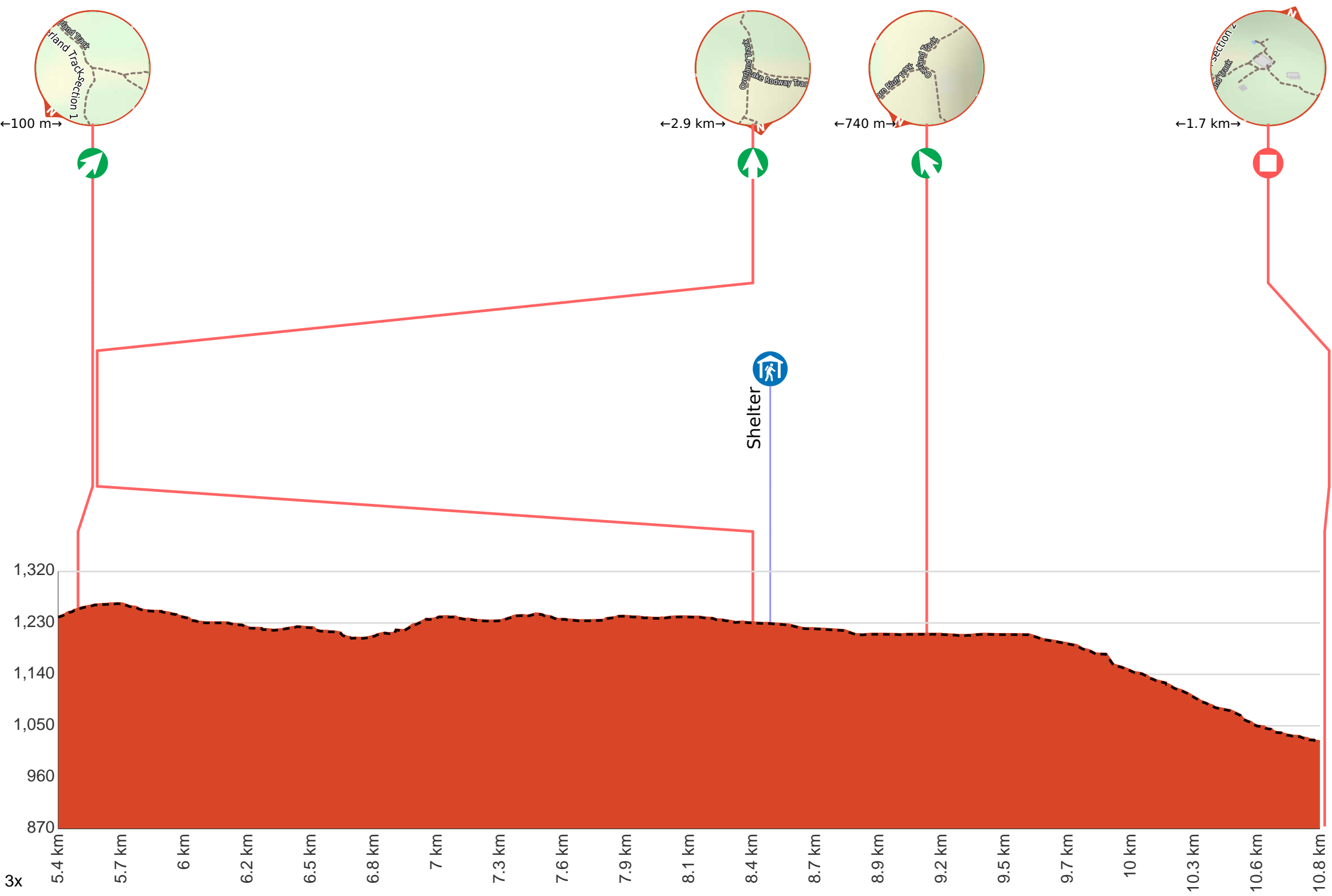















**Getting started:** From the Visitor Center at Cradle Mountain catch the shuttle bus towards Dove Lake, but get off about halfway at "Ronny Creek". There is a small car park and small shelter at Ronny Creek, fill out the logbook, then cross the road to follow the timber boardwalk past the well signposted formal start of the Overland Track.




From the Cradle Valley Board Walk **Start** (a service road).




Find the Ronny Creek Registration Booth at the start.



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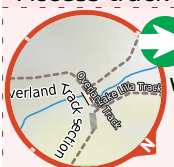


After another 10 m (at the intersection of Overland Track & Dove Lake Road) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track (a walking track).



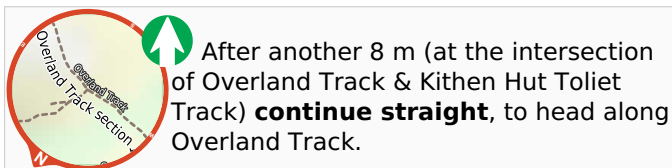
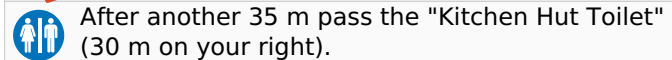
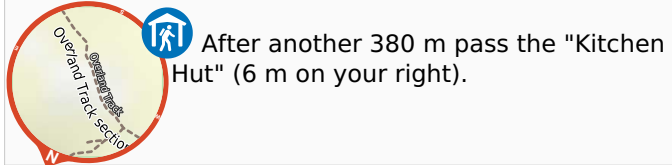
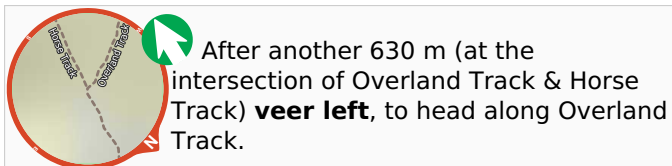
After another 40 m pass the "Overland Track" (4 m on your left).

**Start of an alternate access route:** The alternate Access track to Waldheim Cabins on Connells Ave

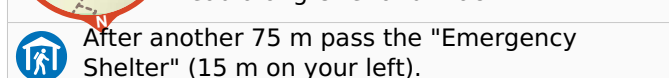
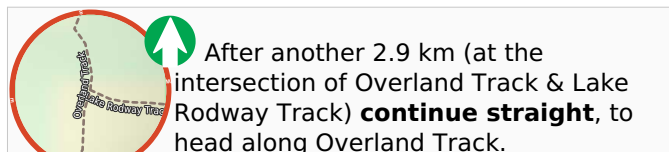
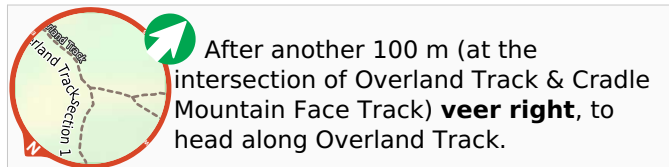
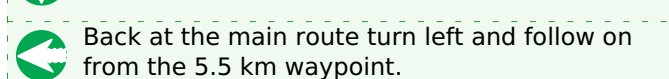
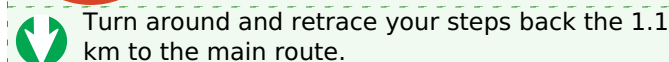
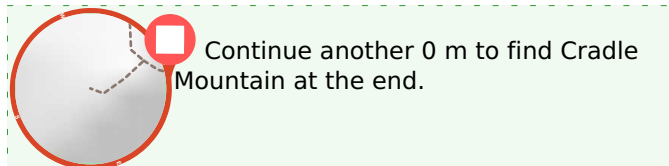
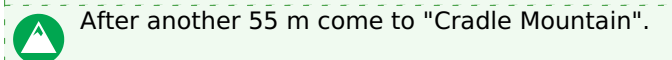
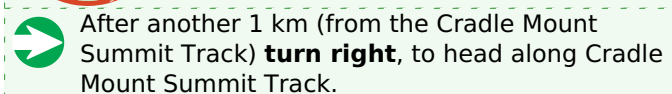
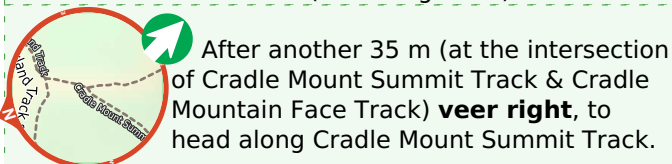
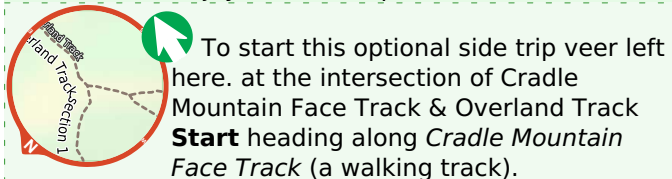


From the Overland Track **Start** (a walking track).





**Start of an optional side trip:** An optional side trip to climb the famous Cradle Mountain. Very steep and slippery so not recommended in wet or icy conditions. There is some rock scrambling near the summit that requires extra care. Requires between 2-3 hours to enjoy this side trip.



**Start of an optional side trip: Barn Bluff side trip.** This is for very experienced walkers comfortable with rock scrambles, exposed heights and faint tracks. Leave 3-4hrs to complete this sidetrip.

