



Cherrybrook to Refuge Rock

1 h 30 min to 1 h 45 min

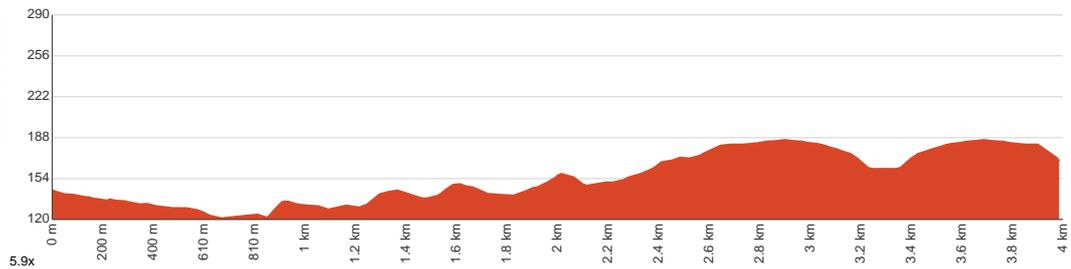
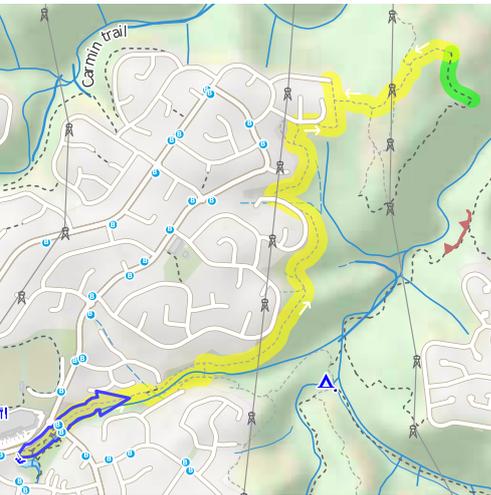
4 km
One way

↑ 128 m
↓ 104 m

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Moderate track



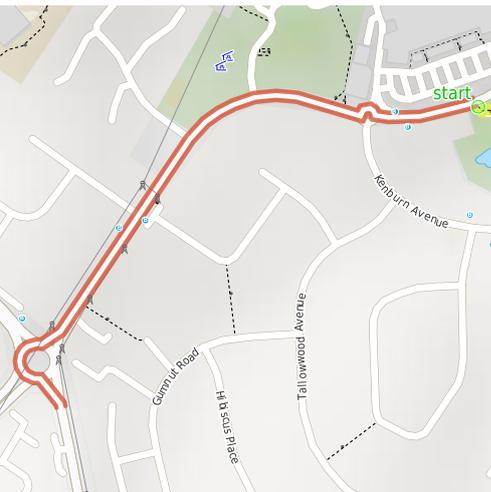
A nice walk around the fringes of Cherrybrook plus the interesting and atmospheric Refuge Rock. The optional sidetrip to the natural rock arch adds some beautiful scenery to the walk. The walk passes through an interesting mixture of moist creek side scenery and drier forest before reaching Refuge Rock with its nice views. The extensive rock platforms at Refuge Rock are interesting to explore, or a nice place just to relax. 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 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
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: From New Line Road

- Turn on to Shepherds Drive then drive for 600 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Shepherds Drive and drive for another 150 m



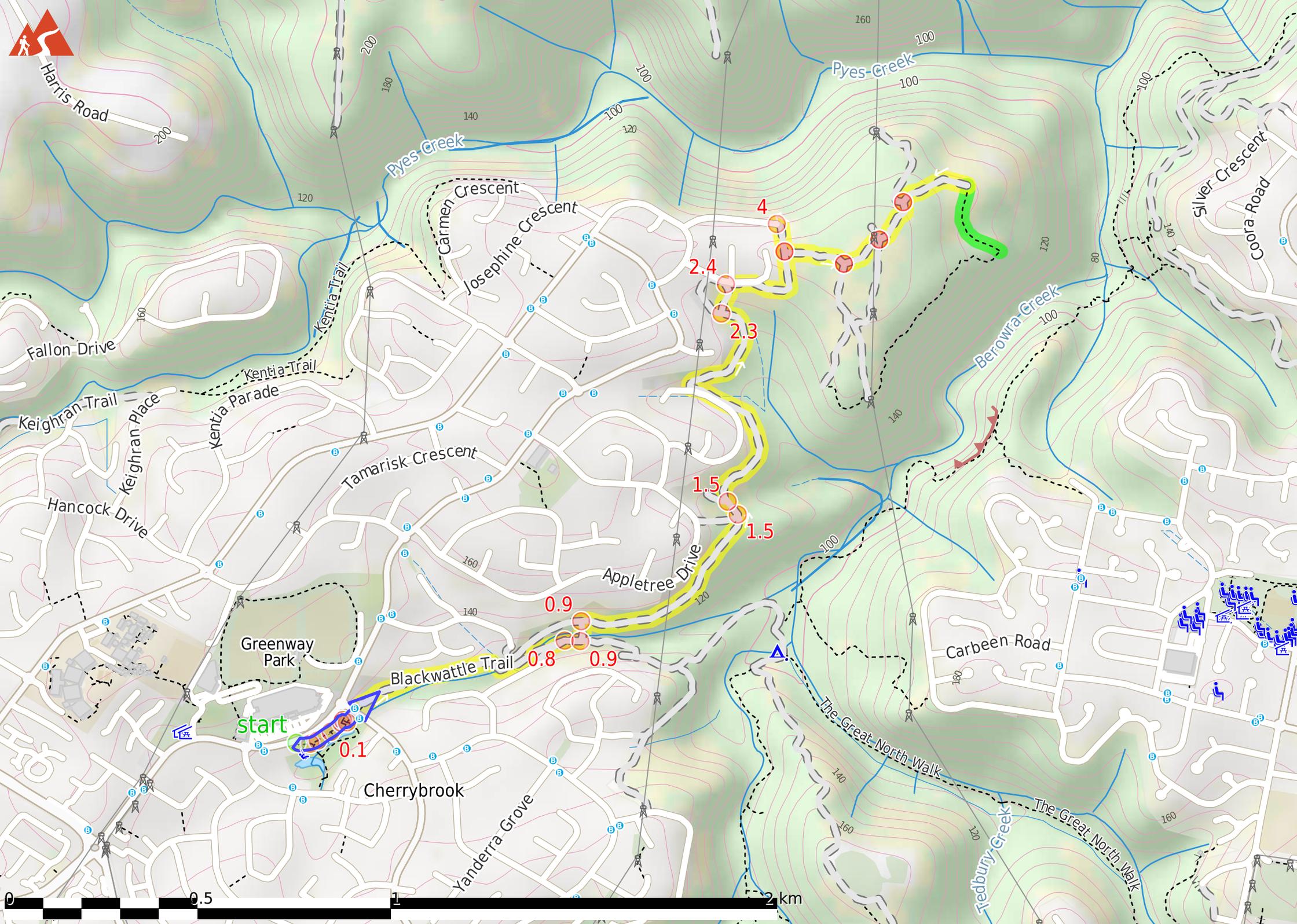
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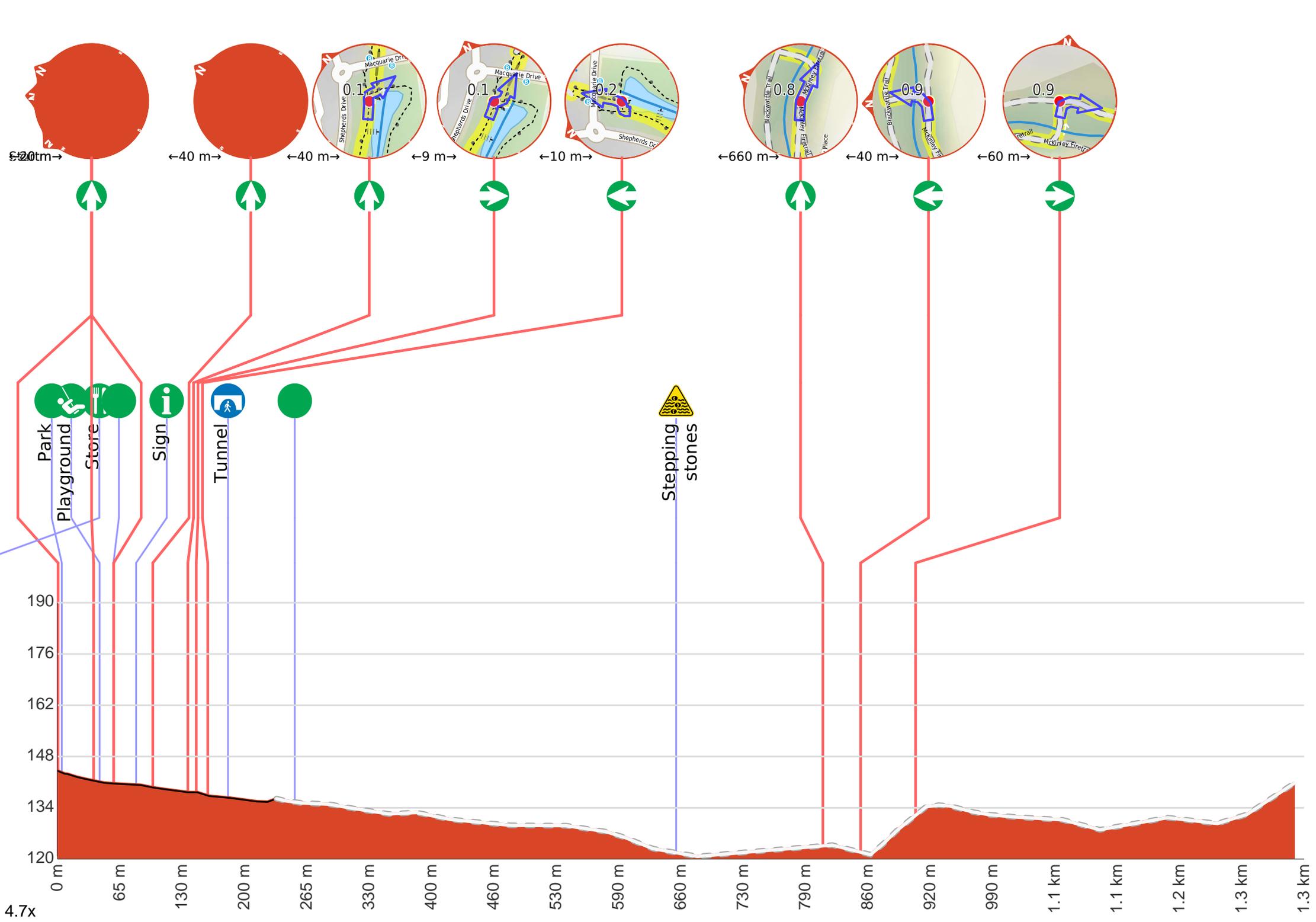
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

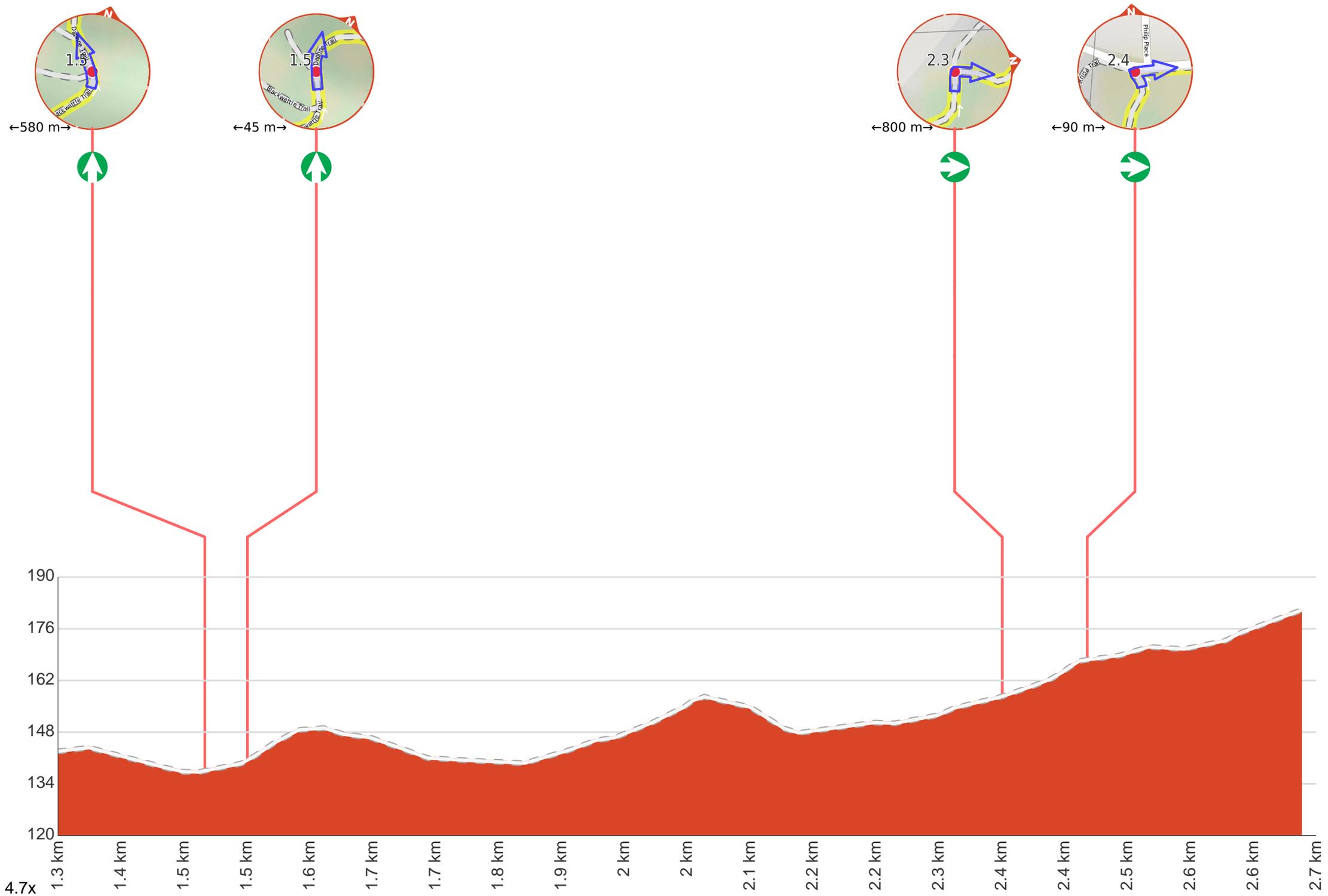
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

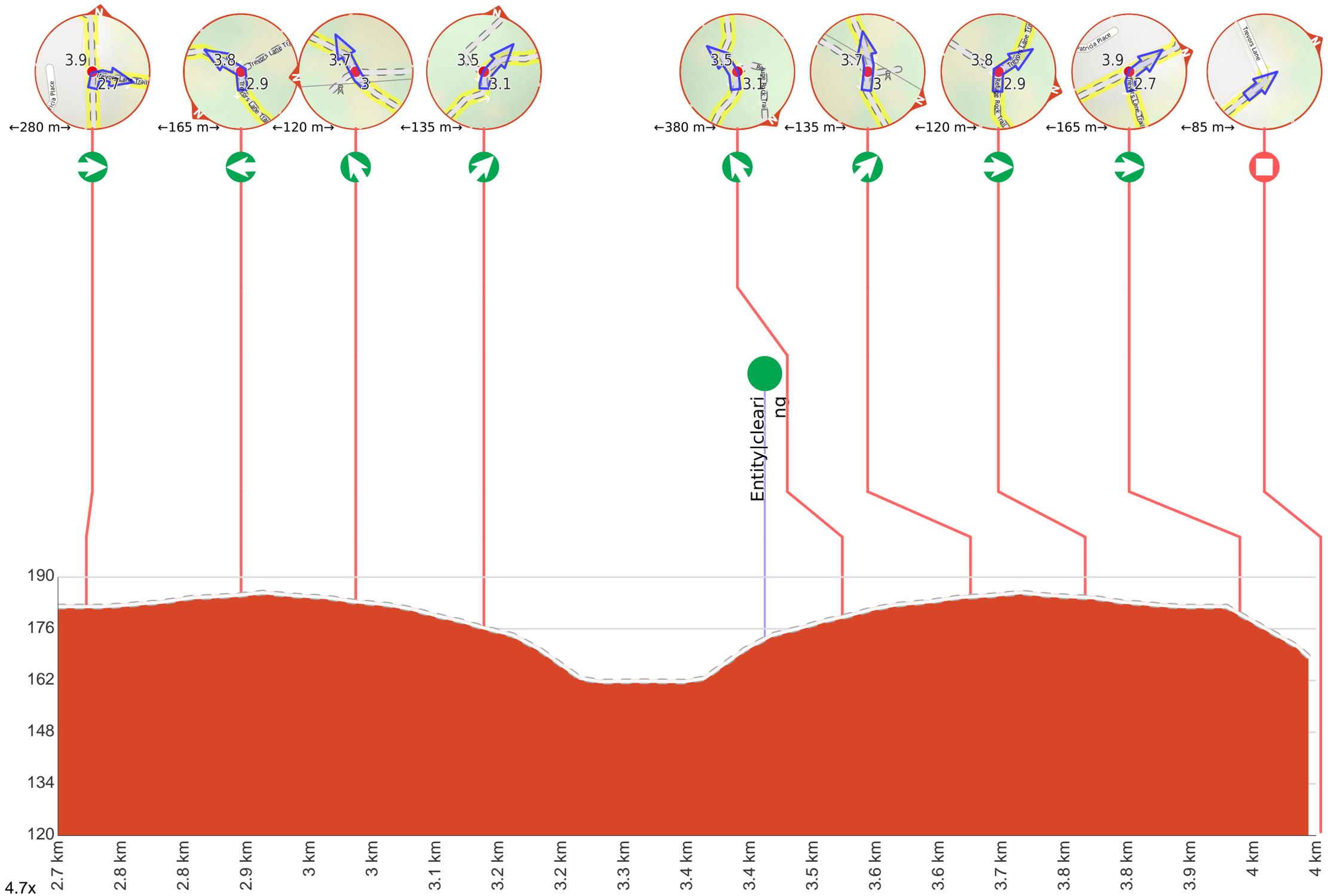
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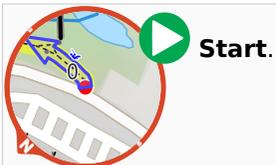








Getting started: From below 50 Shepherds Drive, opposite the shopping centre, the walk follows the concrete footpath into 'The Lakes Of Cherrybrook' park, keeping the playground to the right. The footpath comes to the signpost for 'Callicoma Walk' just before the unfenced lakes.



Find the Cherrybrook Lakes at the start.

Cherrybrook Village shopping centre (about 95 m back from the start).



The Cherrybrook Village shopping centre is located at 41/47 Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook. There are a number of local cafes and eateries here, plus some franchises such as Subway and Gloria Jeans, making a great stop for walkers. There is also a Woolworths supermarket. The centre is open 9:00-5:30 Mon-Wed & Fri, 9:00-9:00 Thu, 9:00-5:00 Sat and 10:00-4:00 Sun. Some of the cafes and eateries open directly outside so they may be open longer hours.

After 135 m pass the playground (15 m on your right).



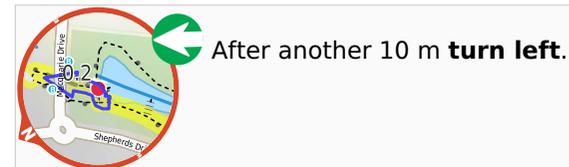
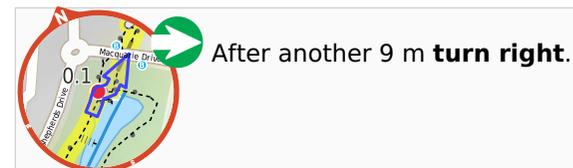
After another 20 m find the "The Lakes Of Cherrybrook" (8 m on your right).



The Lakes Of Cherrybrook is a park at the intersection of Shepherds Dr and Macquarie Dr, Cherrybrook. The lakes featured in the park were formed when the local creek was dammed for the benefit of farmers. The park has a free electric BBQ, sheltered picnic tables, taps and bubblers as well as a playground for the kids. There is a large shopping centre nearby. There are several signposted buswalks in the area, including the 5.1km 'Callicoma Walk' loop track.



After another 25 m pass the sign (on your right).



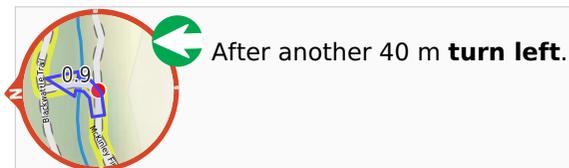
After another 20 m head through the tunnel (about 30 m long)

After another 45 m find the "Cherrybrook Girl Guides" (20 m on your left).



The Cherrybrook Girl Guides building is at the corner of Shepherds Dr and Macquarie Dr, Cherrybrook.

After another 410 m cross the stepping stones.



After another 60 m **turn right**, to head along Blackwattle Trail.

After another 120 m **veer left**, to head along Refuge Rock Trail.

After another 120 m (at the intersection of Trevors Lane Trail & Refuge Rock Trail) **turn right**, to head along Trevors Lane Trail.

After another 580 m (at the intersection of Blackwattle Trail & Daphne Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Daphne Trail.

After another 135 m **veer right**, to head along Refuge Rock Trail.

After another 165 m **turn right**.

After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Daphne Trail.

After another 300 m find the "Refuge Rock" (30 m on your left).

After another 85 m come to the end.

After another 800 m **turn right**.

Refuge Rock is a large area of rock outcrops and platforms, at the end of the Refuge Rock walk near Cherrybrook. This area has a great atmosphere and is a nice spot to explore or relax, close to the suburbs, but feeling a million miles from it. The various rock platforms extend for hundreds of metres in all directions. At the far south-east edge of Refuge Rock is a natural arch, know as 'London Bridge'. Refuge Rock was used as a target area during military training around WWII. There are a number of visible marks in the rock surface from mortar shells.

After another 90 m **turn right**.

After another 85 m **veer left**, to head along Refuge Rock Trail.

After another 280 m **turn right**, to head along Trevors Lane Trail.

After another 135 m **veer right**, to head along Refuge Rock Trail.

After another 165 m (at the intersection of Trevors Lane Trail & Refuge Rock Trail) **turn left**, to head along Refuge Rock Trail.