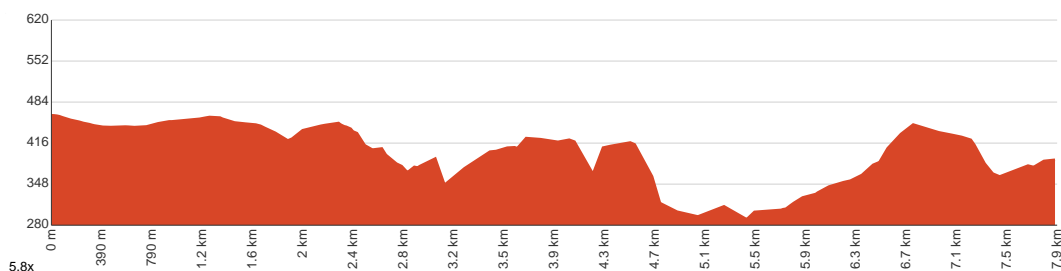




This scenic walk includes dramatic lookouts and time spent in moist cool forest. The walk initially travels on dirt road past Hunter and MacLean’s Lookout, before descending into the Wallis Creek catchment. Here the walk traverses underneath many cliffs before crossing Wallis Creek and arriving at Heaton Lookout. A recommended walk with car access either end. 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 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	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Freemans Drive, Cooranbong.

- Turn on to Mount Faulk Road then drive for 10.6 km
- Keep right onto Watagan Forest Road and drive for another 3 km
- Keep right and drive for another 110 m
- Turn right onto Bakers Road and drive for another 5 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

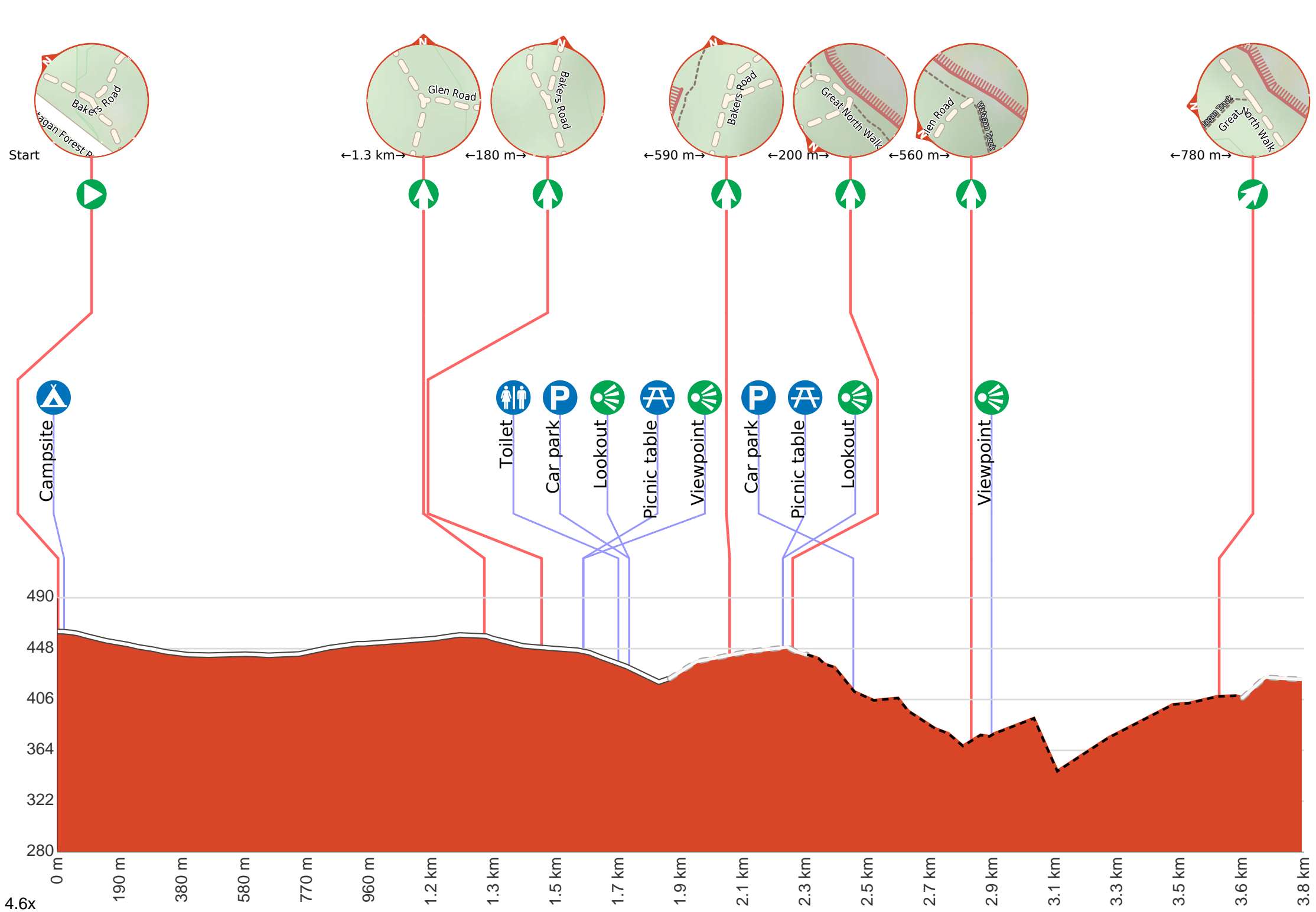
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

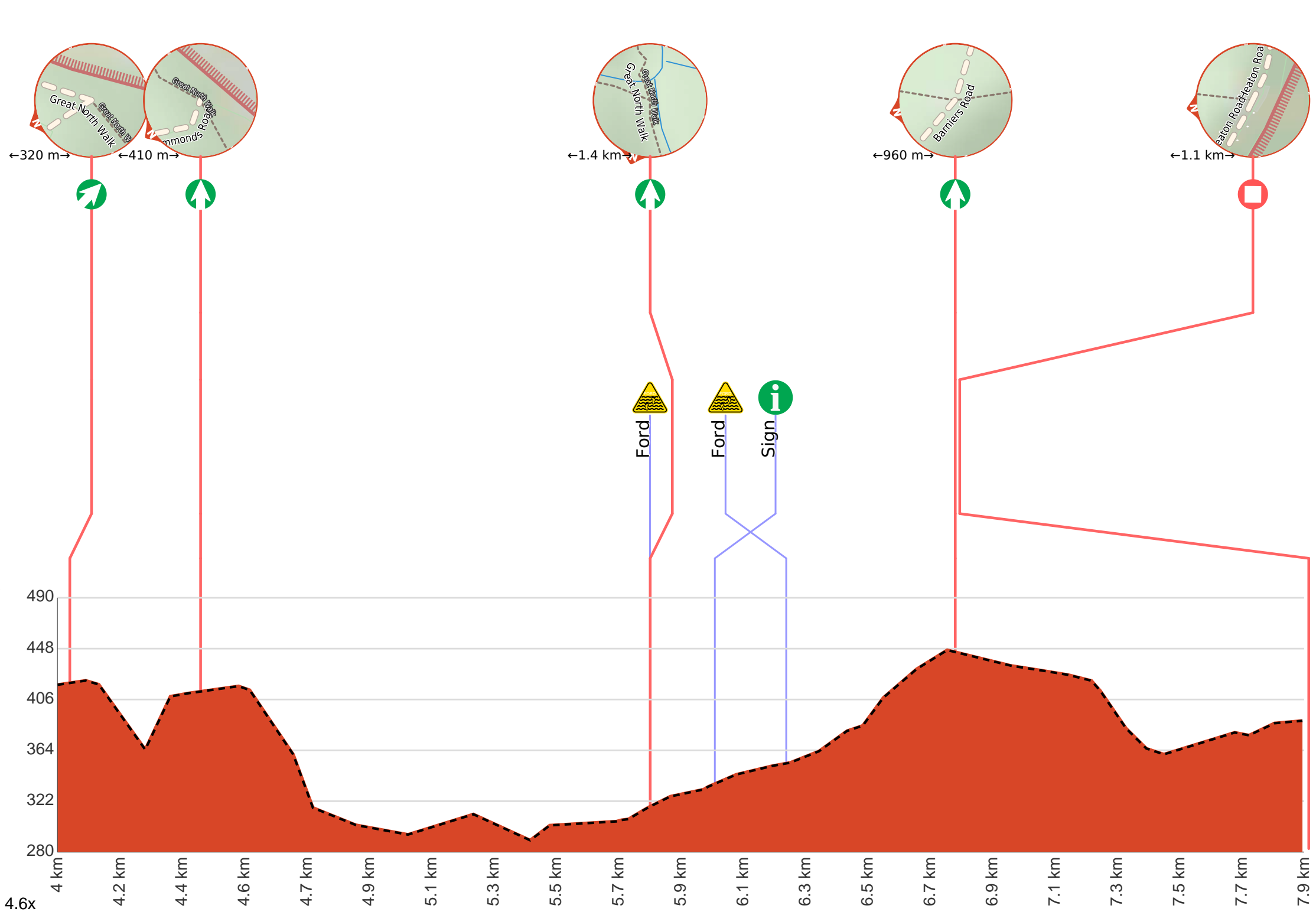
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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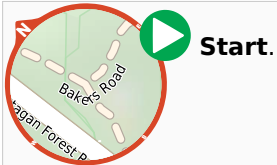









Getting started: From the intersection (Forestry H.Q. campsite), this walk follows Bakers Road gently downhill, while keeping the GNW arrow marker on your right and the large 'Great North Walk' sign on your left. The walk continues, undulating gently for about 900m until coming to a three-way intersection with Rocky Creek Road (on the right).



 After 20 m find the "Watagan Headquarters" (55 m on your left).




Watagan Headquarters campsite (aka Forestry HQ) is located in the Heaton State Forest, beside Bakers Rd, near Heaton Rd. This campsite has wood fired barbecues, picnic tables and a garbage bin. The large, flat, cleared area allows plenty of room to pitch a tent. In 2010, a series of vandalism attacks occurred on the water tank, so there is no longer water available.


 After another 280 m **continue straight.**


 After another 630 m **continue straight.**



After another 180 m **continue straight.**


 After another 240 m pass the toilet (30 m on your left).


 After another 35 m to find the car park.

 Then find the "Hunter Lookout" (55 m on your left).




Hunter Lookout can be found on Bakers Road, along the Great North Walk. This fenced lookout has everything you will need snack-stop, including toilets, picnic tables, chairs and wood-fired barbecues. This lookout has fantastic views over much of the Hunter region. In 2010, a series of vandalism attacks occurred on the water tank, so water is no longer available at Hunter Lookout.


 Then pass the picnic table (60 m on your left).


 Then come to the "Hunter Lookout" (65 m on your left).




 After another 20 m **continue straight.**

After another 440 m **continue straight.**

 After another 390 m to find the car park.

 Then pass the picnic table (30 m on your left).


 Then find the "McLeans Lookout" (45 m on your left).



McLeans Lookout offers magnificent views of the valleys in Heaton State Forest. Located on Bakers Road, this fenced lookout also has picnic facilities including tables with seats and open grassy areas.

After another 30 m **continue straight.**

After another 560 m **continue straight.**

 After another 65 m come to the viewpoint (15 m on your left).

After another 720 m **veer right.**



After another 320 m **veer right**.



After another 410 m **continue straight**.



After another 1.4 km cross the ford.



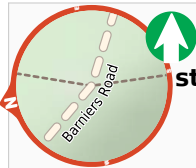
Continue straight.



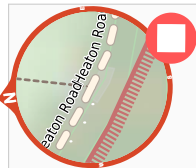
After another 430 m cross the ford.



Then pass the sign.



After another 760 m **continue straight**.



After another 1.1 km come to the end.



A car park.



About 20 m past the end is a picnic table.



About 30 m past the end is "Heaton Lookout".



Heaton Lookout is one of the larger lookouts located on Heaton Road. This fenced lookout faces south-east. There are wood fired barbecues, picnic tables and a pit toilet. Heaton Lookout is a great place to stop for a snack, and the amazing view feels like a bonus. This lookout was named after Richard Heaton, a timber cutter who came to Australia as a convict. There is a water tank here, due to vandalism in the area this is not a reliable water source.



About 75 m past the end is a toilet.