



Windy Ridge to Narcissus

(Palawa Country)

3 h to 4 h



10 km

One way segment



↑ 77 m
↓ 215 m



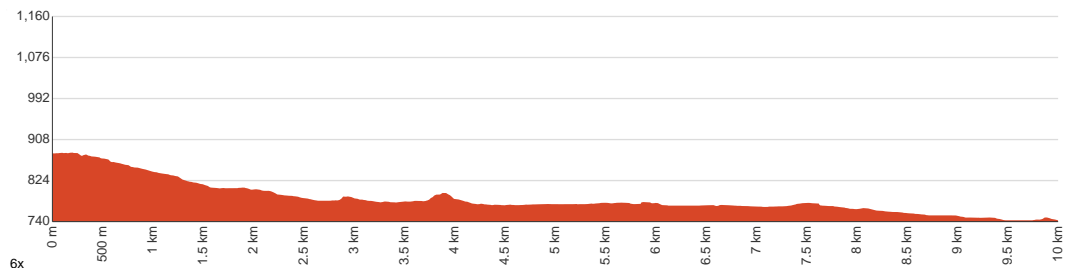
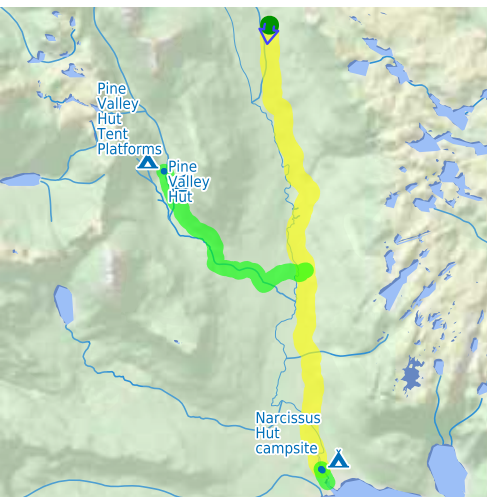
Moderate track



Starting from Windy Ridge this walk gently descends through the open eucalypt forest and buttongrass plains, following the Narcissus River valley. After about 5km you pass the signposted intersection with the Pine Valley Track. The walk continues along the valley floor crossing the only swing bridge on the main spine of the Overland Track before coming to Narcissus Hut and camping area. Narcissus Hut is a short walk from the northern tip of Lake St Clair and the ferry jetty. 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 3 of 6

Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
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)

Before you start any journey ensure you;

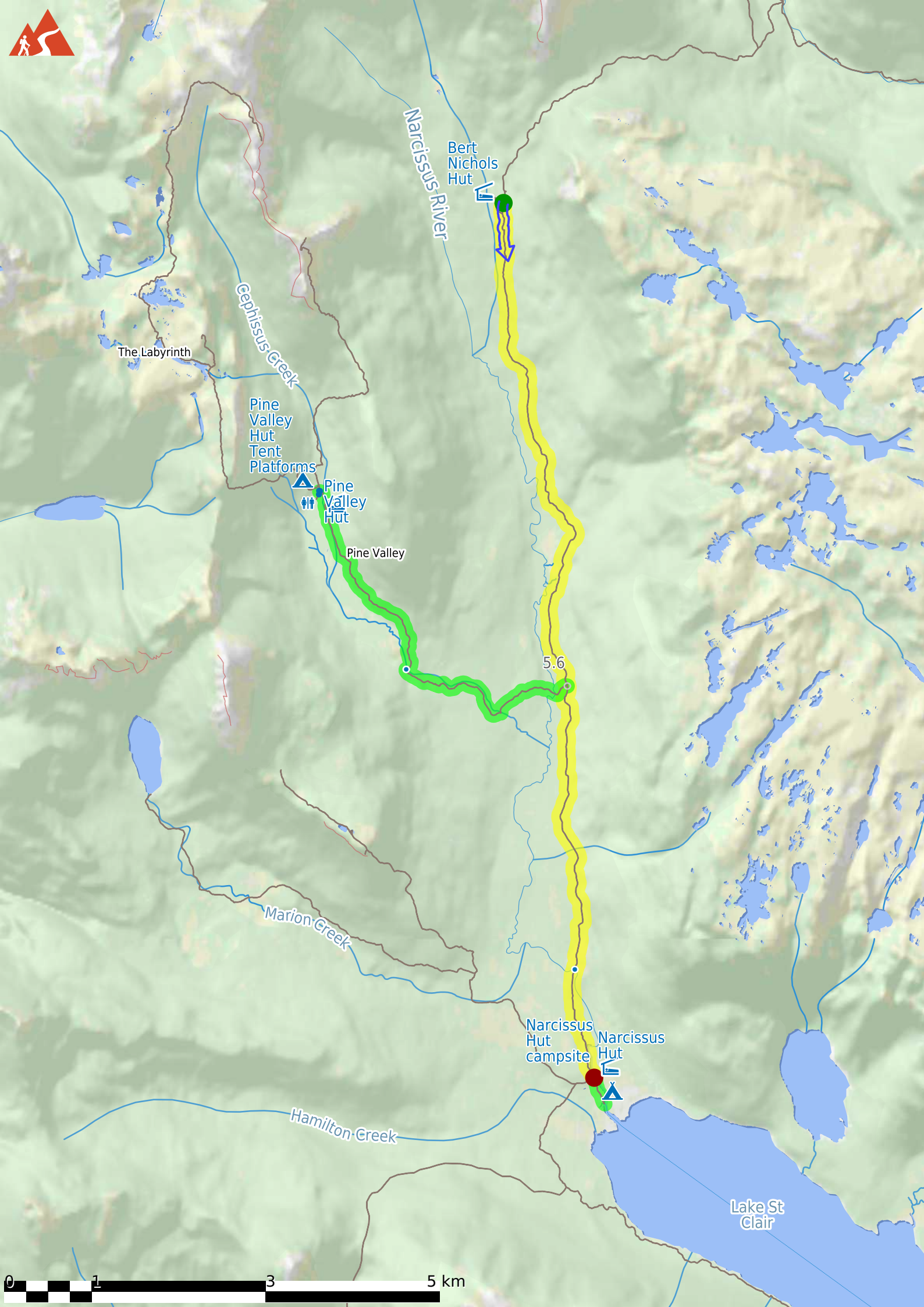
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

Bert Nichols Hut

Cephissus Creek

The Labyrinth

Pine Valley Hut
Tent Platforms

Pine Valley Hut

Pine Valley

5.6

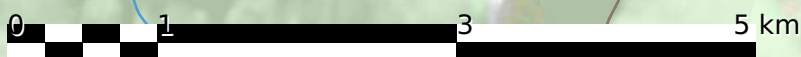
Marion Creek

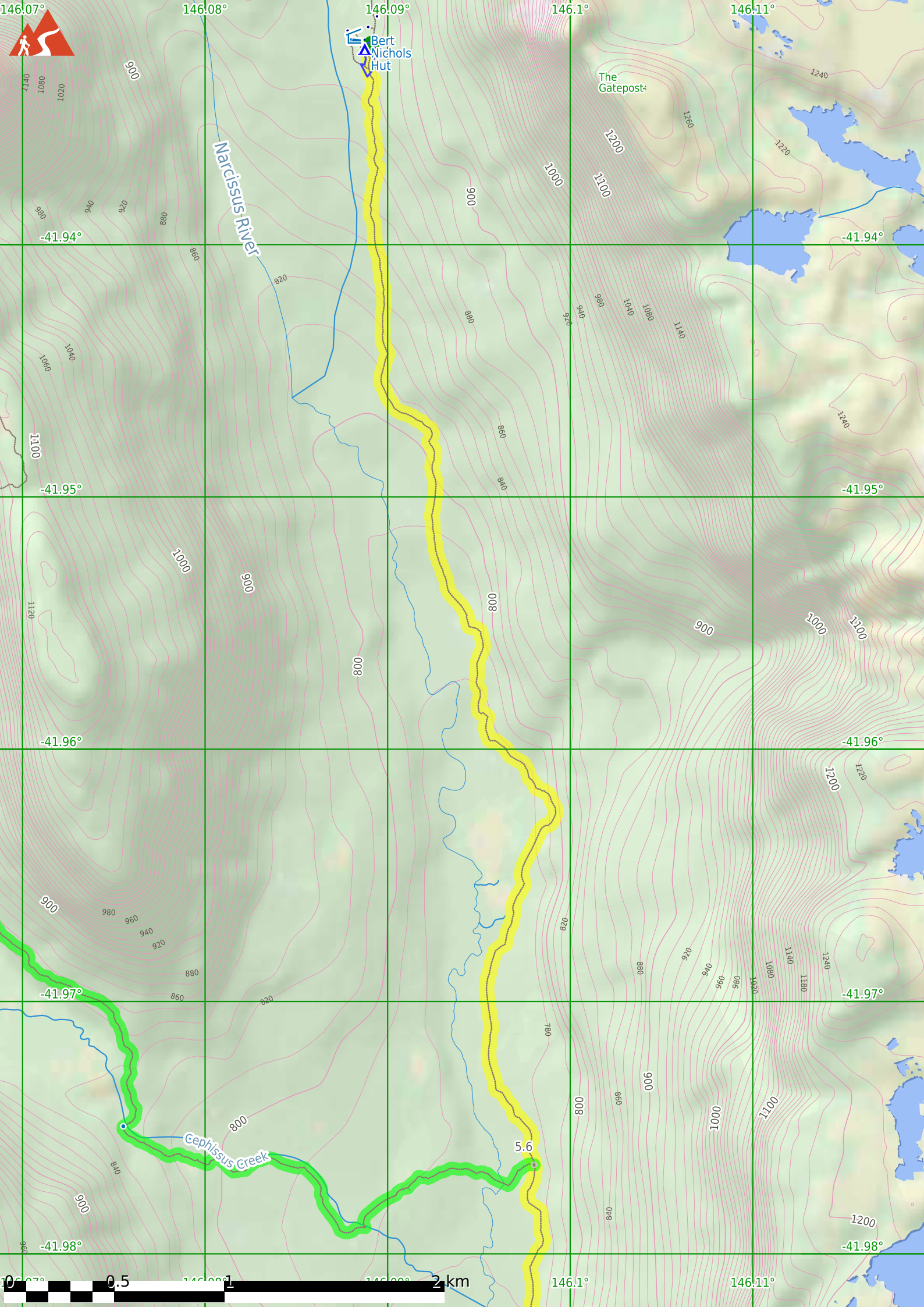
Hamilton Creek

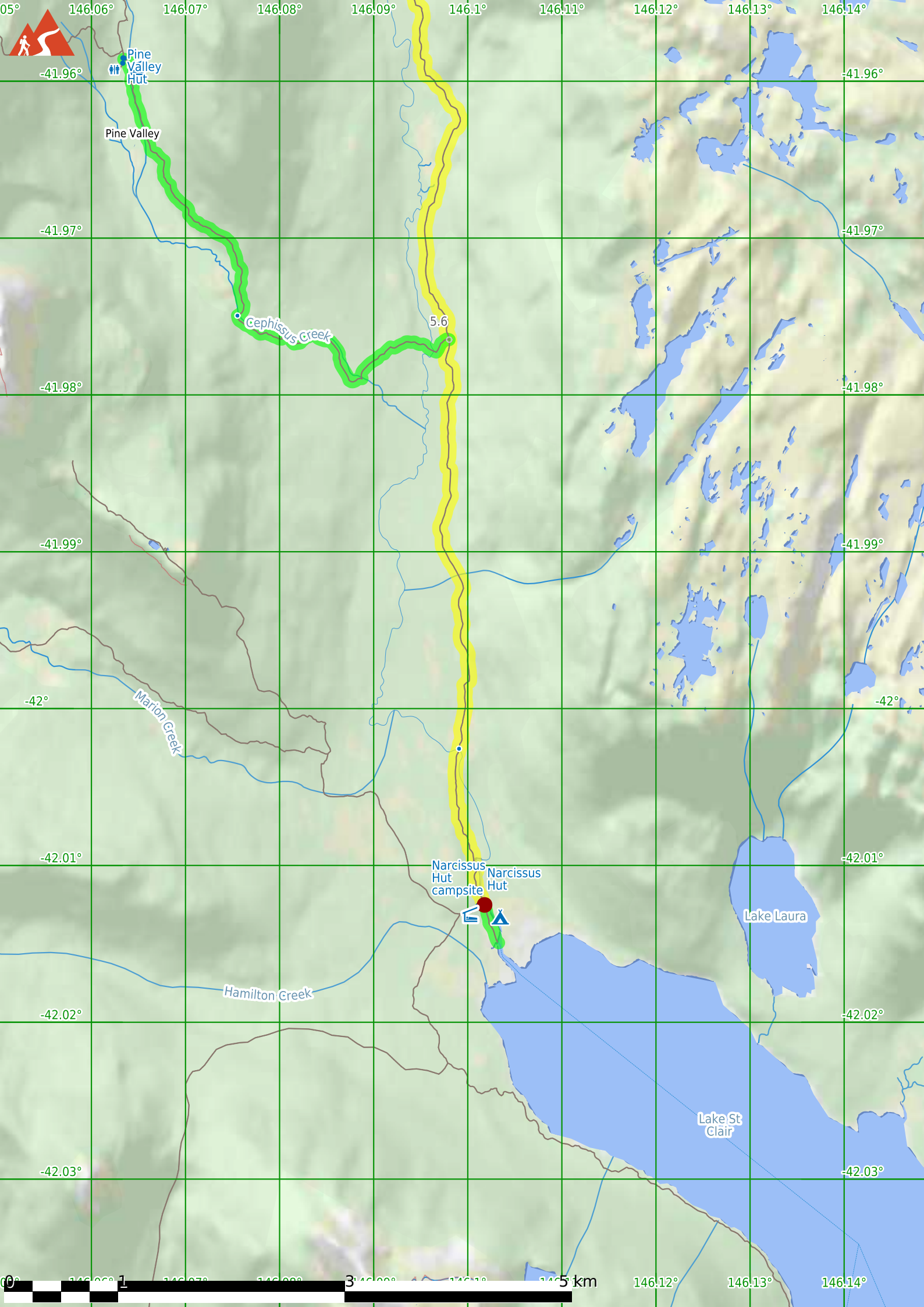
Narcissus Hut
campsite

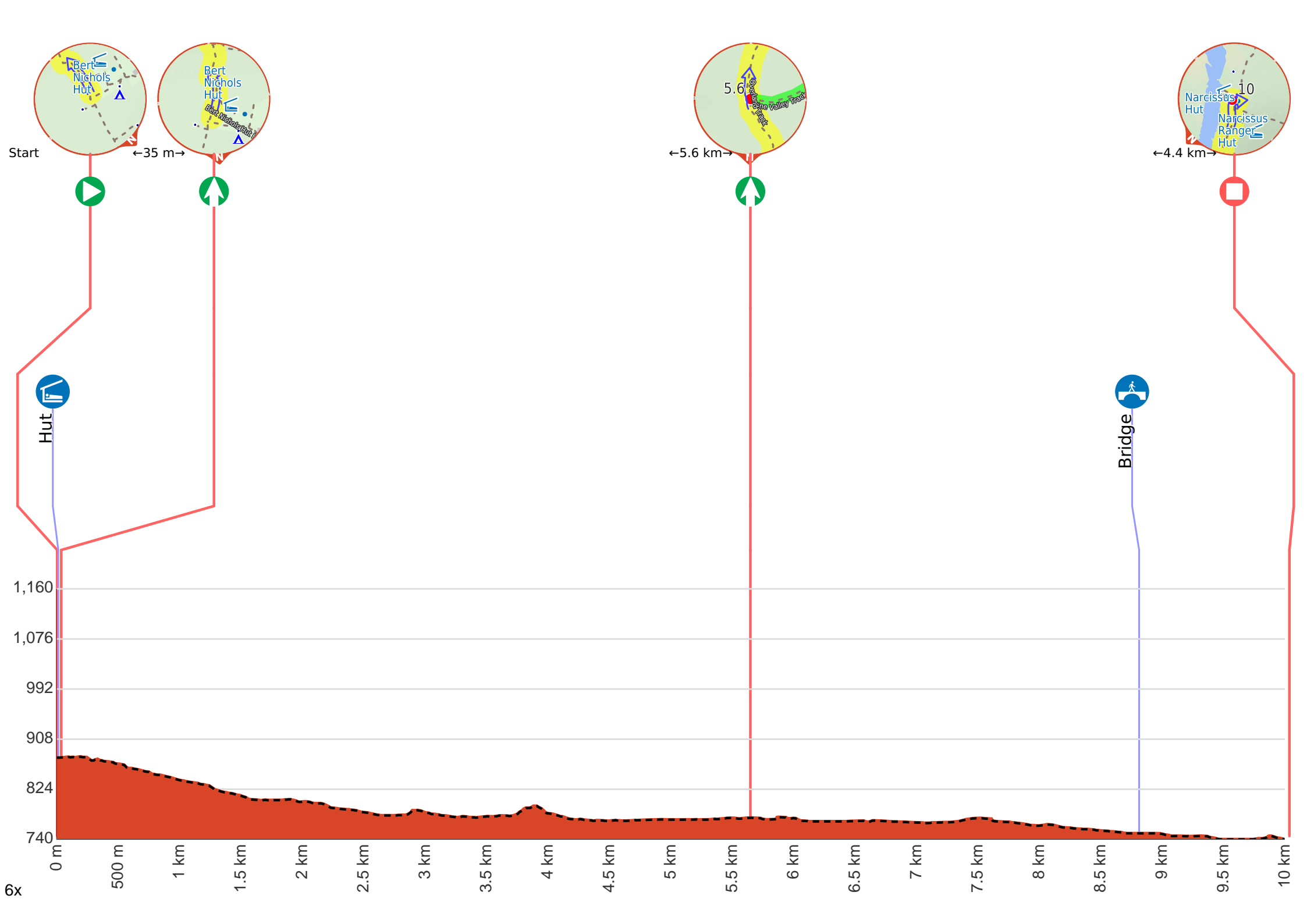
Narcissus Hut


Lake St Clair






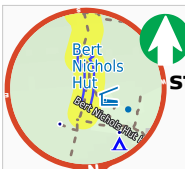






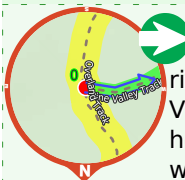
At the intersection of Overland Track & Bert Nichols Hut Toilet Track **Start** heading along *Overland Track* (a walking track).

 Find the Bert Nichols Hut at the start.




After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.


Start of an optional side trip: Optional Sidetrip to Pine Valley. This is best done as an overnight side trip giving you time to also explore the Labyrinth or the Acropolis. The walk of the valley through a lovely and mossy high rainforest, a different vibe from the rest of the Overland Track.




To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Pine Valley Track & Overland Track **Start** heading along *Pine Valley Track* (a walking track).




After another 2.4 km cross the bridge (about 35 m long)




After another 2.4 km come to "Pine Valley Hut".



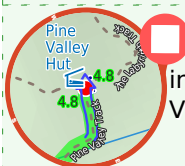
About 30 m past the end is "Pine Valley Hut Toilets".




About 10 m past the end is "Pine Valley Hut Tent Platforms".
Campsite managed by Parks and Wildlife Service.




About 50 m past the end is "Labyrinth Registration Booth".




Continue another 0 m to find at the intersection of Pine Valley Track & Pine Valley Hut Toilet Track at the end.




Turn around and retrace your steps back the 4.8 km to the main route.




Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 5.6 km waypoint.



After another 5.6 km (at the intersection of Overland Track & Pine Valley Track) **continue straight**, to head along Overland Track.




After another 3.2 km cross the Narcissus River Swing Bridge (about 20 m long)




After another 1.2 km come to a toilet.



Continue straight.




After another 10 m come to the "Narcissus Hut" (on your right).




About 35 m past the end is "Narcissus Hut campsite".
W: www.parks.tas.gov.au


Start of an optional side trip: Track to the ferry wharf. If you are catching the ferry to Cynthia Bay, or just want to wander down and enjoy the Lake St Clair. The wharf is a nice place to enjoy a sunset dinner or a swim for those who want to brave the cold water.




To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start.**




Find the Narcissus Hut at the start.



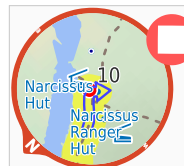
After another 300 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 310 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 10 km waypoint.



The end.