



Tarn Shelf Circuit

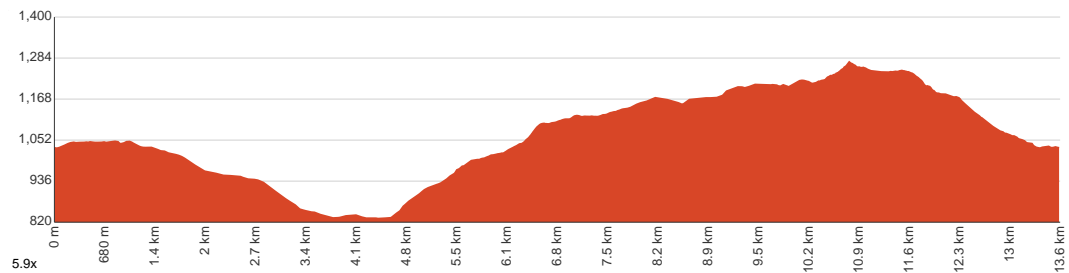
 6 h, 8 h to 2 days


13.6 km
Circuit


↑ 553 m
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Hard track

Starting from the car park at the end of Lake Dobson Road, Mount Field National Park, this full day circuit walk traverses the spectacular Tarn Shelf. You'll walk on boardwalks and natural surfaces, with some steep ascents and descents leading in and out of the Tarn Shelf. There are some rugged and rocky sections, and some parts of the track can get muddy after rain. In winter, the tarns are often frozen and the track can be slippery in places, or obscured by snow. To protect the rare and sensitive alpine vegetation in the area, walkers are requested to stay on the formed tracks. 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
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 Lyell Highway, A10

- Turn on to Gordon River Road, B61 then drive for 3.4 km
- Turn slight right onto Gordon River Road, B61 and drive for another 12.4 km
- Turn left onto Gordon River Road, B61 and drive for another 7.5 km
- Turn right onto Lake Dobson Road, C609 and drive for another 15.2 km

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.

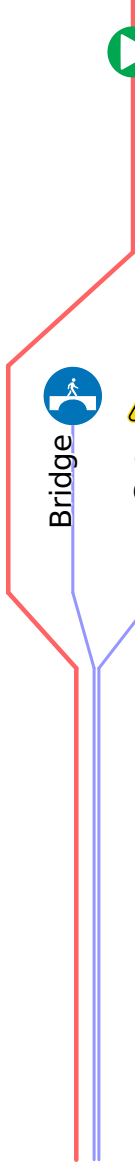
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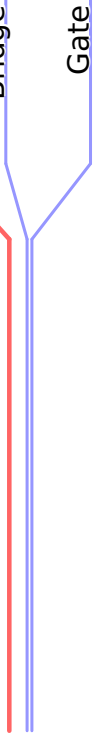
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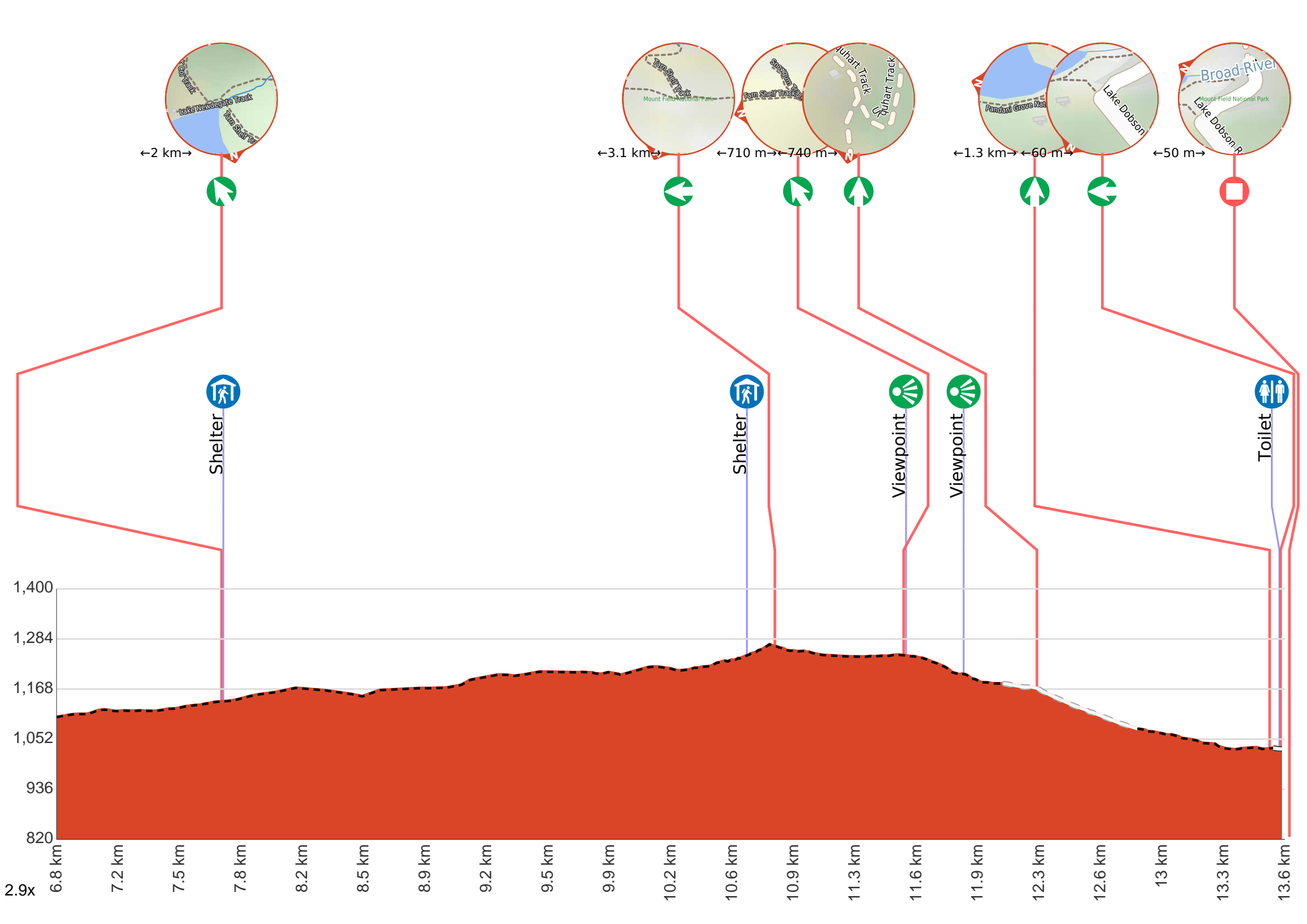


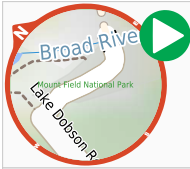
Bridge



Gate







Start.



After another 55 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)



After another 9 m head through/around the gate.



After another 480 m (from the Pandani Grove Nature Walk) **continue straight.**



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After another 2 km (at the intersection of Lake Newdegate Track & Tarn Shelf Track) **veer left**, to head along Tarn Shelf Track.



After another 10 m pass the "Newdegate Hut" (65 m on your right).



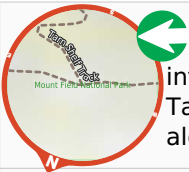
After another 2.9 km pass the "Rodway Day Shelter" (5 m on your right).



After another 205 m (from the Pandani Grove Nature Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Pandani Grove Nature Walk.



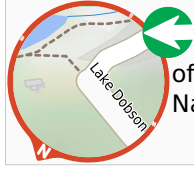
After another 55 m pass the toilet (40 m on your right).



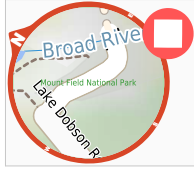
After another 155 m (at the intersection of Mount Field West Track & Tarn Shelf Track) **turn left**, to head along Tarn Shelf Track.



After another 730 m come to the "Lake Seal Lookout" (60 m on your left).



After another 7 m (at the intersection of Lake Dobson Road & Pandani Grove Nature Walk) **turn left** (a service road).



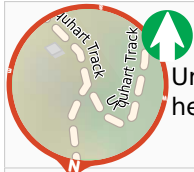
After another 50 m come to the end.



At the intersection of Tarn Shelf Track & Snowgum Track **veer left**, to head along Snowgum Track.



After another 330 m come to the viewpoint (20 m on your left).



After another 410 m (from the Urquhart Track) **continue straight**, to head along Urquhart Track.



After another 590 m (from the Urquhart Track) **continue straight**, to head along Urquhart Track (a walking track).



After another 490 m (at the intersection of Urquhart Track & Pandani Grove Nature Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Pandani Grove Nature Walk.