



Rainbow Lake Trail

(Ngarigo Country)

1 h to 2 h

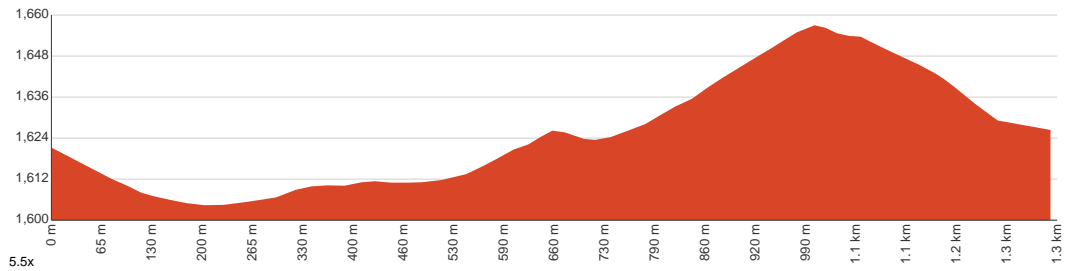
2.6 km
Return

↑ 107 m
↓ 107 m

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Moderate track



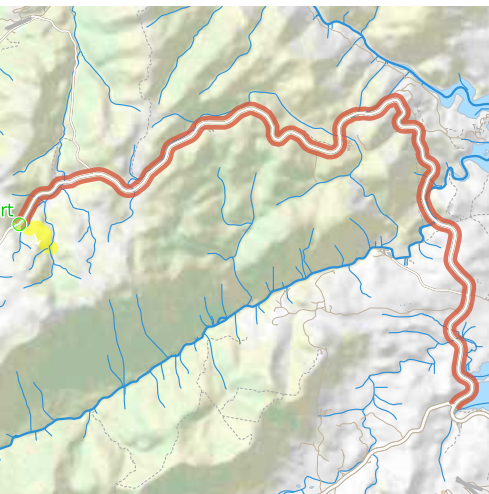
This popular walk explores the snow gums and alpine grasslands between Kosciuszko Rd and Rainbow Lake. The lake is the main focal point for the walk and is a great place to rest or have lunch. The man-made lake was built in the early 1900's to provide water to the Hotel Kosciusko, it is now a natural, historic and beautiful point of interest to visitors. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, 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	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Kosciuszko Road

- Turn on to then drive for 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 11.3 km
- Keep left and drive for another 30 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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start

Kosciuszko Road

Rainbow Lake Walk

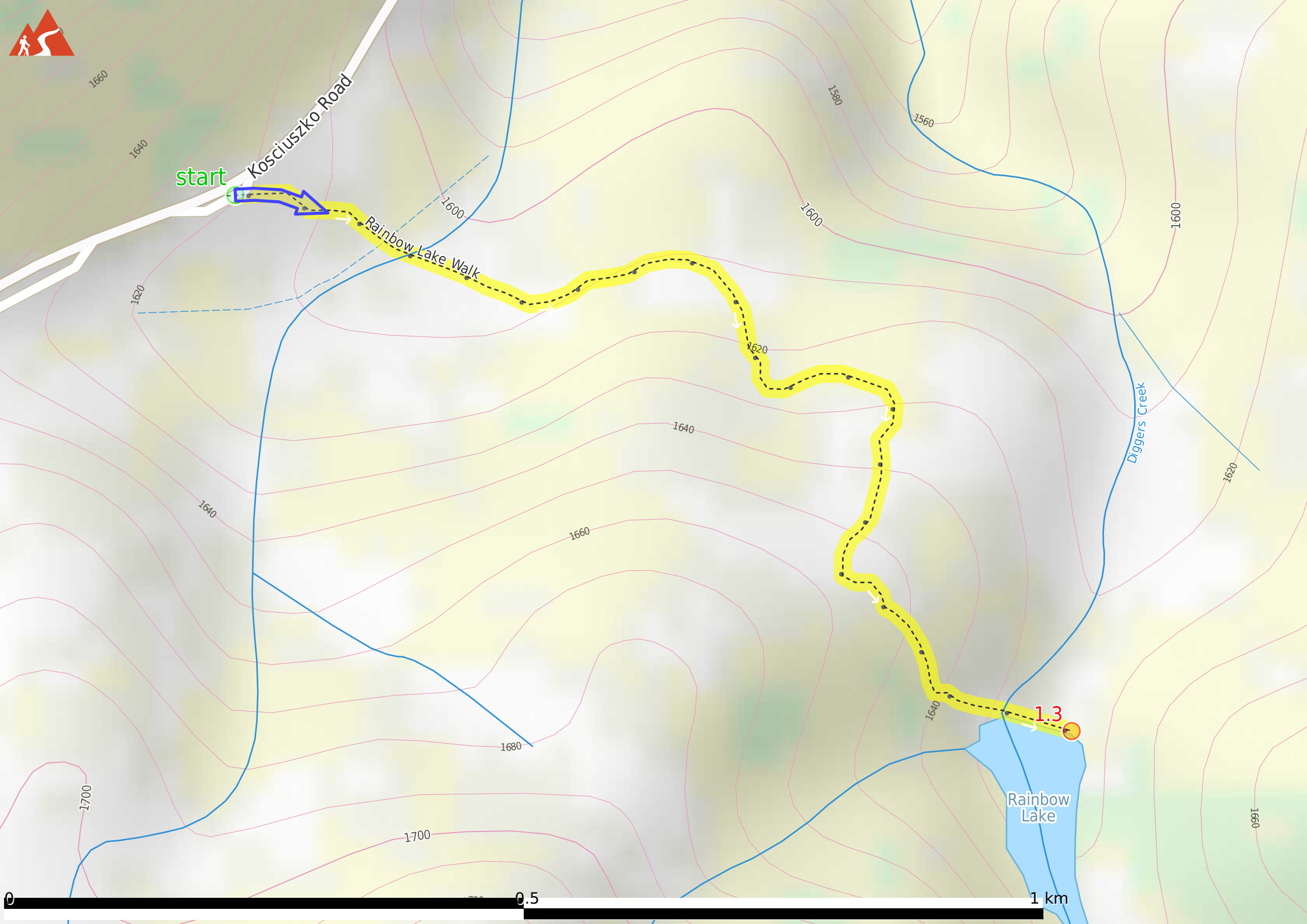
Diggers Creek

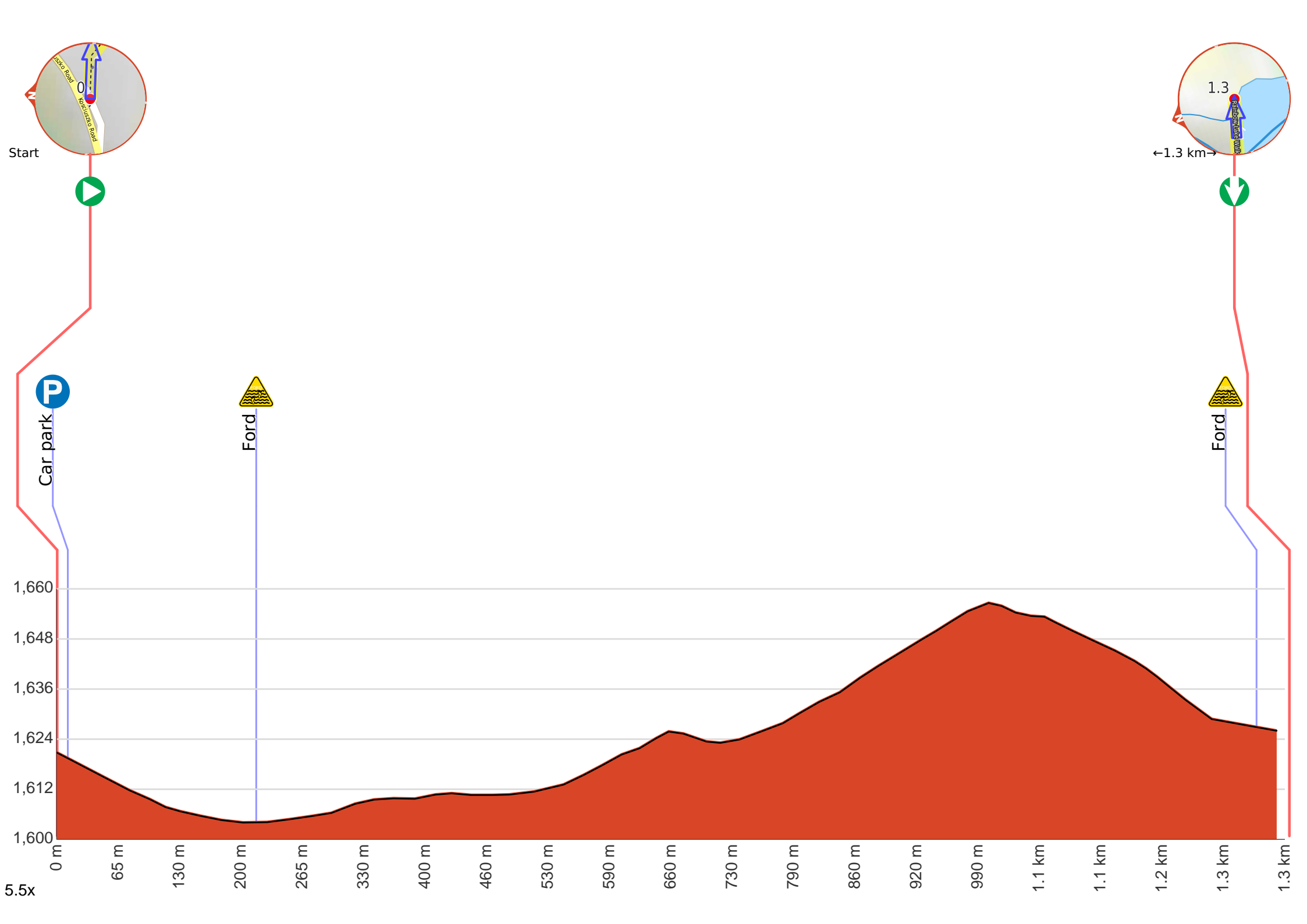
Rainbow Lake

1.3




1 km



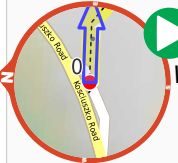


Getting started: From the lower end of the car park on Kosciuszko Rd (about 2.4km east of Guthega Rd), near the 'Rainbow Lake Walk' sign, this walk follows the track heading into the Snow Gums. The track winds through the gums until joining onto an old management trail. The walk follows the management trail down the hill and across the small creek, then continues under the power lines and starts to climb up through clumps of snow gums and open alpine grassy areas. After a little while, the walk levels out and comes to a great view of Rainbow Lake. From here, the walk heads down the hill, following the clear management trail to the bottom end of the lake. The walk passes a few clearings (nice for picnics) near the lake, then comes to an intersection just before the creek (which drains out of Rainbow Lake).

"Rainbow Lake".





Rainbow Lake is a body of water in Kosciuszko National park, providing a lovely focal point for walkers and skiers. Diggers Creek was dammed to create a water supply for the then 'Hotel Kosciusko' which burnt down in 1951 (first opened in 1909). The resulting Rainbow Lake left a bit of heritage for people to enjoy. A faint track exists around the perimeter of the lake, providing a variety of views of the lake and access to some of the old fence line from the days when cattle were grazed in the area. The lake is a great place for picnickers, photographers and walkers, a magical spot on sunny days.




Start heading along *Rainbow Lake Walk*.

P After 10 m to find the "Rainbow Lake Walk".

 After another 200 m cross the ford.

 After another 1.1 km cross the ford.



Continue another 35 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 1.3 km to get back to the start.