



Wattamolla to Big Marley Beach

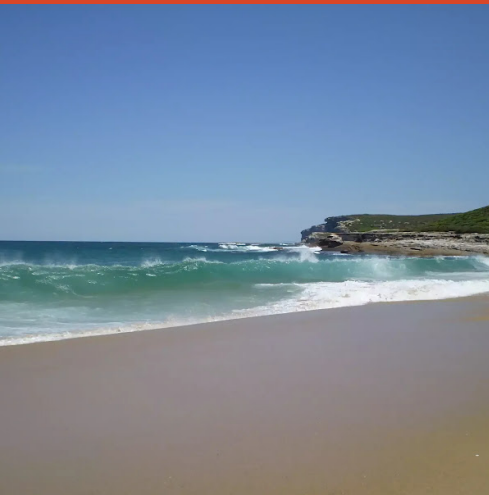
(Dharawal Country)

3 h 30 min to 4 h

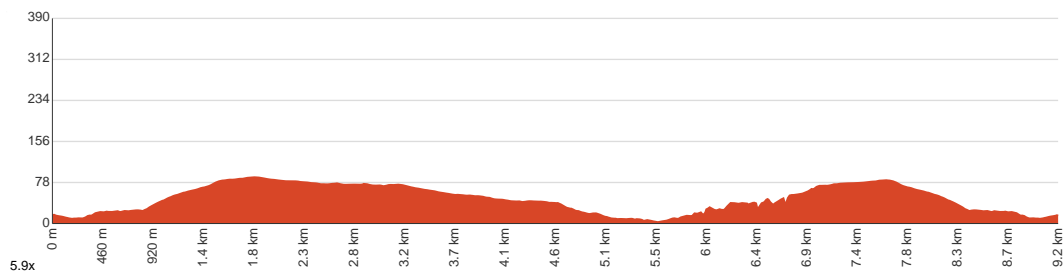
9.2 km
Circuit

↑ 248 m
↓ 250 m

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Moderate track



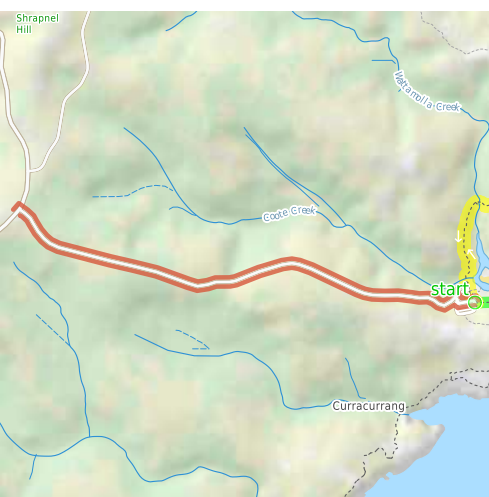
This walk is an excellent loop which takes in both the coast and the heathy inland of Royal National Park. Nearly the whole walk has views of the sea. Big Marley and Little Marley are great places to wet the feet. The dunes behind Big Marley are also worth exploring, as is Deer Pools if time allows. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal 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	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
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	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Sir Bertram Stevens Drive

- Turn on to Wattamolla Road then drive for 3.3 km
- Turn sharp right and drive for another 50 m
- Turn left and drive for another 120 m



Before you start any journey ensure you;

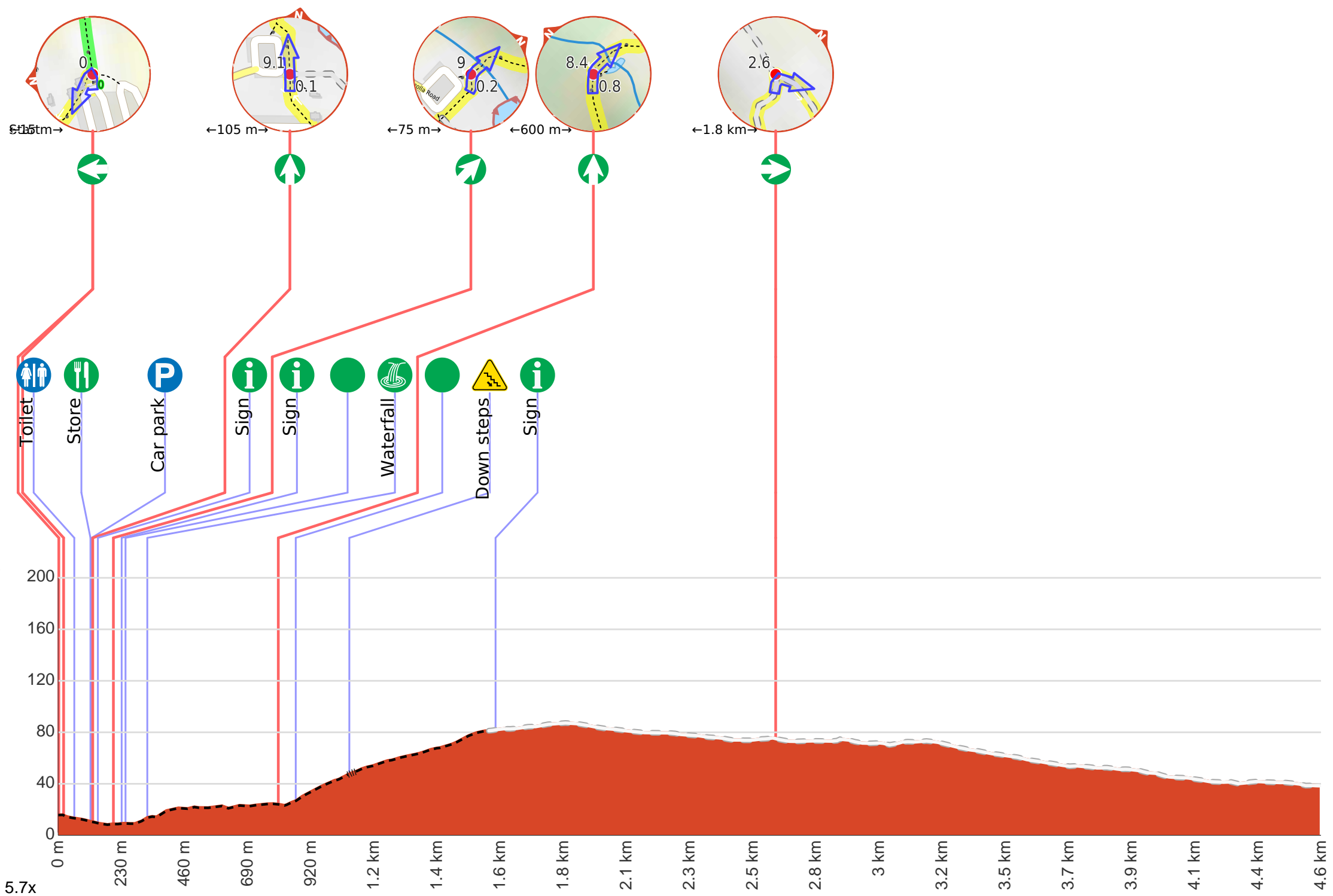
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

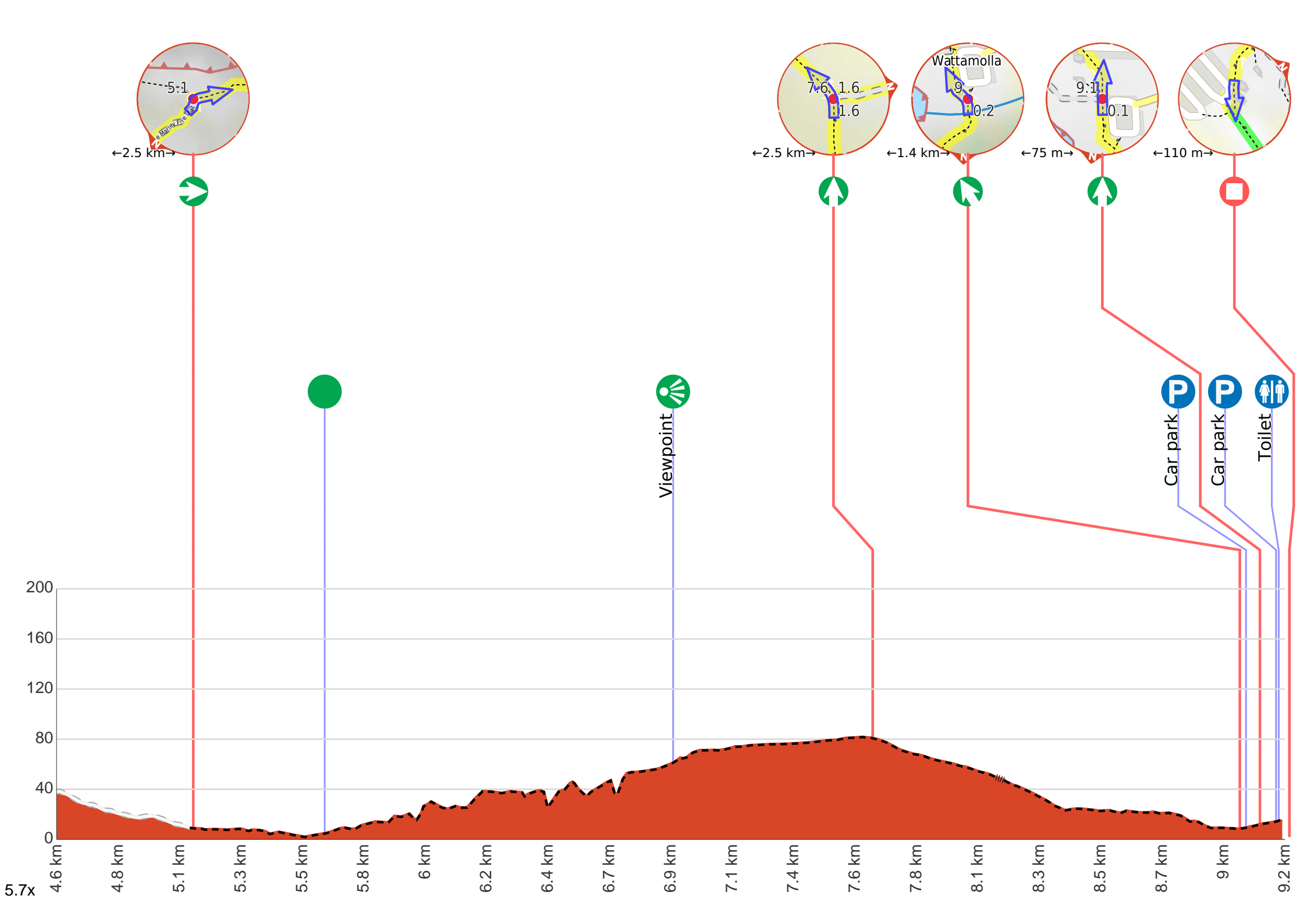
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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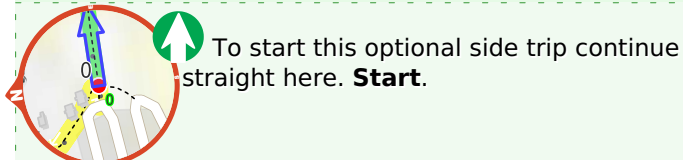




Getting started: From the toilet block, this walk follows the path down the hill and through the car park to the northern end of the picnic area, near the creek crossing.

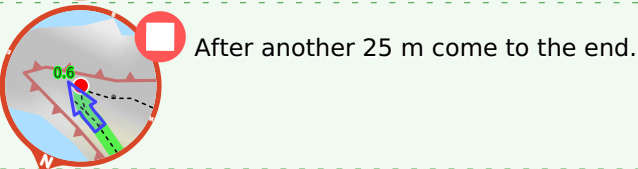
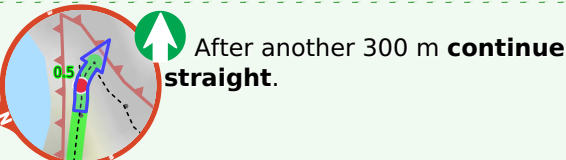


Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Providential Point.



After 155 m pass the BBQ (on your left).

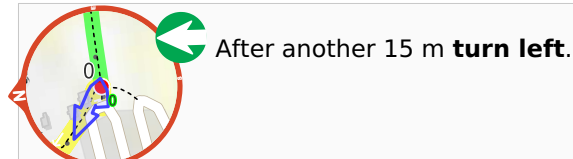
After another 80 m **continue straight**.



Providential Point Lookout in Royal National Park, has views out to sea and back towards Wattamolla Beach, as well as views of the the cliffs on the north side of Wattamolla Bay to Boy Martin Point. The small lookout is fenced and perched on the rocks. Providential Point is the southern headland forming the bay that is home to Wattamolla Beach and Lagoon, at the end of Wattamolla Rd.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 560 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 15 m waypoint.



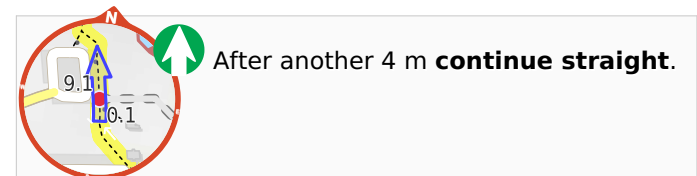
After another 40 m pass the toilet (7 m on your right)., female.

After another 60 m find the "Wattamolla Kiosk" (30 m on your right).



The Wattamolla Kiosk in the Wattamolla Picnic Area provides basic supplies for day visitors. The kiosk does not keep strict hours and opens depending on weather and demand. It usually opens on weekends at around 10:30am and closes between 4 and 6pm. You can buy ice-creams, drinks and some hot food. For more information, call Audley Kiosk on (02) 9521 2240.

Then pass the car park (on your left).



After another 20 m pass the sign (5 m on your right).



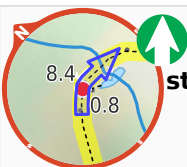
After another 30 m pass the sign (15 m on your left).

- After another 15 m find the "Wattamolla Picnic Area" (35 m on your left).



Wattamolla Picnic Area is found at the end of Wattamolla Road, about halfway along the coastline of Royal National Park. The area is blessed with a great beach, a lagoon and some wonderful creeks and rocks to explore. The small beach faces west and is tucked away in a deep bay. The lagoon sits behind the beach and is lined with sand on one side, and cliffs and rocks on the other shore. The picnic area has large open grassy areas, with some shade provided by trees and some picnic shelters. There is a small kiosk (often open weekends), toilets, electric BBQs and two car parks. There is water here, but needs to be treated before drinking. There is a gate on the road that is locked at night, the gate is open from 7am to 8:30pm.

- After another 80 m pass the waterfall (55 m on your right).



After another 480 m **continue straight**.

- After another 65 m find the "Wattamolla Dam" (30 m on your right).

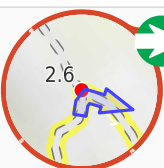


Wattamolla pool (or dam), Royal National Park, is a small water hole on Wattamolla Creek, above the lagoon. The pool is on the Coast Track near Wattamolla picnic area and offers a quiet spot for a dip and a rest. The pool is formed by a small, constructed sandstone dam and fed by a small waterfall above.

- After another 195 m head down the steps (about 30 m long)

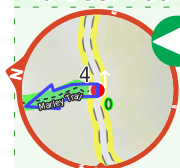
- After another 480 m **turn left**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail.

- After another 15 m pass the sign.

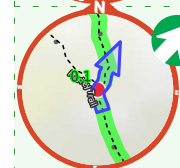


After another 1 km **turn right**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail.

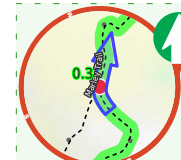
Start of an optional side trip to Deer Pools Clearing.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Little Marley Fire Trail & Marley Trail **Start** heading along *Marley Trail* (a walking track).



After another 110 m **veer right**, to head along Marley Trail.



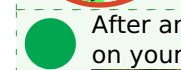
After another 150 m **continue straight**, to head along Marley Trail.



After another 275 m **veer right**.



After another 105 m **turn right**.



- After another 30 m find the "Deer Pool" (35 m on your right).



Deer Pool, Royal National Park, is a small and picturesque set of falls that run into a pool with a sandy bank. The waterfall is fed by Marley Creek which continues its journey into Marley Lagoon, behind Big Marley Beach. Royal National Park was once home to many deer, who used to frequent these pools. This is a relaxing spot on a warm day, with the opportunity for a dip or a gentle massage in the cascade. Although a sign suggests camping is permitted by permit, permits are not issued for camping here.

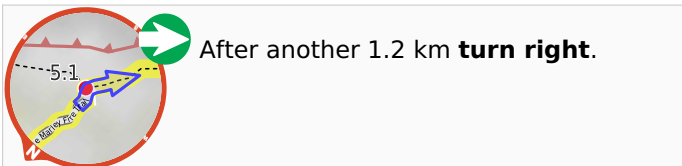


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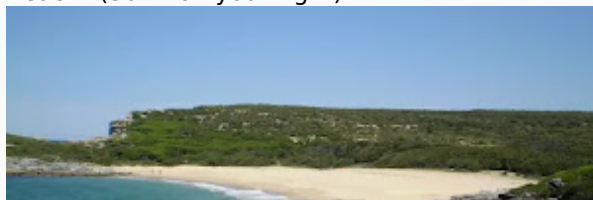


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 670 m to the main route.

- Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 4 km waypoint.
- After another 1.4 km (at the intersection of Little Marley Fire Trail & Marley Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Little Marley Fire Trail.

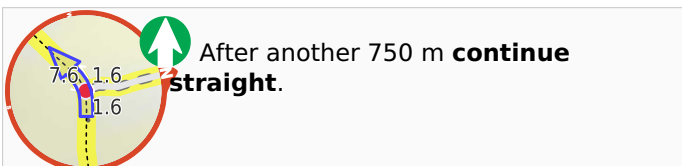


- After another 490 m find the "Little Marley Beach" (30 m on your right).

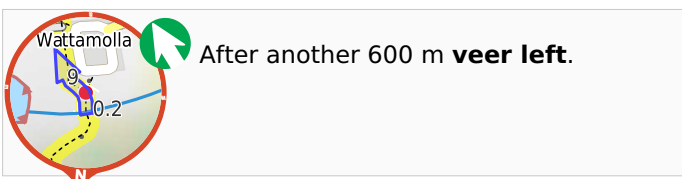


Little Marley Beach, Royal National Park, is a yellow sand beach, approximately 140m long. The narrow beach faces north-east and has a rock platform at either end. The beach is not patrolled and has no other services. For information on this beach's pollution levels, follow the 'more info' link below.

- After another 1.3 km come to the viewpoint.

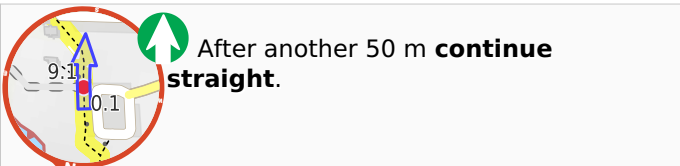


- After another 770 m **continue straight**.



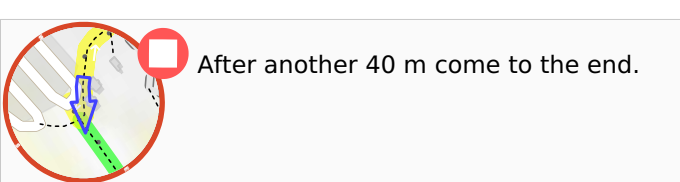
- After another 600 m **veer left**.

- After another 25 m pass the car park (25 m on your right).



- After another 60 m pass the car park (20 m on your right).

- After another 10 m pass the toilet (7 m on your left), female.



- After another 40 m come to the end.