




# The Strangler Cairn

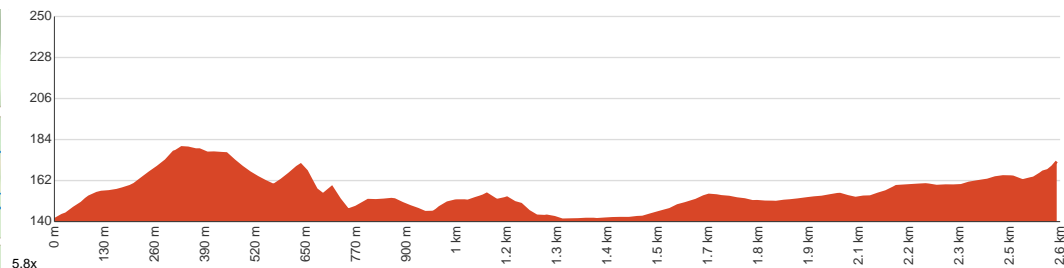
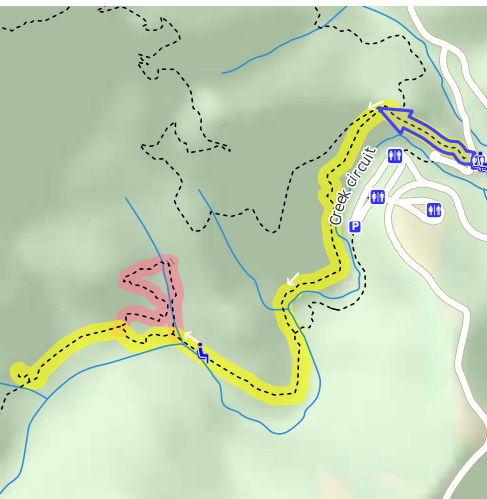
 1 h 30 min to 2 h 30 min

  
5.1 km  
Return

  
↑ 189 m  
↓ 189 m

  
Easy track

Starting from Booloumba Creek Day Use Area, Kenilworth, this walk takes you to the Strangler Cairn and back via the Conondale Range Great Walk Track, optionally visiting a barred up abandoned gold mine entrance along the way. A granite cairn made by renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy that has a strangler fig sapling planted on top of it, the Strangler Cairn stands 4 metres tall. With its strong way of construction, it's believed that the structure will be able to withstand the crushing power of the fig encaging it. If it stays intact as predicted, this unique work of art will be of exceptional value to future generations. The subtropical rainforest mixed with wet sclerophyll forest is home to plenty of interesting wildlife such as goannas of different sizes. Keep an eye out for snakes as well. Depending on the weather and track conditions, you may need to park your vehicle 2-3 kilometres up north and cross Booloumba Creek twice on foot unless you have a 4WD vehicle with good clearance. 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 2 of 6

Clear and well formed track or trail

Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

**Getting to the start:** From Bruce Highway, M1

- Turn on to then drive for 330 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Bli Bli Road, 23 and drive for another 1 km
- Turn left onto Coronation Avenue and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Price Street and drive for another 880 m
- Keep left and drive for another 60 m
- Continue onto Nambour Mapleton Road, 23 and drive for another 10.4 km
- Turn right onto Obi Obi Road and drive for another 20 km
- Turn left onto Eumundi Kenilworth Road, 22 and drive for another 1 km
- Turn slight left onto Elizabeth Street, 22 and drive for another 7.5 km
- Turn right onto Booloumba Creek Road and drive for another 5.3 km
- Turn right and drive for another 390 m

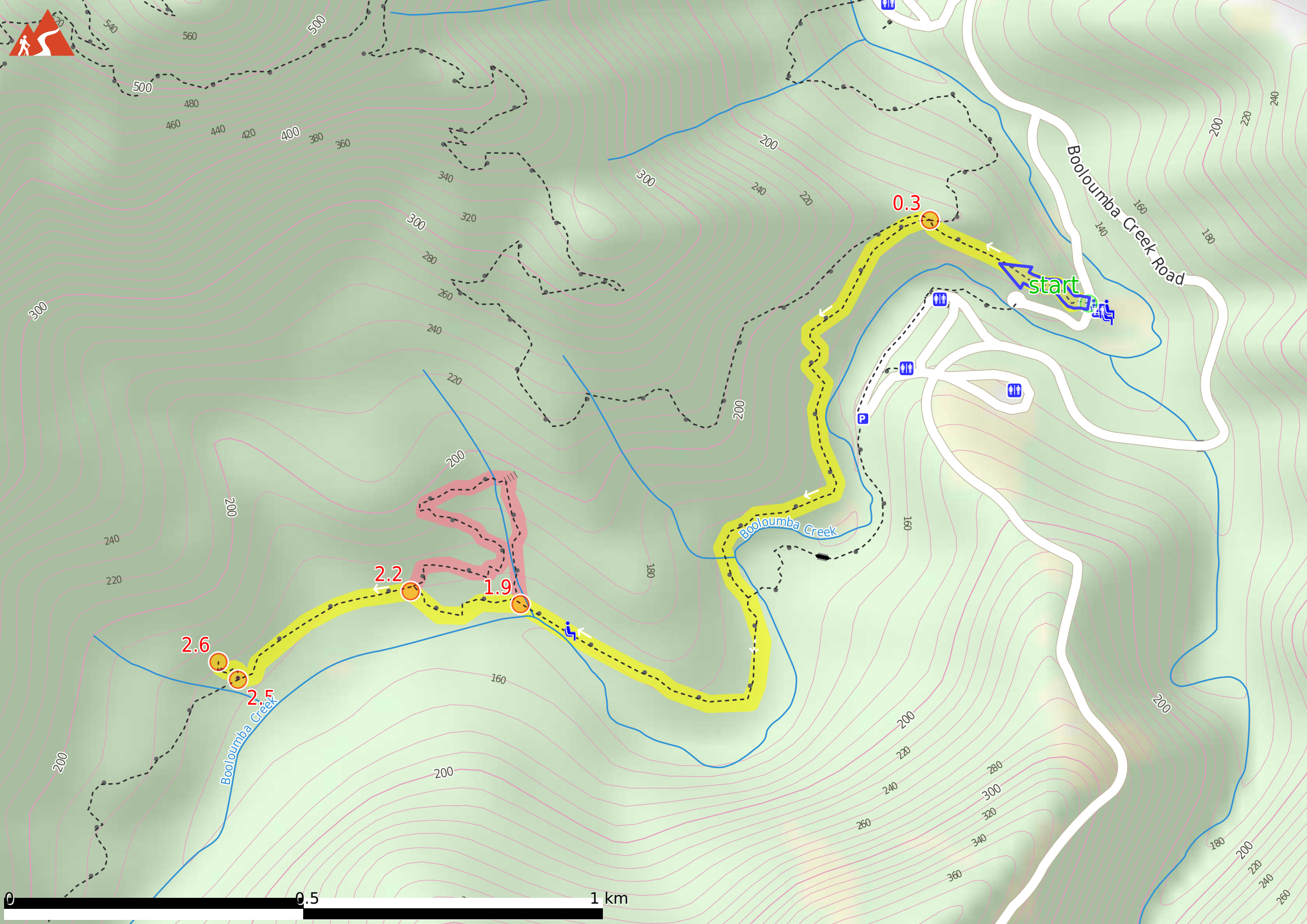
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

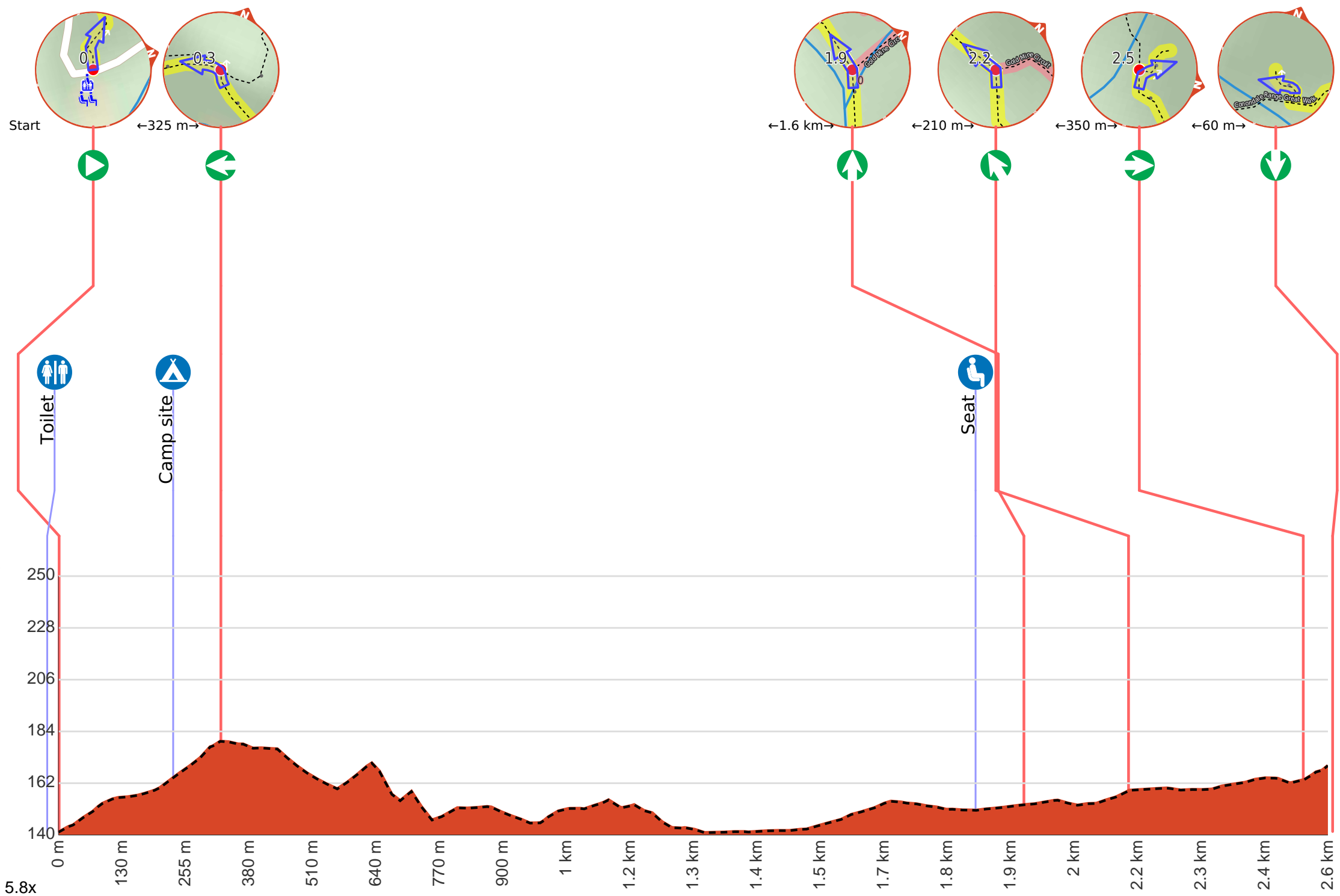
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

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

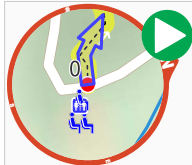
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**Getting started:** From Booloumba Creek Day Use Area(off Booloumba Creek Road), follow the signage and head along the singular walking track(Conondale Range Great Walk) as you move directly away from the dirt/gravel road. After about 325 metres, turn sharp left at the 4-way intersection to continue along The Strangler Cairn Track.



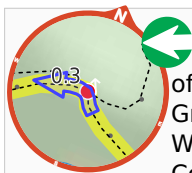
**Start.**



There is a toilet (about 25 m back from the start).



After 255 m come to the "Booloumba Creek No 3 Campground" (110 m on your left).  
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After another 95 m (at the intersection of Boloumba Ck No1 campground to Great Walk & Conondale Range Great Walk) **turn left**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.

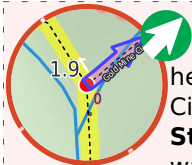


After another 980 m (at the intersection of Conondale Range Great Walk & Creek circuit) **continue straight**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.



After another 550 m pass a seat (5 m on your right)., has a backrest.

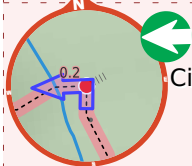
**Start of an alternate route:** An alternate route visiting the abandoned gold mine entrance that is barred up. Features a gradual incline via a switchback track and a steep decline via a near straight track if you take this route on the way back. This route is steeper than the main track and will add around 10-15 minutes to your journey.



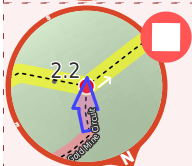
To take the alternate route veer right here. at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk **Start** heading along *Gold Mine Circuit* (a walking track).



After 280 m find the "Gold Mine" (35 m on your right).  
An abandoned barred-up gold mine from the 1920s.



**Turn left**, to head along Gold Mine Circuit.



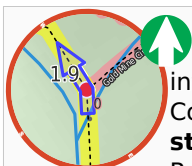
After another 560 m come to the end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



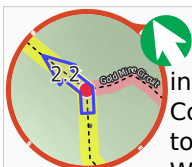
The alternate route finishes here. Veer right to rejoin the main route at the 2.2 km waypoint.



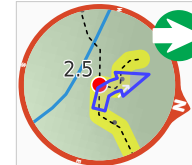
After another 100 m (at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.



The alternate route finishes here. Veer right to rejoin the main route at the 2.2 km waypoint.



After another 210 m (at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk) **veer left**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.



After another 350 m **turn right**.



After another 60 m come to "Strangler Cairn". A granite cairn made by renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy that has a strangler fig sapling planted on top of it, standing 4 metres tall above ground. It is expected that the roots of the strangler fig will wrap around the man-made cairn in about a hundred years, making it an exceptional work of art for future generations.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2.6 km to get back to the start.