



Battleship Spur from Carnarvon Gorge

(Bidjara & Karingbal Country)

8 h 30 min, 13 h 30 min to 2 days

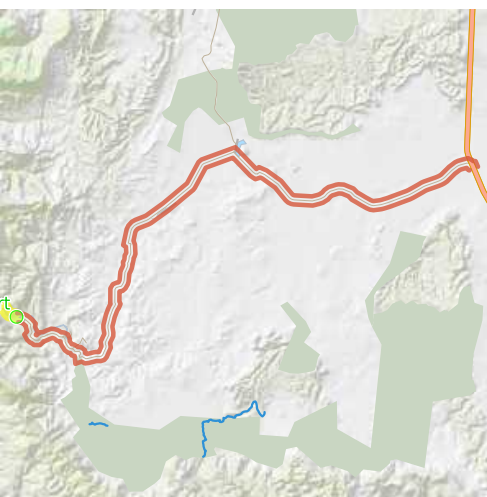
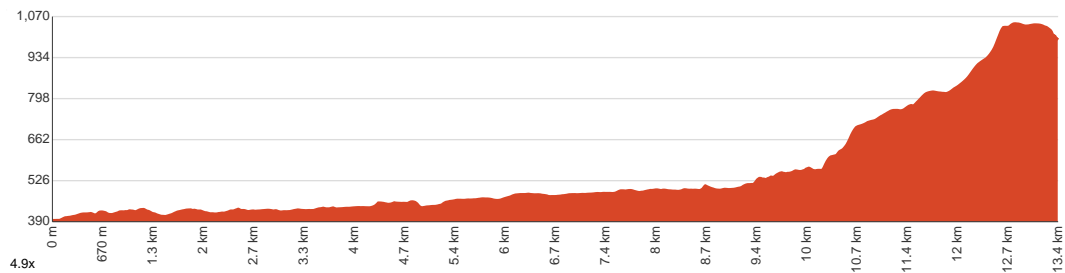
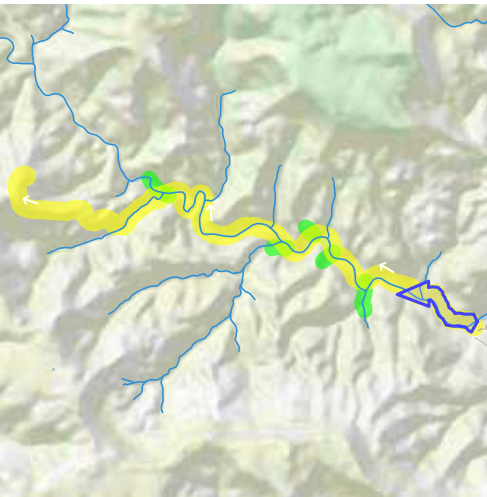
26.7 km
Return

↑ 1050 m
↓ 1050 m

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Very challenging



Starting from the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre, Carnarvon Park, this walk takes you to the summit of Battleship Spur and back via the Big Bend Walk and Carnarvon Great Walk tracks. A 30+ km return walk with the potential side trips included, this adventurous journey is one of the most satisfactory hikes in Queensland, if not the best. From the Battleship Spur, you'll be rewarded by truly exceptional views of the gorge after spending your whole day in it. Landmarks along the way include the Moss Garden and the well-known Amphitheatre. Try to visit each one of them and stay at the creekside campsite to make the most out of your 'Big Bend' experience. Notice the change of terrain and vegetation as you make your way through the subtropical bush to colossal sandstone walls. This route involves rock hopping and scrambling, but the steps carved by the park rangers on the sandstone walls will aid you. Bring some insect repellent to protect yourself from the mozzies (Australian slang for mosquitoes) and expect to get wet feet. Let us begin by acknowledging the Bidjara & Karingbal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 5 of 6
Rough unclear track

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Very steep and difficult rock scrambles (5/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)
Experience Required	High level of bushwalking experience recommended (5/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Carnarvon Highway, A7

- Turn on to Wyseby Road, 2 then drive for 18.1 km
- Turn left onto Obriens Road and drive for another 25.5 km
- Continue and drive for another 190 m

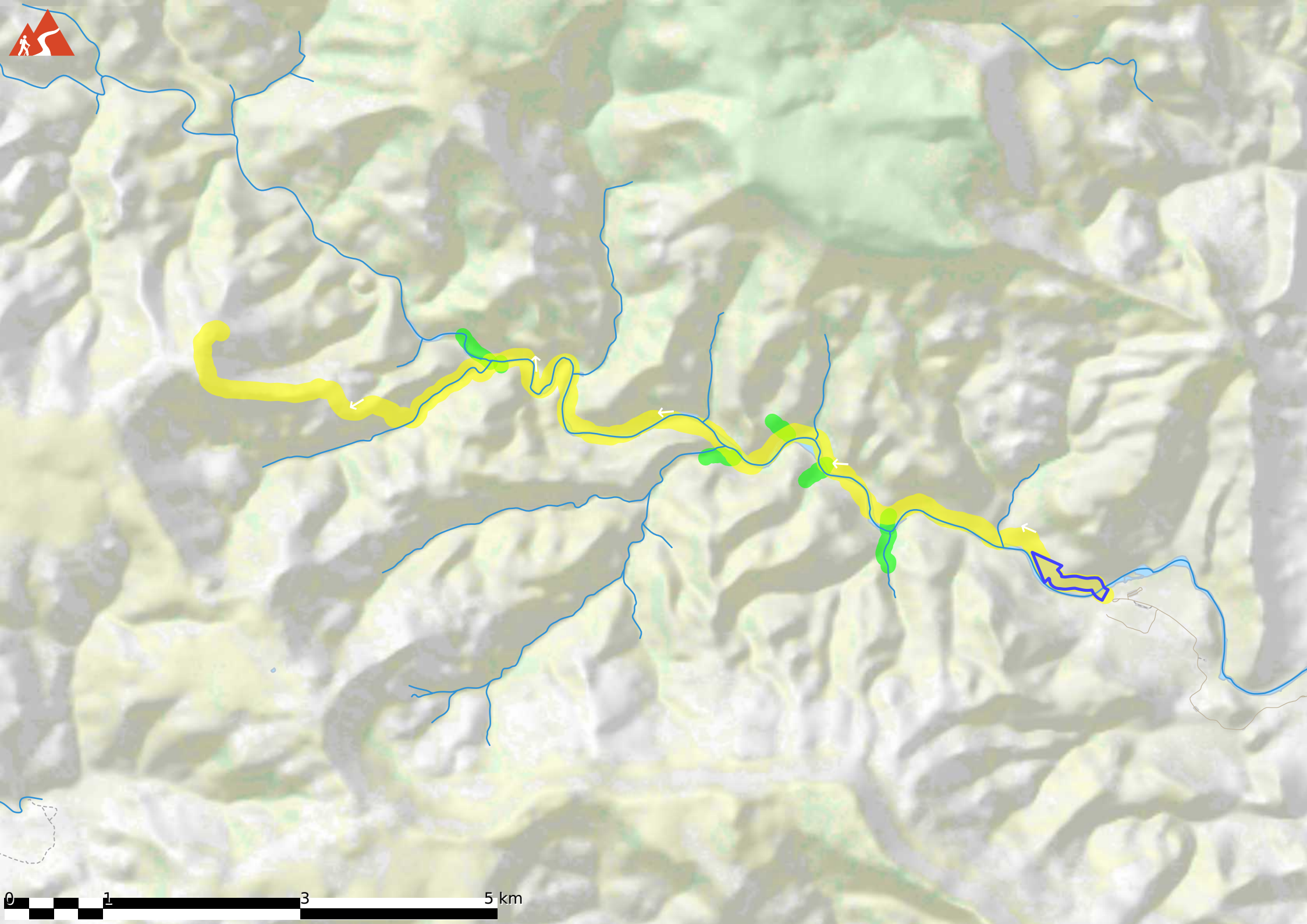
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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

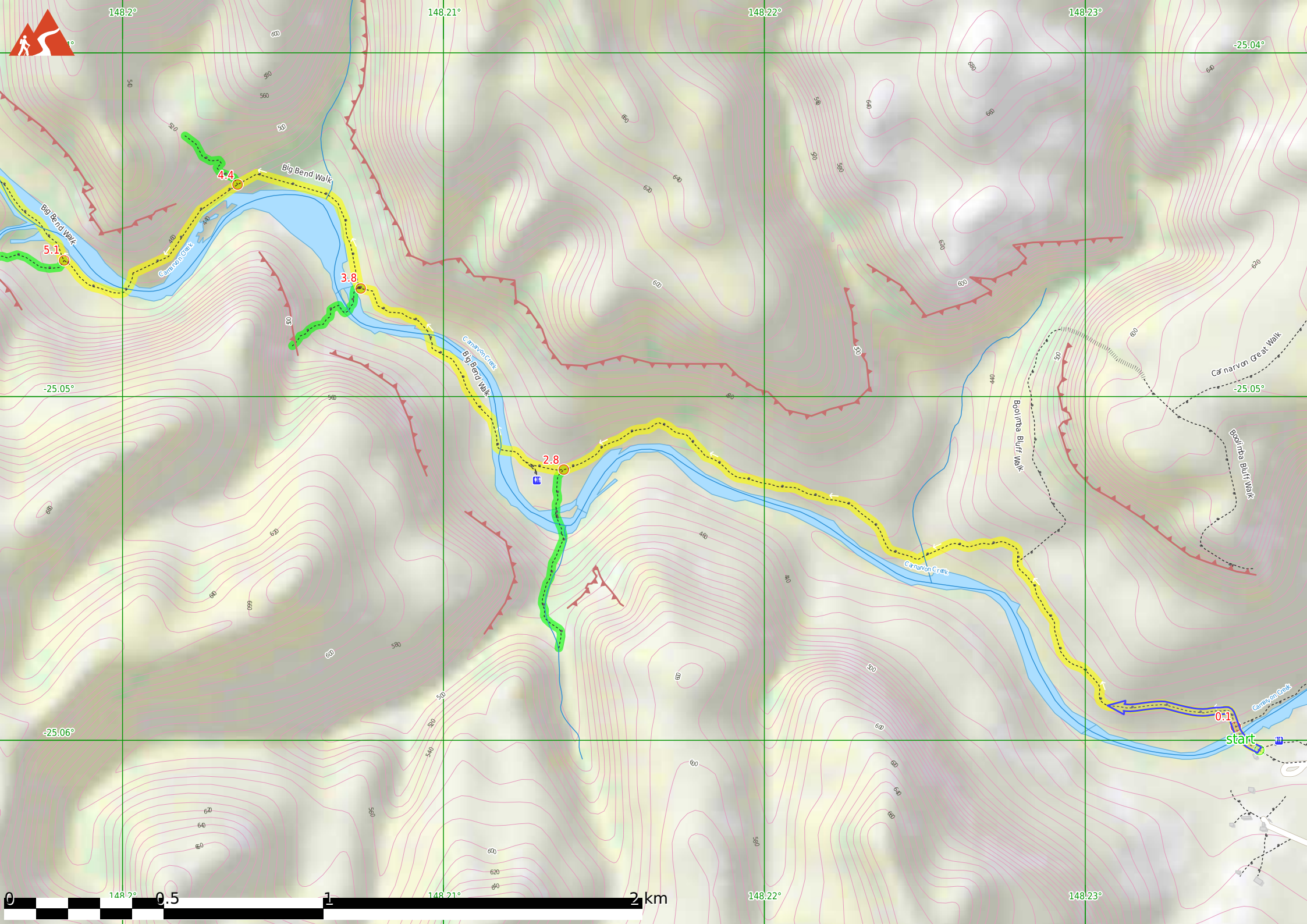
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

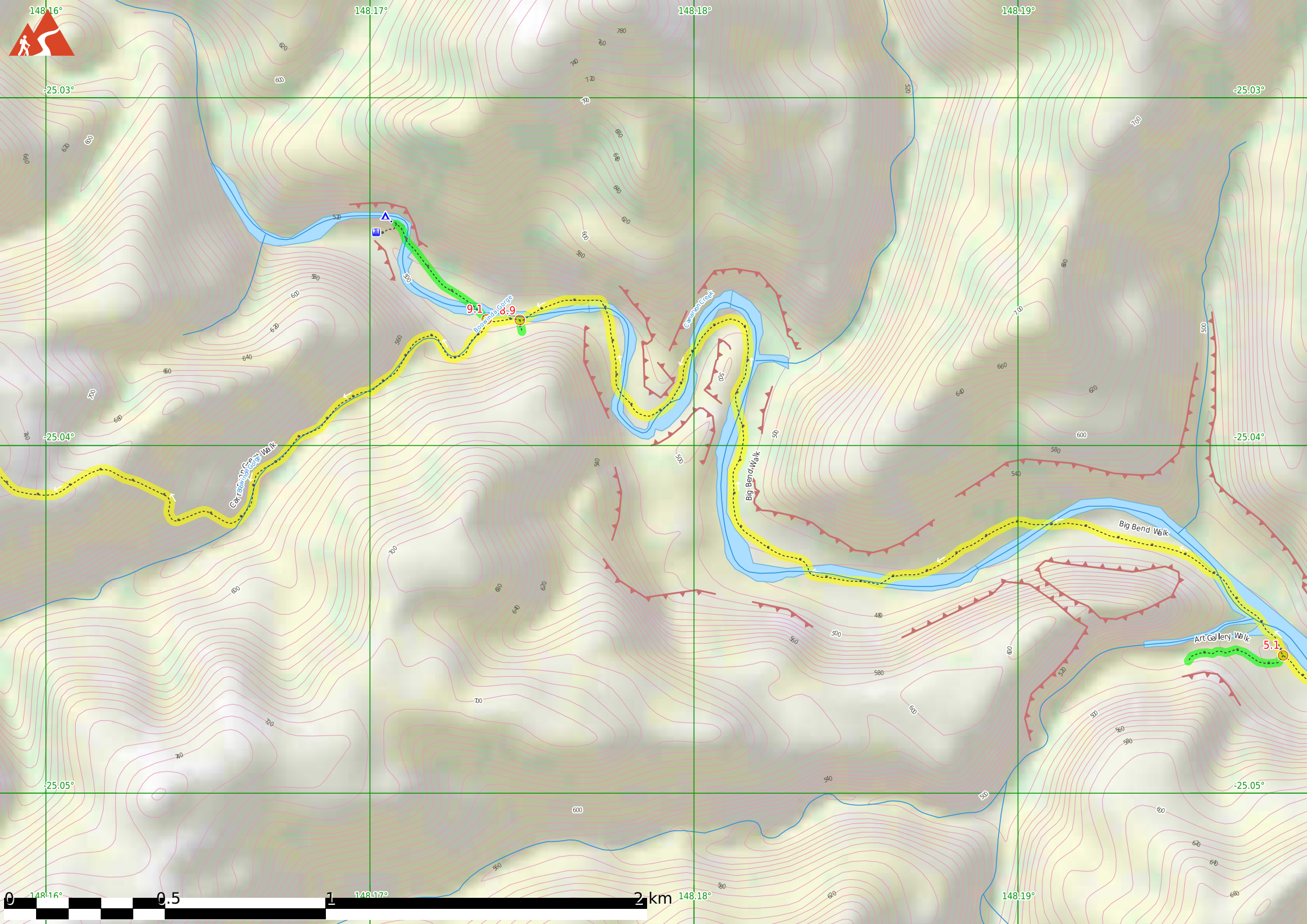
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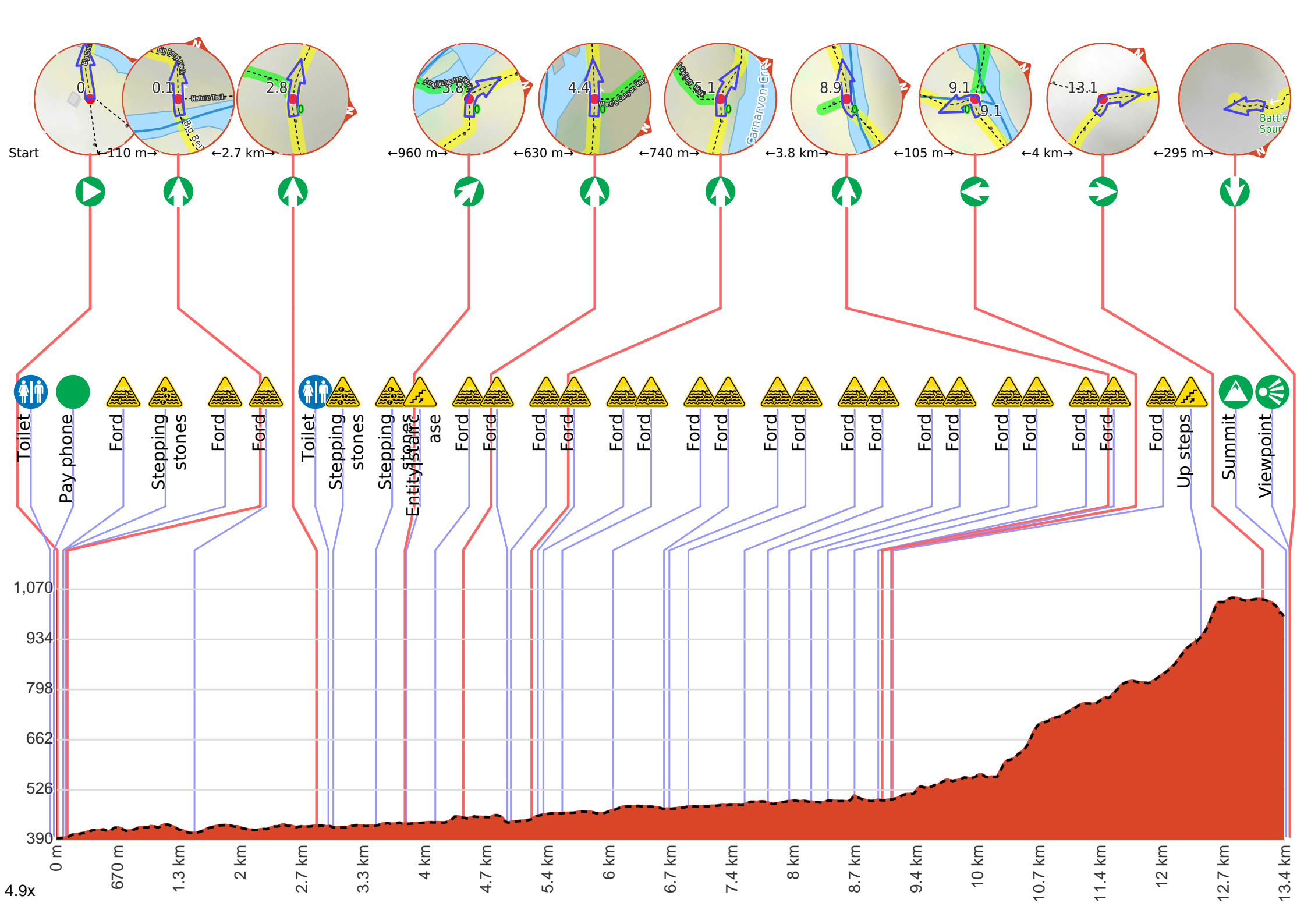


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Getting started: From the Carnarvon Gorge Visitor Centre, head towards the creek along the formed walking track. After crossing the said creek, keep left at the first intersection to join the Big Bend Walk. Stay on the track as it veers left and meanders along the creek (to your left) to continue along Battleship Spur from Carnarvon Gorge Track.



Start heading along *Big Bend Walk*.



There is a toilet (about 75 m back from the start).



There is a pay phone (about 35 m back from the start).



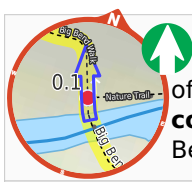
After 105 m cross the ford.



Then cross the stepping stones (about 30 m long)



Then cross the ford.



After another 15 m (at the intersection of Nature Trail & Big Bend Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 1 km (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Boolimba Bluff Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 370 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Moss Garden, a place that has an incredibly peaceful and stunning scenery, along with a little waterfall to add to the serenity.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Moss Garden Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Moss Garden Walk* (a walking track).



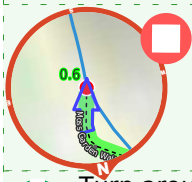
After 135 m cross the ford.



After another 55 m cross the ford.



After another 310 m cross the ford.



After another 125 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 630 m to the main route.



Back at the main route veer left and follow on from the 2.8 km waypoint.



After another 1.3 km (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Moss Garden Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 130 m pass the toilet (50 m on your left).



Continue straight, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 25 m **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.

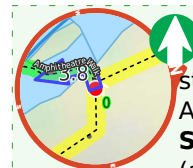


After another 60 m cross the stepping stones (about 140 m long)

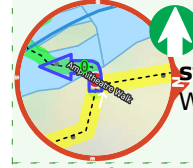


After another 320 m cross the stepping stones (about 45 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Amphitheatre. 60 metres deep, this acoustic rock formation presents a unique audible experience.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Amphitheatre Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Amphitheatre Walk* (a walking track).



After another 10 m **continue straight**, to head along Amphitheatre Walk.



After another 10 m cross the ford.



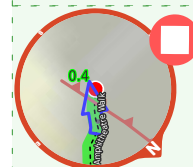
After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 15 m find the "tiered ladder" (on your left).



After another 195 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 350 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 3.8 km waypoint.



After another 270 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Amphitheatre Walk) **veer right**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



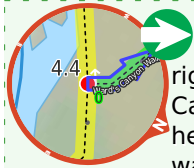
After another 20 m find the "tiered ladder" (110 m on your left).



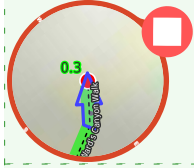
After another 310 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the Ward's Canyon. Step back in time as you're passing through the King ferns and

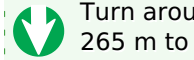
slender tree ferns in this naturally cool spot.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. at the intersection of Ward's Canyon Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Ward's Canyon Walk* (a walking track).

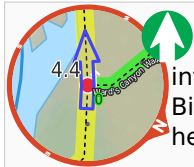


After another 265 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 265 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 4.4 km waypoint.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Ward's Canyon Walk & Big Bend Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 480 m cross the ford.

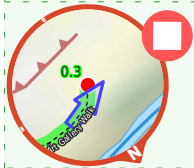


After another 40 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to the historic Art Gallery, where Aboriginals of the time engraved and painted 2000+ pieces of art. Especially the ochre stencils here are amongst the best in Australia.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Art Gallery Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Art Gallery Walk* (a walking track).



After another 335 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 335 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 5.1 km waypoint.



After another 225 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Art Gallery Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 65 m cross the ford.



After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 205 m cross the ford.



After another 550 m cross the ford.



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After another 60 m cross the ford.



After another 205 m cross the ford.



After another 610 m cross the ford.



After another 255 m cross the ford.



After another 230 m cross the ford.



After another 240 m cross the ford.



After another 180 m cross the ford.



After another 290 m cross the ford.



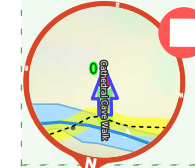
After another 260 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side

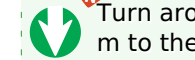
trip takes you to the Cathedral Cave. Eroded by wind and rain, this cave was used as shelter by the Aboriginals for thousands of years.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Cathedral Cave Walk & Big Bend Walk **Start** heading along *Cathedral Cave Walk* (a walking track).



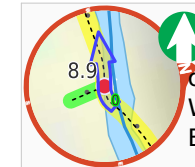
After another 40 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 40 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 8.9 km waypoint.



After another 40 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Cathedral Cave Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Big Bend Walk.



After another 95 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: This side trip takes you to the Big Bend walkers' camp, a creekside campsite that has non-flush toilets. Can get cold and windy at night, so prepare accordingly.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Boowinda Gorge & Carnarvon Great Walk **Start** heading along *Big Bend Walk* (a walking track).



Find the ford at the start.



After 75 m cross the ford.



After another 270 m cross the ford.



After another 45 m cross the ford.

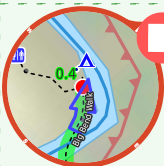


After another 30 m come to "Big Bend walkers' camp".

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There is a fee to use this campsite.

About 75 m past the end is a toilet.



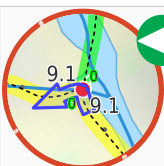
The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 420 m to the main route.



Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 9.1 km waypoint.



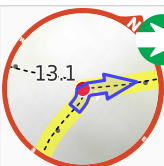
After another 9 m (at the intersection of Big Bend Walk & Boowinda Gorge) **turn left**, to head along Carnarvon Great Walk (a highway).



After another 15 m cross the ford.



After another 3.3 km head up the metal steps (about 7 m long)



After another 670 m **turn right**.



After another 255 m pass the "Battleship Spur" (10 m on your left).



After another 40 m come to the viewpoint (15 m on your left).



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 13.4 km to get back to the start.