



# West Canungra Creek Waterfall Circuit

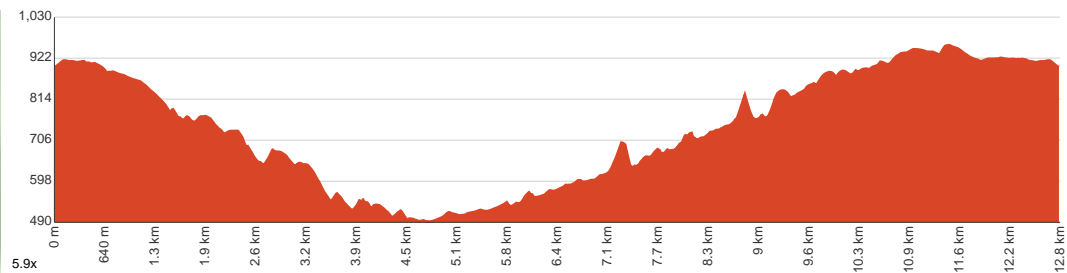
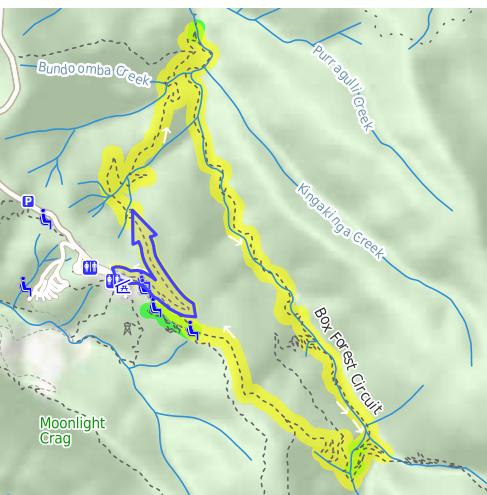
 5 h to 7 h 30 min

  
12.8 km  
Circuit

  
↑ 960 m  
↓ 960 m

  
4  
Hard track

Starting from Lamington National Park Road, O'Reilly, this circuit walk explores the dense forest alongside Canungra Creek via multiple tracks, visiting multiple waterfalls and swimming holes along the way. Prepare to be here all day as you'll want to enjoy the cool waters of Canungra along with the pure beauty of the scenery around. You'll cross creeks, walk along ridges, and visit lovely picnic spots as you make your way through the exquisite trees of Lamington. You can expect to spot some 'yabbies' (Australian term) here, a species of crayfish known as spiny blue crayfish. Besides the interesting wildlife, the track gives you glimpses of the picturesque hinterland as well. Although it's best to view the waterfalls after some decent rain, leeches become more abundant in such conditions. Wear long sleeves and pants to make this less of a problem. Keep in mind that you may run into different snake species as well, especially in warmer months. The track can be muddy in sections, and rock scrambling/hopping may be required to reach some of the falls. Hiking poles may come in handy. 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 Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to then drive for 490 m
- Turn left onto Gilston Road and drive for another 1.7 km
- At roundabout, take exit 3 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 670 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 530 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 820 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto McLaren Road and drive for another 185 m
- Continue onto McLaren Road and drive for another 370 m
- Keep right onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 175 m
- Continue onto Nerang - Murwillumbah Road, 97 and drive for another 1.2 km
- Turn right onto Clagiraba Road and drive for another 5.7 km
- Turn left onto Beaudesert - Nerang Road, 90, 8 and drive for another 10.7 km
- Turn left onto Kidston Street and drive for another 36 km

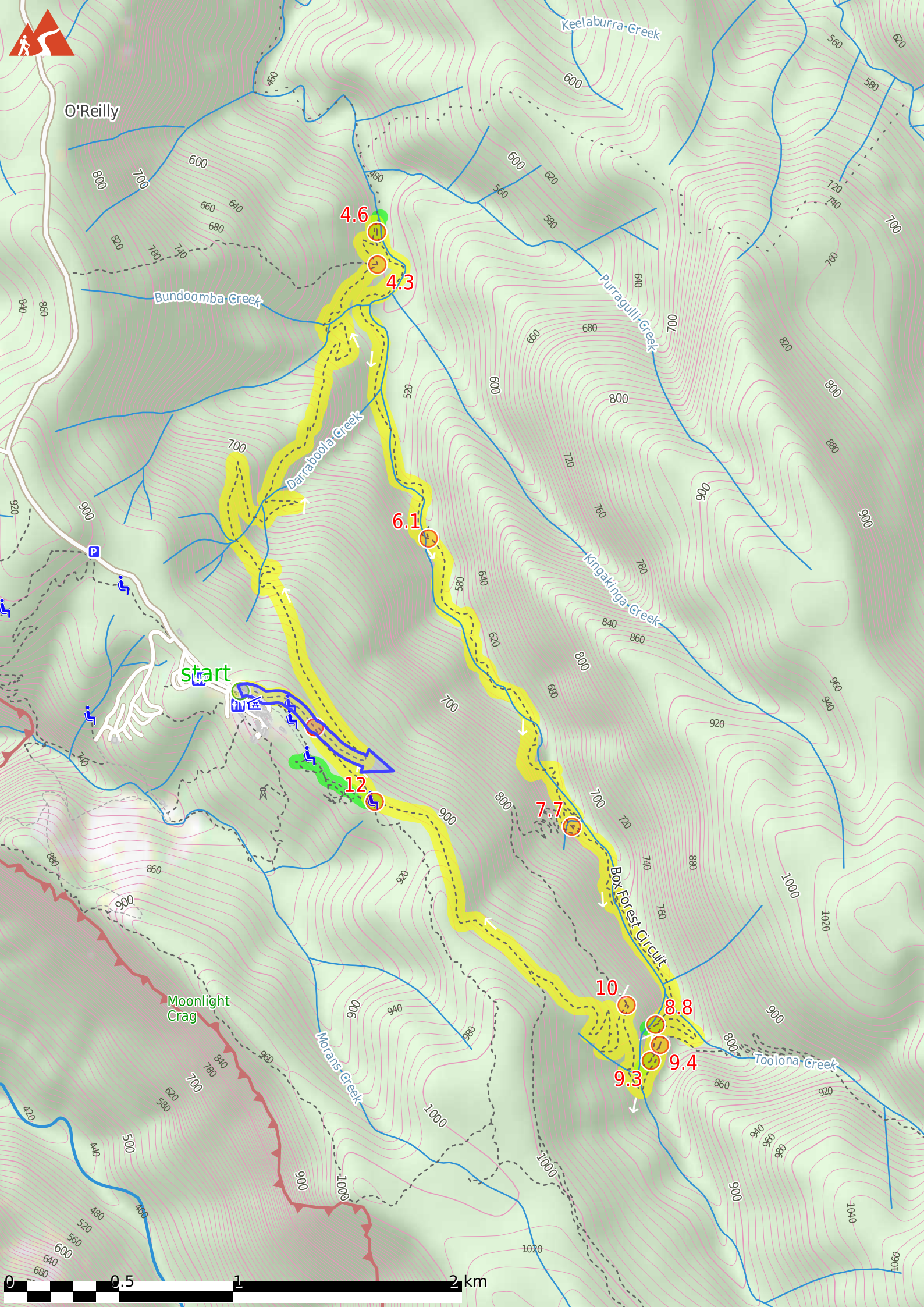
## Before you start any journey ensure you;

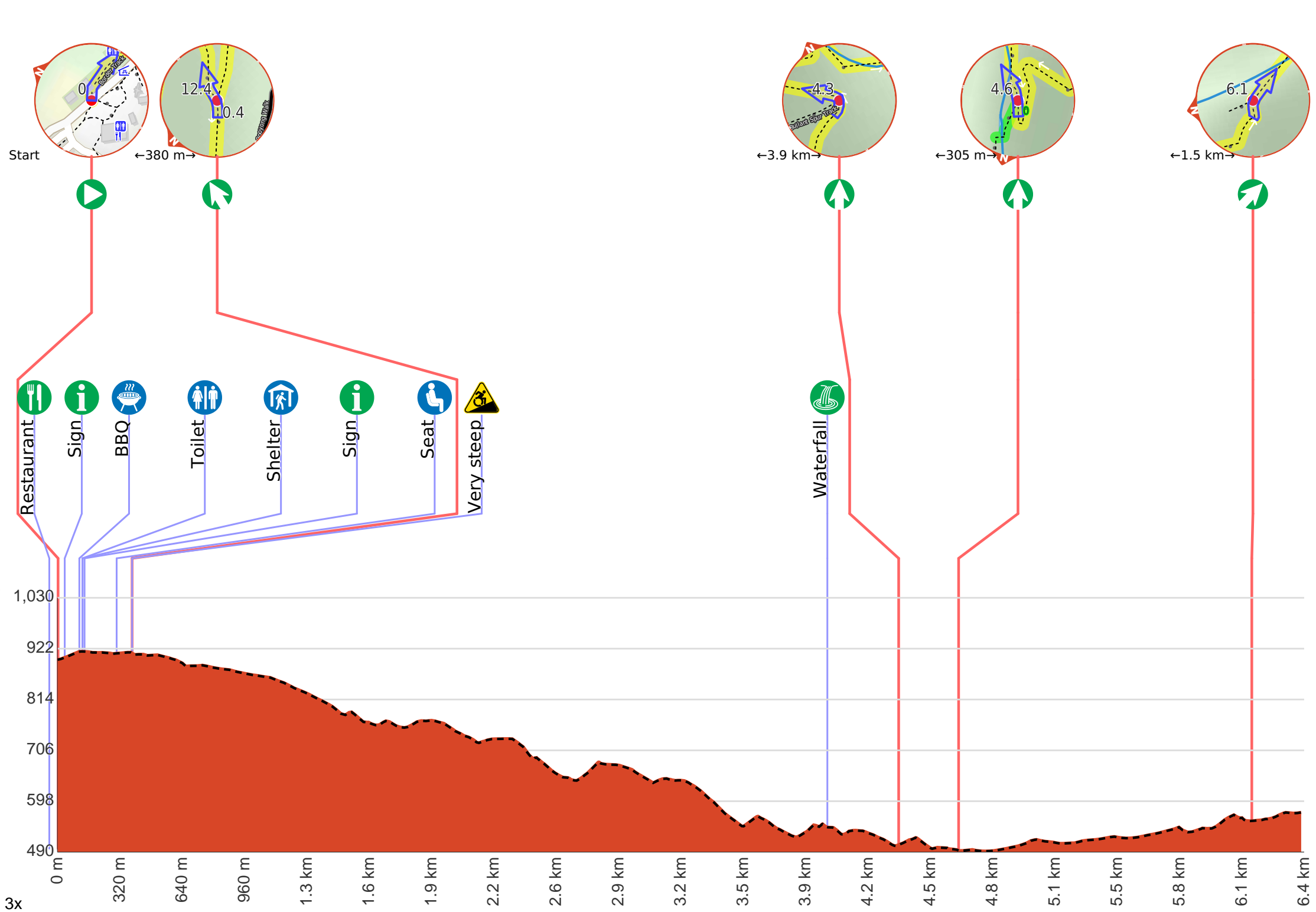
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
  - Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
  - Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
  - Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point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

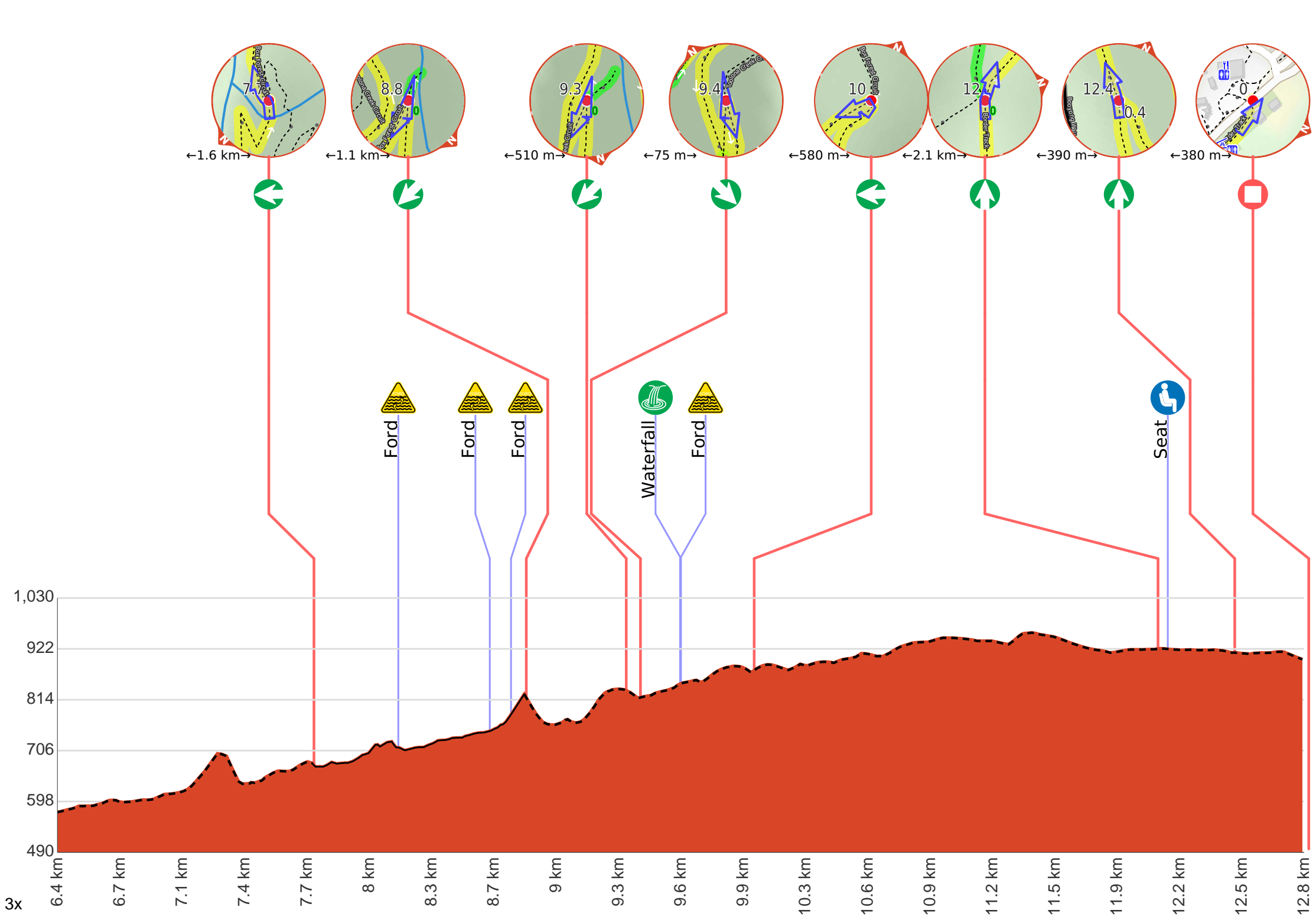
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**Getting started:** From Lamington National Park Road (in front of the Information Centre), head along the paved track gently downhill towards the said Information Centre, moving directly away from the road. Turn right before heading into the building and follow the paved track (Border Track) as it leads you into the woodland, keeping the road to your right. After about 375 metres, veer left and join the Yerralahla Track to continue along West Canungra Creek Waterfall Circuit (clockwise). This direction of travel is recommended.



At the intersection of Border Track & Lamington National Park Road **Start** heading along *Border Track* (a walking track).



O'Reilly's Cafe & Gifts (about 60 m back from the start).



After 80 m pass the "National Parks & Wildlife Office" (15 m on your left).



After another 75 m pass the BBQ (20 m on your right).



After another 15 m pass the toilet (10 m on your left).



Then pass the shelter (15 m on your right).



After another 10 m pass the sign (on your left).



After another 165 m pass a seat (7 m on your right).



After another 80 m (at the intersection of Border Track & Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track) **veer left**, to head along Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track.



Then head down the very steep (10% ~ 5.7°) incline (about 4.2 km long)

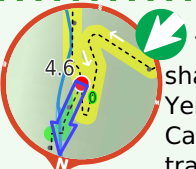


Then pass the waterfall (30 m on your left).

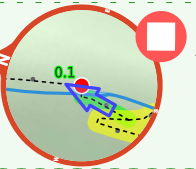


After another 370 m (at the intersection of Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track & Bullant Spur Track) **continue straight**, to head along Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track.

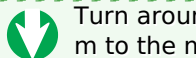
**Start of an optional side trip:** This side trip takes you to the Yerralahla Rock Pool (Blue Pool), a gorgeous swimming hole located along West Canungra Creek.



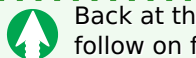
To start this optional side trip turn sharp left here. at the intersection of Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track & West Canungra Creek Circuit **Start** (a walking track).



After another 65 m come to the end.



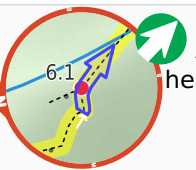
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 65 m to the main route.



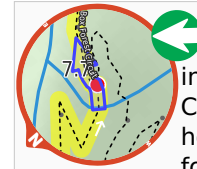
Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 4.6 km waypoint.



After another 305 m (at the intersection of Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track & West Canungra Creek Circuit) **continue straight**, to head along West Canungra Creek Circuit.



After another 1.5 km **veer right**, to head along West Canungra Creek Circuit.



After another 1.6 km (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & West Canungra Creek Circuit) **turn left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit (a footpath).



After another 430 m cross the ford.

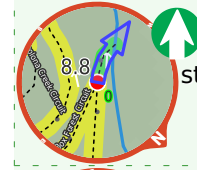


After another 470 m cross the ford.

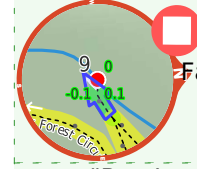


After another 110 m cross the ford.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This side trip takes you to the Box Log Falls. May involve rock hopping/scrambling.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. **Start**.



Continue another 40 m to find Box Log Falls at the end.



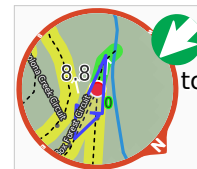
"Box Log Falls".



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

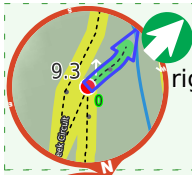


Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 8.8 km waypoint.

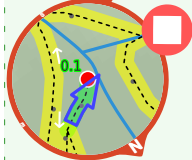


After another 80 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit.

**Start of an optional side trip:** This side trip takes you to the base of Elabana Falls. May involve rock hopping/scrambling.



To start this optional side trip veer right here. **Start.**



After another 55 m come to the end.



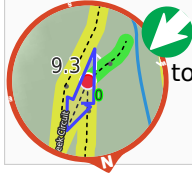
About 40 m past the end is "Elabana Falls".



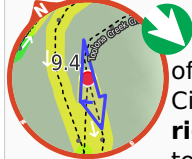
Turn around and retrace your steps back the 55 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn right and follow on from the 9.3 km waypoint.



After another 510 m **turn sharp left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit.



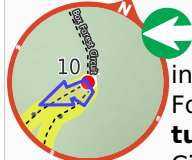
After another 75 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit & Box Forest Circuit) **turn sharp right**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 205 m pass the "Elabana Falls" (30 m on your right).



Then cross the ford.



After another 380 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **turn left**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 320 m (at the intersection of Box Forest Circuit & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **continue straight**, to head along Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit.



After another 710 m (at the intersection of Border Track & Box Forest Circuit / to Toolona Creek Circuit) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.

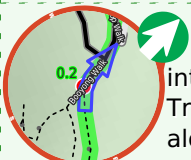
**Start of an optional side trip:** This optional side trip takes you to a set of observation decks built literally in a Strangler Fig, with one of them being 30 metres above the ground. You can observe the flora and birdlife from close proximity as the interpretive signs help you identify plants.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Border Track Connection & Border Track **Start** heading along *Border Track Connection* (a walking track).



After another 135 m **continue straight**, to head along Border Track Connection.



After another 100 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Border Track Connection) **veer right**, to head along Booyong Walk.



After another 35 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Tree Top Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Booyong Walk.



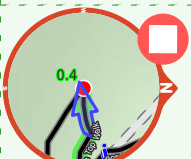
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Booyong Walk & Tree Top Walk) **continue straight**, to head along Tree Top Walk.



After another 50 m **veer left**, to head along Tree Top Walk.



Then cross the bridge



After another 40 m come to the end.

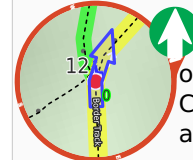


"Tree Top Walk Ladder".



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 400 m to the main route.

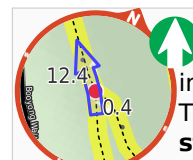
Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 12 km waypoint.



After another 1 km (at the intersection of Border Track & Border Track Connection) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.



After another 50 m pass a seat (on your left)., has a backrest.



After another 345 m (at the intersection of Yerralahla (Blue Pool) Track & Border Track) **continue straight**, to head along Border Track.



After another 380 m come to the end.