



Boom and Bust Loop

45 min to 1 h

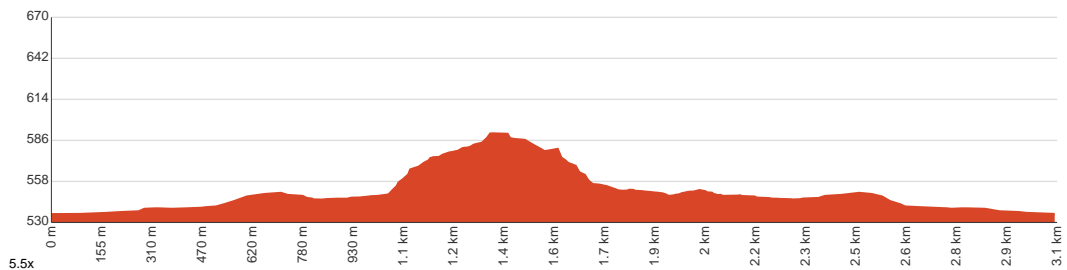
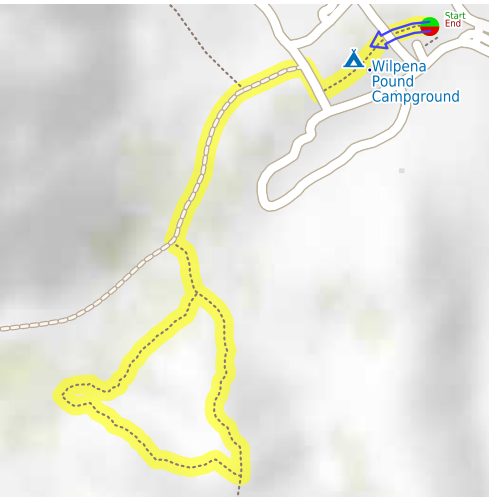
3.1 km
Circuit

↑ 72 m
↓ 72 m

3
Moderate track



Starting from the Wilpena Pound Visitor Centre on Wilpena Road, Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, this walk takes you on a circuit around Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park via the Boom and Bust Loop. One of South Australia's most popular tourist destinations, Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park is home to ancient rugged mountain ranges, dramatic gorges, peaceful tree-lined creeks and abundant wildlife. This relatively short and easy loop initially follows a dirt road through the Pound Gap, following Wilpena Creek through tall river red gums and pines, then turns off onto the Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike before looping back to the Pound Gap. In the early 1900s, sheep were raised and wheat was grown within the Pound, but the boom and bust cycle of flooding rains followed by drought put an end to cropping and eventually reduced sheep numbers below a profitable level. The walk features interpretive signage detailing how plants and animals in the area have adapted to survive these conditions, and in spring, there's an abundance of colourful native wildflowers. The walk can be extended to the summit of Mount Ohlssen Bagge, which involves a steep rocky climb and offers panoramic views of Wilpena Pound. This loop consists of narrow, gently undulating walking trails and fire tracks, with uneven natural surfaces and compacted natural surfaces, suitable for most fitness levels. 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 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	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

Getting to the start: From Augusta Highway, Stirling North.

- Turn on to Range View Road then drive for 33.1 km
- Turn left onto Railway Terrace and drive for another 66.4 km
- Turn right onto Wilpena Road and drive for another 50.9 km
- Turn left onto Wilpena Road and drive for another 3.8 km
- Keep left onto Wilpena Pound Road and drive for another 10 m
- Keep right and drive for another 205 m
- Turn right and drive for another 45 m

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600

590

545

540



Wilpena Pound

Start

End

Wilpena Road

Wilpena Pound
Campground



0.3

Wilpena Road

Wilpena Road

540

600

580

2.3

2.2

500

560

560

580

580

1.3

620

640

600

660

680

700

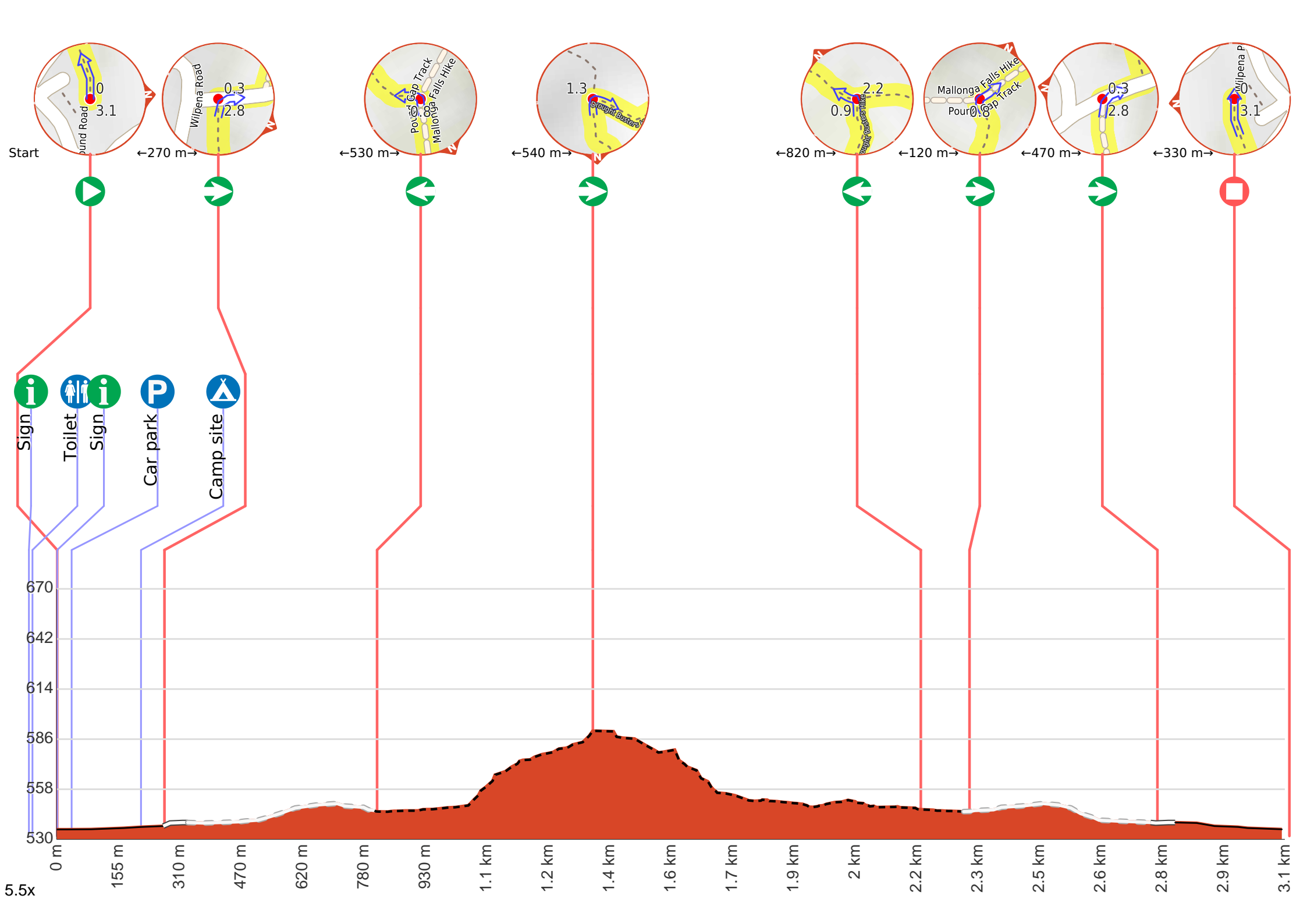
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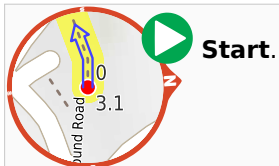
0.5

1 km





Getting started: From the Wilpena Pound Visitor Centre on Wilpena Road, Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, follow the path to the area behind the visitor centre, where you'll find an information shelter and several trail markers. Shortly ahead, you'll reach a 'Boom and Bust Loop' interpretive sign. From there, head along the trail to your right and continue ahead for about 800m along Wilpena Creek, until you reach a 'Mt. Ohlssen Bagge', 'Boom and Bust' and 'Wilpena Pound' sign (to your left). Turn left and follow the trail ahead for about 120m, until you reach a junction in the trail. From there, head along the trail to your left and continue the Boom and Bust Loop (clockwise).



Start.

i Wilpena Pound Visitor Centre (about 70 m back from the start).

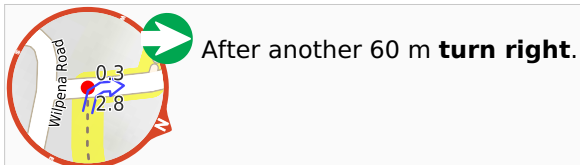
♿ There is a toilet (about 60 m back from the start).

i Find the sign at the start.

P Find the car park at the start.

↑ After another 50 m **continue straight**.

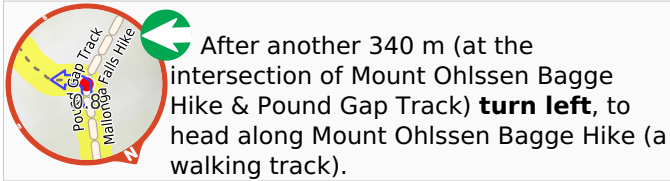
⚓ After another 125 m come to the "Wilpena Pound Campground" (20 m on your left).



After another 60 m **turn right**.

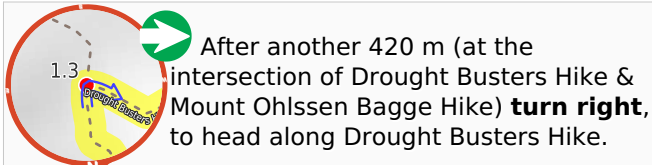
↶ After another 60 m **turn left**.

↑ After another 130 m (at the intersection of Pound Gap Track & Outside Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Pound Gap Track.

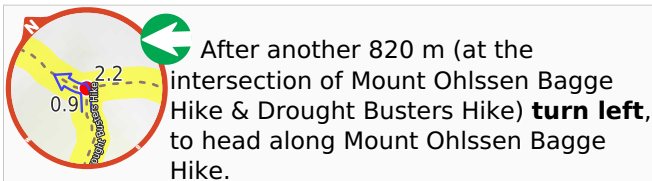


After another 340 m (at the intersection of Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike & Pound Gap Track) **turn left**, to head along Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike (a walking track).

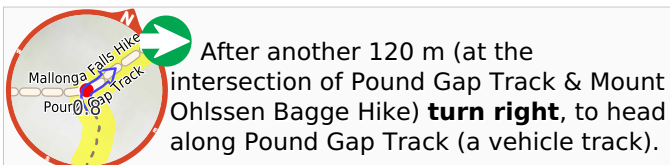
↑ After another 120 m (at the intersection of Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike & Drought Busters Hike) **continue straight**, to head along Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike.



After another 420 m (at the intersection of Drought Busters Hike & Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike) **turn right**, to head along Drought Busters Hike.

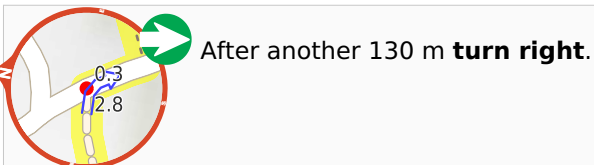


After another 820 m (at the intersection of Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike & Drought Busters Hike) **turn left**, to head along Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike.



After another 120 m (at the intersection of Pound Gap Track & Mount Ohlssen Bagge Hike) **turn right**, to head along Pound Gap Track (a vehicle track).

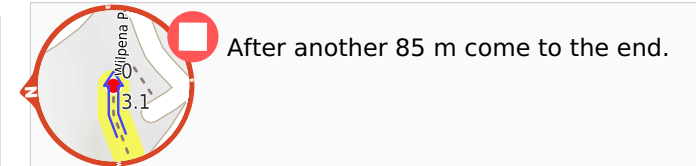
↑ After another 340 m (at the intersection of Outside Trail & Pound Gap Track) **continue straight**.



After another 130 m **turn right**.

↶ After another 60 m **turn left**.

↑ After another 180 m **continue straight**.



After another 85 m come to the end.