



Walka Lake Trail Loop

(Wonnarua Country)

45 min to 1 h

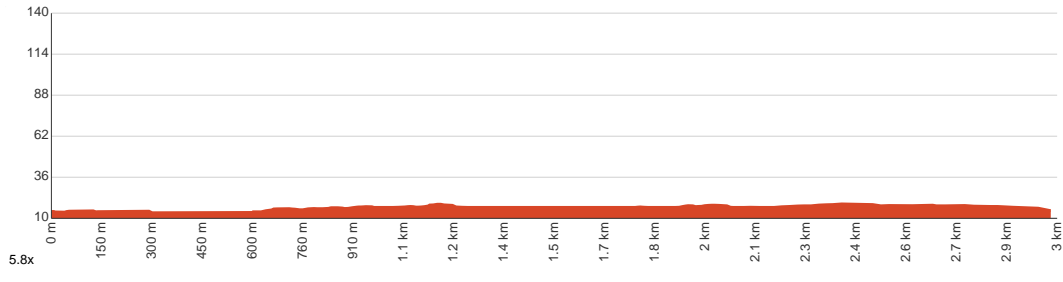
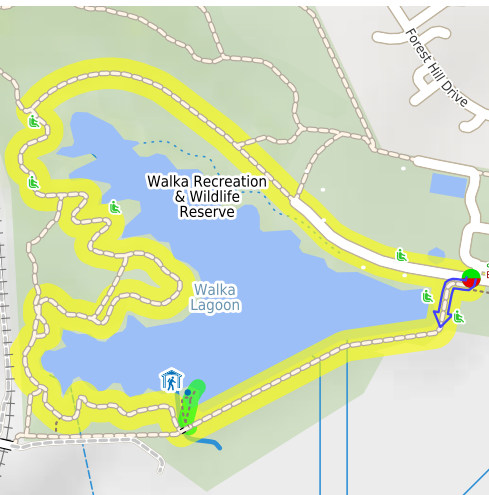
 15 min to 30 min

3 km
 Circuit

↑ 14 m
 ↓ 14 m

Easy track

Starting from the Walka Water Works car park at the end of South Willards Lane, Oakhampton Heights, this walk takes you on a circuit around Walka Lake via the Lake Trail. This short and easy loop winds its way around the Walka Lake in the Walka Recreation and Wildlife Reserve, offering excellent views of the lake and good opportunities for observing the area's diverse birdlife, with a lovely spot for a picnic or barbeque at the end. The reserve covers 112 hectares of park and bushland surrounding Walka Water Works, a 19th-century heritage-listed pumping station, with the former water reservoir still visible today as the Walka Lake. The historic pumping station, built in the late 1800s to provide a permanent water supply for Newcastle, is one of the best preserved 19th-century industrial complexes in the Hunter Valley, featuring a towering chimney and ornate brickwork. Nowadays, Walka Water Works is a popular recreation reserve for the Maitland community, with picnic areas, gas barbeques, a playground and a mini train track running along the lake's edge, as well as several well-maintained walking and cycling trails. The reserve is also home to a large population of wild kangaroos, as well as over 140 species of birds. This loop consists of wide, mostly flat shared-use tracks with compacted natural surfaces and gravel surfaces. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, as well as prams. Let us begin by acknowledging the Wonnarua people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

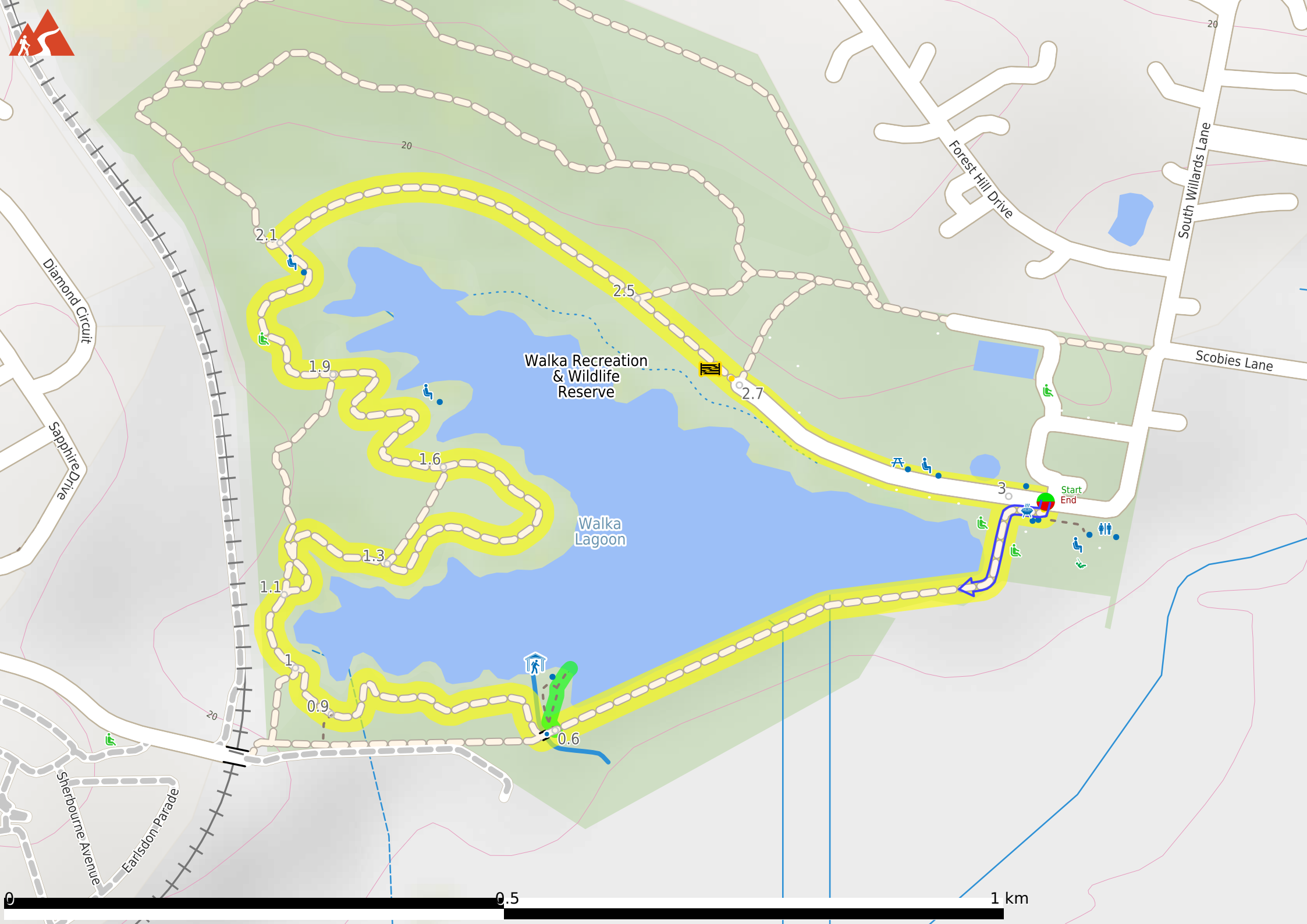


Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Flat, no steps (1/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (2/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (2/6)

Getting to the start: From , South Maitland.

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Walka Recreation & Wildlife Reserve

Walka Lagoon

Forest Hill Drive

South Willards Lane

Scobies Lane

Diamond Circuit

Sapphire Drive

Sherbourne Avenue

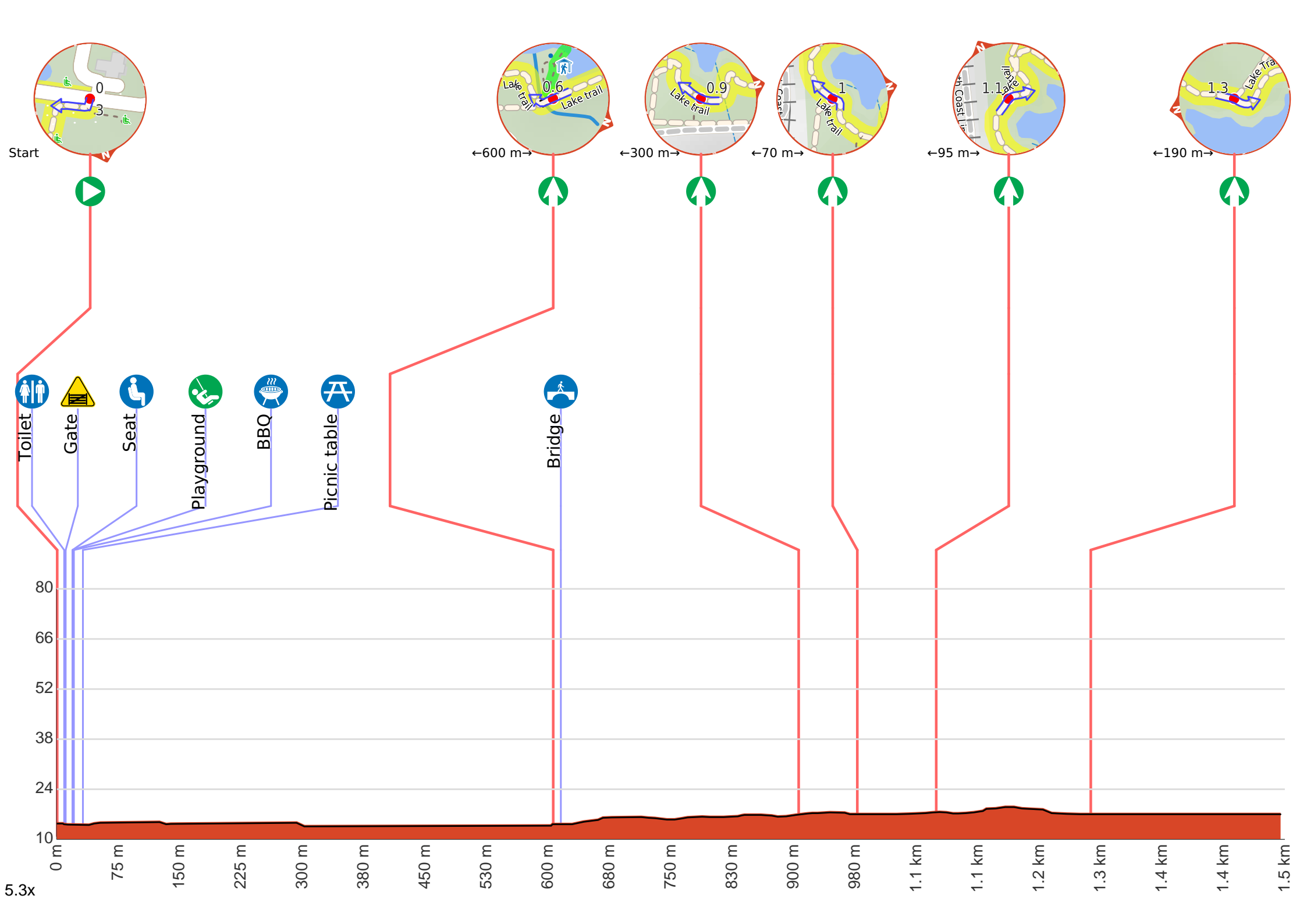
Earlsdon Parade

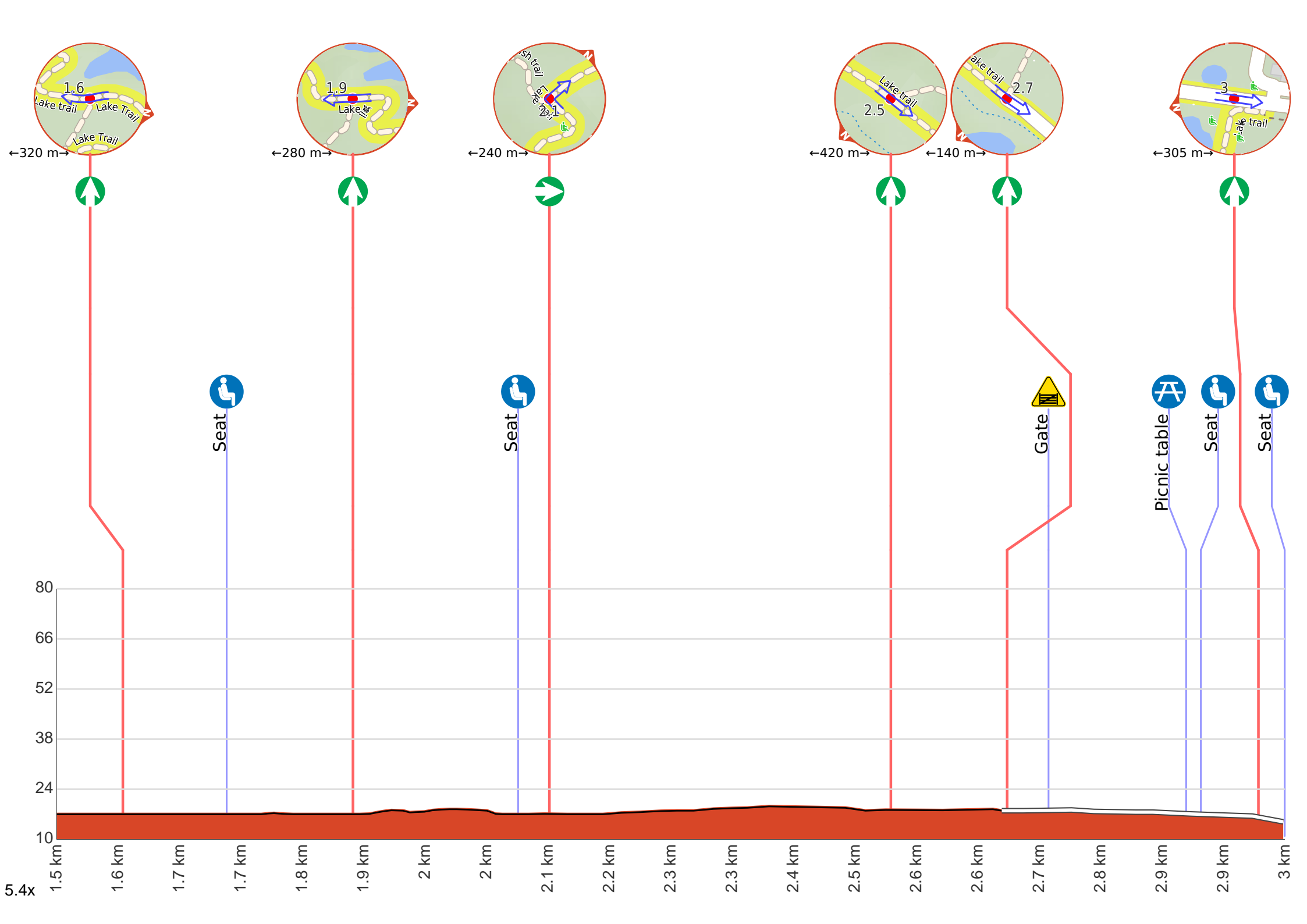
Start

End

0.5

1 km





Getting started: From the Walka Water Works car park at the end of South Willards Lane, Oakhampton Heights, head across the sealed parking area and follow the gravel trail towards the lake, passing between a couple of grassy picnic areas. From there, follow the Lake Trail ahead along the sandstone reservoir wall, keeping the lake to your right, and continue the Walka Lake Trail Loop (clockwise).



From the Lake trail **Start** heading along *Lake trail* (a highway|cycleway).

Find the toilet at the start.

Then head through/around the gate.

Find the seat at the start. , has no backrest.

Find the playground at the start.

From the Lake trail **turn right**, to head along Lake trail.

After another 7 m pass the BBQ (8 m on your left).

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

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to a little jetty by the shore.



To start this optional side trip turn right here. from the Lake trail **Start** (a walking track).

After another 10 m **veer right**.



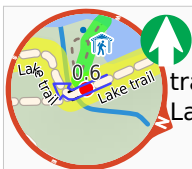
After another 40 m **continue straight**.

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

After another 15 m come to the end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 80 m to the main route.

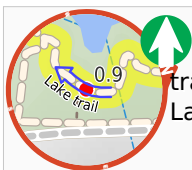
Back at the main route **ERROR >360** and follow on from the 600 m waypoint.



After another 570 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.

After another 9 m cross the bridge (about 6 m long)

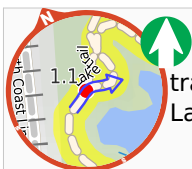
From the Lake trail **turn right**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 285 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



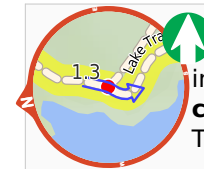
After another 70 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 95 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 60 m (from the Lake trail) **veer right**, to head along Lake trail.



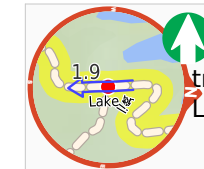
After another 125 m (at the intersection of Lake Trail & Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake Trail.



After another 320 m (at the intersection of Lake trail & Lake Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 125 m pass a seat (30 m on your right)., has a backrest.



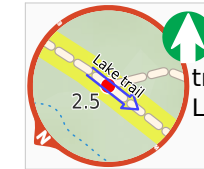
After another 155 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 200 m pass a seat (5 m on your left).



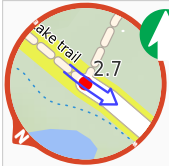
After another 40 m (at the intersection of Lake trail & Bush trail) **turn right**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 420 m (from the Lake trail) **continue straight**, to head along Lake trail.



After another 190 m head through/around the gate.



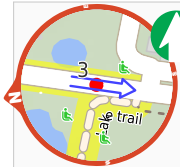
From the Lake trail **continue straight** (a service road).



After another 220 m pass the picnic table (10 m on your left).



After another 20 m pass a seat (10 m on your left)., has a backrest.



After another 70 m **continue straight**.



After another 30 m pass a seat (15 m on your left)., has no backrest.



Continue another 6 m to find from the Lake trail at the end.