



Bararranna Gorge Walk

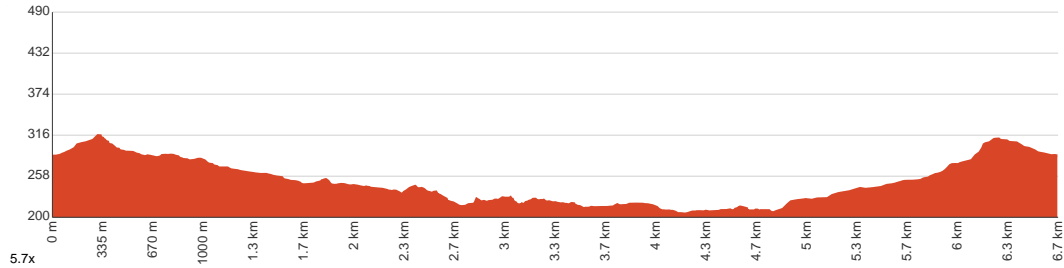
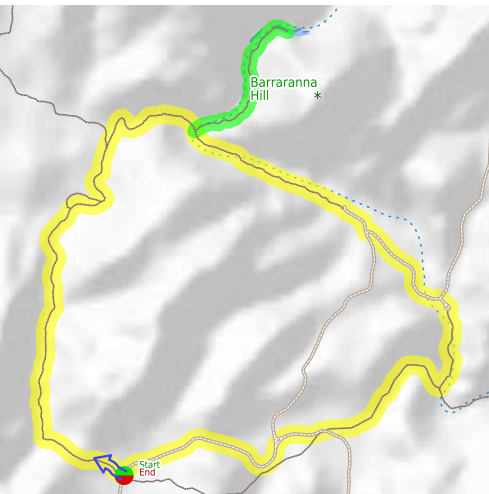
2 h to 3 h

6.7 km
Circuit

↑ 225 m
↓ 226 m

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Hard track

Starting from the car park at the Welcome Mine off Arkaroola Road, Arkaroola, this walk takes you on a circuit around Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary via the Bararranna Gorge Walk. Located in the northern Flinders Ranges, Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary is a spectacular private wilderness sanctuary founded by the Sprigg family in 1968, home to a wide range of birds, reptiles and mammals, including the endangered yellow-footed rock-wallaby. The sanctuary is a haven for outback explorers, featuring rolling countryside, rugged mountains, gorges, creeks, waterholes and many unique rock formations. This loop explores the complex geology of Arkaroola, from the ancient fossil seabeds now forming near-vertical cliffs in Bararranna Gorge to the ancient glacial rocks from past ice ages at Stubbs Waterhole, winding across shaly hills and passing between the high walls of Arkaroola Creek. The hike starts and ends at the Welcome Mine, an old copper mine located to the west of the Arkaroola Village, usually accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles. This loop consists of narrow walking trails, with some short steep hills and uneven natural surfaces, suitable for moderate 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.

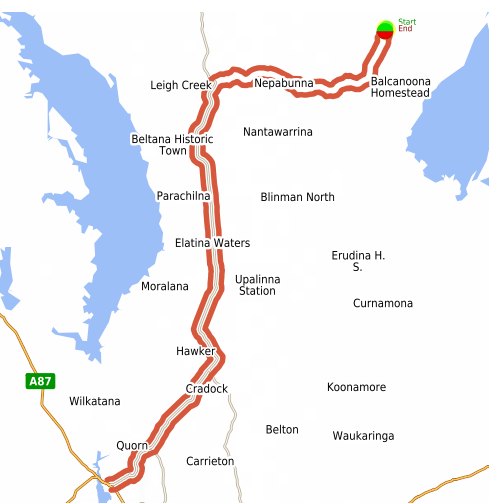


Class 4 of 6
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Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

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 225.8 km
- Turn right onto Gammon Ranges Road and drive for another 99 km
- Turn left onto Arkaroola Road and drive for another 24 km
- Turn right and drive for another 4.1 km



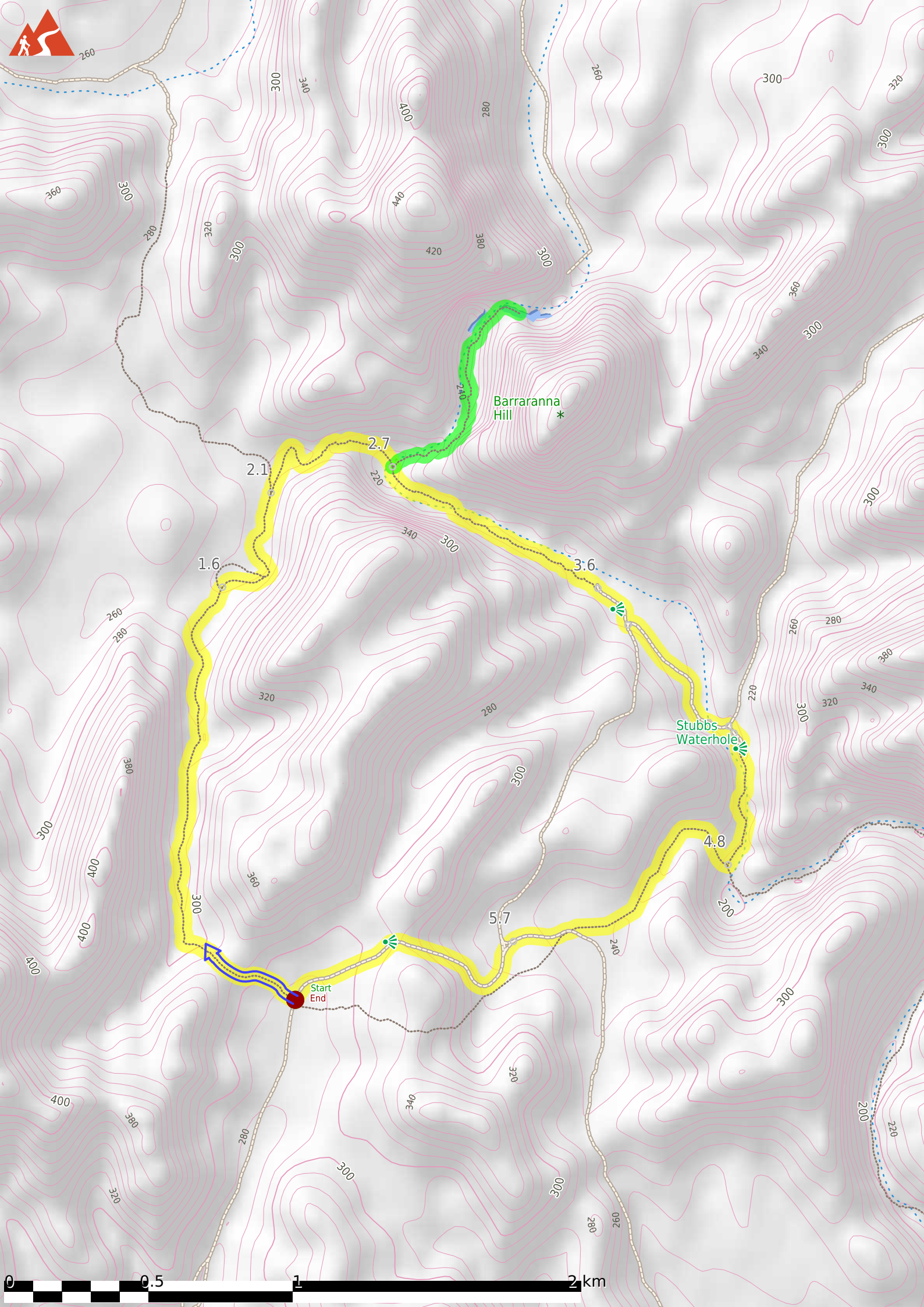
Before you start any journey ensure you;

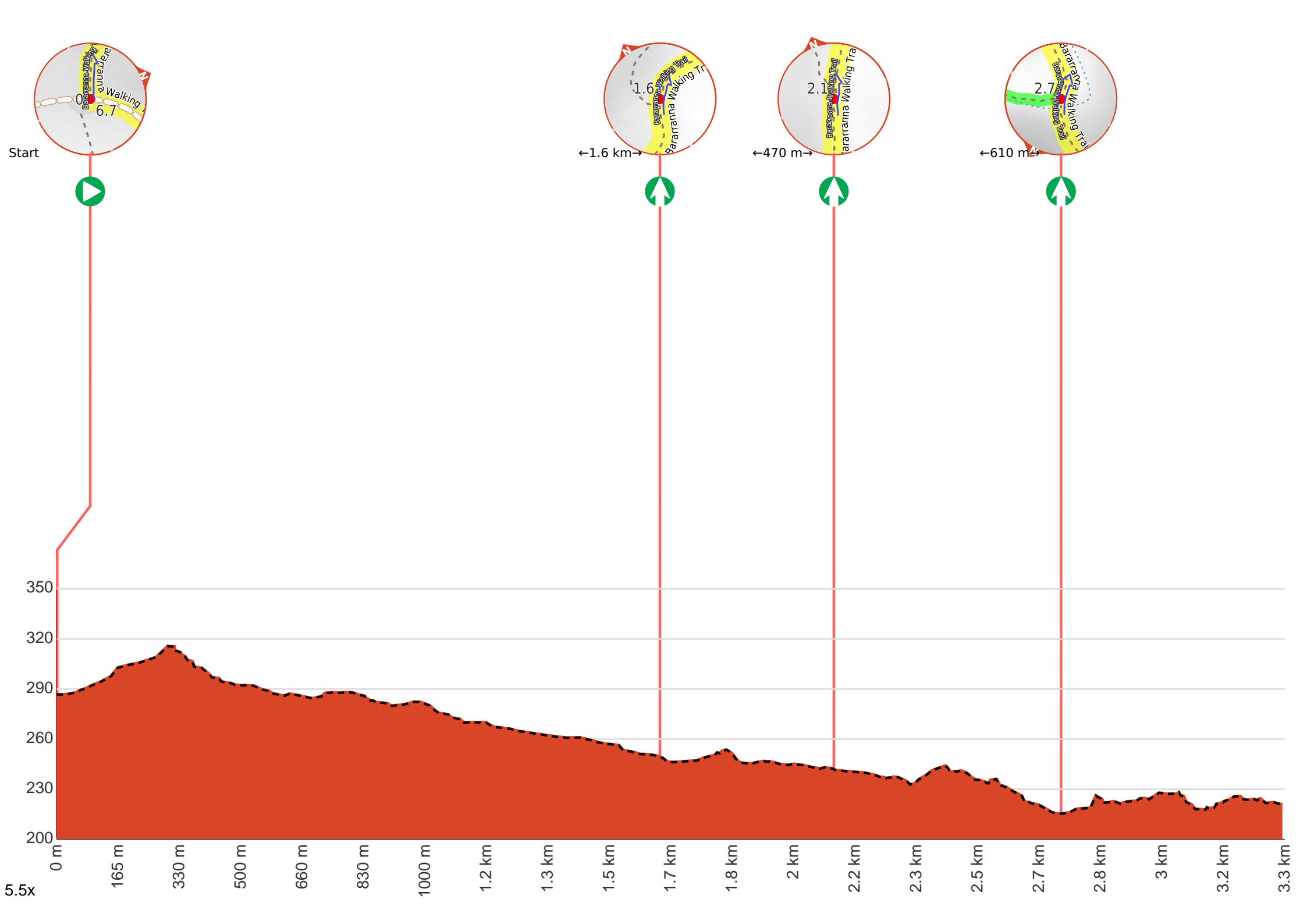
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

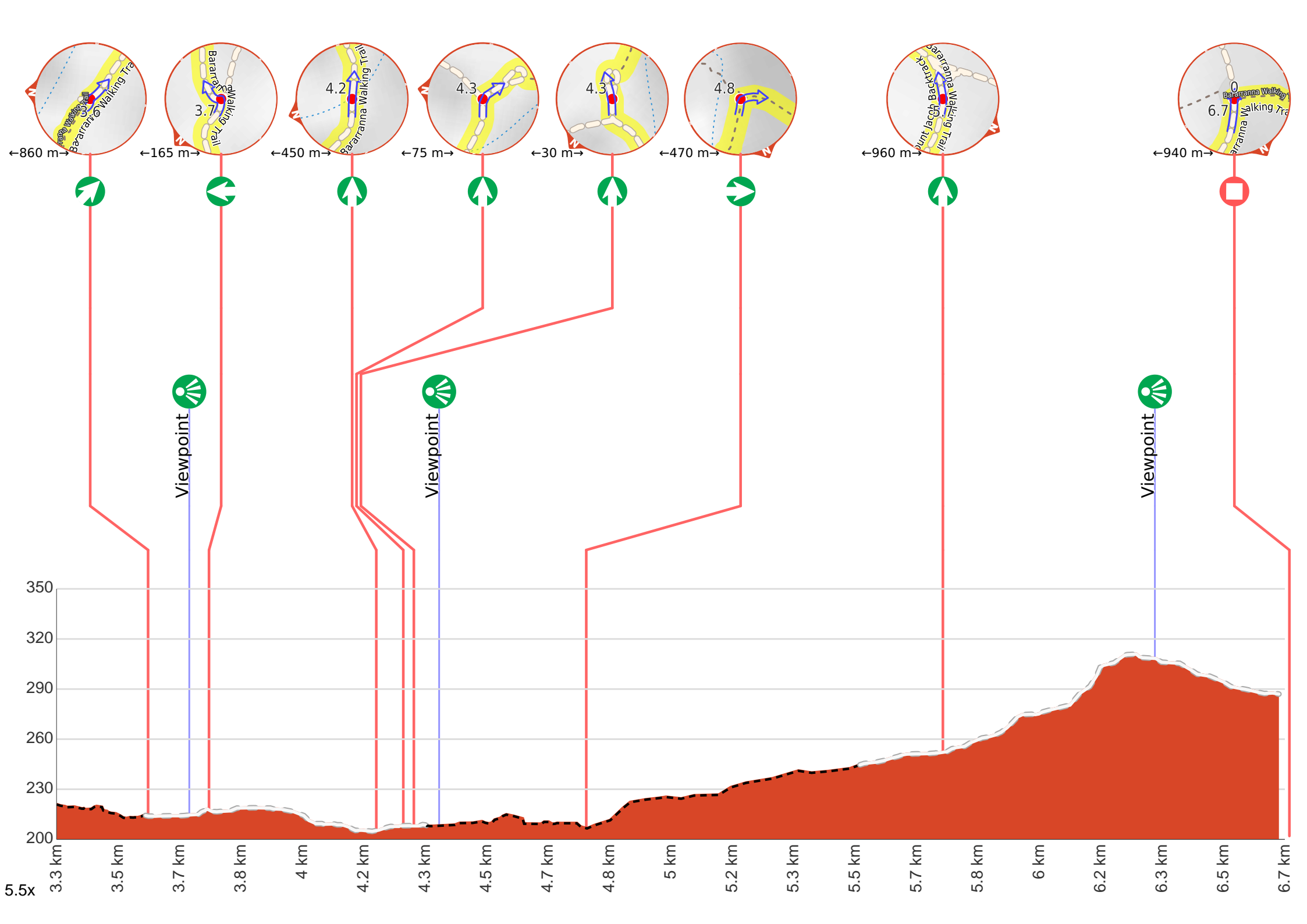
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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Start heading along *Bararranna Walking Trail*.

After another 1.6 km **continue straight**, to head along Bararranna Walking Trail.

After another 160 m **veer right**, to head along Bararranna Walking Trail.

After another 310 m **continue straight**, to head along Bararranna Walking Trail.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to the Bararranna Gorge waterhole. Requires careful rock scrambling, but is worth the effort for many.

To start this optional side trip turn left here. **Start**.

After another 810 m come to the end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 810 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 2.7 km waypoint.

After another 610 m **continue straight**, to head along Bararranna Walking Trail.

After another 860 m **veer right**.

After another 110 m come to the viewpoint (10 m on your right).

After another 55 m **turn left**.

After another 450 m **continue straight**.

After another 75 m **continue straight**.

After another 30 m **continue straight**.

After another 45 m **turn left**.

After another 20 m come to the "Stubbs Waterhole" (8 m on your left).

After another 400 m **turn right**.

After another 760 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Jacob Backtrack.

After another 205 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Jacob Backtrack.

After another 45 m **continue straight**, to head along Mount Jacob Backtrack.

After another 10 m **continue straight**.

After another 520 m come to the viewpoint (9 m on your right).

After another 360 m come to the end.