



Megalong Valley to Coxs River

(Dharug and Gundungurra Country)

 2 h 30 min to 4 h

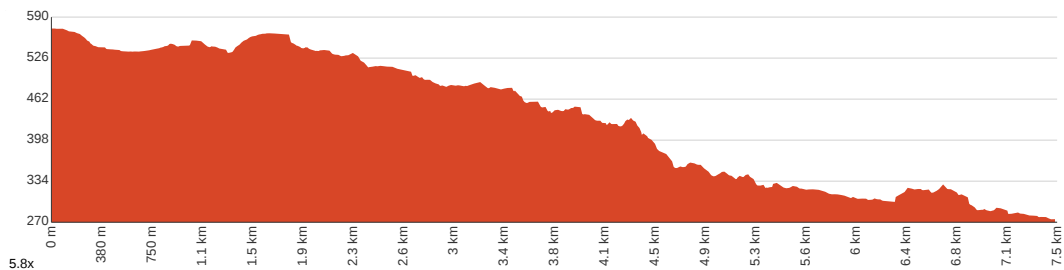
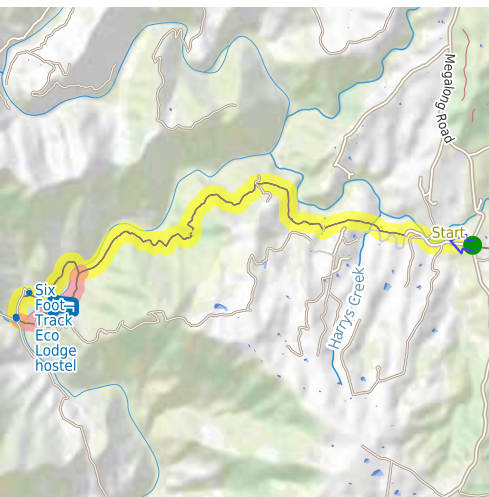

7.5 km
One way


↑ 223 m
↓ 519 m


Hard track



Starting from Megalong Valley Road this section of the Six Foot Track follows explores a series of farms before heading into the Coxs River valley with the stunning granite landscape. One of the highlights of this walk is crossing the Bowtells Swing Bridge. The walk then leads past the Six Foot Track Eco-Lodge where you can spend the night (if you've pre-booked), or walk further to the well establish Coxs River campsite. There are a series of lovely swimming holes in the River (assuming the river is not in flood). Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharug and Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

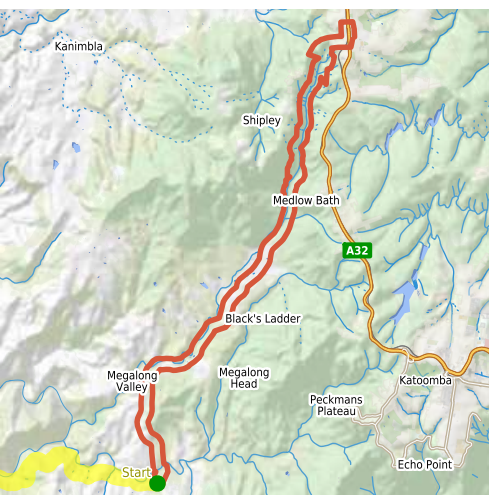


Class 4 of 6
Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely

Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (2/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Great Western Highway, A32, Blackheath.

- Turn on to Bundarra Street then drive for 45 m
- Turn left onto Station Street and drive for another 390 m
- Turn right onto Shipley Road and drive for another 810 m
- Turn left onto Megalong Road and drive for another 14.1 km



Before you start any journey ensure you;

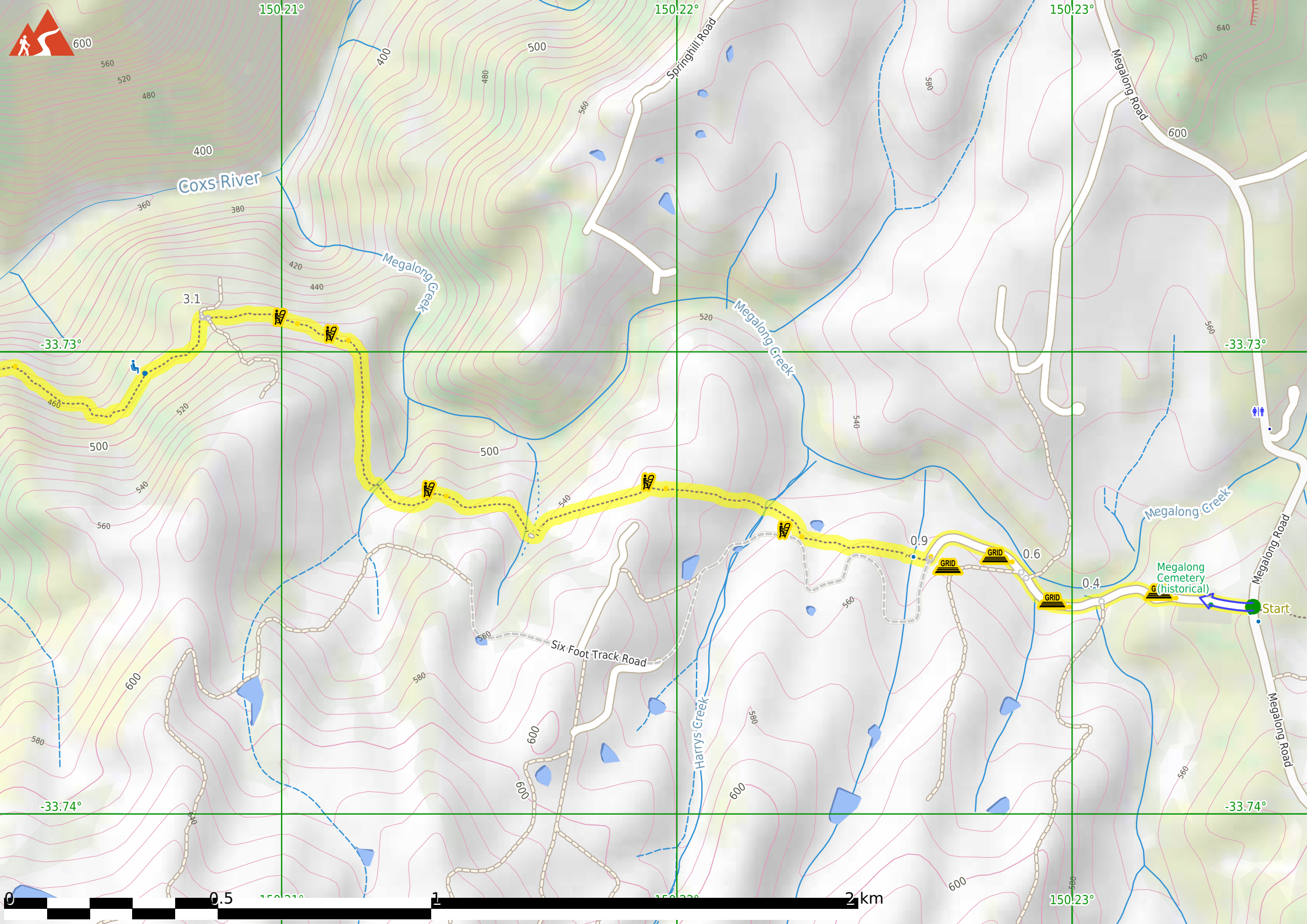
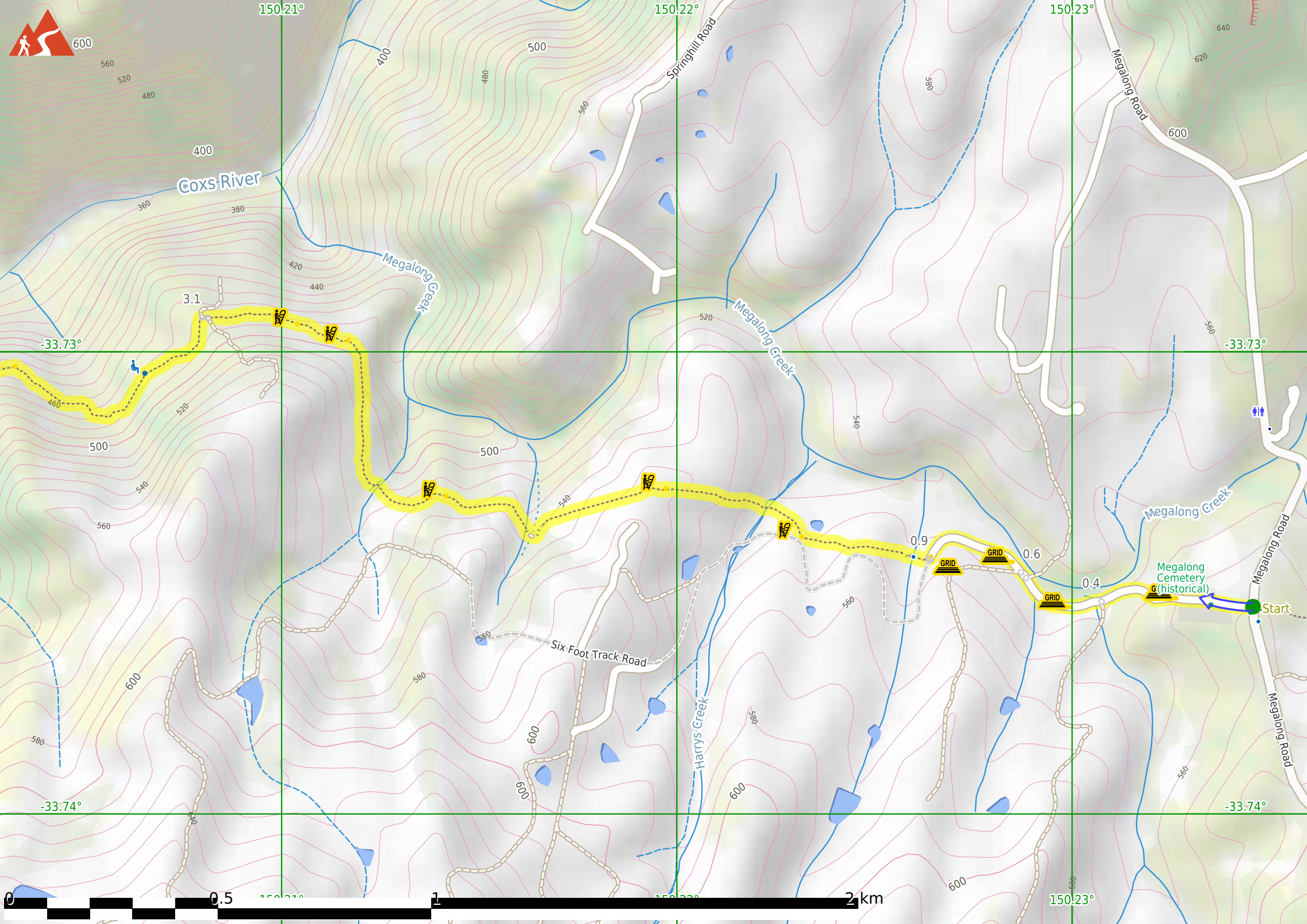
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are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

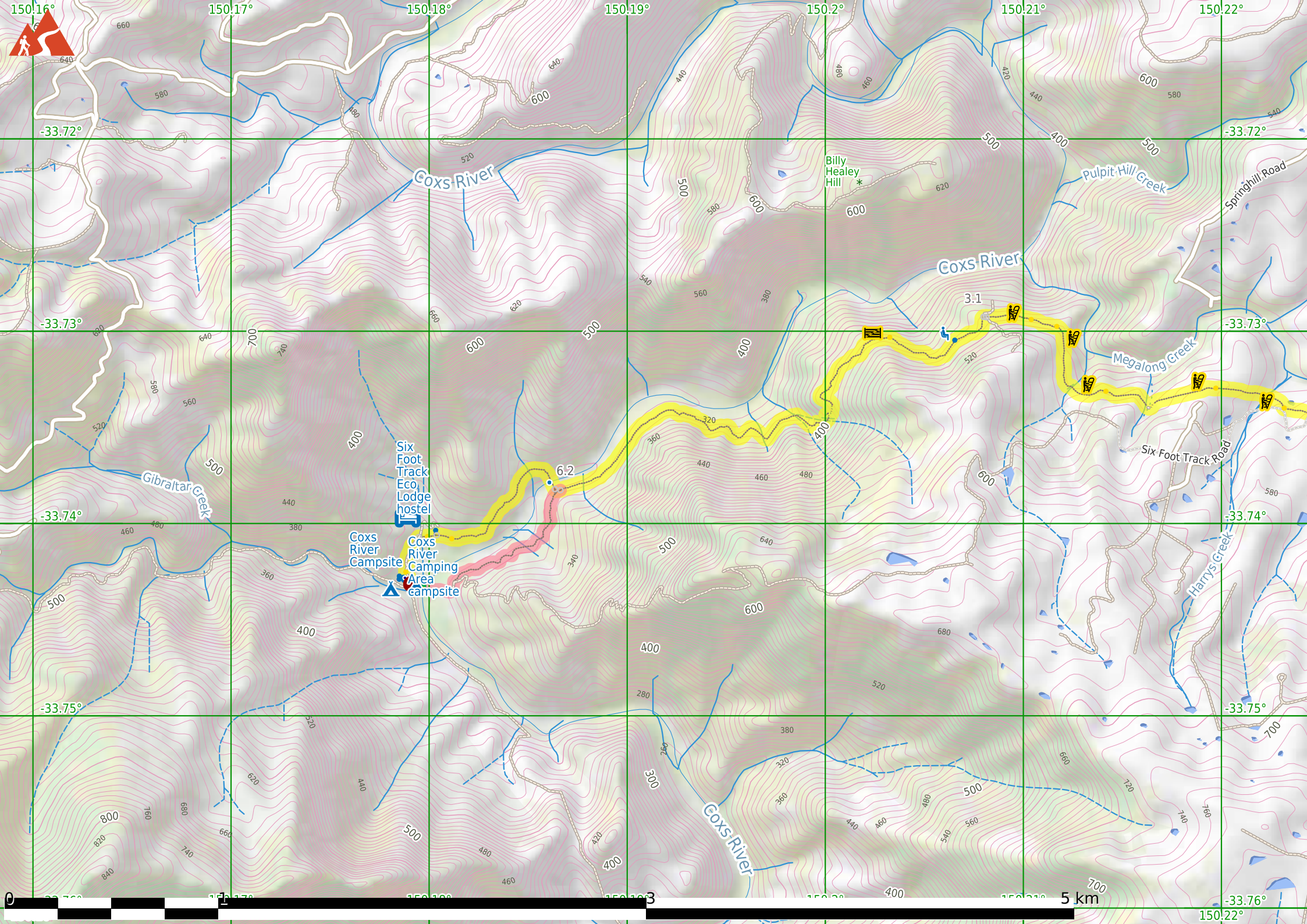
If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

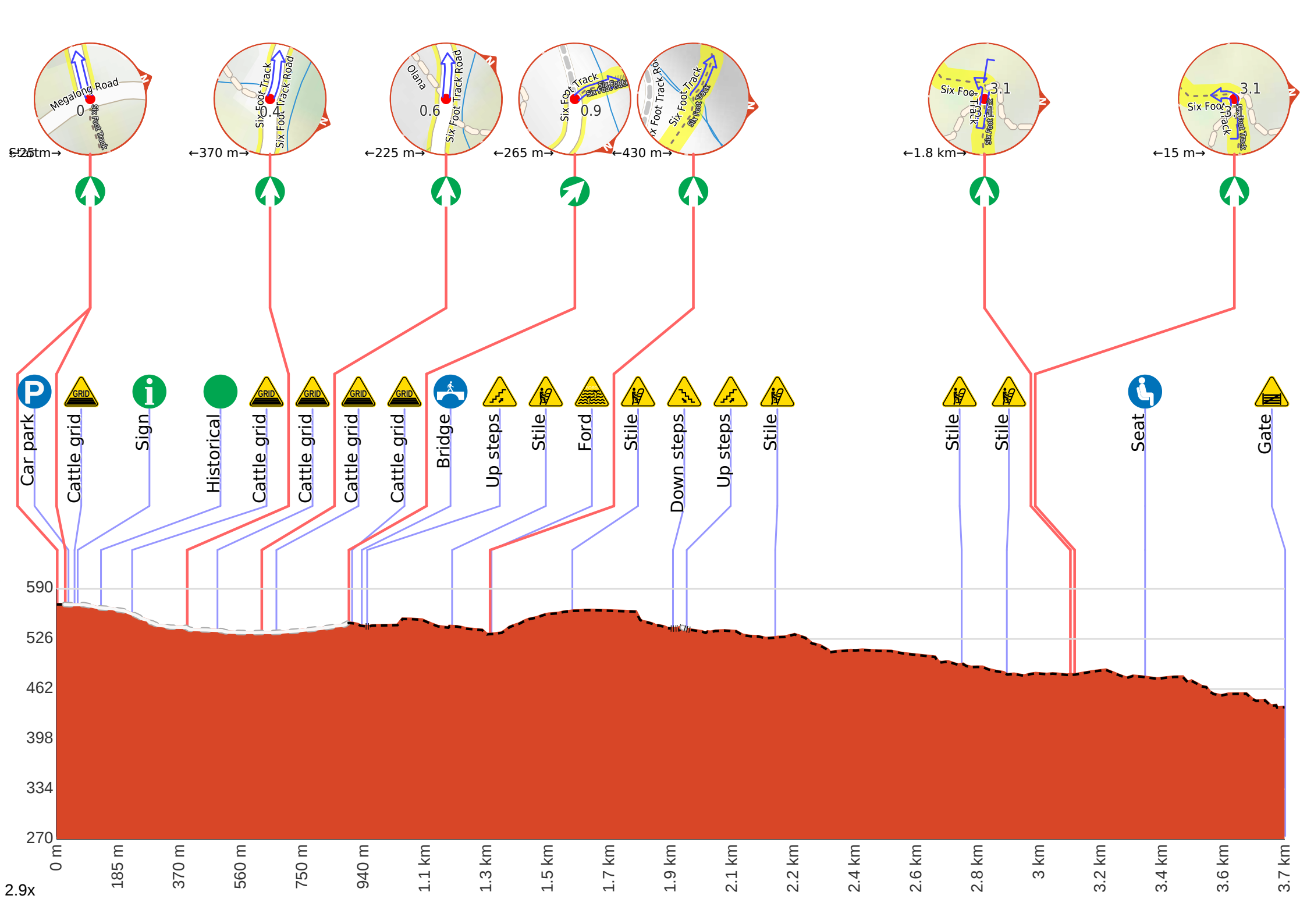
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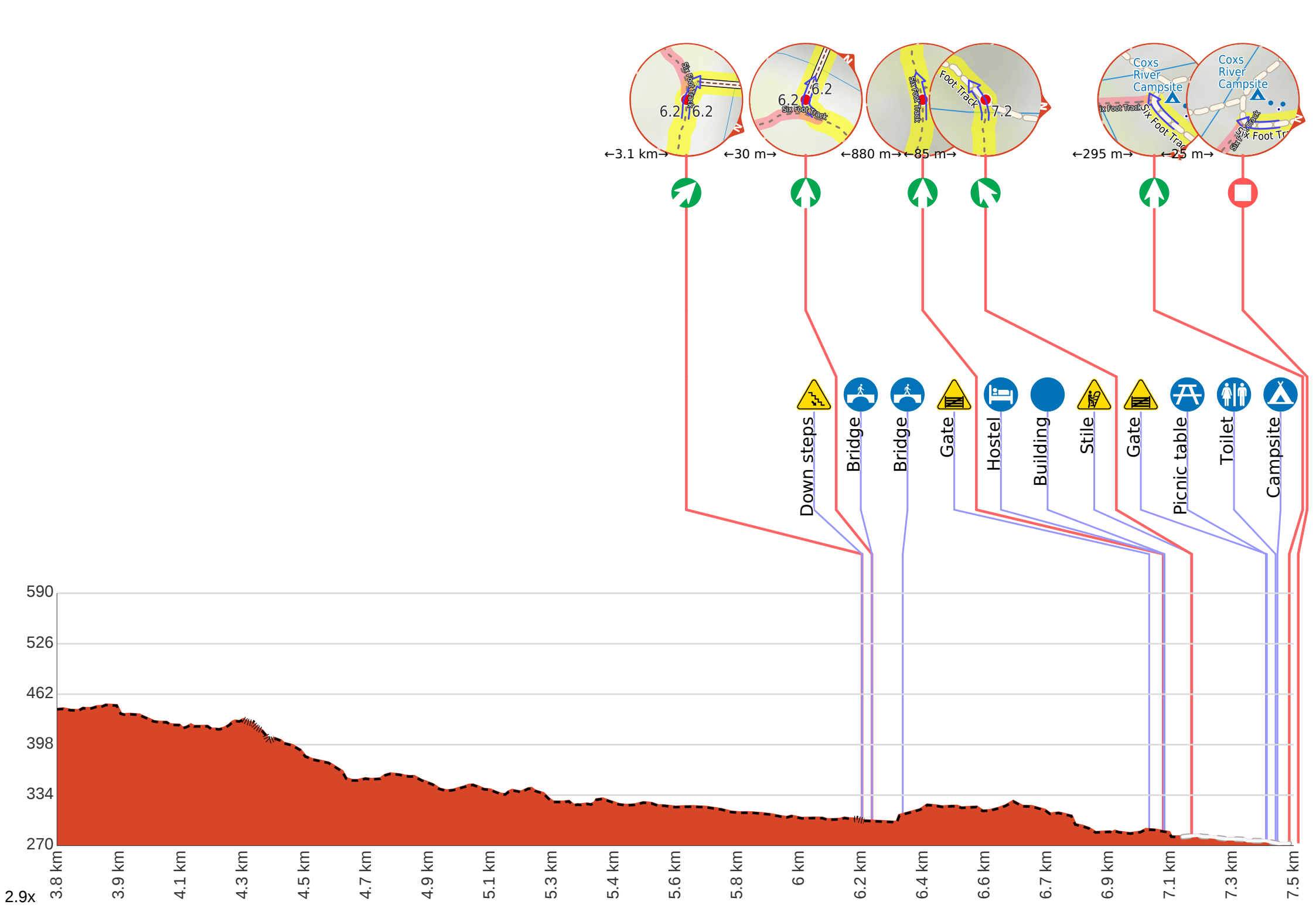




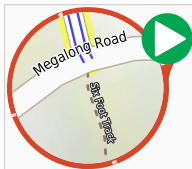








Getting started: From the intersection of Megalong Valley and Aspinall Rds, Megalong Valley, follow the 'Six Foot Track' sign through the gate (over the cattle grate - or climb the stile over the fence) to then head past the roofed information sign. Continue gently downhill along the dirt road, past the old cemetery to continue along the signposted Six Foot Track.



Start heading along *Six Foot Track*.



Find the car park at the start.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track Road & Megalong Road **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road (a vehicle track).



After another 30 m cross over the cattle grid.



After another 10 m pass the sign (8 m on your left).



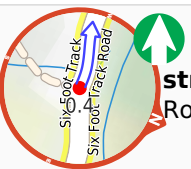
After another 70 m find the "Megalong Cemetery (historical)" (9 m on your left).



The Megalong Cemetery became the final resting place for at least 14 people who died between 1894 and 1931. Many of the grave sites are in poor repair or can no longer be easily found - please take care in the area to avoid any further damage. A tall stone monument marks the edge of the cemetery on the Six Foot Track, about 100m west of Megalong Road. This cemetery is currently under the management of the Blue Mountains City Council, and is recognised by the National Trust.



After another 95 m cross over the cattle grid.



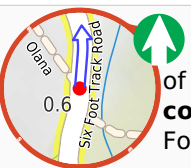
After another 165 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.



After another 90 m cross over the cattle grid.



After another 115 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.



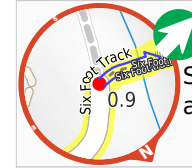
After another 20 m (at the intersection of Six Foot Track Road & Olana) **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track Road.



After another 45 m cross over the cattle grid.



After another 230 m cross over the cattle grid.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Six Foot Track Road **veer right**, to head along Six Foot Track (a walking track).



After another 40 m cross the Guyver Bridge (about 8 m long)



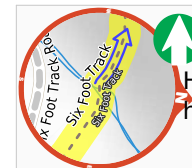
After another 9 m head up the steps (about 10 m long)



After another 245 m climb over the stile.



After another 120 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Harrys Creek **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 250 m climb over the stile.



After another 305 m head down the steps (about 35 m long)



After another 6 m head up the steps (about 20 m long)



After another 250 m climb over the stile.



After another 570 m climb over the stile.



After another 135 m climb over the stile.



After another 195 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 15 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 215 m pass a "Ron's Roost" (on your right).



After another 430 m head through/around the gate.

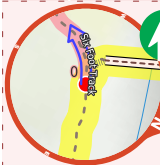


After another 590 m head down the steps (about 55 m long)

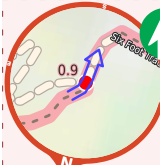


After another 10 m head down the steps (about 25 m long)

Start of an alternate route: Alternate route across the plains to Coxs River Campsite.



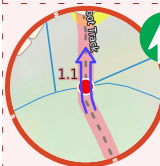
To take the alternate route continue straight here. **Start** heading along Six Foot Track.



After another 860 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 205 m cross the ford.



At the intersection of Six Foot Track & Coxs River **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 10 m find the "Coxs River" (20 m on your right).



The Coxs River starts west of Katoomba, running south-east as the main tributary for the Warragamba Dam. The Six Foot Track crosses the river using the slippery rounded stones or, when in flood, the large metal Bowtells Bridge. The campsite is located a short distance up the west bank from where the 6FT crosses. The water must be treated before drinking. The river provides some potentially nice swimming spots, with pools and interesting granite rock formations, be very careful if deciding to swim as it can also be very dangerous.



After another 55 m come to "Coxs River Campsite".



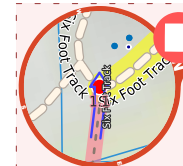
Coxs River Campsite, on the Six Foot Track, is found on the western bank of the Coxs River. It provides a sheltered picnic table, water (rain tank or creek - treat before drinking either), toilet and a flat grassed camping area with excellent access to the river. The campsite is used by people walking the Six Foot Track, but is also visited at times people people camping in 4WD. A nice place to camp. Despite the several fire scares, this is a fuel stove only area no fires allowed.



About 60 m past the end is a toilet.



About 70 m past the end is a picnic table.



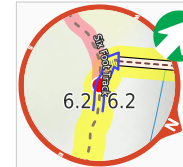
The end.



At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



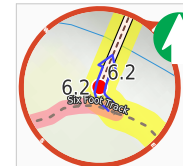
The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 7.5 km waypoint.



After another 1.8 km **veer right**, to head along Six Foot Track.



Then head down the steps (about 30 m long)



Continue straight, to head along Six Foot Track.



Then cross the Bowtells Swing Bridge (about 100 m long)



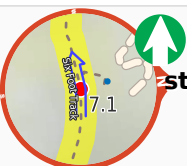
Then find the "Bowtells Swing Bridge" (10 m on your left).



This suspension footbridge spans the Coxs River and provides an alternate route for the Six Foot Track when the river is in flood. Regardless of weather, this route is now becoming more popular with many walkers, wanting to avoid the river crossing. The bridge was built and opened in 1992 by the Royal Australian Engineers. The bridge is named after a fellow soldier of the builders, Corporal Bob Bowtell, who suffocated and died in foul air whilst attempting to clear a tunnel of the VC during the Vietnam war. Bowtell grew up in Katoomba and is now buried in West Malaysia.



After another 740 m head through/around the gate.



After another 40 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



Then pass the "Six Foot Track Eco Lodge" (30 m on your right).

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Then find the "Six Foot Track Lodge" (20 m on your right).



The Six Foot Track Lodge is situated above the flats of the Coxs River along the Six Foot Track alternate route, not far north of Coxs River Campsite. The lodge consists of two cabins, each with the capacity to sleep twelve people in bunks. The cabins are equipped with linen, warm blankets, log fire, pizza oven, tank water and has its own outhouse toilet. At \$35 per person per night, this is a very pleasant way to spend an evening. Authentic meals can also be organised for a fee. For more information, visit www.6fttracklodge.com or call Pavel on 0421 932 631. Walk-ins are welcome, however to ensure beds are available, booking in advance is recommended.



After another 85 m climb over the stile.



Veer left, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 225 m head through/around the gate.



Then pass the picnic table (35 m on your right).



After another 30 m pass the toilet (45 m on your right).



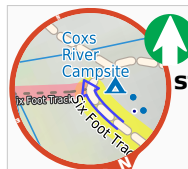
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After another 35 m **continue straight**, to head along Six Foot Track.



After another 25 m come to the end.