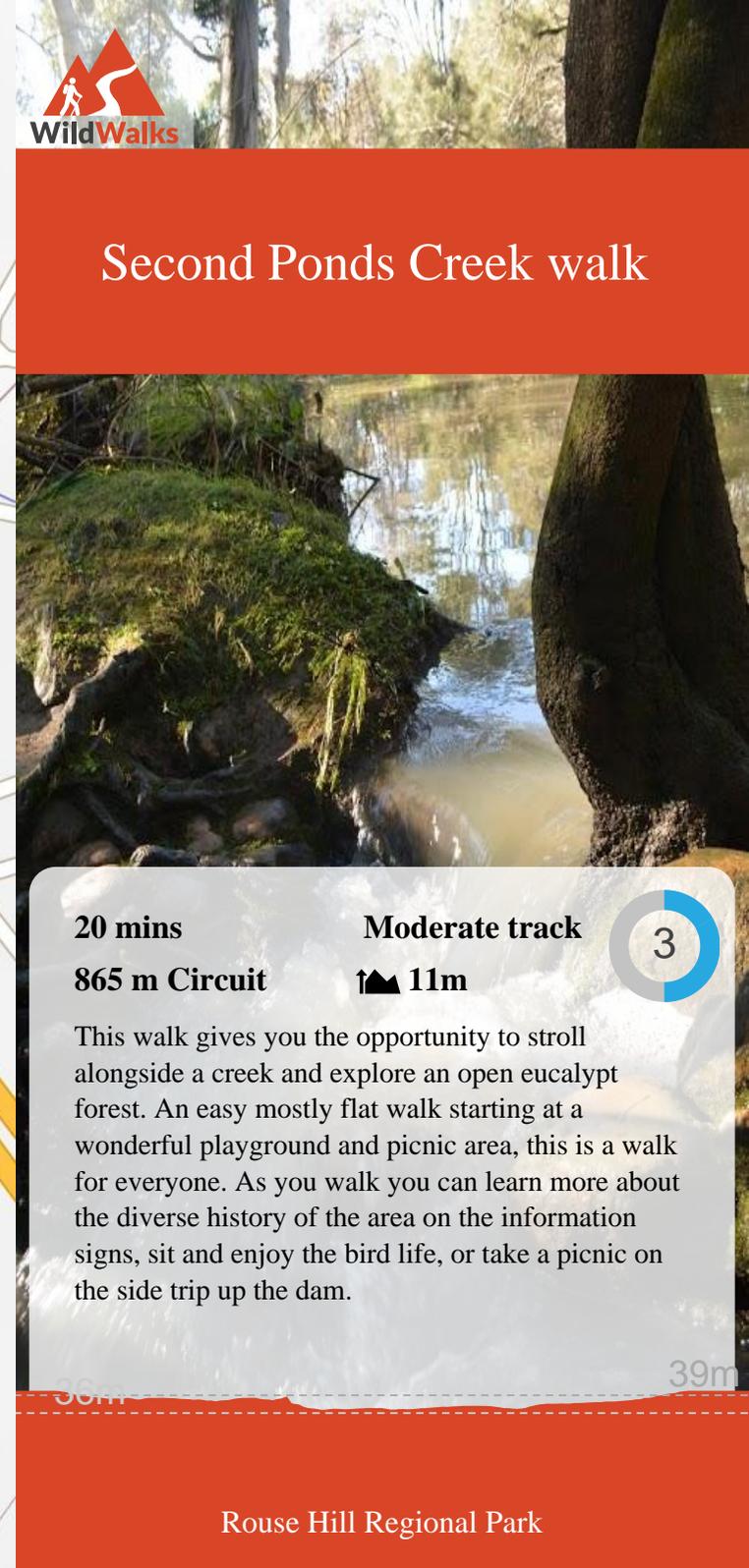
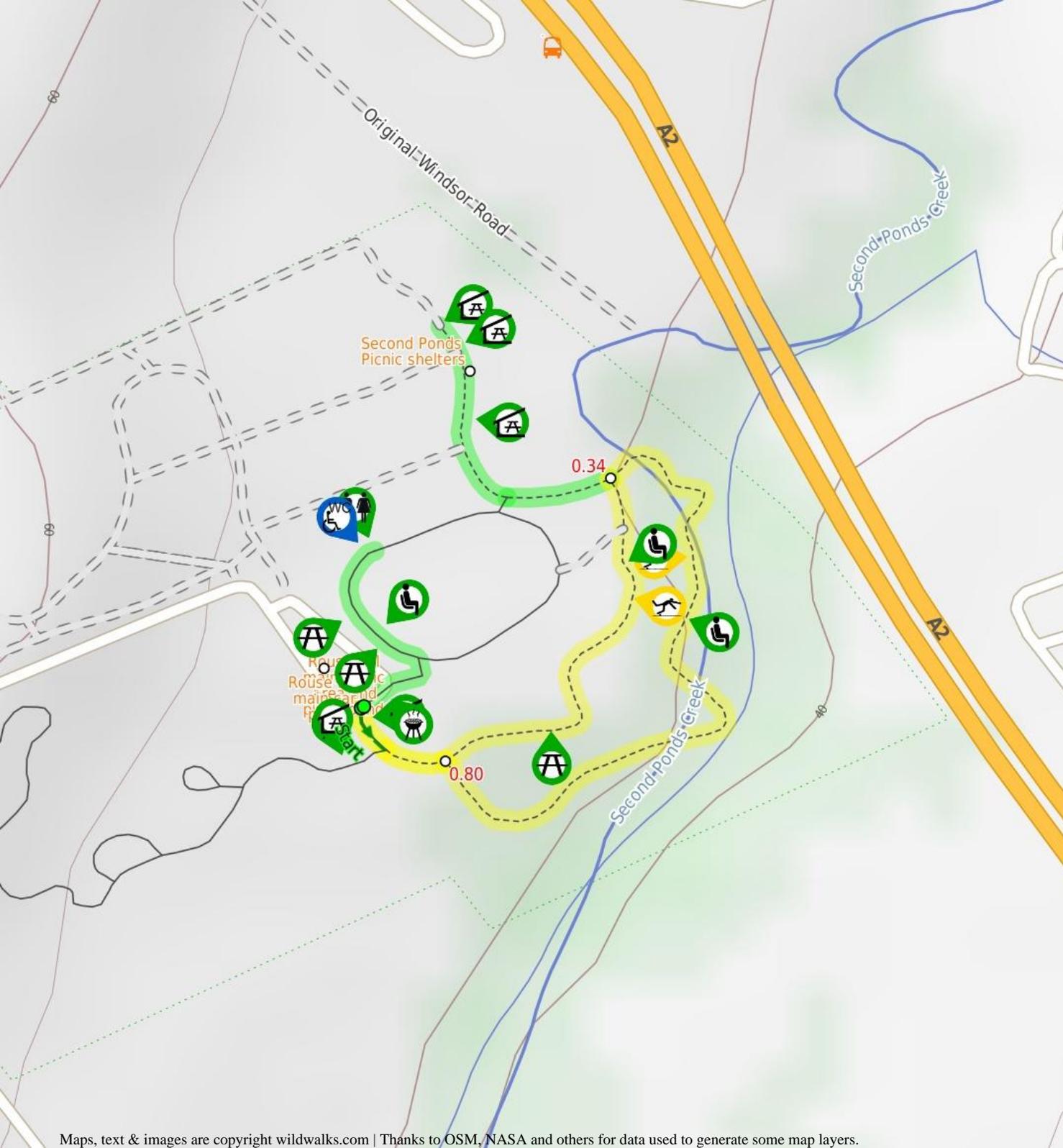


## Second Ponds Creek walk



**20 mins**

**Moderate track**

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**865 m Circuit**

**11m**

This walk gives you the opportunity to stroll alongside a creek and explore an open eucalypt forest. An easy mostly flat walk starting at a wonderful playground and picnic area, this is a walk for everyone. As you walk you can learn more about the diverse history of the area on the information signs, sit and enjoy the bird life, or take a picnic on the side trip up the dam.

### **Are you ready to have fun?**

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Rouse Hill main car park (gps: -33.6805, 150.9107). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit walk, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/spcw>

#### **0 | Rouse Hill main car park**

The main car park is found at the end of the 750m long driveway off Worcester Rd, Rouse Hill. There is room to park about 60 cars in the shade of the tall trees. There is no signposted mobility parking but each parking bay is marked and 2.7m wide.

#### **0 | Rouse Hill main Picnic area and playground**

Nestled among the tall eucalypt forest at the southern end of the main car park in Rouse Hill Regional Park is a lovely playground, picnic area and toilet block. The well equipped children's playground has a timber maze, climbing equipment, slides, and other equipment. The picnic facilities between the car park and the playground include two large sheltered tables and BBQ's. There are other seats and picnic tables around the area as well. About 20m west of the playground is a quieter elevated picnic shelter and BBQ. There is a toilet block about 150m walk from the playground around the edge of the large clearing.

#### **0 | Optional sidetrip to Toilet Block**

*(150 m 2 mins)* From the main large car park in Rouse Hill Regional Park (beside the playground and picnic area), this walk follows the asphalt path gently downhill towards the large clearing keeping the playground and BBQ area on the right. After about 40m this walk comes to the edge of the grassy clearing and turns left at the 3-way intersection, to walk along the path for about 30m to pass a picnic platform (on the left) and come to a sheltered seating area (on the right). This walk continues along the path passing another picnic platform then after about 60m comes to the front of the toilet block.

#### **0 | Rouse Hill main car park**

*(70 m 2 mins)* Continue straight: From the southern edge of the main Rouse Hill Regional Park car park, this walk follows the

concrete footpath, keeping the sheltered picnic areas to the left for about 15m to come to the 'Welcome to Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign. From here this walk continues beside the playground, following the gravel track for 15m come to a 4-way intersection marked with the large 'Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the mostly flat dirt/gravel track, directly away from the car park and asphalt path to head behind the 'Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign. The track gently bends left and after 35m comes to a clear 3-way intersection, marked by a 'Take a stroll around' sign (behind the timber maze).

#### **0.07 | Maze Intersection**

*(270 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads gently downhill along the wide track keeping the playground and timber maze on the left. After a few meters, this walk heads past the back entrance to the maze then continues (away from the playground) for 30m to find a picnic platform (on the left). This walk continues for about 15m to the 'Every plant tells a story' sign where the track then starts to meander for 100m through the forest to cross a concrete ford, that floods during heavy or prolonged rain. This part of the track does become boggy after rain. About 30m after the ford this walk leads past a seat then continues for another 70m to cross a small gully then head gently uphill to a 3-way intersection, marked by an arrow post.

#### **0.34 | Optional sidetrip to Second Ponds Picnic shelters**

*(190 m 3 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Extension track' arrow gently uphill along the gravel track for about 60m towards the clearing, where the track bends right to reach an intersection marked with a 'Weathering and Droughts' sign (on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide gravel track gently uphill initially keeping large clearing on the left. After about 70m this walk leads alongside a dam (on the right) and comes to a sheltered picnic table (on the edge of the dam). The walk continues along the wide gravel track for another 50m to find two more similar picnic shelters (on the right). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

#### **0.34 | Second Ponds Picnic shelters**

Nestled in a quiet area beside the pond on the eastern edge of Rouse Hill Regional Park is a series lovely sheltered picnic tables. The unfenced pond is about 60m across and provides a pleasant backdrop and a waterhole for local wildlife. There are also views the other direction across the grassy hills and the old farmland. A pleasant spot to sit and rest or stay to enjoy your picnic.

#### **0.34 | Second Ponds northern int.**

*(460 m 8 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Second Ponds Creek Loop' arrow (in the opposite direction to the 'Extension track' arrow) gently downhill where the track soon bends right. The track leads for about 40m to pass an informal track (on the left that leads towards the creek) then come to a 'Flooded with history' information sign (on the left). The track continues to gently meander alongside the creek for another 80m to cross a concrete ford. This ford and track floods after heavy or prolonged rain and this area may also become boggy. The walk continues along the clear track for another 50m to come to a 'Birds & black snakes' information sign and a seat (on the left). From here this walk meanders gently uphill through the forest for about 120m to the 'Rich Aboriginal area' sign (on the left). This walk continues to meanders gently uphill through the forest for another 160m to come to a 3-way intersection (beside the timber maze), marked by a 'Take a stroll around' sign (on the right).

#### **0.8 | Maze Intersection**

*(70 m 2 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt/gravel track, directly away from the face of the 'Take a stroll around' sign gently uphill towards the playground and picnic area. The track bends right and after 35m this walk comes to a 3-way intersection, marked with a large 'Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads directly away from the face of 'Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign along the gravel track, keeping the playground on the right. After about 15m this walk comes to a 'Welcome to Rouse Hill Regional Park' sign. From here this walk follows the concrete path for 15m, past the sheltered picnic area to come to the main Rouse Hill Regional Park car park.



This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

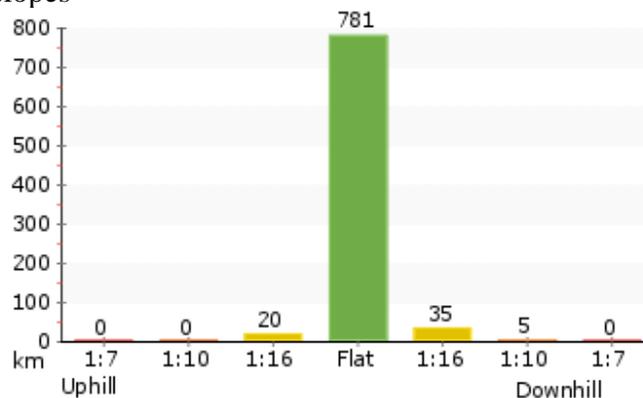
**Seats:** There are 5 seats on this walk. They are on average 130m apart, with a maximum gap of 220m.

## Surface

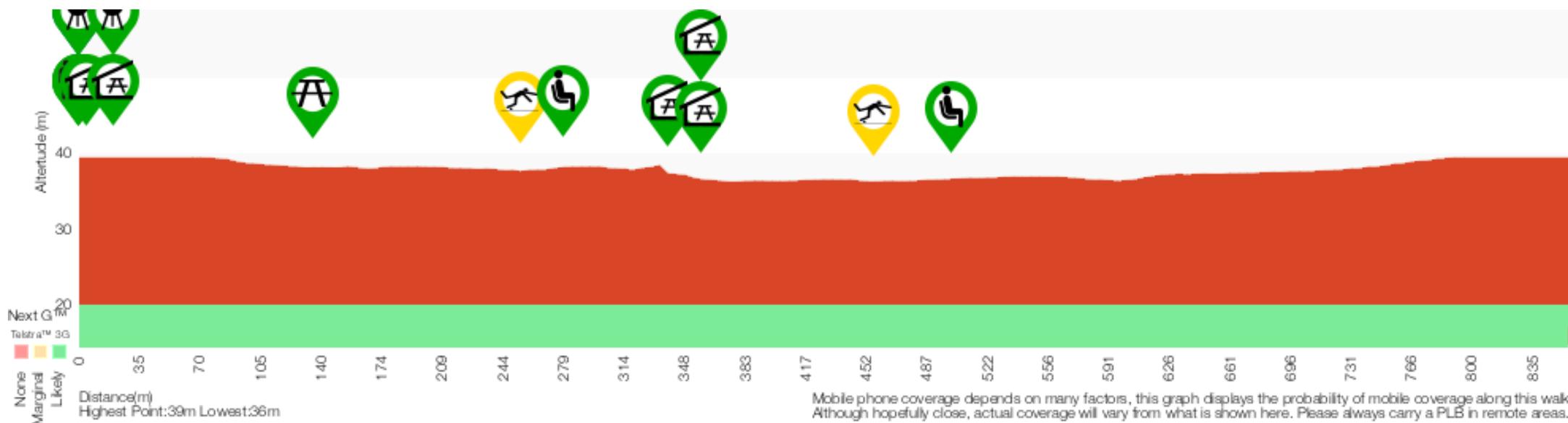
This walk follows a dirt/gravel track that is generally 1.8m wide, narrowing to 90cm in a few sections. The track does become boggy after rain.

## Steepness

This walk is mostly flat with a few gentle slopes



3 <span style="float: right;">Grade 3/6 Moderate track</span>	
<b>Length</b>	865 m Circuit
<b>Time</b>	20 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



**1 Picnic Table (0m)**  
A seating and picnic platform. The platform is 32cm high and 1.7x1.7m in size. About 3m over grass from the path.



**2 Seat (0m)**  
A series of four timber bench seats sheltered under a roof. The seats are 39cm high, 36cm deep and 1.8m wide (two are 2.4m wide) with no arm or backrest. The concrete slab is 3.5x4m and is about 6m over grass from the path.



**3 Picnic Table (0m)**  
A seating and picnic platform. The platform is 32cm high and 1.7x1.7m in size. About 4m over grass from the path.



**4 Toilet Accessible (0m)**  
Shared male/female accessible toilet. Entrance is 85cm wide, hand basin 78cm high, toilet seat 48cm high with a 82cm high handrail, in a 2.7x2.8m room. Turn lock at 1.05m, light door.



**5 Toilet (0m)**  
Separate male/female toilet block. Access via 5 15cm steps. Entrance is 80cm wide, hand basin 90cm high, toilet seat 40cm high with no handrail, cubical door is 63cm wide. Male urinal is 65cm high.



**6 Bbq (0m)**  
Two BBQs on a large concrete slab. BBQ is 91cm high, 1.67m wide and 88cm deep. The hot plates are 44/44cm.



**7 Picnic Shelter (10m)**  
Two separate and large sheltered picnic tables and bench seat. The tables are 77cm high, 1.6m deep and 3.6m wide. The seats vary but about 36cm high, 48cm deep and 1.6m wide (no backrest). There are several gaps to get own chair under table on concrete slab.



**8 Bbq (20m)**  
A BBQ in elevated shelter. BBQ is 96cm high (with table beside) and has one hotplate 44/44cm.



**9 Picnic Shelter (20m)**  
An elevated picnic platform and shelter. The table is 79cm high, 1.2m deep and 2.3m wide. The seats are 51cm high, 27cm deep and 2m wide. There is also a BBQ beside. Ramp is 1.4:12 steep, 1.15m wide.



**10 Picnic Table (130m)**  
A seating and picnic platform. The platform is 33cm high and 1.8x1.8m in size. About 2m over grass from the track.



**11 Trip Hazard (250m)**  
Concrete creek ford. The ford is 2.3m wide 3.3m long and has a gradient in and out of 2:12.



**12 Seat (280m)**  
A timber slat bench seat, 44cm high, 40cm deep and 2m wide with a 46cm high backrest and no arm rests.



**13 Picnic Shelter (340m)**  
A sheltered picnic table and bench seat. The table is 74cm high, 76cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide. On a 3.9x4m concrete slab, with 30cm step at back.



**14 Picnic Shelter (360m)**  
A sheltered picnic table and bench seat. The table is 74cm high, 76cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide. On a 3.9x4m concrete slab.



**15 Picnic Shelter (360m)**

A sheltered timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 74cm high, 76cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 45cm high, 29cm deep and 2.1m wide. On a 3.9x4m concrete slab, with a 16cm step on side.



**17 Seat (500m)**

A timber slat bench seat, 47cm high, 40cm deep and 2m wide with a 46cm high backrest and no arm rests.



**16 Trip Hazard (460m)**

Concrete creek ford. The ford is 2.4m wide 2.9m long and has a gradient in and out of 2:12.