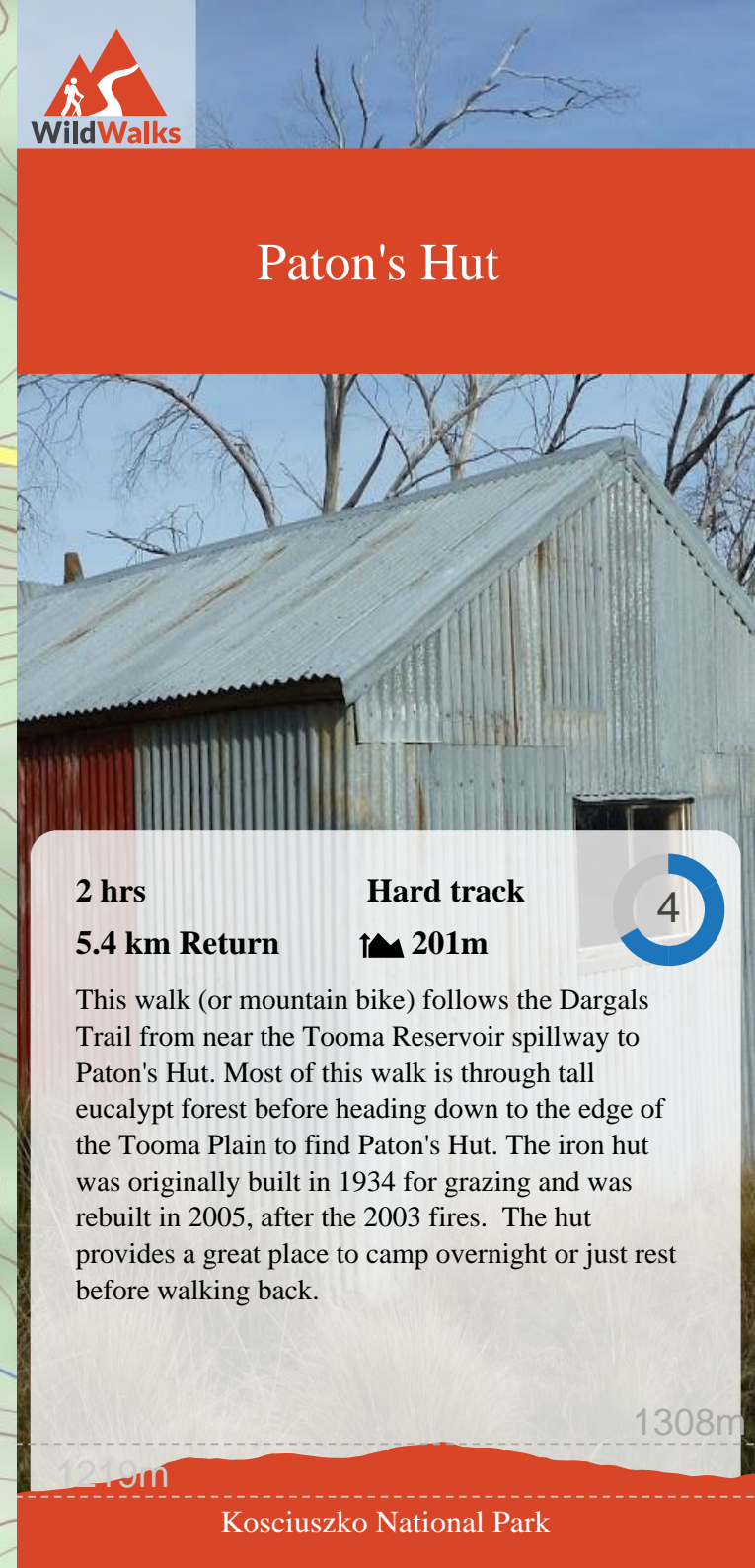
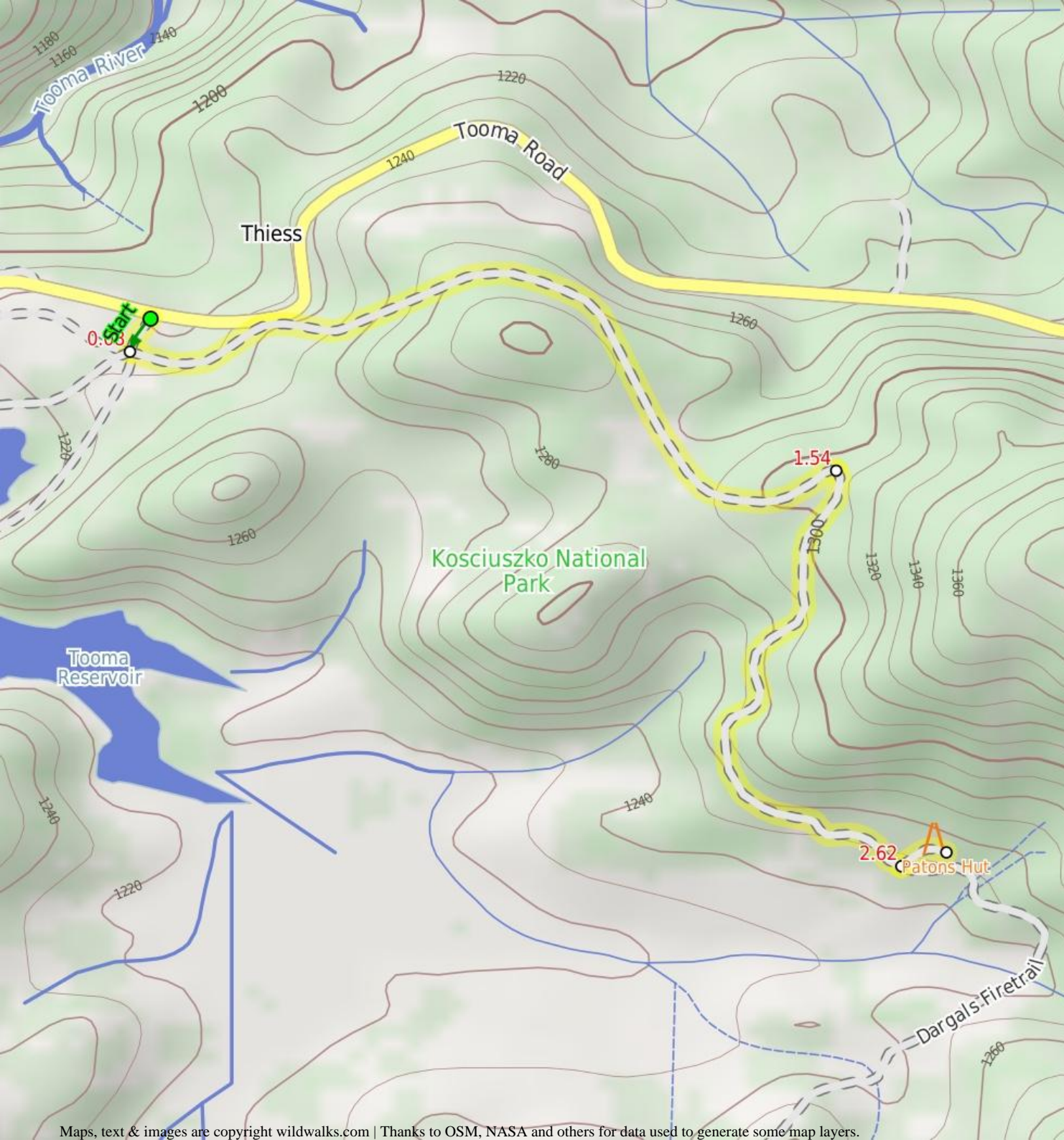


Paton's Hut



2 hrs

Hard track

5.4 km Return

201m

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This walk (or mountain bike) follows the Dargals Trail from near the Tooma Reservoir spillway to Paton's Hut. Most of this walk is through tall eucalypt forest before heading down to the edge of the Tooma Plain to find Paton's Hut. The iron hut was originally built in 1934 for grazing and was rebuilt in 2005, after the 2003 fires. The hut provides a great place to camp overnight or just rest before walking back.

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 Dargals Trail Car Park (gps: -36.0498, 148.2819). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, 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/ph>

0 | Covered in snow part of the year

This walk leads through an extreme alpine environment and all walkers must be well prepared. During summer, be prepared for both very hot and cold weather, high winds, rain, snow, extreme UV levels and some sections of snow or ice on the ground. Before starting this walk, check advice with [Snowy Region Visitor Information Centre](#) (02) 6450 5600, the [weather forecast](#) and the [snow conditions](#) then change your plans as needed. These notes, grades and walking times have been written for use in the summer months only. Between May and the end of October, this walk is likely to be covered in snow/ice, visitors should be carrying and be prepared to use snowshoes or cross country skis. When there is a chance of significant snow on the ground, visitors will need particularly strong navigation and snowcraft skills - tracks and signage may not be visible. Between the long weekend in June and October, the Tooma (Khancoban to Cabramurra) Road is closed by the [RTA](#), making access to this walk very difficult. For most visitors, it is best to consider this walk closed during the colder months.

0 | Dargals Trail Car Park

(80 m 2 mins) From the 'Trail Head Car Park' (on Tooma Rd, about 850m east of the Tooma Reservoir spillway), this walk heads uphill around the locked gate. The walk immediately heads past a toilet (on your left) then comes to a large five-way intersection, with a glimpse of Tooma Reservoir (straight ahead).

0.08 | Tooma Intersection

(1.5 km 32 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk

heads east, gently uphill along the wide management trail to immediately pass the 'Dargals Trail' sign and head under the power lines. The trail soon begins to climb more steeply as it gently winds through the tall alpine ash forest, with the occasional glimpse down to the road (to your left). The trail then sweeps around a long right bend and, about 1km after passing under the power lines, the trail leads past a small clearing (on the left) and then another clearing (on your right), with some views over the Tooma Plains. Here the trail bends left, leading gently down to find a sharp (right-hand) bend and a saddle at the top of the steep gully, marked with a 'Dargals Fire Trail' sign.

1.54 | Dargals Bend

(1.1 km 20 mins) Turn right: From the bend, this walk follows the clear management trail as it bends right, keeping the gully to your right. The trail winds gently down the side of the gully for a while and, as the trail sweeps left, there are views (on your right) across the Tooma Plain and over part of the reservoir. The trail soon leaves the tall forest and enters a forest of dead snow gums as the trail leads closer to the edge of the Tooma Plain. Just as the trail ducks below the treeline, it crosses a small (culverted) creek (where you can see Patons Hut to your left), and comes to a three-way intersection, just below the hut.

2.62 | Patons Hut intersection

(80 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill (north-east) along the grassy management trail, away from the plain and through the dead snow gums towards the (just visible) hut. The trail soon bends right to find a large, fairly flat clearing and Patons Hut.

2.7 | Patons Hut

Patons Hut is a 7.5m x 5m iron hut, originally built in 1934 for grazing by the Paton family. It burnt down during the 2003 fires, but was rebuilt in 2007-08. The hut has a fireplace and some interesting relics. Around the hut is a grassy flat with some bench seating and a few creeks flow nearby (treat water before drinking). [More info.](#)

