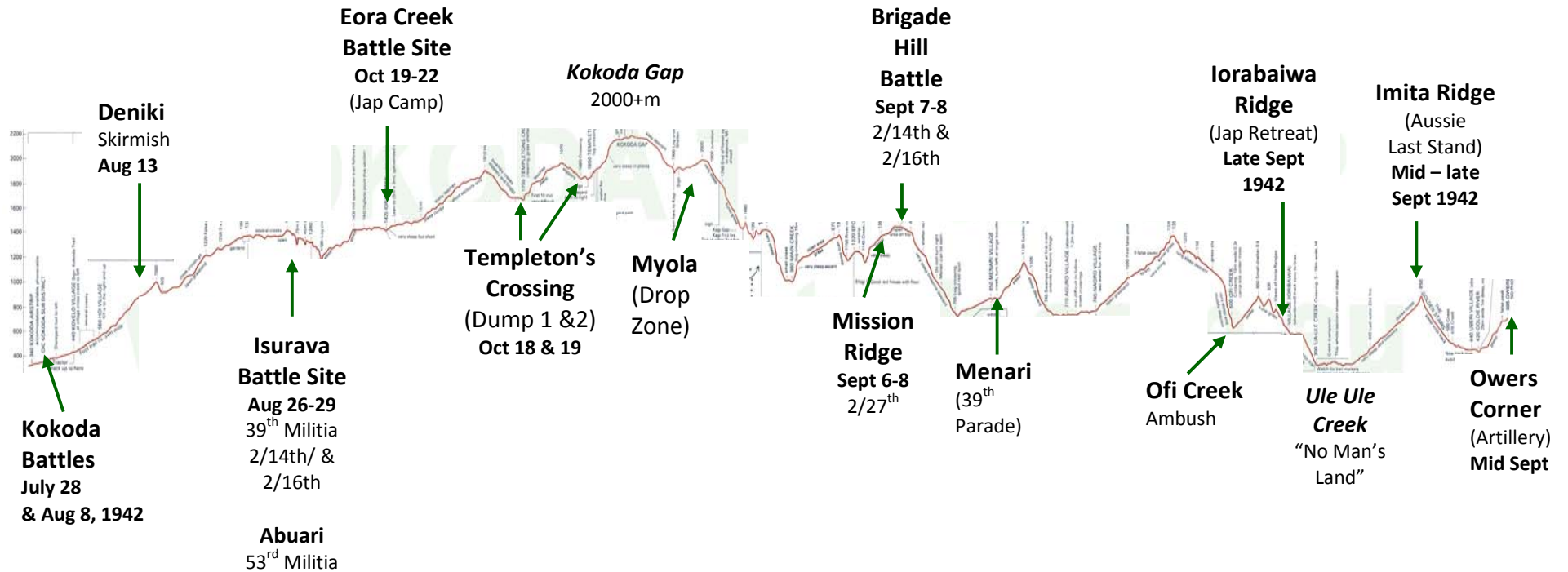


# THE KOKODA TRAIL – Battle Sites



The Kokoda Trail crosses the Owen Stanley Ranges between Pt. Moresby and the village of Kokoda which is about 100kms from the north-east coast of Papua New Guinea. The highest point, the Kokoda Gap is just over 2000m.

The Kokoda Trail & the beach heads of Gona, Sanananda & Buna to the north is most famous for being the battlefield over which Australian soldiers defended our country against the Japanese in 1942-43. The track is fast becoming as popular as Gallipoli as a place to visit to pay tribute to those who fought for our freedom on Australian soil in WW2.

The trek from Ower's Corner in the south - closest to Pt. Moresby (right end of the map), to Kokoda in the north (left end of the map) to is a 96km stretch of tropical and mountainous jungle track which crosses many peaks and rivers, meanders through remote villages and is the grave yard for many war relics which can still be seen today.

The people who live along the trail are peaceful, subsistence farmers, mostly influenced by the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist faith. Their grandfathers who supported Australian soldiers during the war were dubbed 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels'

A typical Kokoda Trek these days takes 8- 9 days, including visits to major battle sites and local villages. Extension trips to Milne Bay, Gona, Sanananda and Buna can also be arranged.