

Sun 19 March

Amiens/Cascades North, west of Stanthorpe OY 2



Terrain: The *Amiens North* map was predominantly exotic pine plantation with an extensive network of major and minor tracks in generally flat to undulating terrain. There are scattered areas of boulders and rock slabs in the former pine. Remnant areas of native forest occur throughout, and adjacent to, the former pine plantation and contain thicker areas of vegetation as well as more complex granite boulder areas and heathland around rock slabs. The areas on the western side of the map contain steeper and more complex granite terrain.

The *Cascades North* map consists of eucalypt forest and areas of heathland amongst exposed bare rock and scattered, complex granite outcrops, in generally undulating to steep terrain.

Map: This event will use a combination of the *Amiens North* and the *Cascades North* maps. All courses will use a 1:10,000 scale.

Map notes

Because the drought in 2019/20 caused significant death of the pine trees, HQ Plantations has been progressively salvage logging these areas and most is now gone. We have attempted to amend the map to show this. There may be additional minor tracks in the logged areas that have not been mapped. This area is scheduled for replanting so we don't want to spend too much time on updating the map as it will only change again.



The *Cascades North* map has not changed significantly except the vegetation in some areas has got thicker. The internal track through the map has recently been graded so may appear more obvious. Those not familiar with the mapping of complex granite areas should note the following points:

- Generally, only the larger (ie. higher than 1 m) boulders have been mapped.
- Where there are many boulders close together that are impossible to depict as separate features, then either a boulder cluster or boulder field symbol has been used, depending on their extent.
- Brown dots on the map generally represent a high point of rock, not dirt, and has gentle sides and can be easily climbed. Boulders are difficult to climb onto and are depicted as black dots.

Courses:

Hard 1 – 7.5km; Hard 2 – 6.6km; Hard 3 – 4.7km; Hard 4 – 3.4km; Hard 5 – 2.4km; Moderate 1 – 3.2km; Moderate 2 – 2.3km; Easy – 1.6km; Very Easy – 1.6km

This is an area of particularly challenging and complex granite. In selecting a course, be aware of your own capabilities, especially if you have not run in granite before. If in doubt, choose a shorter course. Our best elite men have only averaged 7mins/km here.

The Very Easy and Easy courses will use the easier parts of the *Amiens North* map.

Water for the Hard and Medium courses is either at a track crossing or at a control as indicated on control descriptions. The maps will be printed on Pretex, a waterproof paper.

Course setter: Simeon Burrill

Controller: Liz Bourne

Sportident will be used for this event so make certain you bring along your SI stick or hire one for \$2.

Entries: Enter online via Eventor by **Wednesday 15 March** to ensure enough maps are available.

Cost:

Members

Adults \$12
Juniors \$ 8
Families \$32

Non-members

Adults \$18
Juniors \$12
Families \$ 48

Beginners \$5

Starts: 9 -11am

Courses close: 1pm

Facilities: Bush toilet

Directions:

From Warwick, take the New England Highway south from Warwick approx. 47km to the Thulimbah turn-off. Turn right here at the Big Apple and cross the railway line and then take Amiens Road (signposted to Passchendaele Forest) west for 16km to a cross roads. Continue straight ahead on Bapaume Road to its intersection with Amiens Road. Turn right and travel west on Amiens Road past the Amiens School. After Amiens Road turns off to the right, continue west on Goldfields Road for 2.2km before turning left into Harslett Road then immediately left into Boatfields Road. Travel south for 1.3km before reaching a T- junction. Turn right here into Yarnold Road and follow this good gravel road for 2.8km to the assembly area and park as directed. Allow 65 mins from Warwick.

From Stanthorpe, take the Texas Road (Connor Street) off High Street (the main road through town), about 750 metres north of the Post Office. Follow westwards until you pass under the Stanthorpe by-pass and then take Amiens Road to the right. Follow the bitumen beyond the Amiens School and proceed as above. Allow 25 mins from Stanthorpe.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There has been extensive damage to the tracks in the Amiens Forest after flooding in 2021. The main access tracks have only recently been repaired while many of the minor ones remain untrafficable. Do not rely on Goggle Maps or Sat Nav to get to this event or you may end up stuck. Follow the above directions to get safely to the assembly area.

There is to be no camping in the forest. If you enjoy camping, Foxbar Falls, further along the Goldfields Road and only 10 mins from the event, provides a good alternative. <https://www.foxbarfalls.com.au/>

If you'd like to find out more about the area's history, drop in to the Amiens Legacy Centre (off Goldfields Rd just before the Amiens Rd intersection) on your way back home . They are generally open on Sundays. <https://www.amiensqldhistory.com/>

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