

Bulletin 1 – Belmont Hills OY Middle Dist.

Introduction

Have you ever dreamed of buying a block of land and taking a bulldozer to it to create the most amazing orienteering terrain? Well in the 1930s and 1940s some miners did just that to the Belmont Hills. The miners were looking for road base and eventually relocated to Whites Hill. They left behind mounds, scrapes, pits and half started quarries that are now covered in an open forest. This small but detailed area will make for some fantastic middle distance style orienteering.



Figure 1 – some mounds – see the map extract.



Dates

Sunday 12 May 2024

Location

Assembly area is in Grandview Place Park, Carindale.

Key Personnel

Organiser: Neil Simson (TF)

Course setter: Neil Simson

Controller: Mark Roberts (PL)

Mapper: Mark Roberts

Directions

There will be no road signs.

From the North: Take the Gateway Motorway south to the Old Cleveland Road exit (exit 97). Do not turn onto Old Cleveland Road. Turn left at the second traffic lights (sign posted “to Mt Petrie

Road). After 100m turn right onto Mt Petrie Road. Follow for 700m and turn right onto Greendale Way. After 650m turn left into Ridgeview Street and park in the local streets.

From the South: Take the Gateway Motorway north to the Mt Gravatt – Capalaba Road exit (exit 92). Turn right onto Mt Gravatt – Capalaba Road. After 250m turn left into Mt Petrie Road. After 2.5 km turn left into Greendale Way. After 650m turn left into Ridgeview Street and park in the local streets.

From the City: From Stones Corner take Old Cleveland Road east to Carindale. 1km after the Carindale Shopping Centre turn right into Scrub Road. Go south for 1.5km then turn left into Greendale Way. 100m after the round-a-bout turn right into Ridgeview Street and park in the local streets.

From the West: Option 1 – take the Logan Motorway to the Gateway Motorway and follow directions from the south. Option 2 – take Ipswich Motorway to Granard Road. Follow Granard Road which becomes Mt Gravatt – Capalaba Road after Logan Road. After passing under the Gateway Motorway follow directions from the south.

Course lengths

Course lengths are based on middle distance winning times (25-35 mins).

Course	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Start
Hard 1	3.8	180	Far start
Hard 2	3.0	130	Far start
Hard 3	2.5	120	Far start
Hard 4	1.9	75	Far start
Hard 5	1.5	60	Far start
Moderate 1	2.0	75	Far start
Moderate 2	1.5	50	Far start
Easy	0.8	35	Not so far start
Very Easy	0.7	25	Not so far start

Entry and Starts

Enter via Eventor. Pre-entry required. Starts from 9:00 am.

Technology

Sport Ident will be used. SI sticks can be borrowed on the day.

Map and Control Descriptions

Belmont Hills Reserve, 1:7500, 5m contour interval (Note: Easy and Very Easy courses will use an enlarged version 1:4000)

New map by Mark Roberts

Control descriptions will be available at the start. They will be on the maps in international symbols. Separate English descriptions will be available for the Moderate courses.

Mapper's Notes

The extraordinary detail in the terrain of this fascinating area deserves the larger scale of 1:7500. Many of the mapped landform features (boulders, knolls depressions) are very small. They deserve to be on the map because of their prominence in context. Stony areas are not well mapped, please be careful, stony and bouldery overlap. The blue dashed watercourse symbol is liberally used to show gullies which can be shallow or deep, obvious or not, but of course there is no water. There are many car wrecks on this map and either many wallabies or just one wallaby who is very annoyed at me.

Purple hatches identify areas that you should not enter. In some cases, the terrain is so very steep, gravelly and slippery that the slope is intrinsically dangerous; a slip could be lethal. Where they surround quarries and gullied areas, the concern is that it would be all too easy to run straight off the cliff; they look entirely innocent as one approaches.

Course setter's notes

This area is both navigationally and physically very hard. I have had to deliberately tone down the courses, so you won't spend all day out there. When entering select your usual course. Do not run up just because the courses look short.

Don't expect to see map features (e.g. boulders, gullies) from a distance. Once close enough they become obvious. See photo below. Note: the terrain was still recovering from a fire at the time of this photo. Some grass growth has occurred since.

Root mounds are not mapped. Most of the tree stumps that are mapped are very small. Do not rely on them.

Black circles are posts. Black crosses are a variety of features including car wrecks, interpretive signs, a sheet of corrugated iron stuck in a tree, piles of manmade rubbish.



Figure 2 - See the boulders and car wrecks?

Out of bounds areas

There are two temporary out of bounds areas shown on your map. The small ones are as mentioned in the mapper's notes. Danger tape will be used in selected locations only.

The larger out of bounds areas are a requirement of the landowner. There are some very rare plants growing in that area.

The mine shaft is also out of bounds and will be marked with danger tape.

Wildlife

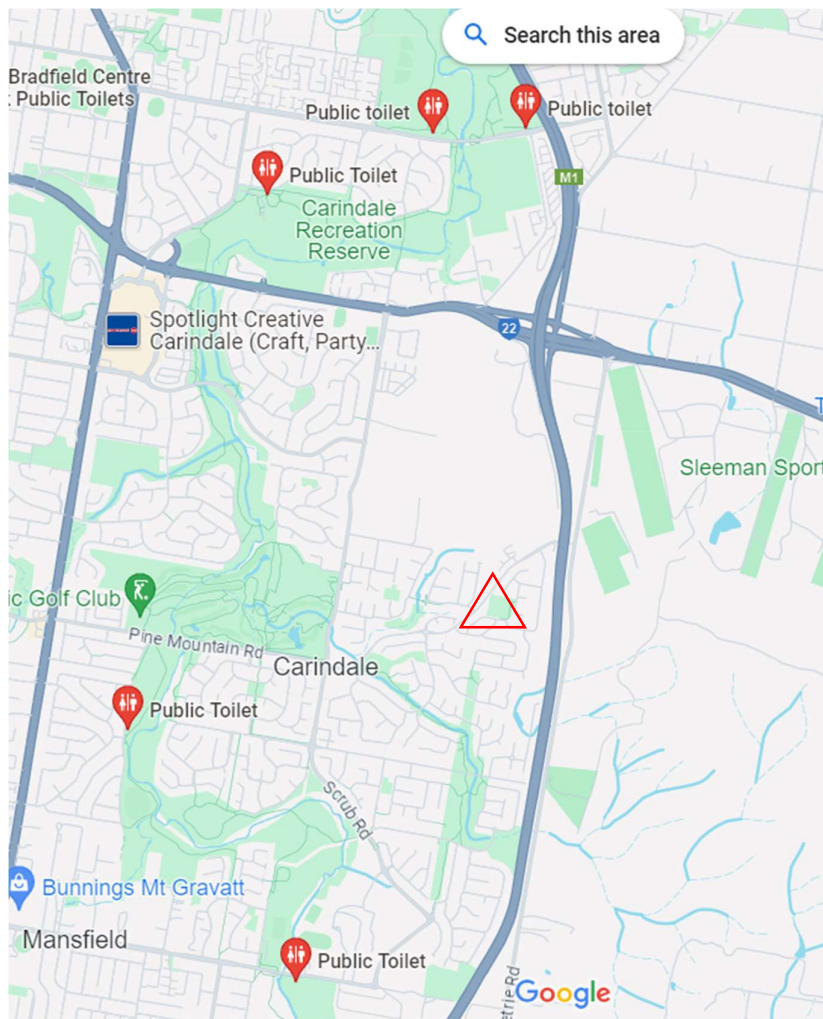
Early runners are likely to encounter the local wallabies. If possible, please encourage them to head toward the large out of bounds area. Try not to cause them to head onto the roads.

Catering

Carindale Shopping Centre has a large range of eateries. ([Westfield Carindale Shopping Centre](#))

Toilets

There are no toilets at the assembly area. The nearest public toilets are about 2km away.

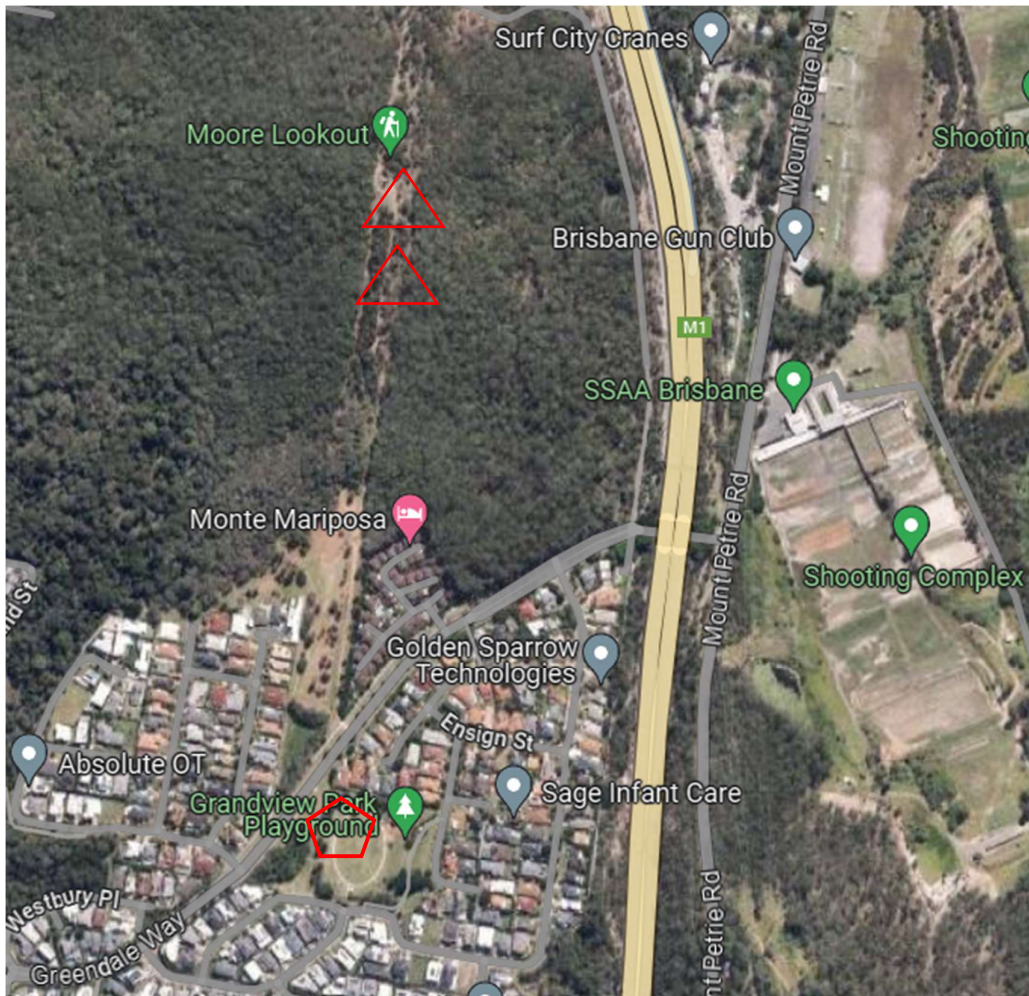


Assembly area

The assembly area (pentagon) is in a park that other people utilise. There is some shade on a sloping area. The large flat area has no shade.

Starts – there are two starts. Most courses start from the far start (600m, 45m climb). The easy and very easy courses start about 100 m closer and lower on the hill.

Finish – there are two finishes. Both are remote to the assembly area. The download is at the assembly area.



Registration

You will only need to go to registration prior to your run if you need a SI stick, are changing your SI stick or you need a compass. Download is adjacent to registration.

Finishes

Both finishes are remote from the assembly area. Please return to the assembly area after your run to download.

Results

Results will be available after the event.

First aid

A trained paramedic will be available at the first aid point located at the not so far start.

Parking

There is no designated parking area. Please park in the local streets. The streets are narrow. Please park on one side of the street only. The northern part of Skyline Crescent is reserved for officials parking only. There is no parking on Greendale Way.

Post event training

Juniors are invited to join Ryan Gray for some post event training. Please make sure you have downloaded first.

Enquiries

Contact Neil Simson regarding entries.

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