

Ready for the 2017 Victorian MTBO Championships (20th version – our first was at ‘Lal Lal’ / ‘Mt Doran’ in 1997)?

Warm-up Day Friday, March 17 ‘Canadian South’ and ‘Nerrina’
 Sprint (am) and Middle (pm) Distance Sat, March 18 ‘Woookarung’
 Long Distance (am) Sunday, March 19 ‘Barkstead’

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Team Leaders

	Sprint	Middlem	Long
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Classes

M-12, M-14, M-16, M-20, M21-, M40-, M50-, M60-, M70-, M80- Open 2,3,4,5
 W-12, W-14, W-16, W-20, W21-, W40-, W50-, W60-, W70-, W80- Open 2,3,4,5

Sprint Course Details - start times from 10.00am - 11.00am

Course	Distance	Controls	Climb	Men	Women	Rec
1	7.8	20	190	M21- M-20		
2	7.4	18	165	M40- M50-	W21-	Open 2
3	6.8	16	140	M60- M-16	W40- W50- W-20	Open 3
4	5.2	12	90	M70- M-14	W60- W-16	Open 4
5	3.9	9	55	M80- M-12	W70- W80- W-12 W-14	Open 5

Middle Distance Details – start times from 2.00pm to 3.03pm

1	17.1	18	300	M21-		
2	15.9	16	260	M40- M50- M-20	W21-	Open 2
3	13.4	15	190	M60- M-16	W40- W50- W-20	Open 3
4	12.1	13	160	M70- M-14	W60- W-16	Open 4
5	6.2	10	120	M80- M-12	W70- W80- W-12 W-14	Open 5

Long Distance Details – start times from 9.30am to 10.30am

1	36.8	14	710	M21-		
2	27.3	13	500	M40- M50- M-20	W21-	Open 2
3	23.9	11	410	M60- M-16	W40- W50- W-20	Open 3
4	16.5	7	280	M70- M-14	W60- W-16	Open 4
5	10.0	6	170	M80- M-12	W70- W80- W-12 W-14	Open 5

Other things that you need to know...

Directions for Sprint and Middle Distance: Assembly area at Pax Hill Activity Centre. Take first exit to Ballarat, route C805; at first traffic light, turn left into Fussell Street; follow Fussell Street for 2.5 km to the STOP sign at corner of Fussell and Spencer Streets. Park as directed by officials inside the grounds of the camp. Pre-entry for championship participation is required, but limited EOD for recreational riders will be available on shorter courses.

Facilities Water, toilets and refreshments (Vic Junior Squad) available at the event centre. Both sprint and middle distance events will start from Pax Hill Activity Centre so come prepared to relax, have lunch, and enjoy discussions between the events and after at presentations. Spot prizes at the presentations can make anyone a winner – but you have to be there!

Course planner notes from Toby and Mark

Sprint Map: 1:7500, 5 m contours, A4 (not Pretex)

Middle Map: 1:10,000, 5 m contours, A4 for Courses 3,4,5 A3 for Courses 1,2
The warm-up area for both races will be within the Pax Hill centre boundaries.

There are some overlapping areas of the sprint and middle courses on Saturday. Controls for the Sprint and Middle Distance will be in the bush on Saturday morning. There will be a manned control 2/3 way around the Sprint course – please obey any directions from the official. Several Middle distance controls will have bags over them so as not to confuse Sprint riders.

Organizers will remove the bags after the Sprint race. Please check the number before punching to avoid dnf.

Prior Map: a copy of the Canadian Forest map used in 2016 will be on display at the assembly area.

Directions to Long Distance: Area is out-of-bounds except designated approach from Daylesford - Ballan Road only.

From the Calder Highway, get to Daylesford. Take the Ballan Road south for 12.3km passing Gale and Gusto wind turbines. Right into Brickhouse Road for 1.7k, veer right onto McCarthy Road, 2.5km to Barkstead village; follow signs.

From Western Freeway turn off at Daylesford exit and head towards Daylesford on Ballan - Daylesford Rd. At 19.5km, just past Korweinguboora Recreation Reserve, left into Brickhouse Road for 1.7k, veer right onto McCarthy Road. 2.5km to Barkstead village then follow signs.

From Ballarat either follow the Western freeway directions or go via Bolwarrah onto Spargo Ck Rd, left at Ballan - Daylesford Rd and at 5km left into Brickhouse Road then as above.

Car parking – follow parking officials instructions.

Course planner notes from Ken

Map: 10m contours. Courses 1 - 3, 1:20,000. Courses 4 & 5, 1:15,000. Pretex map. Symbol 839 Rideable area is orange. (Non-rideable open areas are normal yellow). 405 and 406 Forest symbols apply to **visibility** regardless of type of forest (ie pine forest is not necessarily light green).

Facilities: Toilet (portable) and water available at the assembly area. There is one water stop on the course, but bring 1 bottle on your bike / back.

Courses: This area is undulating. There are a number of track entry points that are indistinct and these are marked on the map with a gap from the crossing track (symbol 511). Any tapes you see out there have **not** been placed by the planner. There may be obstructions not marked on the map - these last 2 years have seen frequent tree and branch falls so it is likely you will encounter a fresh one.

Start: < 5 minute ride from event centre.

Prior map: A copy of the Rocklyn map used in 2015 will be on display. It forms part of this event map.

Warm-up Day Kay Haarsma is organizing warm up rides on 'Canadian Forest South' (good Sprint practice) and 'Nerrina' (good complex track network practice for the Middle Distance) on Friday 17th March. Contact Kay is interested. Please note that there is the Eureka Rally in and around the forests – with main staging area at Victoria Park so please avoid unless you want to view their preparations.

Other Attractions

Ballarat Begonia Festival was last weekend, but the display in the gardens on the west side of Lake Wendouree is still spectacular. You will be amazed at the number of eating places that have sprung up in the last two years – so try one – you'll be helping the Ballarat economy.

Saturday Night Activities Eureka has booked a table for 20 at the Golden City Pub at the corner of Sturt and Dawson Streets (across from St Pat's Cathedral) from 6pm. No awards presented here – but the food is good.

Presentations Awards for the Sprint, Middle and Long place-getters and spot prizes will be presented at the Pax Hill Activity Center on Saturday pm and at Barkstead on Sunday pm as soon as class results have been finalized.

Fire Ban In the event of a fire ban for the Central region of Victoria, a notification via email (Eventor) will be sent to all competitors. The event(s) will be postponed to a future date. Interstate riders should check the anticipated fire conditions prior to departure. The forecast is looking better for warm – but not high fire risk weekend.

Start Times Start times for the three events have been posted on the website on Tuesday evening 14th March. We've tried to honor requests within the tight 1-hour start window. Members of your age group will all start with a 2-minute gap between riders. Please come to the start at least 10 minutes before your appointed time. Start will be on the beeping clock – NOT on a start punch. Two riders on different courses will start – with 1 minute to organize to carry your map.