

Magnificent Macedon - VicBushO#2 – Sunday 9 April

Enter on the day - start any time from 10.00 am to noon

Autumn is the best time to see the native bush and exquisite gardens on the southern slopes of Mount Macedon. Central Highlands Orienteering Club is proud to bring you this second event in the new *VicBushO* series, which is:

- convenient (enter on the day)
- affordable (\$10 adults, \$5 under 21s)
- accessible (35 minutes from Ring Road, and within 60 minutes of Ballarat and Bendigo)
- achievable (short hard, long hard, moderate and easy courses).

Entry fee includes map, timing equipment, free instruction and encouragement.

From Macedon township, head north along the east side of the Bendigo train line (Middle Gully Road) to the old scout camp site (beside the bluestone bridge). Park as directed to avoid damage to roadside drainage works. (Please do not enter or exit parking area directly from Middle Gully Road – this is a condition of our permit to use the area). Leg cover is recommended for hard and moderate courses. Toilets provided.

Terrain and course notes

All of the courses are in beautiful native forest east of the Bendigo train line, on an updated map based on the original Chris Wilmott photogrammetry. Course setter (and map updater) Mark Hennessy has used the extensive track network to set courses suited to basic track navigation, while rewarding those who navigate more direct routes. Climbing has been minimised as far as possible (for those who make good route choices). A highlight of the Long Hard course (6.6 km) is a route choice leg traversing 1.4 km across the southern slope of Mt Macedon, with three major track route choices (each with minor variations) in addition to the direct route and the contour route (only 15 metres climbing on the contour route choice).

The bush has thickened in some gullies but remains generally open and runnable on spurs and flatter areas. Courses and control sites have been planned to allow route choices that avoid thicker bush.

Enquiries: John Ewels 0400 468 278 or Mark Hennessy 0419 559 129.