YARRA VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

VIC MTBO SERIES #3: Plenty Gorge Park, Long Distance MTBO

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017: PLENTY RIVER MAP

This event is being held in the Plenty Gorge Park, near Yellow Gum picnic area.

Course setter and Organisers: Peta Whitford & Kathy Liley

MAP: Plenty River, 1:10,000 with 5m contours. Updated for MTBO in 2017.

NOTES: This area is steep in parts, has many narrow single tracks and the longer courses are challenging. **Please do not do a course longer than you usually do**. **Courses 1 and 2** cross the Plenty River. Two crossing points are marked on the map. The eastern crossing has an awkward plank crossing. You will get wet on the western crossing!

Course printing

The Plenty River map is relatively small area and **Courses 1-4** have many criss-crossing legs on their courses. To make it easier to read the map, each of these courses will have two maps (Map A and Map B) which will be printed back to back on the same paper. Ride from the start triangle until the last control on Map A. Then turn to Map B for the second map (where the current control is marked) and continue to the finish.

MTBO Rules and safety

You must ride only on tracks that are marked on the map, or you may ride on areas coloured orange on the map. You may NOT ride on other areas coloured yellow. Be aware that there will be other mtb riders and walkers on the tracks. You may also encounter kangaroos. Riders on Courses 1 and 2 will also find themselves on suburban streets and paths. Please ride courteously and safely throughout. Take particular care on the steep tracks and on tracks along the side of steep slopes. Downhill riders should give way to uphill riders. Those walking uphill should stay on the side of the track and be alert to passing riders.

This is an active mtb area, with new tracks being created and old ones abandoned very frequently. The map was up to date in June. Please do not cut corners on un-mapped tracks. Also, particularly in the southern area, there are many man-made mtb obstacles. Not all are well maintained. Please ride around them unless you are quite sure that the far side is safe.

Emergency mobile number

The organisers' mobile number (Peta 0428 358 588) is printed on the map, but be aware that you may not have phone reception if you are down near the river.

Toilets: Toilets are approx 400m from parking.

START TIMES: Start any time from 11 am to 12:00 pm. The start is approx 100m from parking/registration. (A later start time - or earlier if the organisers are ready – can be arranged for families requiring split start times. Please talk to the organisers when you arrive.)

Score Course – collect as many controls as you can within 120 min.

COURSES.
You may enter whichever course will best fit your abilities but check the notes above.

Courses close at 2:30 pm and controls will be brought in from that time.

Course	Approx Distance	Est Climb
1	33 km	655m
2	25 km	535m
3	20 km	430m
4	16.5 km	275m
5 Score	120 min limit	Collect as many controls as you can out of 18, in a random order.

ENTRIES
Entries should be made via Eventor. There will be some Enter on the Day possibilities, dependent on the availability of maps. Cost for Entry (Senior/Junior): Members $20/$15 Non Members $30/$25.

Note that it is not too late to sign up for Orienteering Victoria membership on Eventor to get access to member entry fees.

MAP BOARDS
Are available on loan, free of charge, to new riders. You can purchase your own "Windchill Map Board' on the day for $100. See Ralph in the Parking area, near Registration.

DIRECTIONS TO EVENT
From the southern end of Yan Yean Road, take Memorial Drive to its end, turn left into Goldsworthy Lane and follow the O signs. Melway Map 10,G4
The assembly/ parking area is near Yellow Gum Recreation Area.

THANKS to our helpers today and to Parks Victoria.

Yarra Valley Orienteering Club acknowledges that this event is being held on Wurundjeri Country. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People whose ancestors and their descendants are the Traditional Owners of this Country.