

ENTRY INFORMATION

Location:

Holland's Hill which is located at Karanja near Westerway in the Derwent Valley past New Norfolk.

Date:

3rd March 2019

Event Category:

A Mountain Bike Orienteering (MTBO) Southern Region local event - no foot courses available.

About This Event:

After a lengthy break, it is time for another MTBO event, thus a new MTBO specific map has been prepared of Holland's Hill which is a low rise in gentle terrain within a pine plantation bordering the Karanja 'straight' on the way to Westerway.

Although the plantation has limited route choice and generally easy riding, the event itself offers a very enjoyable ride for those participating, two longer course to challenge the experienced riders and two shorter courses for those with less experience and still wanting to ride.

Participants need to have a mountain bike or hybrid that is suitable for riding on gravel roads and bush tracks, and it needs to be serviceable including with effective brakes. Suspension is optional. All riders must wear a helmet. It is an event where individuals ride solo and start two minutes or more apart - unofficial duo riding is permitted where this is preferred.

All riders need to provide their own means of carrying their map, whether it be a formal map board, a clip board on the handlebars etc. Each map will be handed out two minutes before a start to allow time to mount it on the bike ... and be read in the seconds remaining to that start.

Each rider will need an e-stick (available for hire) which may be carried on the finger in the usual way: there is no requirement in this event to attach the e-stick to the bike with elastic.

At this stage, the event at Holland's Hill is the only MTBO event scheduled in Tasmania in 2019.

Where is the Start?

The event venue is near Karanja in the Derwent Valley, accessed from Hobart via New Norfolk and Bushy Park. Karanja is 26 kms from New Norfolk (western shore route) and 4 kms before Westerway, on the Gordon River Road. All of the riding area is owned by Norske Skog whose permission to access the plantation is much appreciated and makes the event possible.

From Hobart, after arriving at Karanja stay on the Gordon River Road 'straight' towards Westerway and travel 1.7 kms past the Styx Road junction at Karanja to the signed event turn-in on the left (south). Please close the gate. It is 800 m on an all weather gravel road to assembly. There is plenty of parking space along the verges of the gravel road. Assembly, start and finish are co-located.

Turn-in co-ordinates are 484983 / 5274383.

Please be careful when leaving the event as the turn back onto the Gordon River Road has a semi blind rise to the left with vehicles potentially doing 100 kph. It is safer to turn left to Westerway for a tea or coffee before heading home – the Possum Shed at Westerway is a recommendation.

When Can I Start?

You can start any time between 10 am and 11 am. Starting as early as possible gives you more time to complete the course ... before course closure at 1.00 pm.

When Do I Have To Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 1.00 pm. If you will not be able to complete your course in time you will need to abandon it and head back to the assembly area to arrive by course closure time. Whether or not you have completed your course, you must download your e-stick at the computer, so that we know you have returned safely, and don't organise a search party. Also be aware that as soon as the course is closed, the organisers start bringing in controls.

Speaking of controls ... help with collection will be very much appreciated. Most can be got very close to by vehicle.

What Are The Courses?

There are four courses available, all with similar, relatively simple navigation. Terrain is gravel roads and 4WD tracks with some single track. Surfaces are good and there is only a little climbing. Shorter courses follow the easier riding terrain, and all courses require at least basic confidence in riding a mountain bike off road - the event is unsuitable for very young riders.

Although the venue can be wet with muddy sections and standing water, the event is being held in summer on what is presently, and hopefully will remain, dry terrain. But bring a change of clothes.

Long Course – 22.6 kms with 20 controls.

Medium Course – 16.8 kms with 14 controls.

Short Course – 12.5 kms with 12 controls.

Very Short Course – 7.5 kms with 7 controls.

Do I need an e-stick or P card?

All Tasmanian Orienteering clubs use the Sportident (SI) electronic punching system so an e-stick or P card is required at all events. If you do not own an e-stick or P card, you can hire one for \$4 at the event. Please note that P-cards are not suitable for courses with more than 19 controls, so talk to Registration if you have this problem – only applies to the Long Course for this event.

How Do I Enter?

Enter and pay on the day at the event. So organisers know how many maps to print, please email Mark Hey at markwhey@bigpond.com by COB Tuesday 26/2/2019 with name(s) and course(s).

How Much Does It Cost To Enter?

Event Fees	Adult	Adult	Youth or Concession	Youth or Concession	Family	Family
	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member
Local event	\$12	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$30	\$20

Add \$4 to the entry fee if you need to hire an e-stick – each participant needs an e-stick. So the cost of entry for a *casual member adult* needing an eStick is thus \$16. Cash only.

Participants who are non members of an orienteering club, or who have not registered as a casual member for 2019, will need to register as a casual member at the event.

Contact Information

Mark Hey on 6272 7233 or markwhey@bigpond.com. On the day of the event phone 0457 676 536.

Who are the Course Planners and Course Controllers?

Mark Hey is the event organiser.

Which Map Is Being Used?

A new map called Holland's Hill at a scale of 1:12500 with a contour interval of 10 metres and drawn to MTBO specifications. All of the map fits on one A4 page and each course displays on just one side.

Information for Newcomers

Newcomers are encouraged to come along and give Mountain Bike Orienteering a try, although some confidence in off-road bike riding is suggested – the event is unsuitable for young children, say under 10 as a rough guide, although this depends on the capability of the child.

Navigation is akin to following a street directory and is rated as easy. There is no compass work and one does not need any prior orienteering experience. Each course requires the rider to visit a series of controls in the order stipulated on the map, deciding which route to take between controls.

Using an e-stick is simple, as is reading the map, with guidance available at assembly.

On arrival at the event, come to Registration to enter, pay the entry fee including hire of an e-stick where needed, and seek guidance as required. It is then a matter of readying oneself and bike and then heading to the start (100 m) where an Official will provide a map and tell you when to begin.

What Else Do I Need To Know?

All participants in events conducted by Orienteering Tasmania and its affiliated clubs are required to register. There are two categories of registration, either as a full member or as a casual member. Further details are available on our About Membership page.

As Orienteering Tasmania events are often conducted on private property **we have blanket policy of not permitting dogs at our events**. Please leave your dog at home if going orienteering. As well, please leave gates closed or open as you find them.