



OY9 Camel Farm (Balara Homestead) – Sunday 25 Aug 2019

Get your entries in for the OY event at Camel Farm near Lake Wivenhoe on Sun 25 Aug. Runnable, gently sloping land and intricate erosion gullies. <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/7409>

Directions

Travel north from Fernvale along the Brisbane Valley Highway. Cross the Wivenhoe Dam and continue for 11.8km. The turnoff to the homestead is 2.7 km after the intersection with Coominya Connection Rd. Look for orienteering signs.

Course lengths

Hard 1--8.7 km; Hard 2--6.7 km; Hard 3--5.9 km; Hard 4--5.0 km; Hard 5--3.4 km;
Mod 1--4.6 km; Mod 2--3.4 km; Easy--2.1 km; Very Easy--1.7 km.

NOTE: this map is very flat, approximately 1% climb on all courses. Hard 1, 2, 3 and Moderate courses will involve some scrambling in and out of gullies, but all other courses are very kind to knees etc.

Starts

Starts from 9am to 10:30am. Courses close 12pm.

Start 1 (Hard and Moderate) is a 550m flat walk from the Assembly.

Start 2 (Easy and Very Easy) is at the Assembly.

Parking is between Assembly and Start 1. If you have registered with your SI number, you can go straight to the start.

Assembly

The very dry conditions mean no flames allowed, so no sausage sizzle this time.

There will be water on the courses and limited water at the assembly. Please help by bringing your own drinking water.

Bush toilet – or stop on the way in Fernvale or Cormorant Bay Reserve

Map notes

The map is over 6 years old. In that time a lot of termite mounds have died off, but there are hundreds of shiny new ones. There has been a lot of logging so there are more areas of fallen timber and many temporary extraction tracks. There has also been heavy rain so there is more erosion in some of the gullies, but it hasn't rain for quite some time, so the creeks and ponds are nearly all completely dry.

Piles of fallen timber are represented by the thicket symbol:



Please **roll under fences. Do not step on fence wires.**

Broken fences may be difficult to see (just the posts remaining).

IMPORTANT: Please respect the Out of Bounds areas on the map. In particular, **do not cross the (dry) river bed** into the northernmost section of the map.

Animals

There are horses and camels in pens at the homestead (out of bounds). There are also half a dozen brumbies and camels loose in the forest. They are shy and we didn't see them during our 7 hours on the property last weekend. However they had a good lick of our car windows while we were in the forest! We did see wallabies and a bandicoot, and there are resident koalas on the property.



If it moves, it's a camel, if it doesn't, it's a termite mound!

Event fees

Members (non-members): Adult \$12 (\$18); Junior \$8 (\$12); Family \$32 (\$48)

Newcomers: \$5