

MACEDON FOREST

Sunday 24 November 2019

Organised by Bayside Kangaroos Orienteers

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This event was originally scheduled to run on 11 August 2019. We had to cancel the event on that date due to the severe weather conditions forecast for the day. It turned out that the map area had snow, rain and very low temperatures during the day. The 24th of November should be much nicer conditions for competitors and officials alike. We hope you enjoy this event.

TRANSFER MY ENTRY FEE TO THIS NOVEMBER EVENT

If you entered the August event and want to transfer your entry fee to this new event, please enter the November event as usual in Eventor. Under the "Services" menu there are 2 options – one to transfer the member fee of \$20, the other to transfer the non-member \$30 fee. Choose whichever amount you paid in August. You then won't need to pay anything extra to enter.

For those who would like their August entry fee refunded, please contact the organiser who will arrange a refund. The amount will be less a small bank fee charge we incur using this payment system.

ASSEMBLY LOCATION: Corner of Middle Gully and Campey Roads, Macedon.

DIRECTIONS: from the centre of Macedon township, corner of Smith (main street) and Victoria Streets. Head north along Smith Street for 800m then bear right off main road (watch for oncoming traffic) and continue heading straight north for another 800m along Smith St and Middle Gully Rd to Campey Rd. Park as directed.

NOTE: THERE ARE NO TOILETS AT THE EVENT.

There are public toilets in Macedon (1.9km from the assembly area) near the corner of Smith and Victoria Streets, opposite the Pub. Please use these toilets on your way to the event.

MAP: Macedon Forest – Scale: 1:15,000, 5m contours. The map has been updated for this event.

Much of the pine plantations in the western half of the map have been logged since we last used this map. The areas that are still mature pines we have left as light green. Where areas have been recently logged, it is shown with the yellow rough open land symbol. Pine areas that have been replanted are shown as white forest.

THANKS to Hancocks Plantations, Parks Victoria and Macedon Ranges Shire Council for use of this area.

ENTRIES: Enter online through Eventor. Online entries close at midnight Wednesday 20th November.

Online Entry Fees: Adults: Orienteering Victoria member \$20, non member \$30. All Juniors \$15.

Limited on-the-day entries are possible depending on available maps.

On-The-Day Entry Fees: OV members: \$25 adults, \$15 juniors. Non members: \$35 adults, \$15 juniors.

COURSES: 4 line courses and a score course. Choose whichever length course you like.

You can compete individually or as a group. E-bikes permitted but scored separately.

Course 1: 27 km – 720m climb – 17 controls

Course 2: 22 km – 580m climb – 16 controls

Course 3: 16 km – 350m climb – 14 controls

Course 4: 10 km – 180m climb – 8 controls

Score course: 2 hours – visit as many controls as you can in any order.

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COURSE SETTER NOTES

THE MAIN BENDIGO RAILWAY LINE CUTS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THIS MAP.
THIS IS A BUSY LINE WITH FAST MOVING TRAINS AND IS STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS.

Riders on all courses will be required to cross the railway ONLY AT these 3 locations:

1. Overpass bridge near the start
2. Underpass in Macedon township – use the foot/bike path under the line in the south end of the map.
3. A tunnel north of the start.

It is up to you to decide which of these three options is the most suitable for your chosen route.

THE CALDER FREEWAY ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE MAP IS ALSO OUT OF BOUNDS.

The courses do not cross over the freeway.

- Competitors need to be aware of other riders using the MTB trails and the possibility of motorbikes and 4WD vehicles on the other roads and trails.
- Roads through Hancocks Pine plantations are private roads and access provided subject to a permit. Forestry activity is unlikely but is possible. Riders need to keep left on roads and exercise appropriate care.

ON THE DAY

SportIdent electronic timing will be used. Loan SI sticks will be available at Registration.

REGISTRATION opens at 10.00 am. If you entered online, check your name off here before heading to the start. Pick up your loan SI stick here, or if you are entering on the day.

Start times: from 10.30am to 12 noon. Allowance made for any family groups needing more of an overlap in timing. Earlier starts may be possible once we are set up.

The Start: is 300m N from the assembly area along Middle Gully Rd – follow the tapes. The start official will give you a start time.

The Finish is near the assembly area.

Courses close at 2.00 pm. All riders must finish by that time as controls will be brought in from then.

Loan mapboards will be available, free of charge for new riders. See Ralph in the parking area, near Registration

New to MTBO? Please let us know at registration and we can give you extra info and instruction.

Safety notes: If lost in the pine forest western half of the map, make your way east to railway line. There are roads on both sides of the railway line. Follow the road south to the assembly area or Macedon. In the eastern half eucalypt forest, head west to the railway line.

If you come across an injured competitor then you must stop and render assistance.

The event organiser's mobile number is printed on the map in case of an emergency on the course.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR THE EVENT:

- ✓ Use mapped tracks ONLY. Don't go through the bush
- ✓ You and your bike must stay together at all times
- ✓ Wear a helmet and carry water with you
- ✓ Keep left on tracks and be careful at intersections

NOTE: Report to the finish even if you don't complete your course.

Controls are marked on
your map like this:

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Control number Control code

Results, Splits will be on Eventor after the event. Check vicmtbo.com for Series points and more info.