

Cyclic Navigator, Information for the day

Welcome...

...to an event that suits both recreational and competitive mountain bikers in a wide age range. Cyclic Navigator 's navigation means your head counts as much as your legs. Have a great time in the country.

Event venue and getting there

Event centre is Higgs Paddock off Werona Road. For your GPS navigator, 55S 240387E 5866999N = 37°18'27.0"S, 144°4'14.6"E. Or, from lower roundabout in Daylesford take Midland Highway A300 towards Ballarat. At 5km (top of climb), R into Basalt Rd; 1km then veer L into Werona Rd; 6km and Higgs Paddock entry is on your right. From Ballarat, Basalt Rd is a few kms after Eganstown.

Facilities

Great view. 1 portaloos. Shelter tent if wet or very sunny. Good parking. Paddock again courtesy of Verna Baker and the Rodoni family – gold coin collection at gate as you exit is towards Verna's roof replacement.

Registration

On arrival, if you have any query, payment or refund **please do not go to registration**. First locate the enquiries person in the fluorescent orange 'bush scene' vest.

To register, give your name(s) at registration and collect your map(s). You may then plan your route.

Event Map Info

See the **News Blog** and **Cyclic Navigator** pages on mapsport.com.au

Scoring

There are 34 controls (check points). Controls are worth 10 to 100 points. Plan your route carefully to maximise your score taking into account the terrain, your riding and navigational ability. At a control, dip your SportIdent (SI) stick into the unit and wait for a light and/or beep

For every minute or part thereof late, you lose 10 points! At 30 minutes late you lose all your points. Disqualification if you enter out of bounds— no kidding as we must protect our landowner relationships.

Equipment

Mountain bike or sturdy hybrid. A bike computer is helpful as may be a compass especially if it is cloudy. Don't forget pump and tyre repair kit.

Have a helmet and at least 800mls of water – else no start and no refund. Drinking water sites are marked on the map. You should carry first aid, sun screen (**UV Index is high** that day) and a whistle (emergency is a series of 6 short blasts). Telstra mobile phones get good reception on ridges. Optus may also. **Dial 112** for emergency services if in range of **any** mobile service

A map board can be useful but a Cue Clip (Abbotsford Cycles @ Richmond Station) or even a bulldog clip will do in a pinch. Dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for forecast changes.

Hazards

Usual mountain biking hazards in forested areas and public roads apply. Additionally, ensure that in navigating while mountain biking, you remain vigilant for route hazards including water bars, logs, traffic and other riders. **Keep left on tracks and roads. Obey road rules at all times.**

Event day schedule

0830	Spot prize draw and Registration open	1100	Start for 4 hour riders
0945	safety briefing for 6 hour riders	1500 (3pm)	4 hour event ends
1000	6 hour event start followed by safety briefing for any latecomers	1600 (4pm)	6 hour event ends
1045	Safety briefing for 4 hour riders	1601	Enjoy panettone, stollen, Xmas tarts, local Basalt honey, cordial

Thank you for supporting the development of junior orienteering