

2015 Rogue24 - Course Information Sheet

IMPORTANT – Competitors are advised to read this information carefully. It contains a description of the logistics of each leg of the race. There are a total of 53 check points available on the course. **Stages must be completed in the order described below.** Teams may only collect checkpoints from the stage they are on at that time; they cannot go back to collect checkpoints from previous legs, or punch checkpoints from future legs. Within each leg, teams may collect as many checkpoints in any order they wish. **The exception, however, are all of the bike leg checkpoints, which can be collected at any time on either Stages 3 or 5.** Each checkpoint is assigned its own score value.

Stage 1. KAYAK. Use Map 1. Start at HQ. Finish at TA8. 8 CPs available (CP 1 - 8). 380 Points. Approx distance: 4 - 23km.	The Rogue24 kicks off with a paddle rogaine down the upper stretches of the Stanley River. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teams that wish to collect CP1 must do so on foot, before returning to collect their kayaks and launching from the river bank.- Teams are NOT permitted to leave their boats and travel by land to collect CPs 5, 6 or 7 as we do not have land access surrounding these controls – they must be paddled to.- Teams must portage their kayaks up the marked dirt track and return them to the kayak trailer at TA8. A strict rule of carrying, not dragging, will be enforced with heavy penalties.- Note the blue hatching on the map indicates water levels when Wivenhoe Dam downstream is at 100% (currently at 99%) with solid blue showing the natural course of the Stanley River.- PFDs must be worn at all times on the water.- Box A will be available at TA8 at the end of this leg.
Stage 2. TREK. Use Map 2. Start and Finish at TA8. 12 CPs available (CP 9 – 20). 610 Points. Approx max distance: 29km.	Stage 2 involves an out and back trek rogaine on traditional rogaining country on the Mt Brisbane and Inverstanley Homestead properties. Terrain is best described as off-trail, but open and fast. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please do not approach land owner's homes or other out of bounds areas. Leave gates as found.- Demonstrate caution if travelling along major public roads in the area.- Box A will be available at the start and end of this leg and then transported back to HQ once you depart on bikes.
Stage 3. BIKE. Use Maps 3 and 4. Start at TA8. Finish at TA37. 17 CPs available (CP 21 – 37). 970 Points. Approx distance: 9 - 82km.	Teams hit their bikes for the first time on Stage 3. This is a large bike rogaine that can be split into two parts, with teams having the option to collect any of the bike CPs on either stages 3 or 5. This bike leg takes in a mix of graded dirt roads, grassy farming tracks and forestry fire trails with a steep climb up to the Mt Mee plateau. The leg also includes an optional abseil from the bluffs of Mt Byron overlooking Somerset Dam. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teams continuing on the course must check in at TA37 at the end of this leg, or notify volunteers of their intent to finish the race before riding back to race HQ.- This leg will be completed at night for most teams, so please ensure you have adequate lighting.- Note that there are no road closures for the course. Obey all road rules, demonstrate caution and give way to traffic, particularly on the major sealed roads where cars may be travelling at speed.- Note that teams may opt to collect all, some or none of the bike CPs on this leg. Any bike CPs they don't go to on this leg may be collected on the Stage 5 bike leg.- CP35 consists of an optional abseil. Please see notes for the abseil below.- CP36 may only be collected on foot as part of the abseil. Please see notes for the abseil below.- Box B will be available at TA37 at the end of this leg.
OPTIONAL ABSEIL CP35 and CP36. Opening time: 8:00pm Sat. Closing time: 8:00am Sun.	As part of the bike leg, there is an optional Abseil at CP35 off the bluffs at Somerset Lookout in the Mt Mee area. This abseil has been set up by Pinnacle Sports, a professional climbing company, and all equipment and instruction will be provided on site. A number of important points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- At least one team member must complete the abseil to be awarded the points. Even if only one person abseils, both team members should still punch their navlight tags.- CP35 and CP36 are only open for 12 hours – from 8pm on Saturday to 8am on Sunday. Teams arriving outside of these hours may not collect either CP35 or CP36.- CP36 may only be collected on foot, departing and returning to the site of the abseil at CP35. Teams may do this either before or after completing the abseil. CP36 is has been set in the unlikely event that a queue has formed at the top of the ropes. In this event, teams can collect CP35 and hold their place in the queue, completing the abseil on their return. If you arrive and there is no line up, complete the abseil first before collecting CP35. Note that CP35 is still completely optional: you may opt to wait at the ropes site and not ever collect this control.- CP36 can NOT be collected at any other time during the bike leg.- If neither person on a team wishes to complete the abseil, the team still have the option to leave their bikes and hike from CP35 and back to collect CP36.
Stage 4. TREK. Use Map 2. Start and Finish at TA37. 6 CPs available (CP 38 – 43). 370 Points. Approx max distance: 17km. Opening Time: 5:00pm Sat.	Although consisting of fewer controls, the second trek rogaine of the Rogue24 is more heavily loaded with points, testing the strategy and endurance of teams. Teams completing this leg at night will also find it navigationally challenging. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teams must check in to TA37 at the end of this leg.- Box B will be available at the start and end of this leg and then transported back to HQ once you depart on bikes.- Note that this leg has an opening time of 17:00 on Saturday. There is no closing time.

<p>Stage 5. BIKE. Use Map 3 and 4. Start TA37. Finish at TA44. CPs as per Stage 3. Min distance to TA44: 16km.</p>	<p>Teams have the option to collect any missed bike controls from Stage 3 on this leg. You will need to strategise as to how many bike controls to do before and after the Stage 4 trek working to your team's strengths and keeping the abseil opening hours in mind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obey all rules as per Stage 3 above. - This leg finishes at TA44 at the kayak ramp on Lake Somerset. You will not have access to a gear box at this location (just your paddles and PFDs) so you may wish to consider restocking supplies as you ride past race HQ.
<p>Stage 6. KAYAK. Use Map 5. Start and Finish at TA44. 10 CPs available (CP 44 – 53). 560 Points. Approx max distance: 21km. <i>Opening time: 6:15am.</i></p>	<p>Stage 6 is a classic kayak rogaine around the shore of Lake Somerset. There are some easy big points up for grabs here for teams with the fortitude to see the race out this far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams must check in at TA44 at the start and end of this leg. - There is no gear box available at TA44, just your personal paddles and PFDs. - Teams are NOT allowed to portage or run to CPs on this kayak leg – the race does not have land access for the surrounding private properties around the lake. All CPs must be paddled to. - PFDs must be worn on the water at all times. - There is an opening time of 6:15am for this stage. Teams are not allowed to enter the water before this time (gates open at 6:00am). Any teams that have swept the course up until this point need to check in at HQ and will be awarded a time credit up until 6:00am. Only teams who have gotten all of CPs 1-43 will be awarded a time credit if they arrive any earlier than 6:00am.
<p>Stage 7. BKE. Use Map 5. Start at TA44. Finish at HQ. 0 CPs available. 0 Points. Approx distance: 3km.</p>	<p>A short pedal to bring teams back home to HQ where hot food, showers and a cheering crowd await them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams arriving back at race HQ after 12:00 noon will be given a penalty of 10 points per minute (or part thereof) late, with teams more than 30 minutes late classed unranked. - Demonstrate caution on the main road, ride single file and obey all road rules. - There are no CPs to collect on this leg. Teams must load kayaks onto the trailer before departure. - We will endeavour to kick off presentations by 12:30pm.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a true emergency call 000 first. Stabilise the patient, apply basic first aid and notify another team of the situation. Mobile phone reception on the course is very poor, however the **event organisers number is 0405728128 or alternatively 0487588628**. In the event that a team wishes to withdraw early from the race, make your way back to HQ, notify an official and hand in your timing tags. There is an expectation that teams will be self reliant on the course outside of transition areas.

Navlight

Navlight timing tags will be distributed when you resubmit your indemnity forms. There is one per person. Please ensure they are attached firmly and correctly so that they don't get lost during the event as they are quite expensive to replace. You will need to check in with the briefing punch just prior to the race start. Tags will be collected by an official when you return to the finish site and your score downloaded.