

COURSE NOTES (FULL) GEOQUEST



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AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER ADVENTURE RACE

START INFORMATION

- 6:30am Collect trackers, control cards at start line
- 7:00am Race Start

LEG 1		6 km		Elevation Gain 0m		BEACH RUN	
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs		MAP: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect all CPs in order Teams to use the beach and coastal path to complete the leg 			
	Team Estimate:						
TA 1	NO WATER						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access Kayaks at this TA, support crews may set up kayaks for teams
LEG 2		14 km		Elevation Gain 0m		OCEAN KAYAK	
	Fastest estimate = 1:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 3:30 hrs		MAP: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIRST RESPONSE - Signal safety boat, move or swim to the shore. Use Phone in emergency CAUTION - Moving water, helmets mandatory Cape Kidnappers - Low Tide Sun 12:05pm / High Tide 6:13pm Teams must follow all instructions from water safety officials, follow shoreline and paddle no more that 100m from the beach. No CPs to collect between TA1 and TA2. 			
	Team Estimate:						
TA 2		CAFE	PUBLIC TOILETS				
LEG 3		20 km		Elevation Gain 470m		CAPE KIDNAPPERS	
	Fastest estimate = 2:30 hrs To Finish estimate = 5:00 hrs		MAP: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAUTION - Watch for seals Teams to use the beach and access road to collect all CPs in order Trek is largely on private property, teams must give way to resort visitors DOC path near the cape is closed to the general public, we have permission to access the private access road nearby, take extreme care around facilities and use most efficient route There is a security gate near CP 6, use 'Green Button' to exit gate Support Crews may meet their team at any point after CP6, this is a private road and there is no official TA or infrastructure. Find a safe location to meet team and transition them to their bikes. Give way to park guests at all times. 			
	Team Estimate:						
LEG 4		34 km		Elevation Gain 520m		GRAVEL GRINDER TO TE MATA	
	Fastest estimate = 1:30 hrs To Finish estimate = 3:00 hrs		MAP: 1,3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. CAUTION - Take extreme care around cliffs. Trail along ridge is overgrown, extreme caution recommended if choosing this route. Collect all CPs in ANY order on this leg although you must obey travel directions on MTB trails MAP 3 – Note out of bounds area on Te Mata Peak Road. The intent of the course on Map 3 is that teams use the 'Green Trail' to head up to the peak and either of the blue trails to descend. The Dark Blue trail is more technical and not recommended for beginner or cautious riders. It is not recommended at night. 			
	Team Estimate:						
TA 3		PUBLIC TOILETS					

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LEG 5		5 km	Elevation Gain 200m	TE MATA PEAK ROGAINE	
	Fastest estimate = 1:00 hrs To Finish estimate = 2:00 hrs		MAP: 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Take extreme care around cliffs ▶ Note park rules that walkers may not use mountain bike trails (marked purple on map). Off trail travel recommended to collect CP E ▶ Collect all CPs in ANY order 	
	Team Estimate:				
LEG 6		8 km	Elevation Gain 200m	TE MATA TO THE TUKI TUKI	
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs		MAP: 3, 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. ▶ CAUTION - Take extreme care around cliffs. Trail along ridge and down to CP9 is overgrown, extreme caution recommended if choosing this route. ▶ Collect all CPs in order 	
	Team Estimate:				
TA 4	NO WATER				▶ Access Kayaks at this TA, support crews may set up kayaks for teams
LEG 7		15 km	Elevation Gain -40m	TUKITUKI RIVER	
	Fastest estimate = 2:00 hrs To Finish estimate = 4:00 hrs		MAP: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ FIRST RESPONSE - Move or swim to the shore. Use Phone in emergency ▶ CAUTION - Moving water, helmets mandatory ▶ Collect all CPs in order 	
	Team Estimate:				
TA 5		PUBLIC TOILETS			
LEG 8		16 km	Elevation Gain 30m	HAWKS BAY GRAVEL GRINDER PT 1	
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs		MAP: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. ▶ Collect all CPs in order 	
	Team Estimate:				
TA 6		NO TA STAFF			▶ This is an un-managed TA, support crews are to meet teams at TA area carpark and keep bikes safe while the team completes the trek loop
LEG 9		4 km	Elevation Gain 10m	PAKOWHAI PARK ROGAINE	
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs		MAP: 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Teams to meet their support crew at the TA area carpark. This is an un-managed TA. Teams to leave bikes with their support crew, complete the trek leg before continuing on their bikes. ▶ Collect all CPs in ANY order 	
	Team Estimate:				
LEG 10		31 km	Elevation Gain 65m	HAWKS BAY GRAVEL GRINDER PT 2	
	Fastest estimate = 1:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 3:30 hrs		MAP: 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. ▶ Take care as the bike way is quite damaged in many areas near CP 15 and 16. Some construction work has taken place to restore it. Please note out of bounds areas. ▶ Collect all CPs in order 	
	Team Estimate:				



TA 7			NO TA STAFF				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ This is an un-managed TA, support crews are to meet teams at TA area carpark and keep bikes safe while the team completes the trek loop ▶ Keep noise levels to minimum if at TA during evening hours
LEG 11	3 km	Elevation Gain 100m		DOLBEL PARK ROGAINE			
	Fastest estimate = 0:30 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:00 hrs Team Estimate:		MAP: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Teams to meet their support crew at the TA area carpark. This is an un-managed TA. Teams to leave bikes with their support crew, complete the trek leg before continuing on their bikes. ▶ Keep noise levels to minimum if at TA during evening hours ▶ Collect all CPs in ANY order 			
			CP:S,T,U,V,X				
LEG 12	15 km	Elevation Gain 15m		HAWKS BAY GRAVEL GRINDER PT 3			
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs Team Estimate:		MAP: 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. ▶ Collect all CPs in order 			
			CP:17,18,19,TA8				
TA 8							▶ Access Kayaks at this TA, support crews may set up kayaks for teams
LEG 13	6 km	Elevation Gain 0m		THE MARINA ROGAINE			
	Fastest estimate = 1:00 hrs To Finish estimate = 2:00 hrs Team Estimate:		MAP: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ FIRST RESPONSE - Move or swim to the shore. Use Phone in emergency. ▶ Marina - Low Tide Sun 0:53am / High Tide 7:01am / Low Tide 1:06pm ▶ Collect all CPs in ANY order 			
			CP:Y,Z,AA,BB,CC,DD,TA8				
LEG 14	7 km	Elevation Gain 150m		THE STING IN THE TAIL WITH A VIEW			
	Fastest estimate = 0:45 hrs To Finish estimate = 1:30 hrs Team Estimate:		MAP: 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAUTION - Public roads, cars/trucks travelling at high speed, ride single file, use sides and paths where possible, give way to pedestrians. ▶ Collect all CPs in order 			
			CP:20,21 FINISH				