

GREAT FOREST ROGAINE – SATURDAY 27th JULY 2024 – ADDITIONAL PRE-EVENT INFORMATION

Thanks for entering the Great Forest Rogaine this Saturday. The weather forecast is looking great, if a bit chilly early in the day.

It is essential that all teams have read the **Pre-Event Bulletin** and particularly note the **key information** below.

Key points:

- **Rules** – these must be followed by all teams otherwise disqualification could occur! Teams will need to sign that they have read and understand the rules at registration.
- **Parking** - Come early for parking purposes and please carpool where practical (at least 2 competitors per vehicle). All parking will be at the Froude Street Reserve at the eastern end of Froude Street, beside Rydges Hotel or on surrounding streets. Please follow the instructions of the parking marshals. DO NOT park at the Whakarewarewa Village entrance on Tryon Street – you will get towed!
- **Health & Safety** - Take note of the key hazards and be particularly aware of vehicles around event headquarters and within the forest, and other forest users. For MTBers - ride within your abilities and be careful where you stop on tracks.
- **Dress for the conditions** - Bring suitable clothing and gear for planning, during and after the event. Don't forget your compulsory gear.
- **Strava requirement** - Teams will need to have submitted a Strava file (or similar GPS file) to orienteeringbop@gmail.com within 6 hours of the event finishing if they wish to qualify for a placing. This allows us to ensure placegetters have complied with the rules and raced fairly. Results at prizegiving will be unofficial.
- **Unpaid entry fees** - You will have received a separate email if you have unpaid entry fees. They must be paid before you can receive a map and compete.
- **Zero waste** - Take all your waste home with you including pizza boxes.
- **Bike security** - As this year's event centre is a more public location, please ensure your bike is locked securely while on your vehicle. There will be a secure spot to leave your bike while registering and attending the briefing. The bikes will have someone watching over them.

Other useful information:

- **Coffee** – Geysers Café will be open, across the road from the event centre. They are looking forward to welcoming GFR competitors.
- **Secret Spot Hot Tubs** – Thank you to Secret Spot who has a great offer for all GFR competitors from Friday 26th to Wednesday 31st July with 15% off a full-priced hot tub, which must be booked on-line at www.secretspot.nz. Quote the promo code **Secret2clues** and don't forget to reserve your slot.



- **Mapboards available for hire or sale**
 - **HH mapboards for hire** – \$5 rotatable and adjustable with elastic, fits most handle bars. To be returned after event.
 - **Nordenmark MTB mapboards for purchase - \$95 (light) or \$185 (extreme)**, lightweight, adjustable rotatable mapboard that is easy to attach to any mtb handlebar. Check out the details here <https://www.nordenmark.com/products>

Limited numbers available - please contact Rachel if interested in hiring or purchasing a mapboard at navigationnorth@hotmail.com. These will be available to collect at the Fundraising – Baking table.

AutoPilot mapboards can also be purchased by contacting amcneill1001@outlook.com.

- **Fundraising support** - OBOP Junior club members and GFR Planner Oscar and Elena Burns have been selected in the NZ team to attend the Southern Cross school challenge in Australia in October. As a fundraiser there will be cans of drinks, baking and Whittakers chocolate slabs available to have with a coffee or to take as race food. To help with starting your fire the rest of the winter, there will also be bags of kindling available to purchase or order. Please bring cash.
- **Pizzas** - Every year we get lots of questions about pizzas. We allow half a pizza per competitor and there will be three flavours: ham and cheese; simply cheese; and pepperoni. We have some gluten free available. Don't be greedy as people miss out and you must take your pizza boxes home with you!

Looking forward to a great day on Saturday!

