

# HAYES CREEK RUSH

## 24 hr NT ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS - JULY 11/12th 2009

### General information and course notes

#### How to get there

From Darwin travel straight down the Stuart Highway for 157 km to the Hayes Creek Wayside Inn (on the S H/way, right hand side).

Upon arrival, pay for camping or pre booked cabins and proceed down hill to the camping area / administration / hash house site.

#### Timetable

Camping available any time prior to and during the event

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July:**

0800 - Administration opens

0900 - Hand in indemnity forms; maps available

1140 - Drivers & navigators briefing

1200 - **Start**, 24 hour champs and 12 hour roving events

1800 - Hash house opens; chow available

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:**

0700 - Breakfast menu on

1200 - **Finish**, 24 hour champs and 12 hour roving events. BBQ lunch.

1230 - Course closure - Disqualification deadline

1300, OACAP - Results announced with presentation immediately after

#### The map

The map will be 1:33000 with a mixture of 5 metre and 25 metre index contours, as is the practice of NT Government mappers in steep terrain. As such, controls are not sited in any areas that are unclear or confusing. Clear brown contours, blue watercourses, black tracks and roads are used. Map size will be midway between A3 & A2. The hash house is sited close to mid course.

#### Terrain

The course features spectacular sandstone escarpment and plateau to the SE & E, steepish rocky spur/gully escarpment and plateau to the N & NW, technical spur/gully to the NE and rolling spur/gully and alluvial plains to the W.

Waterfalls of varying sizes (mostly dry in July) and intricate watercourse systems (some rocky) feature map wide. There are steep sided sandstone gorges within spitting distance of the hash house. At the time of writing, approximately 80% of the course has had the seasonable burn with good visibility both day and night.

#### Water

There is still some fresh water in both prominent watercourses on the course but these may have stopped running come event day. The setter has used the water at that stage in the past with no ill effects, but water purification tablets may be a good safeguard. There are six (6) water and nutrition drops on the course, however due to the inaccessibility of the Northern section, careful route planning will be necessary to make the most of these. It is an NTRA risk management policy for each team member to carry a minimum of three (3) litres of water

before leaving the hash house. Spot checks may be carried out at the start in the interest of fair competition.

### **Controls**

There are forty nine (49) controls set; some in picturesque locations, some with speccy scenic views and one with its own personal freshwater spring and rock pool so by all means feel free to take a camera. A total points tally will be advised later once the setter has made up his mind.

### **Penalties**

Teams will penalised 10 points for every minute, or part thereof for late arrival in both the 12 and 24 hour events. More than 30 minutes late will result in disqualification.

### **Critters**

Wildlife encountered on the course during setting included Agile wallabies, cute rock wallabies, seriously ugly black feral pigs, brumbies, one or two dingoes, coronary inducing quails which explode en masse from beneath your feet, majestic wedge-tails, black and whistling kites, the dreaded cane toad, golden tree snakes (shy and harmless) and the odd wallaby consuming 3 metre Olive pythons. These serpents will be tucked up and asleep during July. Unlike previous NT Champs, *Crocodylus Porosus* does NOT feature in this event.

### **Astronomical**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> July:**

Sunset: 1835

End of civil twilight: 1858

Moonrise: 2143

#### **12<sup>th</sup> July:**

Start of civil twilight: 0646

Sunrise: 0709

Moonset: 1013

Approximately 93% of the moon illuminated

Temperature range SHOULD be between 14c and 28c

### **What to bring**

Water container/s of at least three litre capacity

Pens, pencils, highlighter, measuring string, map pins

Contact/map bag, scissors

First aid kit including pressure bandage

Cup, plate, eating utensils

Backpack and energy tucker

Efficient sense of humour

Lots of sun up here so a broad brimmed hat is good

**Footwear** - Due to the rocky nature of the higher slopes and ridges, runners are not recommended - light, strong bushwalking shoes with a solid, grippy sole are more appropriate. For those with suspect fetlocks, ankle strapping is also strongly recommended.

### **Rules of rogaining**

Those not familiar with the rules of rogaining should check the ARA website and have a read.

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