

## FOREST TRAIL EVENTS

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# HARD ADVENTURE ENDURO

The second annual running of the Husqvarna Hard Adventure Enduro will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday Labour weekend)

A competitive hard enduro motorcycle race based on a similar format as the Red Bull Romaniacs, the **Husqvarna Hard Enduro** will be held in the forestry area between Putaruru, Tokoroa and Taupo. Each days track will be different and will be up to 150ks long and will feature Gold, Silver and Bronze grades.

This event will not be a typical New Zealand hard enduro; it will be real Adventure Enduro, and each grade will be set to give riders a real sense of adventure as well as testing rider's ability to complete the grade that they have entered.

Riders will follow a daily GPS course that has been uploaded to their GPS device.

### **Event Schedule**

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

3pm-5pm Riders sign in, motorcycle and equipment scrutineering.

5pm-6 30pm Prologue qualifying riders complete one lap to determine their start order for the main race.

6 45pm-8pm: Gold, Silver, Bronze. Final races. Top 10 riders from timed qualifying compete in finals for each grade.

8 30pm Riders briefing for Day 1 off road Satco yard area.

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October,**

8am: First riders away, first riders expected to finish 2pm.

6pm: Results from day one and riders briefing for day 2 at the Beez Neez Lodge.

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October,**

8am: First riders away, first riders expected to finish 2pm.

5pm: Results and prize giving at the Beez Neez Lodge.



## Entry details

Entry fee \$350 per rider

This will include:

Entry pack,

2.5 days hard adventure enduro riding,

Pasta meal and cold drink at the end of each days riding.

Water blasters available for use at the end of each day riding.

Remote fuel transport.

This event will be restricted to 100 entrants and there will be a minimum number of entries of 50 riders, if 50 riders is not achieved the event may be cancelled.

Riders with suitable motorcycles over the age of 16 are eligible to enter.

Riders aged 14-16 years may enter but can only enter in the team's class.

## Event Start

The first days racing of the Husqvarna Hard Enduro will be the Satco Logging Equipment prologue which will be held at the Satco yard right in the middle of Tokoroa. Sign on, Scrutineering and Riders briefing will also be held at Satco.

The rest of the event will be based at the Beez Neez Lodge where food and camping is available.

## Accommodation

Camping is available at the Beez Neez Lodge which is at Atiamuri 20kms South of Tokoroa, For more info contact Nigel 07 3331718 or 021 854558. For other accommodation there are plenty of Motels in Tokoroa, Taupo, or Rotorua all handy to the event.

## Prologue

Riders need to complete at least one lap of the prologue course so their time can determine the starting order for the first day off road. The prologue qualifying will be held in each grade with Bronze going first then Silver and Gold. The top 10 riders in each grade will be able to enter the finals. There will be three finals races Gold, Silver and Bronze. If riders do not complete one lap of the prologue course they will receive a 30 min penalty and will start at the rear of the field on day one.

## Race Day

The Husqvarna Hard Enduro will be a cross country style race from the start to the finish. Riders will start one at a time and their times will be recorded throughout the day at each check point until the final check.

Each day riding will feature a different start area.

Day 1 off road start will be about 10 minutes' drive east of Tokoroa and will be sign posted from State highway 1.

Day 2 start will be on Tram Rd about 30 minutes' drive south of Tokoroa sign posted from State highway 1.

All directions and maps will be available at the first riders briefing.

Each day start will be based in a different place. It is up to riders to get their own bikes and equipment to the start each day.

## Timing

Timing and scoring for the event will be handled by John and Jane from Silver-Bullet, results will be live from each checkpoint and the final results each day will be posted online or at the Beez Neez as soon as they are available

## The Course

The course is based in the forestry between Putaruru and Taupo. The ground is black soil, clay and a bit of pumice. The area is very susceptible to wet weather and the course will be set accordingly.



## Classes and Grades

### Gold all in

Riders in this grade can expect two hard days riding that will push riders to their limits. Although not as hard as the Romaniacs, it will still be a good work out with a lot of trail riding between the hard bits. There will be 6-8 hard sections per day. Riding time for the fastest in this grade is expected to be between 5-6 hours, Maximum riding times\* will be posted at riders briefing. Riders entering this class will have to prove to the organisers that they are up to it.

### Silver Grade:

Silver individual, Silver individual Veterans 40yrs+, Silver Teams (2 riders)

There will be 3 classes in the silver grade; all 3 classes will ride the same course. The team's class riders must start and finish the event together. Riders in this grade will also be pushed to their limits but no way as hard as the gold grade. A lot more trail riding in this grade with most of the hard bits on the flat or down hill. There will be 5-6 hard sections per day. Riding time for the fastest rider in this grade is expected to be 5 hours. Maximum riding times\* will be posted at riders briefing

### Bronze Grade:

Bronze individual, Bronze individual Veterans 40yrs +, Bronze individual ladies, Bronze Teams (2 riders)

There will be 5 classes in the Bronze grade; all 5 classes will ride the same course. The bronze course will be very similar to a modern day enduro ride with a couple of mediocre hard bits thrown in each day that will be on flat or downhill sections. Riding time for the fastest rider in this grade is expected to be between 4-5 hours. Maximum riding times\* will be posted at riders briefing  
Riders under the age of 16 can only ride in the Silver or Bronze teams classes with an adult.

(\*Maximum riding time means you will have this long to finish the whole course, if it is obvious that you are not going to make it to the end of the day you will be time barred at the next check point you arrive at.)

## Starting Order

Riders will start one at a time every 30 seconds. The first days start order will be decided by the prologue results. The second day's race order will be determined by the results from day 1.

## Checkpoints

Each day riders will pass through four checkpoints per day where there times will be taken. Check points will be a maximum of 40kms apart. When riders reach the main fuel stop they will have a compulsory 20 min break. This will be about half way through the day. The lunch break check point is the only checkpoint that your service crew can get too.

## Track Marking

Each rider will have to provide their own GPS that the organiser will upload each days track on. Riders will follow the track on their GPS from the start to the finish each day. Also the track will be marked with bunting tape that will be hanging from trees etc to indicate the track direction. There will also be signs to indicate grade direction and signs for speed restrictions.

## GPS

Only Garmin GPS units will be accepted by the organiser. If you are unsure please give us a call. Riders must have their GPS unit set on track and record setting so at the end of each day the organisers will look at your GPS to make sure that you have done all of the course and obeyed all speed restrictions. When presenting your GPS at sign in please make sure it has new batteries and is turned on. **All riders must supply their own new batteries for the second days racing.** If you are new to GPS navigating, guidance and training will be available at sign on and prologue.



## Motorcycles

All motorcycles will be scrutineered on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at sign in from 3pm for their worthiness. All motorcycles must have a working headlight, tail light, spark arrestor and a fire extinguisher fitted. All motorcycles will be expected to have a fuel range of a minimum of 55km. Riders will be supplied with a race number for their bikes which must be fitted before scrutineering.

## Fuel

It is up to riders to get their own fuel to the main fuel dump each day. Use family, friends or team up with other riders to make it easier.

Also riders will have to supply one full 20 litre fuel container each that we can take to the remote fuel stop for them each day, (Lunch Stop). Riders will pass through the remote fuel stop twice and go to the main fuel/lunch stop once.

Directions will be supplied at the first riders briefing of the location of the main fuel check point. Helpers and spectators will not be allowed to the remote fuel stop.

## Medical

Each day will have an advanced paramedic and ambulance based at the main fuel stop. Out on the course there will be mobile first aiders on motorcycles and in vehicles.

## Survival equipment

Riders are expected to carry the following equipment to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

- Survival Kits will be checked at sign in and also throughout the event.
- Working cell phone
- Small first aid kit and survival blanket
- Spare batteries for GPS unit
- Motorcycle tool kit
- Spare spark plug
- Minimum 3 litre Camel Bak
- Working fire extinguisher

## Penalties

Each day riders will have to follow the course on their GPS and pass through check points;

- Failure to do this will incur time and exclusion penalties.
- Failure to produce survival equipment; 1 hour penalty
- Failure to complete 1 lap of the Prologue course; 30 min penalty
- Missing one check point; 2 hour time penalty
- Missing two check points; 4 hour time penalty
- Missing more than two check points; exclusion
- Riding the wrong grade course ie; Gold rider riding silver track, 2 hour penalty per offence
- Time barred: if a rider is time barred on day 1 they may restart on day 2 with a 4 hour penalty.
- Speed limits will be strictly enforced on the road sections in the forestry. The speed limit on all forestry roads will be 60kms an hour. Speed signs will be put in place at the start and finish of all speed zones.
- Speeding in speed restricted area 5kms and over, 1<sup>st</sup> offence 30mins penalty, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence 1 hour 3<sup>rd</sup> offence exclusion.

We will be very hard on speeding as there are many people out and about in the forest which can be very hazardous.

## Prize giving

Results from Day one and Day two riders briefing will be held at the Beez Neez Lodge.  
Final prize giving will also be held at the Beez Neez from 6pm onwards on Sunday evening.  
Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three place getters in each class.  
Also each rider that finishes the event will be awarded a finishers medal.

## Force Majeure and Refund policy

In the event that the event has to be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or you cannot compete due to rider injury or any other factors the following refund policy will apply;

Up until 1<sup>st</sup> October full refund available

1<sup>st</sup> October till 15<sup>th</sup> October 50% refund available

After 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 **NO** refunds available.

Refunds must be applied for in writing no later than 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

## Entry forms

To register your interest in this event email Sean at [foresttrailevents@xtra.co.nz](mailto:foresttrailevents@xtra.co.nz)

Online entries will open on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Entries Close

Entries close for the Husqvarna Hard Enduro on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 or when the maximum entry of 100 riders is reached. For an entry after this time please apply in writing to the race director.

## Organisers Details

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