

Forestland Motorcycle Club Inc

Presents The Eighth Annual

FORESTLAND HARD ADVENTURE ENDURO

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

 **Husqvarna**[®]
MOTORCYCLES

The Eighth Annual running of the Husqvarna Hard Adventure Enduro will take place on the 25th/26th 27th October 2024 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday Labour weekend)

A competitive hard enduro motorcycle race based on a similar format as the Red Bull Romaniacs, the **Husqvarna Hard Adventure Enduro** will be held in the forestry area between Putaruru, Tokoroa and Taupo.

Each day's track will be different and will be up to 150ks long and will feature Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron 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.

Also, this year the event will feature a new Prologue which will be held at the Taupo MX fest in conjunction with the Taupo Motorcycle Clubs 50th year Anniversary

Event Schedule

Friday 25th October 2024 Purpose Built Prologue at Taupo MX Park Miro St Taupo

2pm-4pm Riders sign in, motorcycle and equipment scrutineering.

4pm-5.30pm Prologue qualifying riders complete one lap to determine their start order for the main race.

5.45pm-7pm: Gold, Silver, Bronze. Finals, Top 15 riders from timed qualifying compete in finals for each grade. **No prologue for Iron class**

7.30pm Riders briefing for Day 1 off road.

Saturday 26th October 2024,

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

6pm: Results from day one will be posted on www.silver-bullet.co.nz.

Sunday 27th October 2024,

7.30am Day 2 riders briefing

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

5pm: Results and prize giving at 974 SH1 Taupo.



Entry details

Enter online from 1st September 2024 at www.foresttrailevents.net

Entry fee \$420 per rider (\$840 per team)

Entries will not be accepted/processed until full payment has been made.

This will include:

Entry pack with an event tee shirt,

Race numbers for your bike,

2.5 days hard adventure enduro riding,

Pasta meal and cold drink at the end of day one.

Burger and chips at the end of day two.

Remote fuel transport.

This event will be restricted to 150 entrants and there will be a minimum number of entries of 75 riders, if 75 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 only in the team's class with the second rider being 18yrs or over.

Entries Close 1st October 2024. Entries will be accepted after the 1st of October until the 15th October 2024 but there will be a late entry fee of \$520 per rider and there will be no Tee Shirt for late entries.

All entry fees not paid by 1st October will incur the extra \$100 late fee.

Accommodation

Camping is available at 530 Matarawa Rd Tokoroa, from Friday onwards. This is also the finish of Day 1 and the start Day 2 offroad. 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 **on the motorcycle they are using for the rest of the event** 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 15 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. **No Prologue for Iron Class.**

Prologue time penalties (changed from last year)

1st place 0 min

2nd place 1 min

3rd place 2 min

4th place 3 min

5th place 4 min

6th place 5 min

7th place 6 min

8th place 7 min

9th place 8 min

10th place 9 min

11th to 15th place onwards 10 min per rider

From 15th onwards 15 min per rider

The first 5 riders in each grade of the Prologue race will start off road day 1 in reverse order.



Race Day

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

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

Riders will need to have a supporter/helper drop them to the start area.

Day 1 and 2: Vehicles CANNOT be left at the starts and the finishes as they are in different places.

All directions and maps for the start, Lunch stops and finishes will be available at the first riders briefing after the Prologue.

Classes and Grades

Gold Grade: 2 Classes

Gold all in, Gold Vets 45+

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.

“About as hard as RBR Silver grade”

Silver Grade: 4 Classes

Silver Individual, Silver Individual Veterans 40-49yrs+, Silver Individual Vets 50yrs +, Silver Teams (2 riders 2 bikes)

There will be 4 classes in the silver grade; all 4 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. 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.

Riders aged 14-16 can only ride in the silver or bronze team's classes with an adult.

Bronze Grade: 5 Classes

Bronze Individual, Bronze Individual Veterans 40-49yrs +, Bronze Individual Vets 50yrs +, Bronze Individual Ladies, Bronze Teams (2 riders, 2 bikes)

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. 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 aged 14-16 can only ride in the silver or bronze teams' classes with an adult.

Iron Grade - 1 Class

Iron Individual All In

This class is designed for new entrants who wish to give it a go. This class will be like a GPS marked trail ride and would suit trail riders that like a little bit of a challenge. Riding time for the fastest rider in this grade is expected to be between 3-4 hours. Maximum riding times* will be posted at riders briefing. **Riders in this grade must be 16yrs old and above.**

(*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

The first days start order will be decided by the prologue results. One rider from each grade (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will start each minute together. The Iron Class will start once all the other grades have started. The second day's race order will be determined by the results from day 1.

Checkpoints

Each day riders will pass through four checkpoints where their times will be taken. Check points will be a maximum of 45kms apart. When riders reach the main fuel stop, they will have a compulsory 20 min break. This will be about halfway through the day. The lunch break check point is the only checkpoint that your service crew can get too.

Timing

Timing and scoring for the event will be handled by John from Silver Bullet, results each day will be posted online as soon as they are available.

The Course

The course is based in the forestry between Putaruru and Taupo in the South Waikato. 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.

Track Marking

Each rider will have to provide their own GPS that the organiser will upload each day's 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

GPS units are required to be posted to us prior to the event and must be sent before the 15th October 2024. Post or Courier to Sean Clarke 2908 Old Taupo Rd Rd1 Tokoroa. Make sure you put a note in so we can identify who it belongs to and fully charged batteries.

Only Garmin GPS units will be accepted by the organiser except for Etrex 10s. **We do not accept Etrex 10s as they don't have the memory required.** If you are unsure, please give us a call beforehand.

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 the course and obeyed all speed restrictions. **All riders must supply their own new batteries for the second days racing.** If you are new to GPS navigating, you are best to familiarise yourself with your GPS unit prior to the event start.

Motorcycles

All motorcycles will be scrutineered on Friday 25th at sign in from 2pm for their worthiness. All motorcycles must have a working headlight, taillight. All motorcycles will be expected to have a fuel range of a minimum of 50km. Riders will be supplied with a race number for their bikes which must be fitted before scrutineering.

Please note: Bikes that DO NOT have a proper working headlight unit will not be able to start.



Fuel

It is up to riders to get their own fuel to the main fuel dump (Lunch stop) 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 (un serviced 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.

It is up to the riders to name/identify their own fuel container.

Environmental mats must be used at each fuel stop under each bike to catch any spilt fuel/oils. (Absorbent material e.g. carpet etc) Refer to Penalties.

Medical

Each day will have a medic 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 scrutineering and 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 hydration pack
- 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 use Environmental mats when refuelling/ Oiling bikes, 1 hour penalty each offence
- Failure to produce survival equipment; 1-hour penalty
- Missing one check point; 2-hour time penalty
- Missing two check points; 4-hour time penalty
- Riding the wrong grade course ie; Gold rider riding silver track or Bronze rider riding silver or gold course etc, 1-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, 1st offence 30mins penalty, 2nd offence 1 hour 3rd offence exclusion.

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



Prize giving

Prizegiving this year will be at a different venue. The venue is on private property at 974 SH1 Taupo. Maps will be supplied at sign on. This is where the day 2 offroad finish line will be. 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

If the event must be cancelled due to Covid-19, extreme weather conditions or any other reason, the following refund policy will apply.

This policy will also apply to injury prior to the event.

Up until 30th September 2024 **75%** refund available

1st October till 14th October 2024 **50%** refund available

15th October 2024 onwards **NO** refunds available.

Refunds must be applied for in writing no later than the 30th September or the 14th October 2024.

Entry forms

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For any queries about this event email Sean at foresttrailevents@xtra.co.nz or phone 0275996046

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