

Canterbury Championships Long

Date: Sunday 10th March 2024

Map: Kakahu

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Controller: Bruce Steven (& Briana Steven)

Event Organiser: Val Fletcher

Landowners: Tom Hargraves

Directions/Parking: Use your favourite route finder to navigate to Kakahu Angus at 1422 Winchester Hanging Rock Road, Geraldine. Follow signs through the farm yards to the parking. It is about 800m from the road to the parking & event centre.

As this is a working farm, NO DOGS AT ALL.

Please **Travel SLOWLY** through the farm yards and over the bridge.

Once you pass through the farm buildings, there is a stream to cross. Cars and SUVs can use the narrow timber bridge, the ford is suitable for higher clearance vehicles. Last weekend the river level in the ford was very low.

Campervans - either use the ford (not the bridge) or park before the ford and arrange a ride or walk up to the event centre (600m walk + 25m climb).

Our continued access to the farm for orienteering relies on everyone treating the property with respect and this includes driving slowly and carefully at all times. Please leave all gates as you find them.

Parking will either be on the side of the track or in a paddock adjacent to the event centre.

Location GPS co-ordinates:

Entrance to Kakahu Angus: -44.14873, 171.11555

Event centre: -44.142262, 171.104776

Schedule

9:30 am: Event centre opens

10:30 am: First start

12:30 pm: Last start

3:00 pm: Course closure

Map details:

Map size A4. Contour interval 5m. Scale 1:15,000 - 1:5,000.

Mapped by Nick Hann 2014-15, updated January-February 2024

Event centre details:

Parking: Adjacent to the Event Centre.

Toilets: Portaloos

Start: 500m from Event Centre, it is 400m along a flat farm track and then 100m up the hill (20m climb).

Warm up is allowed along the road into the event centre and to the start.

The distance from the call up line to the start line is 100m with a steady 25m climb. The start boxes will be spaced out along the 100m so move promptly through the boxes.

Please bring your own water for use.

There will be water on the courses, either at controls or at key route points.

For the longer courses, water is available at approximately the following percentages through the courses:

Course 1: 20, 33, 50 & 75%

Course 2: 25, 35 & 70%

Course 3: 25 & 60%

Course 4: 45 & 65%

Terrain description: Steep farmland with rock formations, sinkholes, kanuka forest and pine forest. Variable runnability, some long grass, matagouri and thistles.

Stock have been eating the long grass so runnability in the open terrain may vary.

The terrain features many extremely rocky areas, which have been heavily generalised. Only the large, distinctive boulders and cliffs have been individually drawn, while the rest have been represented with stony ground or boulder field symbol depending on size. The complex formations of the limestone escarpment have also been simplified down to only show the general shape of the cliffs. Many of the boulders littered in the scattered scrub can be obscured by bushes from certain approaches. The scattered scrub areas have been represented by rough open, combined with undergrowth where appropriate, even when some of the bushes can be over headheight. The use of scattered trees has been reserved for areas where the trees are fully grown.

The vegetation has been updated for this event with the main changes being the addition of large areas of dead gorse bushes. The courses have mostly been planned to avoid these areas and where courses go through these areas the bush density is lower meaning you can easily find routes through the area. Some of the lower visibility areas in the forest areas have increased in size but the relativity between the vegetation types is unchanged.

Fences will be shown on the map however these should not be considered reliable navigation features as some are now derelict/missing and/or hard to see in the longer grass. This mainly applies to the eastern face to the south of the start area.

Hazards/forbidden areas: Usual farm hazards including uneven and rutted ground, stock and possible electric fences. The status of the electric fences will be posted at the Event Centre. At this stage, we understand that the majority of the fences will be off and the cattle will be elsewhere. There will be sheep on the map. **Bare rock and cliffs are very slippery in the shade or the wet.** Take care.

Safety Bearing: South East to the valley/flat pasture and event centre.

Clothing: There are some areas of quite dense thistles which may motivate you to choose full leg cover.

Course/class information:

Course	Classes	Winning time (mins)	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Scale
1	M21E	85	8.4	550	30	1:15,000
2	M20E	75	7.6	495	25	1:15,000
3	W21E	80	5.7	340	20	1:15,000
4a	W20E	65	4.7	290	15	1:15,000
4b	M40A M18A M21A	70	4.7	290	15	1:10,000
5	M16A M50A W40A RecRM	65	4.7	190	14	1:10,000
6	M60A W16A W18A W21A W50A	60	3.4	190	14	1:10,000
7	M70A W60A RecRS	55	2.8	150	13	1:7,500
8	M80A W70A W80A	45	1.7	75	10	1:5,000
9	M14A W14A RecO	40	2.6	185	10	1:7,500
10	M12 W12 RecY	25	2.1	95	11	1:5,000
11	M10 W10 RecW	20	1.8	80	13	1:5,000