



# **BRC Kowen Forest Rogaine**

**Sunday 22nd May 2022**

*A Rogaine is an event where an area is marked with Checkpoints.  
You choose the route you will take between Checkpoints.*

Your team is aiming to visit as many Checkpoints as possible in the time, but not to get back late. Teams will be given a map of the Checkpoints one hour before the event starts. Use the hour to plan out your route – each team works out their own route.

Whichever team gets the most points within the time limit is the winner. If tied, the fastest time wins. If you go over the allowed riding time you lose 10 points for every minute you are late.

Most Rogaines go cross-country, but our event will be mainly on tracks & no faster than a trot.

**When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Maps available from 9am. Riding starts at 10 am & finishes at 12.15 pm.

**Where:** Ride base is at the Old Kowen Homestead picnic area in Kowen Forest. Enter Kowen Road off Sutton Rd (at the signpost that says 5 to Queanbeyan, 15 to Canberra & 95 to Goulburn). We will provide directions to riders before the event. The combination number for Kowen Forest gate padlock will be sent out to riders prior to the event. We hope to have someone manning the gate in the morning as you enter. Once in Kowen Forest you drive for c. 8 km on unpaved roads to reach the Old Kowen Homestead picnic area – we will signpost the way.

**Who can enter:** The event is for BRC members - but BRC members may bring a family member if they are an EA member and too young to join BRC. Teams can consist of between 2 and 5 riders. If you do not have a team, please let us know and we will try and organise a partner for you (& try BRC Facebook page).

**What do you need:** Essential to carry a mobile phone – the ride base phone number is on the map you will be given. Please bring horse water, but we will aim to also have tubs of water at Old Kowen Homestead picnic area. There is a large dam there, but I am not sure if it is safely accessible. It would be good to take a compass/gps – but the maps are fairly easy to follow and the Checkpoints are mainly along the tracks. You will need to carry a scorecard, so a pocket would be handy. Take some nibblies out with you & a windproof/raincoat. Some of the tracks are rough & rocky – boots/shoes are recommended.

**Along the track:** The aim is to visit as many Checkpoints as you can in the riding time. Checkpoints are numbered and that number = its score (i.e. Checkpoint 15 is worth 15 points etc). Use the punch to record the Checkpoint number on your scorecard. The idea is to get the highest score within the allotted time. For every minute you are late returning (after 12.15 pm) you lose 10 points from your score. The team with the highest score wins & there is a prize for the winning team to share.

### ***Once you arrive at the Old Kowen Picnic area***

1. From 9 am you can pick up your teams' scorecard and the map of where the Checkpoints are.
2. Between 9-10 am your team works out the route you plan to take to maximise points & not go overtime. (There are 30 Checkpoints).
3. The Rogaine time clock begins at 10 am – but you can start any time from 10am onwards.
4. Head for the Checkpoints – they all have:
  - a numbered orange/white hanging Checkpoint marker (numbered as per the map you will have) .
  - a red punch hanging with the Checkpoint marker. Each punch has a unique pattern.
5. When you find a Checkpoint firstly take note of the NUMBER.  
Then use the red punch to mark your team SCORECARD in the box for that NUMBER.  
*when you pick up your map & scorecard we will show you how to use the punch to record the Checkpoint number*
6. Be prepared to revise your route if it looks like you will run out of time/not use enough time!!
7. Be back by 12.15 pm – your time will be recorded. Hand your scorecard in for checking as you ride in.

*There will be salads and a vegie burger sizzle from 12.45 pm at the picnic area bar-b-que.*

*Cost \$25 (includes lunch). There are toilets.*

*Plenty of float parking in the area.*

*We need a couple of extra helpers on the day - If anyone can help please email us at 2mybrc@gmail.com*