

PNP MTB 2026 Spring Series

Round 2: Makara MTB Park. Sun 18 October 2026

Event Notes

Courses will consist of a combination of short and/or long loops. Please see your age group to determine your course and the number of short and/or long loops you will be doing.

Event Timetable

Saturday 17 October 2026	
1:00 PM	Online Entries Close (No on the day entries)

Sunday 18 October 2026	
8:00 - 9:15 AM	Event sign-In (Senior Grades - U17 and Over)
8:00 - 10:25 AM	Event sign-In (Junior Grades - U15 and Below)
9:30 AM	Final leave time for "Senior" grade riders to make way to start area in Makara MTB Park
9:50 AM	XCO race briefing (Senior Grades - U17 and Over) - <i>this will be in the MTB Park</i>
10:00 AM	XCO Races Starts in waves (Senior Grades - U17 and Over)
10:30 AM	Final leave time for "Junior" grade riders to make way to start area in Makara MTB Park
11:00 AM	XCO Race briefing (Junior Grades - U15 and Below) - <i>this will be in the MTB Park</i>
11:15 AM	XCO Races Starts (Junior Grades - U15 and Below)
~11:45 PM	XCO Senior Race Complete
~12:00 PM	XCO Races Ends (Junior Grades)
12:45 PM	Prize Giving - All grades - <i>this will be back at Base; Karori West Normal School</i>
~2:00 PM	Course Pack-Down complete

- *NOTE: for this event we will be setting a course time limit similar to Cyclocross, to enable us to have the prize-giving at a reasonable time*

Course Lap Count and Distance

Category	Short (Junior)	Long (Int)	Long (Adv)	Laps	Total KMs
Open Men			5	5	27.5
Open Women			4	4	22
Masters Men 1 (30-39)			5	5	27.5
Masters Men 2 (40-49)			5	5	27.5
Masters Men 3 (50-59)			5	5	27.5
Masters Men 4 (60+)		4		4	20
Masters Women (40+)		4		4	20
Social Men		4		4	20
Social Women		3		3	15
E-Bike Social			5	5	27.5
U19 Men			5	5	27.5
U19 Women			4	4	22
U17 Men		4		4	20
U17 Women		4		4	20
U15 Men	4			4	10
U15 Women	3			3	7.5
U13 Men	3			3	7.5
U13 Women	3			3	7.5
U11 Men	2			2	5
U11 Women	2			2	5
U8 Mixed	1				

XCO Course Layout

Course Summary

- The course will consist of multiple loops
 - Each loop will take between 15-20mins depending on conditions and rider fitness.
- The long (Seniors) course has two splits - it is recommended that riders be familiar with the tracks before committing to entering the long course.



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Long Loop - Description

#	Track	Description
1	Lap Start: Tower 19 Connector	Start / Finish Area - on the gravel road, TOWER 19 CONNECTOR
2	Snake Charmer	Turn left at intersection to ride up SNAKE CHARMER
2.1	Sally Alley	Left into Sally Alley
2.2	Tower 18 Connector	Turn hard Right at the end of Sally Alley - ride up Tower 18 Connector
2.3	Snake Charmer	Turn hard left at top of Tower 18 connector - head up Snake Charmer ~50m.
3	Three Brothers (Part 2)	Turn hard left, off Snake Charmer, and enter THREE BROTHER (PART 2)
4	Allington Road Connector	Exit Three Brothers (Part 2), turn left and ride up ALLINGTON ROAD CONNECTOR (Gravel Road)
5	Smokin	Head into SMOKIN
6	Course SPLIT 1	Split at Intersection of Smokin / Allington Road Connector
7.1	Open Course: Allington Road Connector	At exit of Smokin, turn left and ride up ALLINGTON ROAD CONNECTOR
7.2	Open Course: Pohatu (Lower Section)	Turn Right and ride down POHATU (Lower Section)
7.3	Sport Course: Smokin	Straight through intersection and continue riding down SMOKIN
8	Course JOIN 1	Towards the bottom of Smokin / Pohatu (Lower) the courses join back together
9	Cross Snake Charmer	Cross SNAKE CHARMER
10	Course SPLIT 2	Split Starfish (Open) / Big Tom's Wheelie (Sport)
11.1	Open Course: Starfish	Open: Cross road and ride down STARFISH
11.2	Open Course: Comms Connector	Open: Hard Left and ride up COMMS CONNECTOR
12.1	Sport Course: Big Toms Wheelie	Sport: Cross road and ride down BIG TOMS WHEELIE
12.2	Sport Course: Lazy Fern	Sport: Continue into LAZY FERN
12.3	Sport Course: Comms Connector	Sport: Hard Left and ride up COMMS CONNECTOR
14	Course JOIN 2	Open/Sport Courses re-merge on COMMS CONNECTOR - CAUTION: COMMS CONNECTOR crosses MAGIC CARPET - this will be marshalled.



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15	Tower 19 Connector	At the top of COMMS CONNECTOR turn hard left to head along TOWER 19 CONNECTOR - toward the start/finish area
16	Magic Carpet	Turn left to enter MAGIC CARPET - riding in an anti Clockwise direction - CAUTION: MAGIC CARPET crosses COMMS CONNECTOR - this will be marshalled. Continue riding MAGIC CARPET - exit on to TOWER 19 CONNECTOR
17	Lap Finish: Tower 19 Connector	Lap finishes next to Container on TOWER 19 CONNECTOR



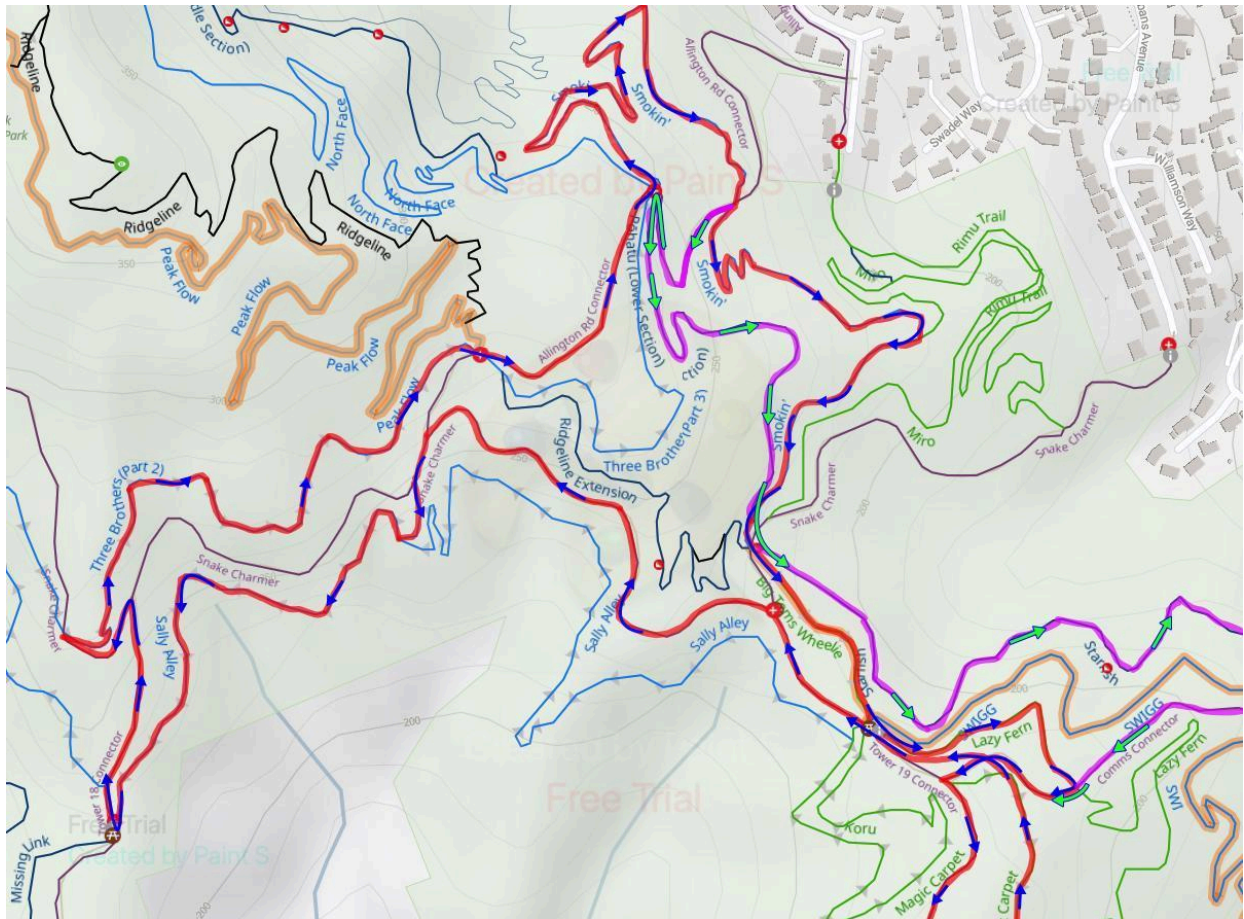
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Long Loop - Course Maps



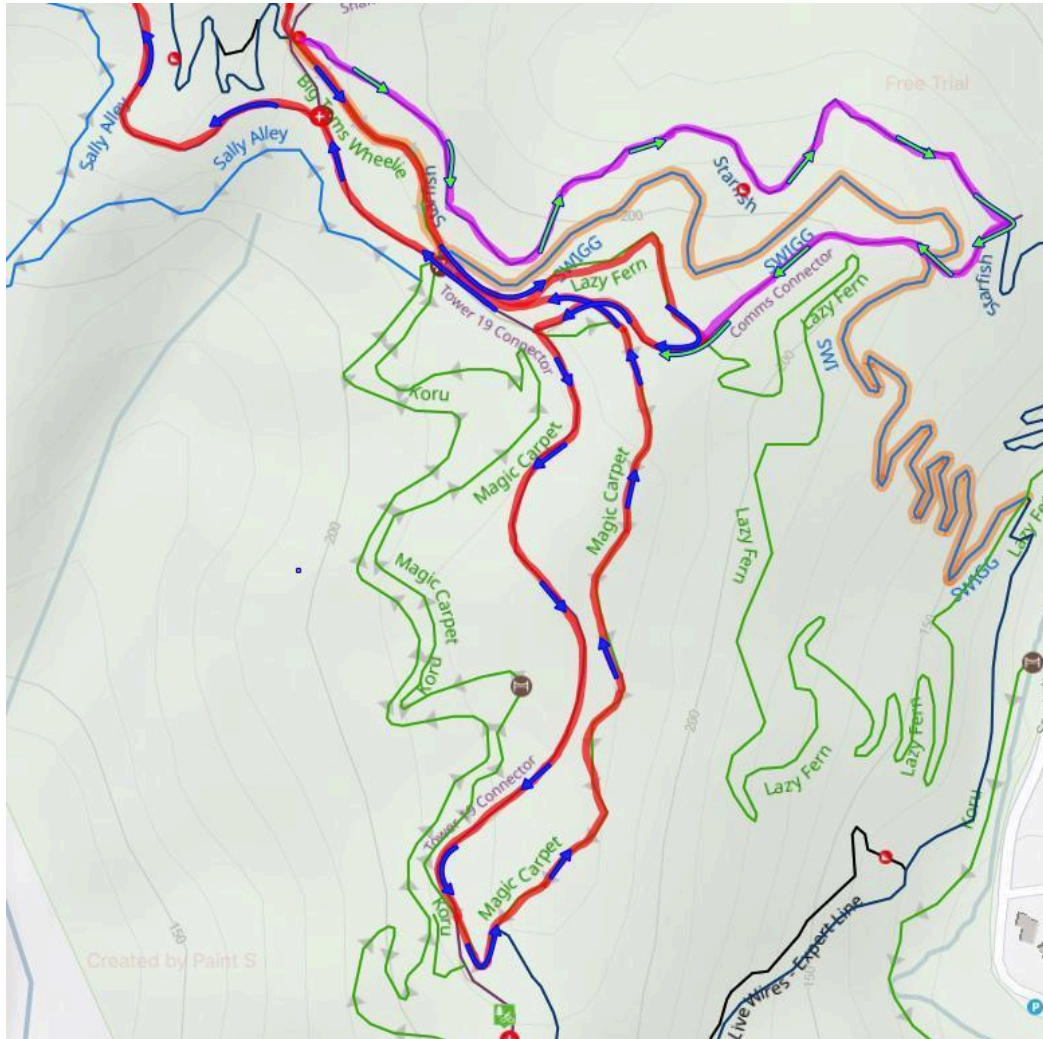


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Short (Junior) Loop - Description

#	Track	Description
1	Lap Start: Tower 19 Connector	Start / Finish Area - on the gravel road, TOWER 19 CONNECTOR
2	Snake Charmer	Ride up the T19 4WD (120m), turning right into SNAKE CHARMER 4WD by the container. Keep right, as the left lane is for the end of the Long Loop/Senior riders. (Note: This is a Marshalled Track Crossing point. Be prepared to STOP)
3	Miro	Turn left into MIRO , just after the exit of Smokin'/Pohatu After 350m turn left, staying on Miro (watch for the red arrow).
4	Smokin	At the next intersection, keep left/uphill and you will merge into Smokin' (Note: this is a join with the LONG loop - but only at the very end of the Seniors race)
5	Cross Snake Charmer	At the exit of SMOKIN turn right to head up SNAKE CHARMER 4WD, <i>Note: This is a Marshalled Track Crossing point. Be prepared to STOP.</i>
6	Tower 19 Connector	Veer left at the top of SNAKE CHARMER 4WD and head along TOWER 19 CONNECTOR 4WD approx 80m.
7	Magic Carpet	After 80m on Tower 19 Connector 4WD, turn right onto MAGIC CARPET - continuing south/east.
8	Cross Tower 19 Connector	Exit Magic Carpet - Cross Snake Charmer 4WD and continue riding MAGIC CARPET in an Anti-Clockwise direction
9	Magic Carpet	Ride north to the end of Magic Carpet (back toward the Start line) turn left to ride towards the FINISH Lap at the Container (by the intersection with Snake Charmer 4WD).
10	Lap Finish: Tower 19 Connector	Lap finishes next to Container on TOWER 19 CONNECTOR <i>Please ensure you keep yourself and your bike out of the way of other rides still racing.</i>



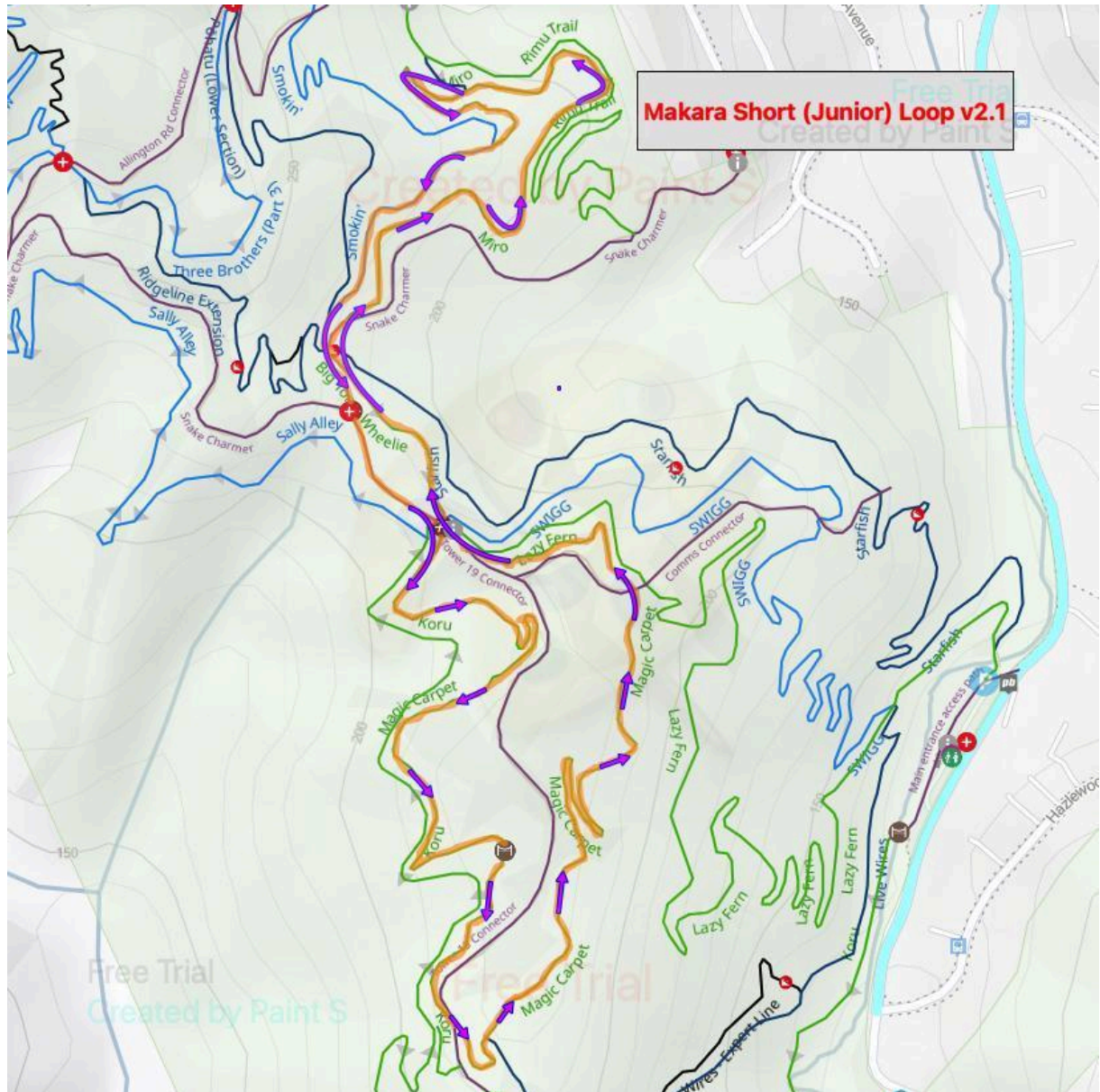
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Short (Junior) Loop - Course Map



Key Personnel

Key personnel responsible for safely running this event are:

Name	Position	Contact Number
Jason Brown	MTB Convenor	0274 213 617
Deb Sherwin	Registrations	021 215 4450
Mark Donald	Timing Systems	021 269 9674

Traffic/Parking Management

No roads are being crossed during this event, and so no Traffic Management Plan is being developed for this event.

Event parking for competitors will be at Karori West School

Event Updates/Communications

For event updates see the website: pnp.org.nz/mtb or <http://www.facebook.com/pnpmatb>

At the Event Hub, a sound system will be used for all announcements and pre-race briefings.

Communication between organisers and marshals located around the event will be via PNP's 2-way repeater radios communicating on Channel 13. Reception to all marshal points has been successfully used with the PNP radios in previous events at this venue.

Mobile Phone numbers for marshals will be distributed as a backup communication method.

Health & Safety

The PNP MTB Health and Safety Policy, Emergency Response Plan and Risk Management Plan are available via links from the MTB page on the website: pnp.org.nz/mtb.

Toilets will be available at event headquarters (Karori West School)

Equipment: Riders should ensure that their bikes and other equipment are suitable for the conditions and are in a well maintained state.

Hazards: The following hazards specific to this site/event have been identified:

Note: NO road crossings are being used for this event, so a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is not being implemented.

- Conflict with walkers and casual riders. Managed with on-site early warning signage (3+ weeks in advance); electronic notices on Facebook and similar public group sites (e.g. Welly Tracks, Dog Walkers, Horse Riding); as well as marshals at major entry points.

Procedures: Riders are to be aware of the following Health & Safety procedures. Time allowances will be made for any riders stopping to assist with an injury.

Instructions: Riders are to follow instructions of marshals and event organisers. Failure to do so can result in disqualification and barred entry from future events.

Non-serious self-injury on course: If you have a non-serious injury on the course, but are able to safely move, please clear the track as quickly as possible to protect yourself and others from being hit by a following rider. If on an obscured part of the course, keep calling "Rider Down".

If you need assistance, call to the next rider to stop. Advise them of your **Injury, Name** and **Number** and they will be able to inform the next marshal on the course.

If abandoning the race, do NOT travel backwards on the track into oncoming riders.

Significantly Injured Rider on course: If you encounter an injured rider on the course, you must assist if they need assistance. If they are unable to move, this is to be treated as a serious injury and you must:

- Stop and stay with the injured rider until First Aid or a marshal arrives on-site.
- DO NOT MOVE the rider if they are unable to easily move themselves.
- Secure the scene, ensuring approaching riders do not hit you or the injured rider. Stop following riders for assistance: (one as messenger, one as lookout).
- Get any details of the **Injury** as well as the **Name** and **Number** of the rider.
- Send the following rider with these details onto the next marshal.

Stoppage: In the event of emergency where racing has been stopped, riders will be advised by marshals to return to the Event Base via the most direct safe route.

Evacuation: If the Event Base area needs to be evacuated e.g. due to a fire in a shelter. The evacuation point will be down Broken Hill Road, in the direction of further exit ways.

Event Base

The Event Registration will be at Karori West School

Start / Finish area (Event Timing and Co-ordination) will be on Tower 19 Connector Road (Next to Container). 1-3 3mx3m gazebos (depending on weather) will be set up in the area adjacent to the carpark. PNP gazebos are secured with hefty pegs (~40 mm, ~8mm diameter) as well as guy ropes when required.

Waste Management Plan

Waste collection will be provided for at the Event Base (Registration). ALL waste is to go into the approved collection bags, and will be sorted for Recycling materials after each event.



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Any competitor who litters either during the race or at any time during the event will be subject to time penalties and risks disqualification at this event and/or subsequent PNP MTB events.