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26-29 March 2026
DH: Rivenrock MTB Park, Masterton
Enduro, XCO: Rangituhi, Porirua

Downhill, Enduro,
Cross Country, Relay



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Welcome

Wellington MTB Club and Port Nicholson Ponoke (PNP) Cycling Club welcome all the school students and supporters who have been able to make it to the 2026 North Island Schools MTB Championships being held in Wairarapa and Porirua. We ask that you appreciate and make the most of the opportunity to participate safely in this event.

We anticipate an exciting level of racing as well as an environment that encourages riders to give racing a go and develop their riding skills.

Let's go race!

Key Version Update Summary

Version	Date	Version Comments
1.0	28/1/26	Initial Draft. Enduro courses are to be finalised.
2.0	7/02/26	Updated Course Descriptions and Maps
3.0	22/2/26	Minor updates

Key Health & Safety Notes

There is more Health & Safety info later in this manual. In addition, 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. However please note these two main points:

In the event of a serious crash, do not hesitate to ring 111 even prior to contacting event staff.

In the event of an emergency all riders and supporters are to report to the Registration Area. If appropriate, names will be recorded against the Rider Check-In sheets prior to participants leaving the event.

Rivenrock, Masterton: The Registration Area is by the Sheds at the base of the hill. If flooding is anticipated, the assembly area will be moved to the upper paddock on the northern side (main road side) of Te Whakaturkau Stream

Rangituhi, Porirua: The Registration Tent is at the entrance of Spicer Botanical Gardens. If necessary, move from here to a safe location nearby on Broken Hill Road.

Key References

Reference	Comments
Age Categories	A riders age is evaluated as at 31 December 2026 . For example a rider who is 16 but turns 17 later this year must enrol as an U20 rider.
Facebook event page	TBC
Instagram	TBC
mailto:schoolsmtb2026ni@gmail.com	Event email for additional queries
Rivenrock	Venue for Downhill races
Rangituhi-Mana trails	Venue for Enduro and Cross Country
CNZ Schools Event Page	Event summary with links to enrolment etc
Schools Affiliation page	Instructions on affiliating schools and
Sporty platform (TBC)	Enrolments
Volunteering commitment	As per CNZ site
Volunteer Registration Form	Please register as a volunteer. You select sessions.
Rules for Schools Cycling	As per CNZ site
Gazebo Registration Form	Due to restricted space at each site, please register your gazebo here.

Officials and Event Staff

Cycling New Zealand Schools Contact:	TBC	021 292 0563
Event Director:	Mark Donald	021 2699 674
Race Manager (DH)	Jono Baddiley	021 662 664
Race Manager (Enduro)	Jono Baddiley	021 662 664
Race Manager (XCO)	Mark Donald	021 2699 674
PCP:	TBC	
First Aid:	Peak Safety	07 349 0903
MC:	TBC	-

Glossary

DH:	Downhill
E1:	Enduro 1 (Course1), E2: Enduro 2 (Course2), etc
XCO:	Cross Country (Individual)
XCR:	Cross Country Relay (Teams)
TBS/C:	To Be Scheduled / Completed
PHEC:	Pre Hospital Emergency Care



PCP: Chief Commissaire

Event Schedule

Note: All times are provisional and subject to change based on entries and other factors to ensure the best possible experience for all riders. TBS = To Be Scheduled
Follow the Cycling NZ Facebook event for updates.

Day 0: Wed 25 March 2026	
Preparation: @Rivenrock	
TBS	Commissaires DH Course check
9:00	Carpark open
12:00 - 4:00	Race Pack Pick-up Open
10:00+	DH Practice possible
Preparation: @Rangituhi	
TBS	Commissaires XCO Course check
TBS	Commissaires END Course check
09:00	XCO & END Practice open
Day 1: Thr 26 March 2026	
Downhill 1 (U13, U14, U15, U16) @Rivenrock	
7:00am	Carpark Open
7:00- 8:00	Late Race Pack Pick-up Open (DH)
8:00	DHI Rider briefing in the event village
8:15 - 11:30	Practice Time: U13, U14, U15, U16
12:30pm - 2:00	Seeding runs: U13, U14, U15, U16
2:30 - 4:00	DHI Race Runs: U13, U14, U15, U16
4:30	DHI Prize Giving: U13, U14, U15, U16
Practice: @Rangituhi	
09:00am+	XCO courses available for pre-ride. Note: Trail intersections
09:00am+	END courses available for pre-ride. Note: Trail intersections
Day 2: Fri 27 March 2026	
Downhill 2 (U17, U20) @Rivenrock	
7:00am	Carpark Open
7:00- 8:00	Late Race Pack Pick-up Open
8:00	DHI Rider briefing in the event village
8:15 - 11:30	Practice Time: U17, U20
12:30pm - 2:00	Seeding runs: U17, U20
2:30 - 4:00	DHI Race Runs: U17, U20
4:30	DHI Prize Giving: U17, U20

Practice: @Rangituhi	
09:00am+	XCO courses available for pre-ride.
09:00am+	END courses available for pre-ride
Day 3: Sat 28 March 2026 Enduro @Rangituhi	
	Carpark Open
7:00am	Late Race Pack Pick-up Open
Morning Session: Race1 = U13, U14, U15	
7:30	Enduro Race 1 Briefing
7:45 - 11:30	Enduro Race 1: U13, U14, U15 (male and female)
11:15	Enduro Race 1: No stage starts commenced after this time
11:45	Race 1 Prize Giving estimate
Afternoon Session: Race2 = U16, U17, U20	
12:30pm	Enduro Race 2 Briefing:
12:45 - 4:30	Enduro Race 2: U16, U17, U19 (male and female)
4:15	Enduro Race 2: No stage starts commenced after this time
4:45	Race 2 Prize Giving estimate
Day 4: Sun 29 March 2026 XCO & XCO Relay @Rangituhi	
	Carpark open
7:00am	Late Race Pack Pick-up Open
XCO Races	
6:30 - 7:30	XCO Practice
7:45 - 8:00	XCO Race 1 Briefing: U13M & U14M
8:00 - 9:00	XCO Race 1 U13M & U14M
9:30 - 9:45	XCO Race 2 Briefing: U15M & U16M
9:45 - 11:00	XCO Race 2 U15M & U16M
11:30 - 11:45	XCO Race 3 Briefing: U17M & U20M
11:45 - 1:15	XCO Race 3 U17M & U20M
12:10 - 12:30	XCO Race 1 & 2 Prize Giving estimate
1:45 - 2:00	XCO Race 4 Briefing
2:00 - 3:30	XCO Race 4 all Females
5:30 - 5:40	XCO Race 3 & 4 Prize Giving estimate (after XCR)
XCR (Team Relay) Races	
3:45 - 4:00	XCR Race Briefing
4:00 - 5:00	XCR Relay Race - All categories
5:40 - 5:50	XCR Prize Giving estimate





General Information

ENTRIES: SCHOOL AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

All entries must be through your school (no individual entries accepted) using the Sporty system. Details are on the [Cycling New Zealand Schools event page](#).

General entries close Fri 20 Feb 2026

Schools must be affiliated with Cycling New Zealand Schools before they can enter. All school affiliation fees and event entry fees must be paid before riders are permitted to start the event. Please check with your school to ensure payment has been made. Event fees for the 2026 Schools MTB Championships are:

- Downhill (DH): \$100
- Cross Country (XCO): \$60
- Cross Country Relay (XCR): \$75 (per team of 2-4 riders)
- Enduro (END): \$70

Priority Entries for Downhill close 5pm Fri 20 Feb 2026

The Schools Downhill event has a limited capacity of 300 riders which is expected to sell out. Due to this the Cycling New Zealand Schools Entry Process takes effect (See Section 13 of [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) for details). Additional entry requests are to be waitlisted. Please include on the waitlist entry relevant details such as previous rider downhill performance which will assist with allocating remaining spaces according to the Cycling New Zealand Schools Entry Process. Remaining spaces will be allocated to riders on the waitlist and schools can expect to be notified of final Downhill entry lists after that.

RACE PACK PICK-UP - LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Race Pack pick-up will first be available at Rivenrock from 12:00pm Wed 25 March until 10am Fri 27 March. Packs will then be available from Rangituhi from 12:00pm Fri 27 March.

Please register and put your race plates on prior to accessing courses for practice.

MTB RULES

The event is held under [Cycling New Zealand Schools Rules](#) and the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#).

Any race related protests must be made in writing to the President of the Commissaire Panel within 30 minutes of the completion of the race concerned using the official protest form at the end of this document. All decisions made by the Disputes Panel will be final.



UNIFORMS

Please ensure your uniforms comply with the Cycling NZ School Rules.

Please refer to Section 5 (Pg 7) and Appendix 2 of the Schools Rules [here](#) for information on Uniform Guidelines. Ensure you are compliant before you arrive at the event to avoid any unnecessary stress. For any queries on this, contact schools@cyclingschools.co.nz

PRACTICE

All tracks will be marked out on or before Fri 27 March.

XCO / XCR / END trails at Rangituhi are available for practice on Thursday 26 & Friday 27 March. Some sections of track are used in more than one course, **and caution should be exercised at ALL intersections during unofficial practice. SLOW DOWN**, it is only practice.

Key areas for caution during unofficial practice:

- *(To be detailed once Enduro courses are finalized)*
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The XCO and XCR tracks start from the Event Village. 'ENDURO' signs will guide you to the start of the Enduro courses. Refer to the course maps later in this manual.

PARKING

Rivenrock

Parking will be within the park carpark, paddocks and on the local road near the venue. Please ensure that shuttle routes are not blocked or narrowed. Please see the Venue Information on page for more information.

Rangituhi

Parking will be mostly on the local roads near the venue. The park entrance at Raiha St provides closer access to Enduro trails. Please see the Venue Information on page for more information.

SAFETY COMMITMENT

Cycling New Zealand Schools, Wellington MTB Club and PNP Cycling Club are committed to providing and maintaining utmost health and safety standards, by ensuring that all risks and hazards associated with the event are identified and managed to prevent harm from occurring to the participants and other personnel involved in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Please report any hazards or incidents to the Race Office and/or race officials.

Health & Safety Notes

In the event of a serious crash, do not hesitate to ring 111 even prior to contacting event staff.



In the event of an emergency all riders and supporters are to report to the Registration Area. If appropriate, names will be recorded against the Rider Check-In sheets prior to participants leaving the event.

Rivenrock, Masterton: The Registration Area is by the Sheds at the base of the hill. If flooding is anticipated, the assembly area will be moved to the upper paddock on the northern side (main road side) of Te Whakaturkau Stream

Rangituhi, Porirua: The Registration Tent is at the entrance of Spicer Botanical Gardens. If necessary, move from here to a safe location nearby on Broken Hill Road.

FIRST AID

In an Emergency call 111

First Aid will be available at each event. If you require medical assistance whilst not at attending an event contact details for local Medical Centres are listed below.

Wairarapa Hospital (Open 24 hours)
Te Ore Ore Road, Lansdowne, Masterton 5810
[06 946 9800](tel:069469800)

Kenepuru Hospital: (Open 24 hours)
16 Hospital Drive, Kenepuru, Porirua 5022
(Very close to the XCO & Enduro events)

XCO SEEDING

The seeding order for XCO will be determined by the PCP according to section 22.5 of the [Rules for Schools Cycling](#).

START LISTS

Start lists for events will be posted on the [Event Website](#) and shared on Facebook prior to the event, after entries close and once seedings are finalised.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

For equipment requirements, please refer to the MTB Protection Policy in the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#). U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17 must comply with the U15, U17 requirement, while U20 must comply with the U19 requirement. Items of note include:

DOWNHILL

The following table summarises protective equipment required for downhill events specified in **section 7.4.** of the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#). Please refer to this for details.

	U15, U17	U19, Senior, Elite, Masters
Full Face Helmet (7.4.1)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Long Sleeve Shirt (7.4.2)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Elbow/Forearm Protection (7.4.3)	Compulsory	Highly Recommended
Long or Short Pants (7.4.4)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Knee/Shin Protection (7.4.5)	Compulsory for short and long pants	Compulsory for short pants
Neck Brace (7.4.6)	Compulsory to wear either neck brace or spinal protection ⁵	Highly Recommended
Spinal Protection (7.4.7)		Highly Recommended
Shoulder Protection (7.4.8)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Full Finger Gloves	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended

ENDURO

The following table summarises protective equipment required for enduro events specified in **section 7.4.** of the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#). Please refer to this for details.

	U15, U17	U19, Senior, Elite, Masters
Full Face Helmet (7.4.1)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Elbow/Forearm Protection (7.4.3)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Long or Short Pants (7.4.4)	Compulsory	Compulsory
Knee Protection (7.4.5)	Compulsory for short pants	Compulsory for short pants
Neck Brace (7.4.6)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Spinal Protection (7.4.7)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Shoulder Protection (7.4.8)	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended
Full Finger Gloves	Highly Recommended	Highly Recommended

Cross Country (XCO & XCR)

The following table summarises protective equipment required for cross-country events as specified in **section 7.4.** of the [MTBNZ Technical Regulations](#). Please refer to this for details.

	All Categories
Helmet	Compulsory
Protective Eyewear	Highly Recommended
Full Finger Gloves	Highly Recommended



PIT SITES/TENTS

Schools are responsible for providing adequate shelter for their riders. Sites available on a first in first served basis by registering using the [Gazebo Registration Form](#) and must be placed in a dedicated area in the event villages. Please use no more space than is necessary. Please ensure that any structures erected suit the conditions (Wellington can be windy!). Schools are also responsible for removing any waste at the end of each day. Please help us in supporting our host venues and respect their property.

Schools will be able to set up sites from 4pm Wed 25 March at Rivenrock and from 4pm Fri 27 March at Rangituhi (Spicer Botanical Gardens). There will be a static security guard at Rangituhi 7.00 pm – 7.00 am on Friday and Saturday evening at Spicer Botanical Gardens. There will be no on-site security at Rivenrock. The organisers take no responsibility for any equipment left overnight.

SMOKE, DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE

The entire event is smoke, drug and alcohol free. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is important at any level of mountain biking. We highly encourage you to watch out for your fellow riders, whether they be your teammates or not. Please be considerate of faster riders and allow them to pass at the next possible spot that you deem is safe for yourself, and the other rider to pass. Please pass this onto your students, and if we hear of any foul play the competitor could face being disqualified.

FOOD AND WATER

Limited water is available on-site at the Event Villages. Please ensure students have sufficient fluid and nutrition for the duration of the event.

There will be a coffee cart and other food available at both sites. [Caveman BBQ](#) will be present at Rivenrock and soft drinks available from the Rivenrock office. There are no food outlets close to Rivenrock. There are food outlets close to Rangituhi.

Keep cups are encouraged!

TOILET FACILITIES

Toilet facilities will be available on site.

NON-COMPLETION OF EVENT

Please reiterate to your students that if for some reason they cannot finish the event they must tell a race official. All riders must return their race timing tag. A replacement fee of \$90 may be charge for tags which are not returned.



CONTINGENCY PLANNING

The event recognises that there is the potential for circumstances outside of their control occurring that could result in the published event format and/or distance being adjusted in the interest of participant and officials' safety. If inclement conditions exist, all decisions regarding the implementation of the contingency plan will be made by the Race Organisers.

CANCELLATIONS

The organisers reserve the right to cancel one or more of the events in the case of adverse weather or any other adverse conditions. Any contingency plans will be announced via Facebook and the website.

Any refunds will be at the discretion of the organisers.

RESULTS

Provisional results will be available online and/or posted throughout the event duration.

Please note these are provisional and any **queries are to be made by the Team Manager only** directly to the PCP. Any Protests are to be submitted in writing (see form at back of programme) and will be reviewed by the Disputes Panel.

Official results will be posted to [Cycling New Zealand Schools](#) as soon as possible after the event.

EVENT UPDATES & SOCIAL MEDIA

Event information will primarily be through the [event website](#) and channels listed previously.

Any urgent information will be posted on Facebook and emailed out to all schools and riders. Please ensure that you enter a valid email address through the entry process.

We encourage you to get involved in the event through social media.



DOWNHILL (DH) INFORMATION

- Event:** North Island Schools Downhill
- Dates:** Thursday 26 & Friday 27 March 2026
- Location:** Rivenrock MTB Park, Carterton, Wairarapa
- Race Pack Pickup:** Rivenrock from 12:00pm Wed 25 March to 10am Fri 27 March
- Track walking:** TBS: **DH track walk will close the tacks at some stage.**
- Briefing/Racing times:** Please refer to the earlier **Event Schedule**
- Prize giving:** At the race venue after the race, approx. 5:00pm.
- Race plates:** All riders are to wear the issued race number (1 per rider) placed in front of handlebars during practice and racing. Please do not cut or reconfigure in any way.
- Seeding:** Please refer to General Event Information
- Shuttle Route:** Shuttling is provided by Rivenrock MTB Park.
NO self shuttling is possible.
- Min. Practice Runs:** Riders must complete at least two practice runs in the morning practice session to qualify for the timed runs in the afternoon.

DH Route Notes:

Details of the course are yet to be confirmed. The DH trail is likely to be the same or similar to the trail used for the NZDH event held at Rivenrock on 1 Nov 2025.

Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments



ENDURO INFORMATION

Event:	North Island Schools Enduro
Date:	Sat 28 March 2026
Location:	Rangituhi Park, Porirua
Race Pack Pickup:	Race Packs will initially be available at Rivenrock (DH venue) Packs will be available at Rangituhi from 12:00pm Fri 27 March
Practice time:	Unofficial practice Thu 26 March and Fri 27 March. Caution to be exercised while course marking is under way. Course marking is not expected to be complete until Friday evening. Official practice is yet to be scheduled.
Track conflicts:	Some parts of the Enduro tracks (including the stage access routes) are shared with XCO/XCR. Beware of intersections if riding during public access times.
Briefing/Racing times:	Please refer to the earlier Event Schedule on page
Race Briefing 1 (U13-U15):	Sat 28 March 8:15am: Compulsory Enduro Race Briefing.
Race Start 1 (U13-U15):	Riders will be dispatched to courses in waves around 8:30am
Race Briefing 2 (U16-U20):	Sat 28 March 12:00pm: Compulsory Enduro Race Briefing.
Race Start 1 (U16-U20):	Riders will be dispatched to courses in waves around 12:15pm
Prize giving:	At the race venue approx. 30 mins after completing each session.
Race plates:	All riders are to wear the issued race number (1 per rider) placed in front of handlebars during practice and racing. Please do not cut or reconfigure the race plate in any way.
Seeding:	Riders will need to unofficially seed within their age/gender groups. Riders will start at 20-30 second intervals.
Description:	Enduro will consist of the accumulated time to complete multiple Enduro stages. Untimed transitions to the start of the next stage must be unassisted i.e. NO SHUTTLLING . Riding up to stage starts must be within the park along designated routes.
Equipment (Helmets):	A full face helmet, meeting <i>specified</i> Safety Certification standards is MANDATORY at ALL TIMES while riding in the park. Only the chin guard may be removed when NOT racing. Please refer to Equipment Requirements on page for details.
Course & Uphill Routes:	The courses for the timed Enduro stages and routes to access their start points are described in the following sections.



Course Allocations & Departure Waves

Provisional allocations are below. Final group allocations to morning/afternoons sessions will be determined after entries are closed and numbers are finalised.

Morning

Dept	N	Group	First	Second	Third	Fourth
1		U15 Boys				
2		U15 Girls				
3		U14 Boys				
4		U14 Girls				
5		U13 Boys				
6		U13 Girls				

Afternoon

Dept	N	Group	First	Second	Third	Fourth
1		U 20 Boys				
2		U 20 Girls				
3		U 17 Boys				
4		U 17 Girls				
5		U 16 Girls				
6		U 16 Boys				



Enduro Course Overview and Unofficial Practice Notes

Track Overview

The Enduro will consist of up to 4 stages. Currently, 4 stages have been approved for use; however, this could change if other tracks in Rangituhi are sanctioned for use prior to the event.

- Trail 10 into the top of Chimney Sweep
- Tumeke
- Blaster+ into Blaster
- Crash Palace and Lower Crash Palace



Trail 10 + Chimney Sweep

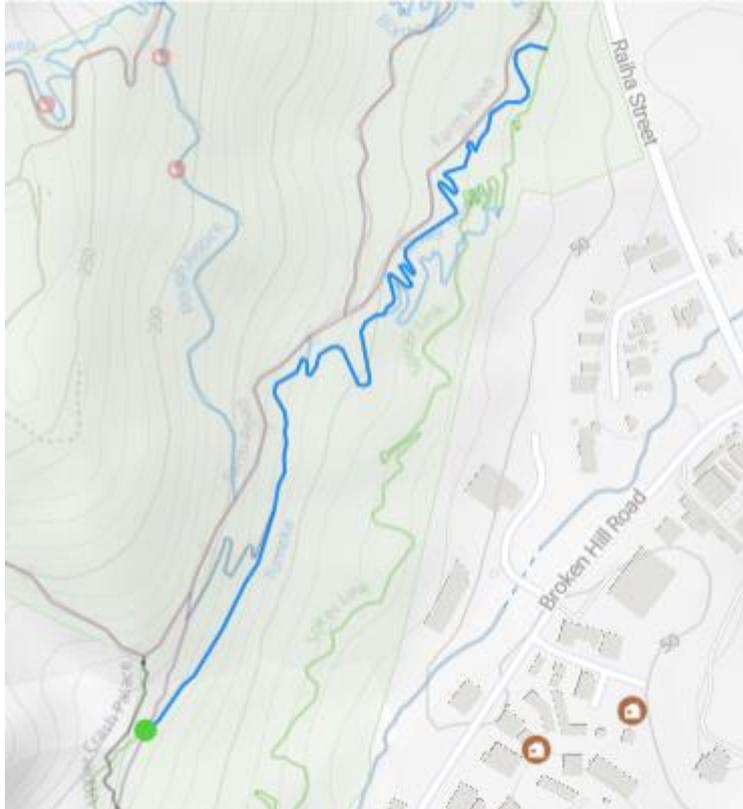
This stage starts at the highest point on Trail 10, just below the lookout, and continues to the end of Chimney Sweep.



Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments
1.6 (1.0 + 0.6)	1m (1 + 0)	117m (56 + 61)	2 / 3	

Tumeke

Tumeke is a core 'OG' track within Rangituhi. Tumeke is the left fork at the 'Y' intersection.



Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments
1.2	52m	115	3	We could use the G4 Upper Tumeke entrance. Tumeke is left fork at the 'Y' intersection

Blaster+ into Blaster

A fast trail filled with S-bends and some jumps



Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments
0.7	22m	75	3	A fast trail filled with S-bends and some jumps

Upper Crash Palace - Boundary Road, Lower Crash Palace



Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments
~1.0	20m	-80	5, 2, 5	Joining 4WD section in middle



CROSS COUNTRY (XCO) INFORMATION

- Event:** North Island Schools Cross Country (Individual)
- Date:** Sun 29 March 2026
- Location:** Rangituhi Park, Porirua
- Race Pack Pickup:** Race Packs will initially be available at Rivenrock (DH venue)
Packs will be available at Rangituhi from 12:00pm Fri 27 March
- Practice time:** Unofficial practice Thu 26 March and Fri 27 March. Caution to be exercised while course marking is under way. Official practice is yet to be scheduled. Trails will be **unavailable during the Enduro event on Sat 26 March.**
- Track conflicts:** Some parts of the XCO track are shared with Enduro. Beware of intersections if riding during public access times.
- Briefing/Racing times:** Please refer to the earlier Event Schedule on page
- Prize giving:** At the race venue after all XCO races, approx. 1:30pm.
- Race plates:** All riders are to wear the issued race number (1 per rider) placed vertically in front of handlebars during practice and racing. Please do not cut or reconfigure in any way.
- Seeding:** Please refer to General Event Information
- Feed Zone:** Competitors may only receive food and water from an assistant within the designated feed zone. The person feeding may not touch the competitor or the competitor's bicycle.
- Tech Zone:** Riders may receive technical assistance only within the Tech Zone from their feeder, school mechanic or neutral assistance. Active riders may perform their own repairs and/or assist other riders from their own school anywhere on the course, but they must only use tools/parts carried by the rider(s) or collected from the Tech Zone.
- Lap Guidelines:** **Provisional** laps and waves are below (TBC). Final wave groups and lap numbers will be determined by the Race Commissaires and will be communicated at the start line briefing at the latest.

RACE	N	Wave	Age Group	Start Loop (0.8 kms)	Main Loops (5.4 kms)	Total Distance
XCOx			U 14 Boys			
XCOx			U 13 Boys			
XCOx			U 15 Girls			
XCOx			U 14 Girls			
XCOx			U 13 Girls			
XCOx			U 16 Boys			
XCOx			U 15 Boys			
XCOx			U 20 Boys			
XCOx			U 17 Boys			
XCOx			U 20 Girls			

XCOx			U 17 Girls		
XCOx			U 16 Girls		

Cross Country (XCO) Course

This is run over Grade2/3 trails with some short Grade 4 sections added. There is a small **Start Loop** within Spicer Botanical Gardens, followed by the standard, repeatable **Main Loop**.

XCO Start Loop (Garden Loop)

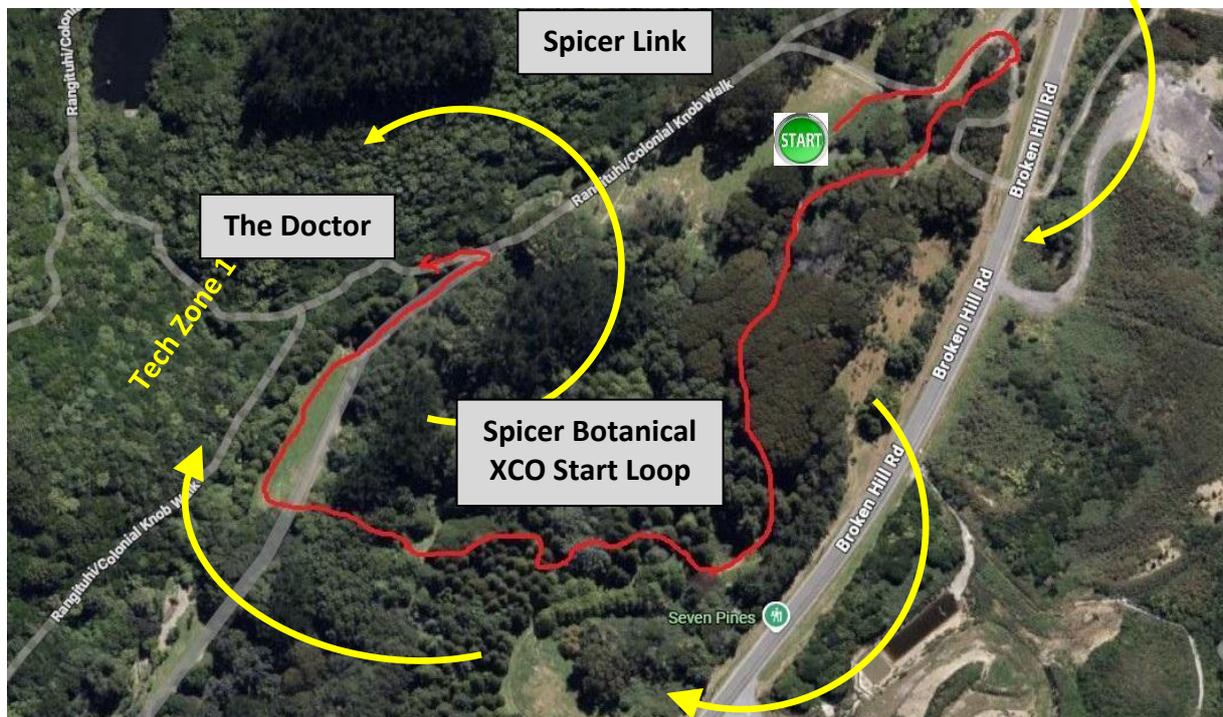
This Start Loop is within the Spicer Botanical Gardens and **will be ridden once only** and will join the regular loop at the entrance of The Doctor.

Start on the large grass section riding northh across the norther ford.

Turn right into the first track option and follow this uphill to a marked point where you enter the trees, starting downhill.

Ride over a short **bridge** then around a grass area (turning right), which will be a tech zone for the start loop only.

Ride onto the gravel path (north) then do a sharp left into the entrance of **THE DOCTOR**.



XCO Main Loop:

Spicers Botanical Garden	 Start Loop - Complete XCO Start Loop as described above.
The Doctor	Turn left into THE DOCTOR. Ride most of the Doctor uphill, completing all the S-Bends.

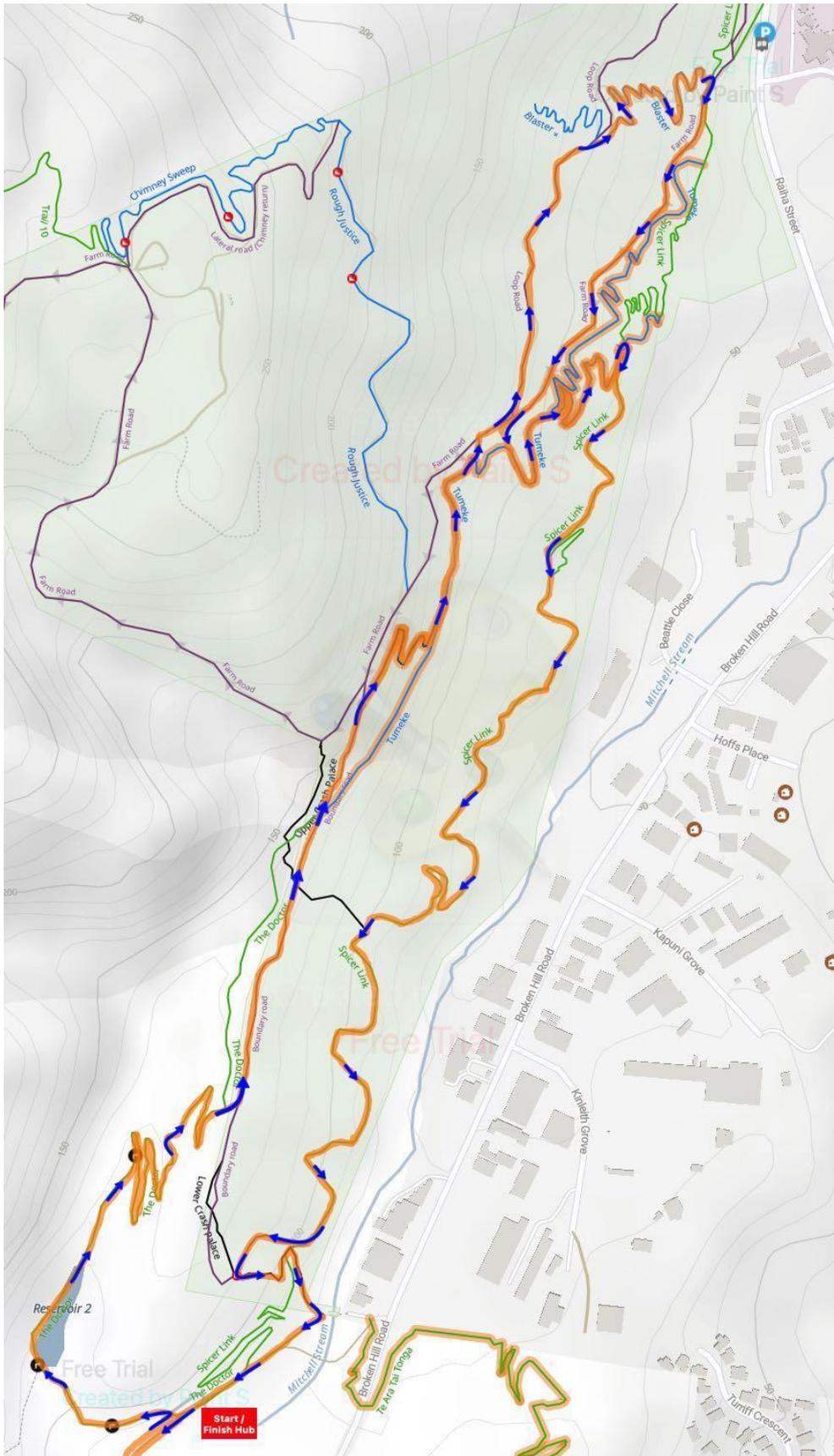
Boundary Road 4WD	At the top of THE DOCTOR, take the early exit right out onto BOUNDARY RD 4WD, ride past the first Tumeke entrance, then turn right into the entrance of UPPER TUMEKE
Upper Tumeke	Turn right into UPPER TUMEKE and complete dropping S-Bends
Tumeke	At the end of UPPER TUMEKE carry on straight ahead down TUMEKE
Farm Rd 4WD	Carry on down TUMEKE, taking the first left exit onto FARM RD 4WD about halfway down.
Loop Rd 4WD	Turn right (downhill) then turn left (short up) into LOOP RD 4WD  Caution: two-way traffic
Blaster	Ride along LOOP RD 4WD, turning right (downhill) into BLASTER.
Farm Rd 4WD	At the exit of BLASTER turn right and carry on up a steepish climb (300m) up FARM RD 4WD.
Tumeke	Turn left into TUMEKE and ride downhill
Lower Tumeke	At the 'Y' intersection of TUMEKE and LOWER TUMEKE take right hand track and head down LOWER TUMEKE.
Spicer Link	Where LOWER TUMEKE first crosses SPICER LINK, turn right to head south along SPICER LINK.
Shortcuts	There are a few open shortcuts along SPICER LINK including a short uphill along a 4WD path to your right. Take the second re-entry on your left to continue along SPICER LINK. (The first re-entry is into the section you just short-cut)
Boundary Road 4WD	At the intersection of SPICER LINK and BOUNDARY ROAD 4WD turn right to take the steep 100m 'pinch' climb
Lower Crash Palace (above Spicer Link)	After the pinch climb turn left/down into LOWER CRASH PALACE (mid section).
Spicer Link (10m)	Exit LOWER CRASH PALACE onto SPICER LINK - head north (Straight ahead) for ~10m before turning right in LOWER CRASH PALACE
Lower Crash Palace (below Spicer Link)	Turn right to continue into LOWER CRASH PALACE. At the bottom of LOWER CRASH PALACE turn right to head back through the start finish area. NOTE: If wet the course will not use this section
Spicer Link (Wet Weather option)	<i>If wet, turn right and continue along SPICER LINK to the end. At Spicer Botanical Gardens turn right to head back through the start finish area</i>
Start / Finish Area	  Repeat subsequent Main XCO Loops, or Finish

XCO Main Loop Profile: (TBC)



Distance	Climb	Descent	Grade(s)	Comments

Map of Main XCO Loop





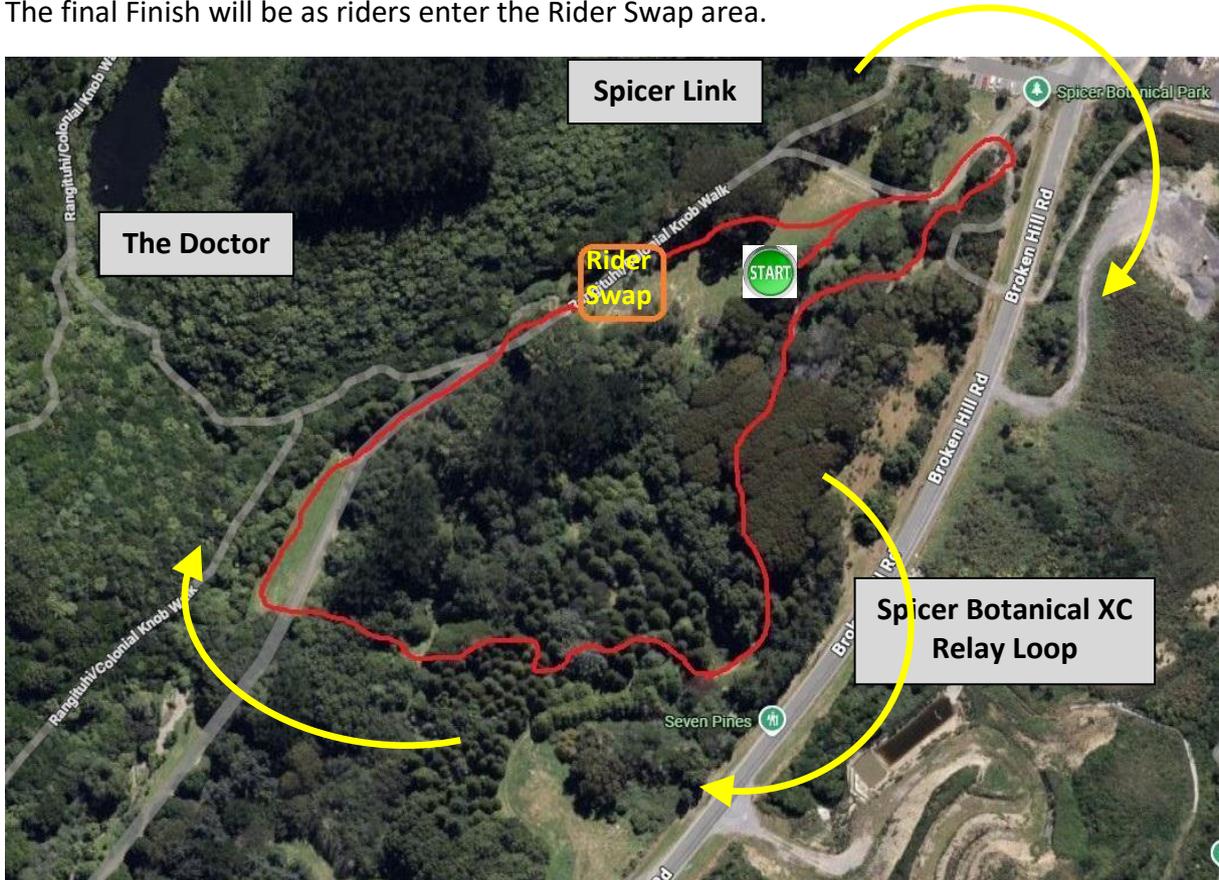
TEAMS RELAY (XCR) INFORMATION

Event:	North Island Schools Cross Country Relay
Date:	Sun 29 March 2026
Location:	Rangituhi Park, Porirua
Race Pack Pickup:	Race Packs will initially be available at Rivenrock (DH venue) Packs will be available at Rangituhi from 12:00pm Fri 27 March
Practice time:	Official practice time is yet to be scheduled.
Track conflicts:	This track is based on the XCO Start Loop. Beware of conflicts if riding during public access times.
Briefing/Racing times:	Please refer to the earlier Event Schedule on page
Prize giving:	At the race venue after the XCR race, approx. 4:30pm.
Race plates:	Each rider is issued a separate race plate to be attached to the bike during practice and racing. Each team will share one race timing tag, so will swap this with their team mate at the changeover between laps.
Categories:	U16 & U20 x Girls, Boys, Mixed (min one female & one male)
Description:	Teams Relay will consist of teams of two to four riders who will rotate riders every lap in order for the duration of the race.
Composite Teams:	Composite Teams with riders from multiple schools may be entered but must state the names of all schools and cannot be eligible for titles or medals.
Course:	Refer next page for XCR course description.
Relay Notes:	Riders must dismount before entering the transition area, then run (with their bike) and pass the timing tag to the next rider. Riders must ride single laps in their designated order (Rider 1 tags Rider 2 who tags Rider 3, who tags Rider 1, etc) and may not miss a rider from their turn. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Bike repairs, can be undertaken in the transition area. Bikes (+ tags) cannot be removed in order to undergo repairs.
Race Finish:	To complete the race, after the designated time the transition area will be closed and the final riders will ride directly to the Finish line. The closure of the transition area, and the need for the rider to ride on to the Finish line will be signalled by the waving of a chequered Finish flag prior to the transition area.

Teams Relay Course (XCR):

The XC Relay loop is based on the Start Loop for the XCO course, as shown below.

XCR riders will ride past The Doctor, through the southern ford and into the Rider Swap area. The final Finish will be as riders enter the Rider Swap area.



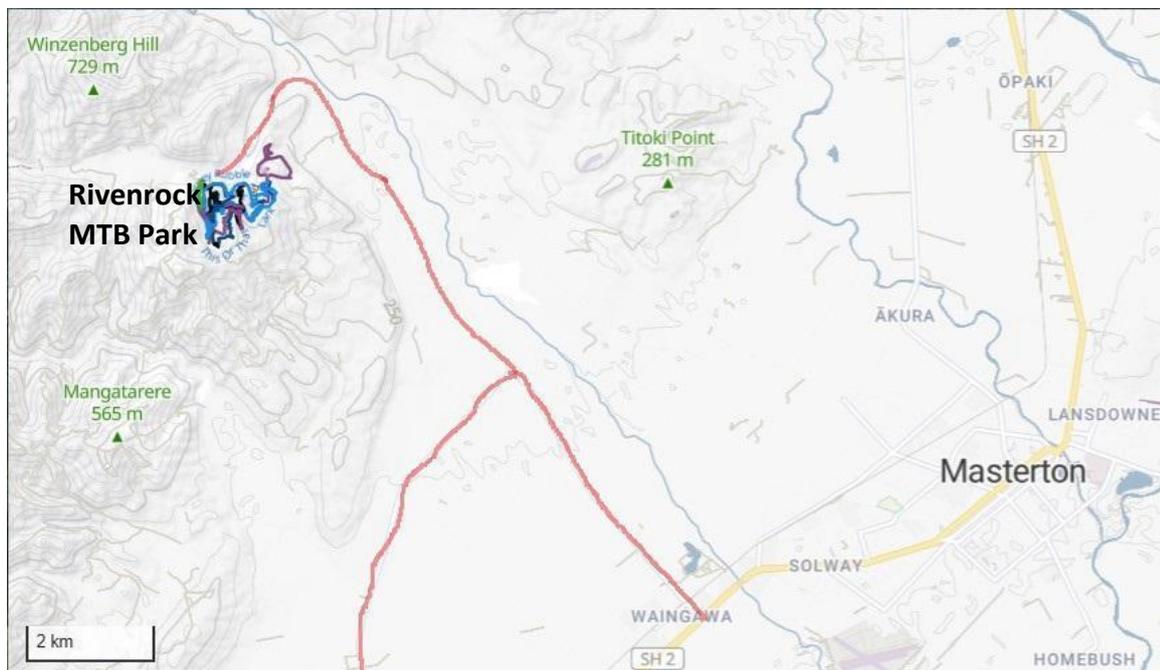
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Venue Information

Downhill Venue: Rivenrock MTB Park - Thr 26 & Fri 27 March 2026

[Rivenrock Mountainbike Park](#) is a purpose built and professionally designed Mountain Bike Park for all levels of mountain bikers, located in the Wairarapa. Rivenrock features a network of professionally designed and built trails to suit riders of all styles and ability. Rivenrock also offers a shuttle to transport riders.

Rivenrock is at 217 Mount Holdsworth Road, Carterton, which is **1 hour 40 min drive north from Wellington CBD** on SH2 across the Remutaka Hill Road. It can be viewed on [Google Maps](#).



Rivenrock Parking

Parking will be within the park carpark, paddocks and on the local road near the venue. Please ensure that shuttle routes are not blocked or narrowed.



Rivenrock Event Village

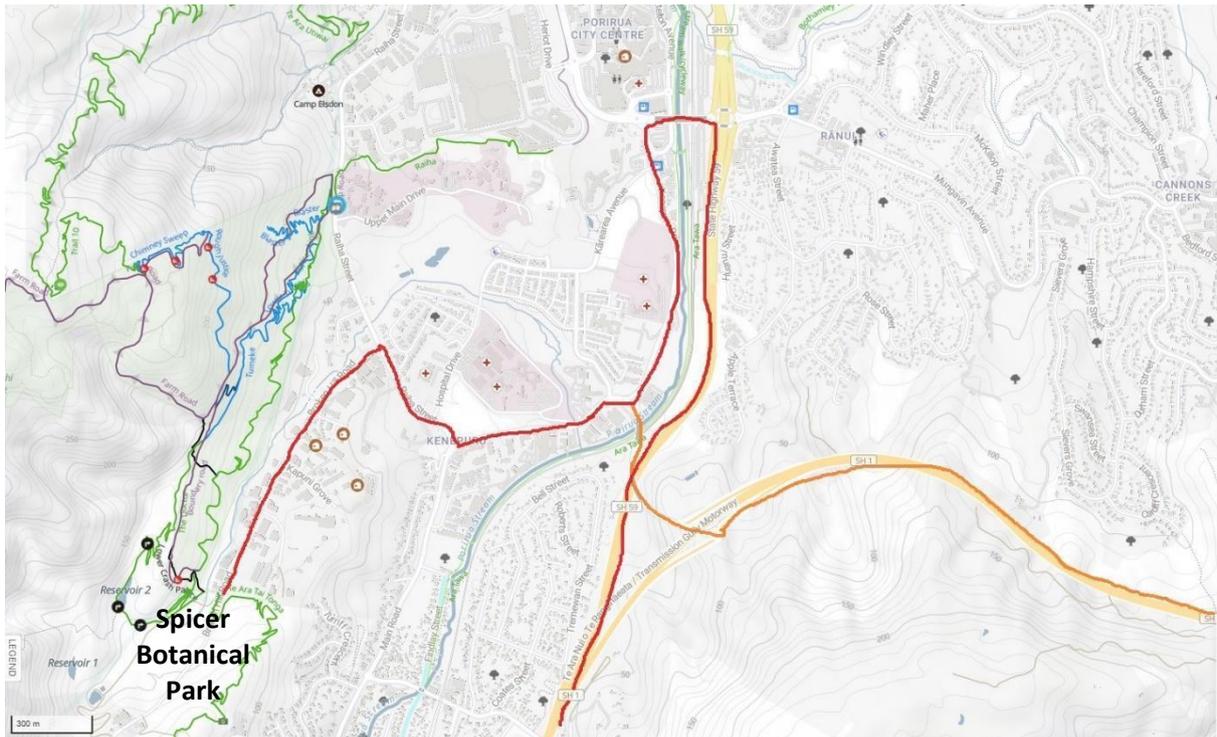
Rivenrock has space for event parking and limited grass space for gazebos. Please reserve your spot using the [Gazebo Registration Form](#). The Event Village space allocation is yet to be finalized.



Enduro & XCO: Rangituhi (Colonial Knob), Porirua - Sat 28 & Sun 29 March

[Rangituhi](#) (also known as Colonial Knob) overlooks the Porirua Harbour and further north to Kapiti Island. It is in Porirua City Council, only a 25 min drive from Wellington CBD on SH1.

To get to Spicer Botanical Park (XCO base), drive past the Kenepuru Hospital on Raiha St, heading north, then turn into Broken Hill Road. The gardens are at the end of the road just prior to the gated Council Refuse area.



Rangituhi Parking

Parking will be mostly on the local roads near the venue, but there is significant parking available in the surrounding industrial area streets, particularly during the weekend when the Enduro and XCO events are being held.

The park entrance at Raiha St provides closer access to the Enduro trails.

Rangituhi Event Village

Both Enduro and XCO events will be based at Spicer Botanical Gardens. The Event Village space allocation is yet to be finalized.





Protest Form

Event: _____

Race: _____

Date: _____

Protesting School: _____

School Team Manager: _____

Contact Mobile: _____

Contact Email: _____

Name of Rider or Team: _____

Other Party (Rider, Team or Official): _____

Date/Time of Incident: _____

Location of Incident: _____

Nature of Incident (Brief Description):

Outcome Sought:

Organisers Use Only

Date/Time Protest Received: _____

Protest Fee Received (\$50): Held By (Official Receiving Protest): _____

Passed to PCP (Date/Time): _____

Outcome Determined: