

## THE DIRTY WEEKEND VILLAGE

Everyone is welcome in the Dirty Weekend Village where there's plenty of hot, nutritious, high-carb food; plus coffee and optional massage to ease aching muscles. There is battery charging, heating, tables and chairs, mechanical support, demo bikes, toilets, showers, Chill Out Lounge, TV, and open fire. Lap counting and transition also happen in the Dirty Weekend Event Village.

There are plenty of sounds too from the Dirty Weekend DJ's. The music is loud and lairy to 10pm, then it mellows out a little until midnight, and from there it's the sounds of the forest through until the morning (unless you count the Forest Disco, located along the track, deep in the forest. You'll hear it before you see it!). The music cranks up again from 7am back in the Dirty Weekend Village.

The atmosphere is open, friendly and welcoming. Individuals and teams congregate to offer encouragement and advice, plus help out and share the knowledge. The Dirty Weekend Village is where the action is, day and night, and it's simply the best place to be when you're not out on the track.

## CUDLEE CREEK FOREST TRAILS aka FOX CREEK MTB PARK

The Dirty Weekend takes place at the **Cudlee Creek Forest Trails network** (aka Fox Creek MTB Park), home of some of SA's best sustainable MTB trails as voted in the past by readers of Australian Mountain Bike.

### How to get there

The Cudlee Creek Forest Reserve is located on Croft Road, Lenswood. Croft Road is an unsealed road that spurs off Fox Creek Road, a sealed road running north / south between the towns of Cudlee Creek and Lenswood. Lobethal is another nearby town. See also the directions map on the website.

From CUDLEE CREEK town, take the road heading south towards Lobethal; 2km along this road take the right hand turn into Fox Creek Road.

From LENSWOOD town, take Coldstore Road heading north; this road becomes Fox Creek Rd.

Directions to the Dirty Weekend will be signposted from the turn off into Croft Road.

Vehicle entrance to the event will be from **396 Croft Road, Lenswood**

<https://goo.gl/maps/9Bf5nTiLVbp>

Map ref: 34°53'15.2"S 138°49'25.8"E

gx\_coord: -34.887547, 138.823832

Allow 45 - 60 minutes to drive from Adelaide CBD to Cudlee Creek / Fox Creek.

You can access the site during the following times:

3pm - 6pm Thursday 25 April

9am - 8pm Friday 26 April

9am – 10pm Saturday 27 April.

6am – 5pm Sunday 28 April

The gate marshal will check you in.

Note: the main entrance gate is locked outside of these times. You can park your car outside the front entrance and walk in/out when the gate is locked.

Vehicle access to the Dirty Weekend Village will be restricted once the event starts. There is parking available near the entrance gate (approx 500m from Dirty Weekend Village), but only limited parking further on. Parking is controlled to ensure rider safety and to provide clear access to emergency services and Bike SA event vehicles.

## DIRTY WEEKEND FACILITIES

### Accommodation

The campsites are within the forest, with various location options, all with great views of the track. Team riders camp on the ridge, about 200 - 400 metres from the Dirty Weekend Village. Exclusive Solo Camping for those who prefer is near the Dirty Weekend Village, with some sites positioned alongside the track. Others camp nearer the Dirty Weekend Village alongside the access road. There is also camping around the Thomas Hill Study Centre with spectacular views of the Adelaide coastline; however vehicle access is strictly limited and it can be extremely windy on the western side.

Campsites are restricted to 3m x 3m per competitor, which includes your entire tent / ropes and equipment set-up, **but not your vehicle**. On arrival you will be directed to the next available camp location. Unless previously arranged with Bike SA (and subject to permission in writing from Bike SA), you will not be able to select your own campsite.

Because campsites are adjacent to the track, you must ensure your vehicles and equipment don't present a hazard to riders. There is limited space for camping and insufficient room for all cars to remain parked next to campsites. After unloading, vehicles must be parked back down in the designated parking areas. Exceptions will be made only for those who need their vehicle close by for sleeping or medical reasons. Bunting and signage indicate camping and non-camping areas. Camping outside of designated areas is not allowed.

The campsites are quiet areas between midnight and 6am, and everyone is asked to keep things mellow between 10pm and midnight Saturday. **All camping generators must be turned OFF at 11pm and not re started until 7am**. Tents have thin walls and riders need some down time during the wee hours, especially those doing it solo. So please respect everyone's space. Of course, the Lap Recording and Transition Zone areas operate 24 hours, as does the Chill Out area, with all-night tea and coffee. This is the place to hang out, if you're not sleeping or out on the track.

Campsites fees for Saturday night are included in your event registration fee. However, spectators and non-riding Support Crew who are staying over Saturday night must pay a \$10.00 camping fee each, to cover logistics and fees payable to Forestry SA who are major supporters of the trails in the Cudlee Creek network.

This year you can also take advantage of the Anzac Day public holiday to enjoy an extra-long weekend of MTB fun. You will be able to make arrangements with Bike SA to camp overnight from 3pm Thursday 25 April and on the Sunday night also, departing by 10am Monday. Additional fees of \$10 per person, per night applies. Note: There will be limited facilities onsite before Friday evening and on Sunday night. **MUST BE PRE-BOOKED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL** Email [office@bikesa.asn.au](mailto:office@bikesa.asn.au) with your request.

The Cudlee Creek Forest Reserve is a park for everyone. Keep it clean by taking ALL rubbish with you when you leave and use reusable or recyclable materials where possible. There are no waste disposal facilities at Cudlee Creek, so don't leave anything behind! To paraphrase the camping motto, *'take nothing but inspiration from your surrounds and leave nothing but your blood and sweat (and tears) on the tracks'*.

It is your responsibility to secure your bike and other belongings. No liability can be accepted for loss or damage on site. Please also keep out of all work areas marked by traffic cones or bunting.

### Toilets & Showers

There are portable toilets and hot showers alongside the access road (adjacent to the Dirty Weekend Village), plus limited facilities in the Thomas Hill Study Centre building.

To assist in water conservation, and to ensure all participants get a chance to have a shower please keep your shower times restricted to 2 minutes.

## **Parking**

Free parking is available during the event. Entry to the site will be from 9am Saturday, which leaves plenty of time to get in, find your campsite and set yourself up for the start.

All vehicles must be parked in the main entrance car park (nearest the entrance gate and about 500 metres from the Dirty Weekend Village). There is limited space for camping and insufficient room for all cars to remain parked next to campsites, Exceptions will be made only for those who need their vehicle close by for sleeping or medical reasons. You can always drive to your campsite, unload your equipment and return your vehicle to the main car park. Marshals will direct you. Only small campervans and camper trailers are permitted in the camping area. Larger caravans, motorhomes, trucks, etc will be required to remain in the main entrance carpark.

Vehicles will not be allowed to move across the track at any time during the event (barring emergencies) unless accompanied by a marshal.

All participants and visitors will need to follow the signage and obey the directions of marshals. Please exercise extreme caution when driving through the event site, as many people will be riding around the area. Maximum site speed limit is 10km/h.

As there is limited parking available onsite, Day Visitors are requested to use the parking area outside the main entry gate.

## **Mechanical Support**

Riders and their team support are responsible for keeping bike/s in good working order. Of course you should bring your bike to the event in prime condition, so make sure you give it the TLC it needs beforehand or have your local bike shop give it a thorough going over. There will be neutral mechanical support from the heart of the Dirty Weekend Village. Fees may apply.

## **Food & Drink**

While there will be caterers offering a variety of nutritious food for sale in the Dirty Weekend Village, you can bring your own food and camp-cooking equipment. .

NOTE: The Fire Ban Season will still be in effect at the time of this year's event. Individual campfires are NOT permitted so you should plan to bring gas appliances for cooking / heating. A responsible person must in attendance at all times with water and/or an appropriate fire extinguisher.

Appliances should be positioned away from flammable materials and supervised at all times. It is your responsibility to safeguard you and those around you from fire risks. There will be small brazier fires in the Dirty Weekend Village.

Tank water (thanks to Event Water) or Nippy's bottled water and juices are available from the Dirty Weekend Village, as well as hydration product. There is also tea, coffee, milk and Milo, plus biscuits and our famous fruit cake.

You should bring your own energy bars and snacks, as well as additional drinks.

While riding on the track you must carry sufficient water for re-hydration. As a minimum at least one 750ml drink bottle or backpack hydration system with water **MUST** be carried when riding. Dehydration and heat stress is possible even in the coldest and wettest conditions (see Hydration links on the website).

## **Fun and frolics**

As usual there will be DJs keeping the energy levels high with the beats cranking in the Dirty Weekend Village and overnight from the Forest Disco.