

DIRTY WEEKEND TRACK

The Dirty Weekend track uses some of the state's best sustainable MTB trails, and has evolved over the years to become a superb example of an endurance course. "It's the best track I've ridden on" and "Perfect enduro track. Enough to keep me challenged and interested, but not worn out" is just some of the feedback from riders.

As a result of the 2019/20 bushfires, there are some trails in the Fox Creek Bike Park network that are still closed for repairs and some trails have disappeared altogether.

The 2022 Dirty Weekend will see an evolution of previous Dirty Weekend tracks, with a few new tweaks, twists and turns to mix things up a bit, thanks to our track gurus and the Fox Creek Bike Park project team. A track length will be approximately 9km (6km for the Youth track), starting and finishing at Lap Recording. It contains some challenging sections with descents and climbs, but also sections you can take a breather and keep the legs rolling. Of course, it contains your favourite bits in and around the Dirty Weekend Village and through the camping areas, plus fresh challenges to keep old hands guessing and newcomers on the edge of their saddles. The course is perfect for spectators, with many locations to relax & watch the world ride by.

The track combines single track and access roads, plus alternate lines around technical sections. There will be plenty of climbs and descents as well as level sections to maintain your rhythm. Regular highlights include Easyrider, The Outcrops, Greencore and Dynamic Tension plus a return to Immaculate Compaction and Point of Knoll Return, both of which were subject to a full refurbishment prior to the 2021 event. All this and more, not to mention the fabulous Forest Fairies' Disco.

The course caters for a range of rider abilities. It does not require an expert level of skill to ride and is unlikely to be technically challenging for experienced riders. Where obstacles may challenge intermediate riders, alternate lines are provided, so that obstacles can be avoided. A time advantage will be the reward for taking the more challenging route, as alternate lines take longer to complete.

Whilst the Youth track is still part of the main Dirty Weekend course it is shortened via a detour at the end of "On the Munny" to return to Timing and Transition.

A CHECK POINT is set up alongside a remote part of the track. Here you will ride through an electronic checkpoint so we know you've been to the far reaches of the track and haven't cut corners. The CHECK POINT serves another purpose. Volunteers will be manning this important outpost and they are there around the clock, helping keep an eye on riders' progress and ensuring everyone is safe and sound. This risk management is an important part of Bike SA's strategy to ensure the best care of riders throughout the event.

Note that from 8am Sunday a fresh group of riders will join the trail, including some less experienced Youth Team riders. They are either 12 Hour teamsters plugging into part two of the challenge, or Roof Rack City 6 Hour riders who've spent the night asleep in bed, so they'll be fresh and fast! The morning also sees the track getting busier with more riders sharing the space, and the tension increases as everyone begins to focus on the finish. While each rider will be briefed, extra care should be taken when sharing the trails with the Roof Rack City 6 Hour mob.

You can ride practice laps up until 1pm Saturday 30 April. **PLEASE NOTE** that during practice time the trails, although open, will be crossing access roads that will NOT be closed to traffic until race time. Please take care when riding practice laps and be aware of other traffic.

In the event of extreme weather or exceptionally wet conditions the course may be altered to comply with the IMBA Code of Practice, regarding sustainable trails.