



RIDER INFORMATION PACK

MAY 2023

Thank you for booking into the 2023 Pineapple Express.

The event is sold out, the weather is looking good and the trails are mint.

This document contains lots of information to help you enjoy and make the most of the event.

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

THE EVENT

Ride lap after lap with uplift shuttles for two days – the express.

In typical Blue Dirt style you do not have to be the fastest to win the pineapples. This year each winner receives \$3,600 cash plus a Blue Dirt Season Pass (valued at \$990). Total prize value \$4,590 per winner – the Pineapples.

Prizes go to each person who finishes on a 25th percentile of the total number of people who complete all four timed segments. Or for those who don't watch Big Bang Theory – we will divide the field into sections based on quarters of the field. For example from a field of 500 riders 1st, 125th, 250th & 375th position getters are the winners.

YOU MUST BE AT THE WINNERS PRESENTATION 2:30PM SUNDAY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.

Timed segments are held on a mixture of Blue / Black / Double Black gravity trails. There will be a blue alternate route for each black / double black trail & segment. This blue alternate route will take you longer however remember it's not a race so don't stress.

If you take a blue alternate route, please make sure you cross the timing mat at the start of the stage before taking the alternate route, then cross the finish mat at the end to record that segment.

See timed segment maps and alternate routes on the last pages of this document. All start / finish gates will be clearly signed and have green / red flags.

You must complete at least one timed passing of each segment to qualify for the prize pool.

Planned Earthworks

Significant & important earthmoving works and machinery are scheduled to be operating in the top section of the Bike Park. As a result all shuttles will be dropping riders at Hero Trailhead. World Cup & Elevation will be accessed from Hero Trailhead (note: top sections of World Cup & Elevation are scheduled to be closed above Hero Trailhead).

Mystic Park Membership

All participants must have a Mystic Park Membership to access Mystic MTB Park for this event. There are multiple options available from day passes through to annual memberships. Please have a look at your options at the following website: <https://www.mysticpark.org.au/membership>

All proceeds from the membership go to the park manager, Alpine Community Plantations, for all the reasons outlined on their website: www.alpinecommunityplantations.com.au

Each rider must present their membership in order to collect their "Timing Plate". Your membership must cover you for each day of the event.

Riders can purchase park memberships on the day, signs with QR codes will be present.

Rider Check In

Every rider must check in to receive their **timing plate**.

This is to be fixed to your handlebars using the cable ties provided. And doubles as your shuttle pass for the two days.

There is no need to return your timing chip or plate.

Times are not published during the event. Please do not ask for your times. They will be posted to the internet as soon as practicable after the event.

YOU CAN CHECK if you have completed a stage. Please, politely ask the crew at Alpine Timing, located in the event village to confirm if you have completed a particular stage. They will not advise your times, but will confirm if you have completed the stage or not.

Rider Check-in times as follows:

Friday 19 May:

12pm - 5pm @ The Pineapple Shop in the event village

Saturday 20 May:

9am - 12pm @ The Big Tent. Giant, huge tent in the middle of the event village.

12pm - 4pm @ The Pineapple Shop in the event village

Sunday 21 May:

9am - 2pm @ The Pineapple Shop in the event village

Full Event Program

The live, up to date program is detailed on the event website: <https://bluedirt.com.au/pineapple-express/>

Please check out the social aspects of the calendar; including Welcome to Bright at Empire Bright on Friday night; Pineapple Party at Bright Brewery on Saturday night; flowing to the After After Party normally until Sunday morning at Don Mungo's. There's a whole bunch of information on the event webpage - please check it out.

Guest DJ @ Down DJ

Sunday 20 May 11am to 1.30pm: what else to shake away the cobwebs, but a DJ at the start of Down DJ. Check it out, take in the beats.

Whip-Off Challenge

Qualifier: Friday 19 May @ 3pm.

Anyone who wants to compete in the Whip Off Jumps Contest on Saturday MUST compete in this Qualifier.

All people wishing to participate in the Qualifier must be at the wooden bridge on Shred Kelly's Last Stand (shown as The Gallows on the trail map at the end of this document; Ref G4) with **THEIR RACE PLATE ON THEIR BIKE AND BY 3PM.**

Please allow enough time to register at the Event Village and get yourself across to the Whip Off site.

NO LATE ARRIVALS ACCEPTED!

Top 10 riders make it through to the final (Saturday at 3pm). Qualifiers will be announced live on-site at the Whip-Off qualifier.

Shuttles are not included. The Whip Off area is a short ride from the Pineapple Village.

Blue Dirt reserve the right to invite riders to the Whip Off final on Saturday.

Final: Saturday 20 May at 3pm.

All entrants must be at the wooden bridge on Shred Kelly's Last Stand (shown as The Gallows on the trail map at the end of this document) with **THEIR RACE PLATE ON THEIR BIKE AND BY 3PM.**

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The final will consist of multiple jumps per rider. Best Whip Off overall in the final wins.

Trail Closure: the last section of Shred Kelly's Last Stand will be closed from above the wooden bridge. Riders will be directed down Gorilla Warfare which will place you right at the jumps area. DO NOT be that person and ride through the bunting.

Other Fun Stuff

There will be prizes for:

- Best fancy dressed rider
- The ultimate bike bling
- Best party shirt on Saturday night
- The best pineapple tattoo wins \$200 cash
- Funniest photo hashtag #pineappleexpress23

Pineapple Village

WHERE: Mystic Bike Park Trail Head (on Coronation Ave opposite White Star Rd).

WHEN: open from 12pm Friday and from 9am Saturday & Sunday.

Whats's there:

Hot food vendors

Coffee Hut

Bright Brewery Bar

Cyclepath Bike Store for all your mechanical needs.

Plus the following bike related legends:

SRAM

Rocky Mountain

KRUSH

Reckless

Norco

Fantic

Frey Bike

Oakley

229 Design

Capped Out

Trinity Bikes

Single Trail Racks

Pineapple Express Tee Shirts

Event tees can be purchased from the Pineapple Shop for \$50 each. Limited number available. First in best dressed.

Pineapple Shop

Blue Dirt's pop-up store. Selling body armour, goggles, gloves, merchandise and limited edition Pineapple Express Tee Shirts

Bike Parking

The Pineapple Village will have a designated bike parking area on your right as you enter the village. Please park your bikes here and do not leave lying on the ground in the central village area as they cause a trip hazard. Thank you.

Car Parking

Please see map on next page for designated event car parking.

Please DO NOT bring your car into the shuttle pick up area (which is normally the trailhead car park); and please DO NOT bring your car into the grass area near the shuttle line and event village.

FIRST AID

St John Ambulance will be providing two first aid units for Pineapple Express.

They will have a first aid tent in the village (see map next page); plus will be mobile throughout the bike park.

If you need to get in contact with the First Aid crew during the event please call:

0434 163 509

If the incident is life threatening please call “000” and then call the above also.

IF A TRAIL IS CLOSED - PLEASE RESPECT ALL SIGNS AND STAFF.

Eating Out

With the Pineapple crowd (think 1,000 hungry and thirsty crew) roaming the streets we recommend booking your dinner venue in advance.

Final Message

Let's keep it rubber side down. See you there.



TIMED SEGMENTS MAP

Segment #1: Lower Hero

Segment #2: Curtain

Segment #3: World Cup Jumps Line

Segment #4: Mystic DH - Nationals



Segment #1: Lower Hero

Trail Rating: Blue

Getting there:

Direct Route from Shuttle Drop: via Hero Trail (Blue)

Alternate Routes from Hero Shuttle Drop:

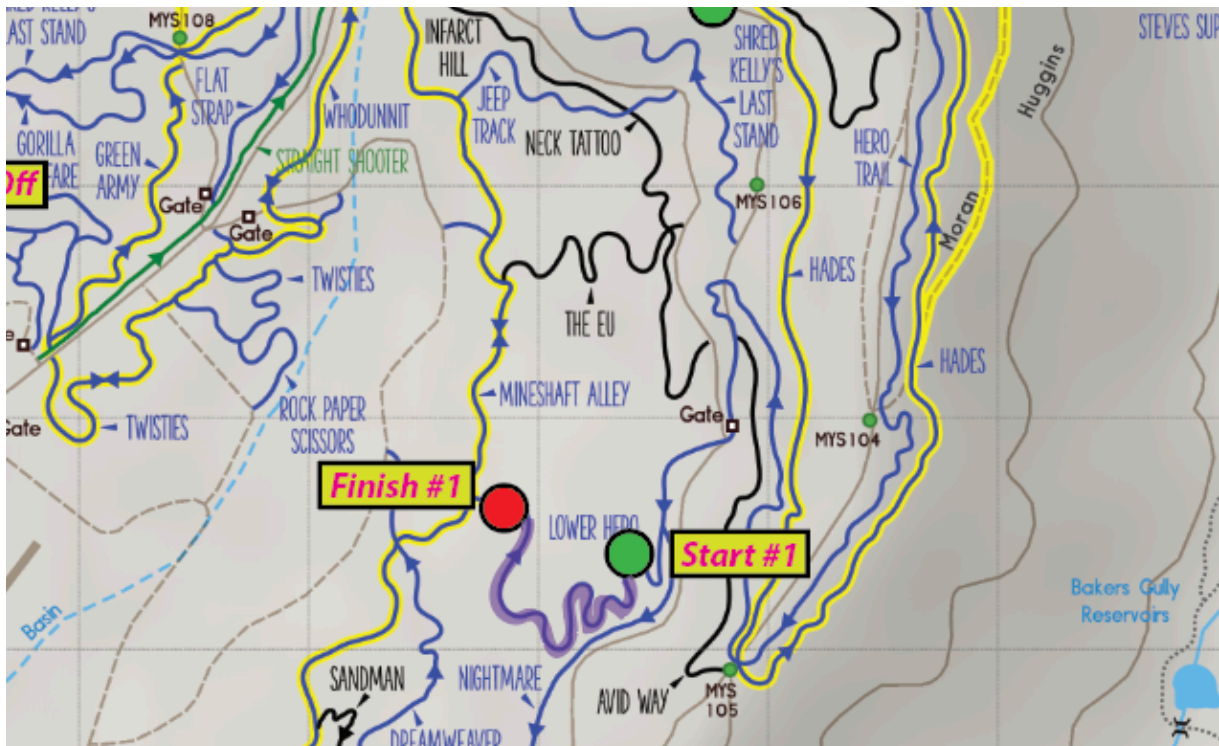
- Elevation, then turn left along Hazeldine Connector Trail
- World Cup, then turn left along Hazeldine Connector Trail

Timed Options:

1. Lower Hero (Blue)

Follow signs out to Shred Kelly's Last Stand and to shuttles.

REMEMBER: you only have to ride each stage once to qualify for prize; and due to the nature of the prize draw your speed doesn't matter.



IMPORTANT:

If waiting to ride this segment please **DO NOT** wait in the middle of the shuttle road. There is a large area between the road gate and the shuttle road to hold a lot of riders. There will also be a bunted queue for riders to start from so that you don't "boot" it across the road to the start gate.

Segment #2: Curtain

Trail Rating: Black

Getting there:

Direct Route from Shuttle Drop: Elevation (Black)

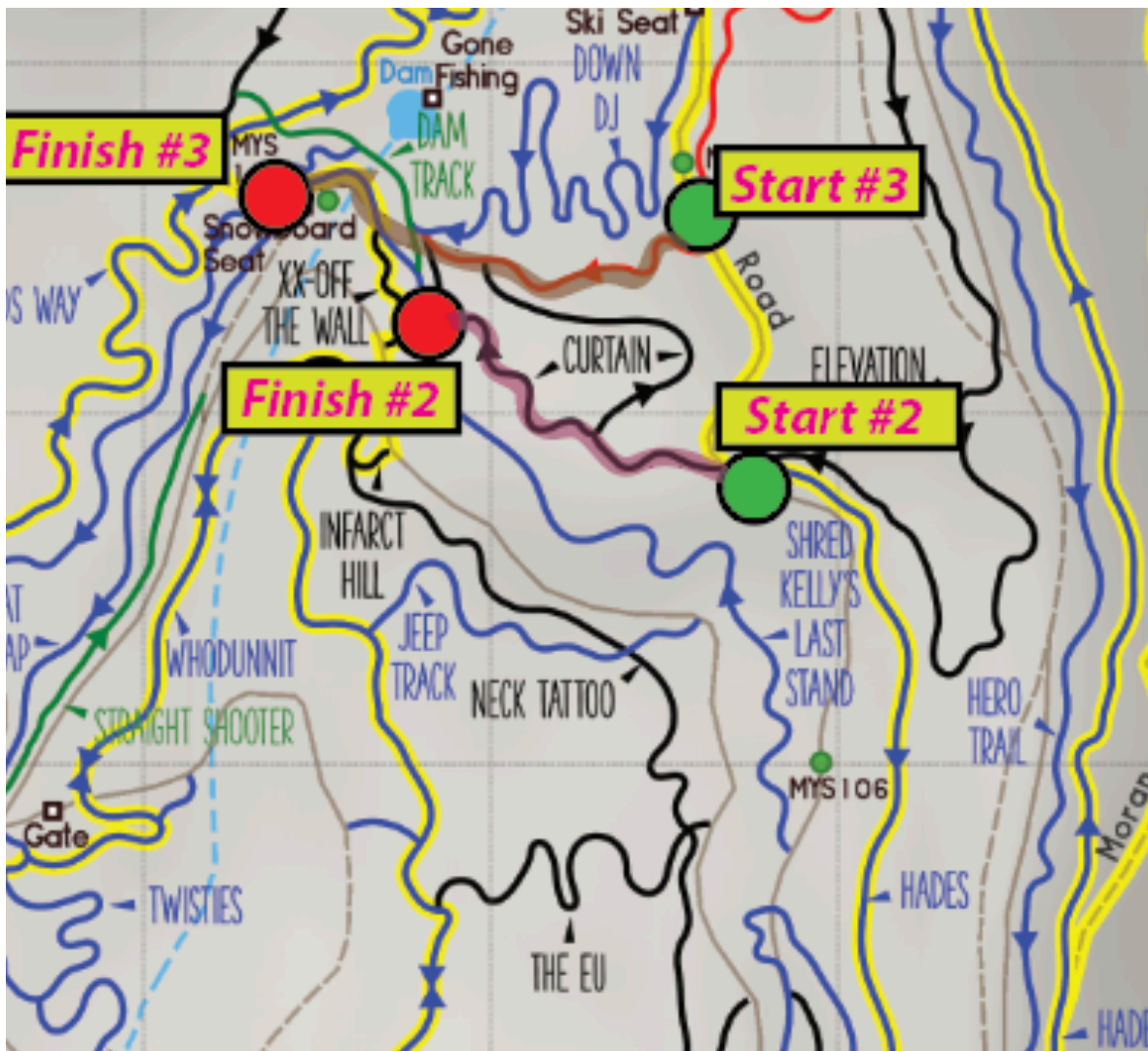
Alternate Routes from Hero Shuttle Drop:

- Hero Trail, then turn right along Hazeldine Connector Trail (ride past Shred Kelly's)
- World Cup, then turn left along Hazeldine Connector Trail

Timed Options:

1. Curtain (Black)
- OR
2. Shred Kelly's Last Stand (Blue)

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Segment #3: World Cup Jumps Line

Trail Rating: Double Black

Getting there:

Direct Route from Shuttle Drop: World Cup (Double Black)

Alternate Routes from Hero Shuttle Drop:

- Hero Trail, then turn right along Hazeldine Connector Trail (ride past Shred Kelly's)
- Elevation, then turn right along Hazeldine Connector Trail

Timed Options:

1. World Cup Jumps Line (Double Black)
- OR
2. Down DJ (Blue)
- OR
3. Corkscrew (Black)

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Segment #4: Mystic Downhill - Nationals Line

Trail Rating: Double Black

Getting there:

Routes from Shuttle Drop:

- World Cup (Double Black) > Hazeldine Connector Trail > Boogaloo (Double Black)
- Elevation (Black) > Curtain (Black) > Shred Kelly's (Blue) > Robinsons Connector Trail (Green)
- Hero Trail (Blue) > Shred Kelly's (Blue) > Robinsons Connector Trail (Green)
- Hero Trail (Blue) > Lower Hero (Blue) > Robinsons Connector Trail (Green)

There's quite a lot of other ways to get to this stage, all super cool and take approximately the same time. Explore!

Timed Options:

1. Mystic DH Nationals Line (Double Black)
- OR
2. Buddha Hood (Black)
- OR
3. Tombstone Extension (Blue)
- OR
4. Shred Kelly's (Blue)

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