

COURSE DESCRIPTION – Flinders Tour

The 50km and other events start on the Cemetery Rd (gravel) just to the east of the school.

50km – The runners take a track around the back of the service station and this meets the gravel road that leads to the car park at the commencement of the concrete path that takes you to the top of Mt Beerburrum. Entrants turn right onto this road and make their way to the top of Mt Beerburrum and return. On the right after returning is a track that runs parallel to Beerburrum-Woodford Rd and this will lead you to Caves Rd (**Checkpoint3a**) after about 3km.

Cross the bitumen B-W Rd (watch for traffic) onto a forestry road and follow for around a kilometre before taking a right turn onto another forestry road that eventually takes you to a T junction with Old Gympie Rd (gravel, powerlines here). Turn left onto this road and follow to the top of the next rise where you will see a gate on the right (the old Checkpoint 3). Go through this gate into natural bushland surrounding Tunbubudla (Twins). Be careful along here because there is a sharp turn left off this track after about 700m which will take you to another gate onto McConnells Rd (gravel). Turn right and follow taking two other right turns which keeps the natural bushland on your right and forest plantations on your left. Eventually there is a left turn onto a forestry road with plantation on both sides and this leads you to **Checkpoint 4** where you cross B-W Rd.

After leaving this checkpoint you go about a kilometre uphill on a forestry road before turning left and down a hill. You will see another gate on your right at the bottom of the hill. Pass through the gate and proceed up a fairly steep track to a T junction. Turn right and follow this undulating track (part of the Goat Track) for about a kilometre or so and take a right turn down a track to pass through another gate into plantation forests. Turn left through the gate and follow marked forestry roads to **Checkpoint 4a** where you cross Old Gympie Rd (bitumen here so watch for traffic).

Follow the forestry roads and tracks for about 2.5km and you will get to a T junction with Caves Rd. This is **Checkpoint 1a**. You will turn left here and follow Caves Rd for about 400m before there is a sharp right turn onto a track. This track will go past some beehives then the track splits. Go straight ahead, do not go to the left. This track will lead you around the edge of a macadamia nut farm for a short distance and then around the boundary of another property. Take care there are some rocky sections in here (Hamburger Hill) which can be slippery when wet and there are loose stones. Eventually you turn right away from the property after coming down a steep rocky section. And this track leads you to Cemetery Rd and back to where you started. Turn left and come down through the bottom gate in the school fence. You now have to do this same loop in reverse but you do not need to go to the top of Mt Beerburrum this time. You may encounter some runners in the 24km going in the opposite direction as you finish this first clockwise loop as they do the same loop in an anticlockwise direction and you will be joining them.

10km- You start on Cemetery Rd and follow past the Cemetery (about 500m) onto a track that takes you to a private property. You turn left up a rocky slope just before you reach the property (watch for loose stones and slippery conditions if wet). Keep to the boundary of this property for a kilometre or so before taking a sharp left turn (again watch for loose stone and slippery conditions (if wet) here. You then follow a track that takes you around the boundary of a macadamia farm before you eventually come out on Caves Rd (gravel) and turn left. After about 400m you will be at **Checkpoint 1a**. 10 km entrants will be directed straight through here but 24km and 50km (on second loop) will turn right.

Just less than a kilometre past 1a there is a sharp turn left onto a track that run parallel to Caves Rd and takes you to **Checkpoint 3a**. Follow the marked track from here, cross the gravel road going up to Mt Beerburum car park and follow behind the service station and back to Cemetery Rd where you started. Finish through the bottom gate in the school fence.