



AURA BOGONG TO HOTHAM TRAIL RUN

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Next Event: Sunday 7 January, 2007

Hi Everyone,

Entries

It's only 9 weeks to go until the next Bogong to Hotham run, and we've received more than a dozen entries, which is well ahead of the same time last year. Of interest is the fact that the majority of these are from people who have not participated in Bogong to Hotham before. So it's clear that interest in this event is growing in the broader running community.

Remember we have a limit of 60 people across all distances. **It would be prudent to get your entries in soon if you intend to do the run this time.** Entries close on 22 December or when we reach our limit, whichever occurs first.

An entry form is in the Race Pack which you can download from the website www.bogong.ultraoz.com.

You should post your entry to me (Mike Grayling) as indicated on the form. However, as I will be overseas for most of the next month, to ensure that your interest is promptly recorded, you can also email John Lindsay with brief details on JLINDSA1@BIGPOND.NET.AU.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed both on the day of the run to assist at the various check points, and also to help in putting out water and course marking a couple of days beforehand.

Greg Sargeant is the volunteer coordinator. If you are not running the event and can assist, or know anyone else who can, can you please contact Greg. **Greg's new phone number is (02) 6026-8948.**

Course Description Change

We've changed the wording in the Course Notes in the Race Pack, to avoid confusion at the Ropers Hut site. The course notes now read "At the top of the climb is the site of Roper's Hut which was destroyed by fire in 2003. Veer left and pick up the 4WD track, and follow the poles past Mt. Nelse and Hollands Knob to Big River Fire Track/Marum Point Track intersection at pole 740." The Race Pack has been amended and can be downloaded from www.bogong.ultraoz.com.

Mandatory Gear

Just a reminder to everyone to check the list of mandatory gear required for this run as set out in the Race Pack.

Please make sure that you have used the pack and contents in training – race day is not the time to experiment. When choosing a pack, make sure that it can carry adequate water. As indicated in the Conditions of Entry, other than Langford Gap, Omeo Rd and Mt Hotham, aid stations are subject to volunteer availability, so it's best to carry some extra water.

Transport Melbourne to Start

We've been contacted by Josh Schouten from WA who would like to run the event, and needs assistance with transport from Melbourne to Mt Beauty and back. If you can assist, can you please phone Josh on 0400117108, or email him at josh_schouten@hotmail.com.

Saturday Briefing and Registration

An informal get together will be held between 5 and 8 pm on Saturday 6 January at the Bogong Hotel, Cnr. Kiewa Valley Hwy and Mountain Creek Road, Tawonga. You can purchase dinner and drinks at the hotel if you wish.

Formalities will include:

- Race number pick up
- Gear check – please bring your pack
- Race briefing – important for first timers

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