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2021 Avon Descent

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7.30 SUNDAY - THURSDAY

FROM JULY 18

2 Avon Descent 2021

WELCOME

The Avon Descent race will take you on an exciting two day trial, over 124 gruelling kilometres. The race offers competitors conditions ranging from long stretches of flat water that can test the endurance of the fittest athletes, rapids, thick ti trees, rocky drops to all the other challenges of a changing, wild river environment.

The Avon Descent travels through some of Western Australia's most picturesque country, and as you descend, you'll pass through the farming regions of historic Northam and Toodyay, forested national parks, steep gorges, the Swan Valley vineyard region and eventually, into the tidal waters of the upper Swan River. Competitors challenge the Avon and Swan Rivers in a variety of power dinghies and paddle craft including single and double kayaks and surf skis and other sundry craft. Relay teams of two and four can also compete. Competitors are supported by family and friends as support crews and thousands of spectators line the banks to cheer them on.

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OUR TEAM

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Commentating	Rob Goyen, Dave Boldy, Tony Maxfield, Neil Long

AVON DESCENT LEGENDS

In 2012, the 40th Anniversary of the Avon Descent, the NADA Board sanctioned the creation of a special recognition for individuals to be known as the Avon Descent Legends.

- Rex Adams
- John King
- Jim Smith
- Kim Epton
- Darryl Long
- Ian Williamson
- Greg Kaeding
- Neil Long
- Jay Branson
- Kevin Harrison
- Terry Bolland

FREEMEN OF THE AVON DESCENT

A nominee for 'Freeman of NADA' must have 10 years exceptional service to the Association at a suitably high level.

- Rex Adams
- Graeme Birkett
- Gerry Post
- Tully Telenta
- David Bray (deceased)
- Kevin Harrison
- Bob Quin
- Kim Epton
- Sheila Bray
- Jim Paine (deceased)
- Jim Smith (deceased)
- Michael Orr

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OTHER PARTNERS

OUR SPORTING PARTNERS

Northam's Avon Descent Association would like to recognise these key sporting partners who we work with to deliver our events.



Paddle WA Wildwater
Paddle WA Marathon
Paddle WA Sprint

Power Dinghy Racing Club

Dragonboat WA

OUR COMMUNITY & CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

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Ascot Kayak Club
Bullsbrook Vol. Bush Fire Brigade
Champion Lakes Boating Club
Cockburn 4WD Club
Dragonboat WA
Gingin/Chittering Lions Club
Northam SES
Paddle WA
Power Dinghy Racing Club
Toodyay Football Club
West Giddegannup Fire Brigade

Bells Rapids Parking
Rail Safety
Checkpoints and Scrutineering
Parking into Walyunga National Park
Champion Lakes Management
Promotional Signage & Logistics
Dragonboat race & come and try
Duidgee Park Parking
Traffic, Northam Marshalling
Seeding races
Power Boat Scrutineering/Time Trials
Extracts Weir
Cobbler Pool Management, Parking



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MESSAGES 2021

GREG KAEDING, Chairperson,
Northam's Avon Descent Association (Inc)

It gives me much pleasure in welcoming everyone to this year's 2021 Avon Descent from Northam to Bayswater. This iconic multisport community adventure event, pitting paddle and power against the river, is now in its 48th year.

Whilst COVID precluded the conduct of last year's event, it is notable that entries for this year's event are on the rise with many keen to take advantage of what has been a wetter than usual season and exciting new lead-in events.

The Avon Descent has moved from its traditional weekend to the 3rd weekend in August, acknowledging the late onset of traditional winter rains over the last 10 years.

Over the last 3 events the Avon Descent has not only provided the traditional 124 kilometre white-water marathon event opportunity for paddlers and power-craft, but has also introduced a range of other craft, distances and team relay opportunities for traditional competitors and adventure racers alike, whether one day challenge event, a team relay, or a short course, what attracts competitors and spectators alike is the hype and the atmosphere unique to the Avon Descent.

The combination of the Avon Descent race competition and the family festival fun days run by our local government event partners are a welcome distraction from Perth's winter blues!

The Avon Descent is also about our hundreds of Act Belong Commit Volunteers and our Act Belong Commit Avon Descent Support Unit, whether it be Board members, rescue and recovery personnel or our parking coordinators, all are committed and dedicated to delivering a first class event experience.

This year we welcome a new partner in City of Armadale as the Avon Descent moves from becoming a weekend only event to a month-long opportunity for participation in qualifying events, demonstration events, a new Armadale community festival and introducing new and exciting event participation categories.

The Avon Descent will bring much pleasure to the tens of thousands of spectators and local communities sharing the spectacle of racing against the elements through the backdrop of the beautiful National Parks, waterways and vistas of the Avon and Swan Valleys.

As we move towards the 50th anniversary event in 2022, it is important to recognise the support of all our local government partners acknowledged in this handbook, the Department of Tourism, Healthway, the East Metropolitan Regional Council, our media partner in Channel 10 and our founding member organisations in Paddle WA and the Power Dinghy Racing Club.

An event of this magnitude cannot happen without your support. On behalf of the NADA Board, I sincerely thank them for their ongoing commitment and for those of you watching this year, please go to our website and maybe next year in 2022 'we will see you on the water!'



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA, MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND HON ALANNAH MACTIERMAN MLC, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**The Avon Descent
13-15 August 2021**



The McGowan Government is a proud sponsor of The Avon Descent through its Regional Events Scheme.

The scheme was established to support smaller and emerging events in regional Western Australia to boost tourism, increase community vibrancy and participation, and develop regional areas.

It also plays an important role in positioning Western Australia as an exciting destination to visit and a great place to live by showcasing and promoting the host region's unique and diverse attractions.

Sixty-two regional events across WA have been funded through the 2021-22 Regional Events Scheme, which includes the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, with a funding pool of \$150,000 exclusively allocated to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

We are pleased to support these events, which will help to stimulate regional economies and communities that have been set back as a result of COVID-19.

Tourism is a key part of the Government's plan to energise the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia.

Events play an important role in this plan, with the Government sponsoring a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across the State, through Tourism Western Australia, to attract visitors, encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and do more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys this event and takes the time to explore the Wheatbelt region.

**HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR TOURISM**

**HON ALANNAH MACTIERMAN MLC
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

ROSALIE EVANS, Executive Officer, Paddle WA

The rains that have fallen over the last couple of months were very welcome for past and novice paddlers of the iconic Avon Descent 2021; this is the fun time of preparing for the Avon Descent, going up to the valley doing ti-tree and valley runs with your mates.

Having done the Avon Descent 13 times, to say that I am passionate about the Event would be an understatement, and I am so excited that you are involved in this fantastic Event – whether as a competitor, as support crew or as a volunteer, this will be a wonderful experience for you.

The camaraderie you find on the river over the two days is incredible; everyone understands what you are going through; whether you are an Olympian or a weekend warrior, you are all in it together. So remember to encourage and show respect to all other competitors paddle and power alike.

Also, remember that the Avon Descent is not the only paddle event on the paddling calendar. There are paddle events on nearly every weekend of the year, either through our eleven clubs or our own four Paddle WA events and our fantastic Paddle WA disciplines.

So for more information, go to www.paddlewa.asn.au for more information about who we are what we do.

Stay safe, have fun and see you all at the finish line in Bayswater.



REGISTER NOW FOR

REGATTA 1

CHAMPION LAKES,
1 AUGUST 2021

- SINGLE CRAFT ONLY 200M, 500M, 1000M AND 4KM
- SEPARATE DIVISIONS FOR SURF SKI, KAYAK AND GUPPY CRAFT
- \$250 CASH LUCKY DRAW PRIZE

THE REGATTA COINCIDES WITH AVON DESCENT SCRUTINEERING DAY WITH LOADS OF FUN CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME. THERE WILL BE FOOD TRUCKS, VENDOR STALLS AND ACTIVITIES LIKE ROCK CLIMBING, SURF BOAT RACINGS ETC SO SHOULD BE A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=247458>

ENTRIES CLOSE MIDNIGHT SATURDAY 24 JULY
REGISTER VIA WEBSCORER

POWER DINGHY RACING CLUB (PDRC)

The PDRC (Power Dinghy Racing Club) was formed in 1976 by Avon Descent competitors who wanted more racing than one weekend a year. The club's race calendar has twelve races each year. River racing is confined to winter months from June to October where four races are held on the Blackwood River in the South West.

The Avon Descent is our main event for the year the Nannup Cup and Sunnyside River Race. Summer months are taken up with races in front of our clubrooms on the Swan River. With competing members aged between 10 and 70, including a ladies' class, the whole family can be involved. Safety is paramount in this sport and is strictly controlled. .

New members are assisted in sourcing boats, motors, race gear to get them on the water. Advice on setting up race craft and tactics are gladly given. Expeditions on rivers in Eastern States and the north of WA take place each year. River Racing is the mainstay of the PDRC which takes us to areas of Australia few are able to see and enjoy. We have an active social calendar with excellent club facilities at the Burswood Clubrooms - 1 Camfield Drive, Burswood. (In front of the Burswood Casino).

To get started visit
www.dinghyracing.com.au

Burswood Water Sports Centre

WA Recreational Water Sports
Association Incorporated



Northam's Avon Descent Association would like to extend a big thank you to WARWSA for the generous contribution of their facilities in the this year's Avon Descent.

WARWSA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The Boating Industry Association of WA Inc.

The Power Dinghy Racing Club Inc.

The West Australian Speed Boat Club Inc.

The West Australian Water Ski Association Inc.

The West Australian Marathon Club Inc.

www.warwsa.com.au

STICKERS & RACE NUMBERS

STICKERS AND IDENTIFICATION

The following stickers will be supplied with your competitor pack and must be placed on the craft in accordance with the Rules. Sponsors stickers from previous Avon Descents must be removed prior to the commencement of this year's event.

RACE ID NUMBERS

PADDLE CRAFT: Your official CRAFT Race ID Number sticker will be given to you with your race pack. Your HELMET Race Id Number Sticker will be given to you at Friday registration along with your blue Chip UHF Timing tag.

POWER CRAFT: Your official HELMET Race ID Number sticker and blue Chip UHF timing tag will be given to you with your race pack on collection day. These are to be applied prior to scrutineering and used for time trials. These will also be used for the event weekend, so please take care of these once applied in the lead up to the event.

RACE ID STICKERS AND TIMING DEVICES

HELMET STICKERS: Competitors must have their helmets clear for both the timing chips and race ID number- please ensure any old numbers are removed. Any competitors with a carbon helmet must apply a foam spacer between the helmet and the timing chip. Please see the bluechip timing team at registration if you need the spacer.

TIMING CHIP STICKERS: The timing device is a sticker which is Ultra High Frequency. There are two stickers for individual competitors, teams of two and teams of four. Double or triple paddle teams and power craft teams will receive 1X set of timing device stickers which must be worn by the front paddler or power craft driver. Stickers must be placed one on each side of the helmet so be sure to bring all helmets to registration.

RACE ID NUMBER: The sticker is to be applied over the top of the timing chip on the helmet. The timing chip must be applied straight and without folding, crinkling or bending. It must also not be stuck over any screws or metal plates on the outside of the helmet. Timing stickers must remain on the helmet for the duration of the event.

SUPPORT CREW STICKERS AND PASSES

Support Crew Sticker: Display on front windscreen clearly visible to officials.

Support Crew Passes provide access to parking areas along the river including the Bells Rapids and Cobbler Pool. Parking, bus and entry will be at a cost of \$10.00 per vehicle per location. NOTE: Those vehicles displaying a Support Crew pass carrying more than 2 adults may be charged for parking. Parking for National parks such as Walyunga are not under the control of NADA and must be paid separately.

Valley Sticker (Relay Teams only): Display adjacent to Support Crew sticker on front windscreen **No sticker = NO ENTRY to Valley Rd or Changeover 1 on Day 2** Wristbands MUST be worn at all times around the campsite.

**** Standard campsite entry can be purchased at the gate or online via the myAvon Store for \$25pp (under 12yrs admitted free). See page 26 for more information.**

Please note: no passes will be re-allocated under any circumstances - please ensure you do not misplace any of these items.

SCRUTINEERING

PADDLE: Sunday 1st August - Champion Lakes Regatta Centre from 9:00am onwards

Powercraft see PDRC arrangements for more information

Pre-Race scrutineering is compulsory for all entries within 200 kilometres of the Perth GPO. The Scrutineer is a 'judge of fact' and a protest may not be made against their decision. All craft, Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) and helmets will be checked for compliance with the specifications.

Late scrutineering is subject to approval of NADA. Interstate/overseas and entrants living outside of 200 kilometres of the Perth GPO are not exempt from the above requirements – late scrutineering arrangements must be made.

COMPULSORY COMPETITOR SAFETY BRIEFING: A representative from each entry must attend the compulsory safety briefing at scrutineering. Each competitor must sign for their attendance.

POWER CRAFT: Department of Transport officials will check every Power Craft. They have informed us that this year they will be VERY strict on craft registrations. Be very sure you have the CORRECT rego sticker on the port, rear side of your craft. DO NOT have a sticker that relates to another boat you may have. Your craft should have a HIN number, be sure it is shown correctly. Our Volunteers will help you to put stickers on the correct spot at the scrutineering, DOT have been lenient and allowed some craft to do the time trial even though some rego details have not been correct.

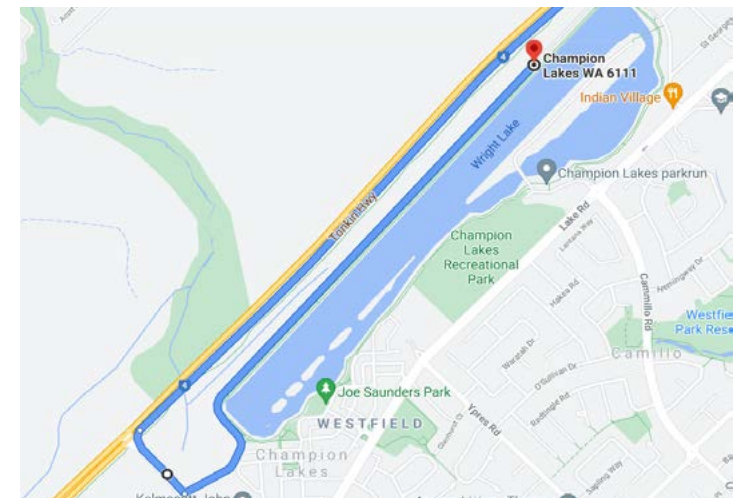
SCRUTINEERING - CHAMPION LAKES

Scrutineering for paddlers will be on 1st August at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre per 2019 arrangements.

Scrutineering is from 9:00am, racing activity from 10:00am and community activity from 11:00am. In order to race you must have prior entered those races. No entries on the day will be permitted. If doing scrutineering and racing, please arrive as early as possible.

Paddlers with boats will be able to access the island along with volunteers and officials. We ask that anyone who intends to stay around for the day and does not have a boat or is not unloading equipment park in the Spectator parking on the opposite side of the lake, accessed from Champion Drive. You will be required to sign on with the Safe WA app to access the island.

**Spectator/
Public
Parking**



**Competitor/
Scrutineering
Parking Only**



AVON DESCENT FESTIVALS & FAMILY FUN

Family fun day information has moved to the **Spectator Guide**, find a copy in your competitor pack, at your local Visitor Centre or online at www.avondescent.com.au/festivals

Sunday 1st August

Avon Descent Community Day – Armadale

11:00am – 3:00pm
Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

Friday 13th August

Northam Bilya Festival

5:00pm – 9:00pm
Bernard Park, Northam

Saturday 14th August

Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day

10:00am – 4:00pm
Duidgee Park, Toodyay

Sunday 15th August

City of Swan Avon Descent Festival

10:00am – 3:00pm
Lilac Hill park, Caversham

City of Belmont Avon Descent Family Fun Day

11:00am – 3:00pm
Garvey Park, Fauntleroy Avenue, Ascot

City of Bayswater Avon Descent Finish Line Family Fun Day

11:00am – 6:00pm
Riverside Gardens, Bayswater

Sporting & Race Activity on 1st August at Champion Lakes

Scrutineering from 9:00am

Prior to the kick off of the Avon Descent Community Day - Armadale at 11:00am, Avon Descent paddlers will undertake scrutineering on the island to have boats, lifejackets and helmets inspected ahead of the main race weekend.

Paddle Sprint Regatta from 10:30am

The first Paddle Sprint Regatta of the season will begin at 10:30am on the Competition Lake. While in a sprint racing format, Avon Descent paddlers are encouraged to participate and be a part of the day but must sign up prior to Scrutineering. No late entries will be possible on the day. A \$250 cash prize random drawn be on offer to those who hang around!

Enter here: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=247458>

Surfboat Sprint Knockout from 10:30am

A new format surfboat sprint race knockout will be held on the practice lake from 10:30am. Surf boat clubs will compete in pairs in a knockout style tournament for prize money. See the Avon Descent website to learn how to be a part of this new event or to join a club and participate in surfboat racing in WA.

Dragonboat Come and Try from 11:00am

Have you ever wondered what it's like to paddle in a dragonboat? Well now is your chance! Dragonboating WA will be running a free come and try dragonboating session from 11:00am on the practice lake with all equipment provided. There will be plenty of information explaining all about dragonboating and finding a club near you.

Also visual displays and information tents for

Power Dinghy Racing Club with information about powerboat racing and a land display of powerboats.

Act Belong Commit Avon Descent Support Unit with information about being a part of a specialist volunteer support and rescue team.

A prize presentation will be held from 1:30pm for Sprint Paddlers and Surfboat rowers from the main stage.

POWERCRAFT TIME TRIAL & PRACTICE WEEKEND

NOTE: If you are not able to comply with all regulations at scrutineering, you will not be allowed to enter the time trial.

POWERCRAFT TIME TRIAL - SATURDAY 7 AUGUST - from 10:00am

Bottom of Bells Rapids to Middle Swan Bridge - No further south.

PRACTICE DAYS

Participation in the Practice Days is the responsibility of the participant and is undertaken at your own risk.

Time on the river has been set aside for Paddle and Power Craft to practice. Paddle craft are NOT to practice during the times reserved for powercraft. **Penalties will apply.** We recommend checking out as much of the course as possible prior to practice weekend, accessing as many points as legally and safely possible.

NOTE: Only access the river from publicly accessible locations and do not enter private property without explicit permission from the landholder. Penalties may apply.

Specific points to check out are: Northam Weir, Dumbarton Bridge, Williamson Weir, Duidgee Park, Toodyay (Rubbish Tip) Rapid, Leatherhead Rapid, Syds Rapid, and Bells Rapid. Participants must avoid travel in the upstream direction during practice.

Upstream travel under Katrine Bridge is NOT permitted.

Plan Ahead – Remember it gets dark quickly in the valley so leave yourself plenty of time.

DAY ONE - SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

Paddle Craft Practice:

8:00am - 12:00 noon, Northam to West Toodyay

Power Craft Time Trial:

10:00am, Bell's Bridge to Middle Swan Bridge - No further south.

DAY TWO - SUNDAY 8 AUGUST

Powercraft Practice:

9:00am - 6:00pm, Northam Weir to Posselt's Ford

Paddle Craft Practice

8:00am - 5:00pm, Sections of the river south of Posselt's ford

Power Craft may start upstream of Northam Weir, but no further upstream than the Peel Terrace traffic bridge. Power Craft must at all times stay upstream of Posselt's Ford.

EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Friday 13th August - Dome Cafe/Farmer's Home Function Room, Northam.

Access from Peel Terrace Only. Parking at Bernard Park and entry up stairs - Avon Descent competitor parking only
12:00noon – 6:45pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm

At 6:45pm - 7:30pm registrations will temporary close in order to allow attendees to attend the Northam Bilya Festival opening ceremony and welcome to country at 7:00pm.

Someone from your team must attend Friday registration.

All helmets must be brought to registration in order for stickers and timing chips to be attached. Grid positions for Day 1 will be posted at registration.

Competitors will not be registered until their equipment has passed scrutineering and will not be permitted to start until registration is complete.

Once competitors have registered, they must then drop their craft off at the Start Marshalling Area (opposite riverbank to Registrations).

For teams this is the starting person's craft only.

The start marshalling area will be open **12:00pm – 9:00pm on Friday 13 August**

The Start Marshalling Area is near the main traffic bridge, follow the instructions of the Start Marshall. Craft not in the Start Marshalling Area by – **9:00pm on Friday 13 August** will not be permitted to start.

DAY ONE START

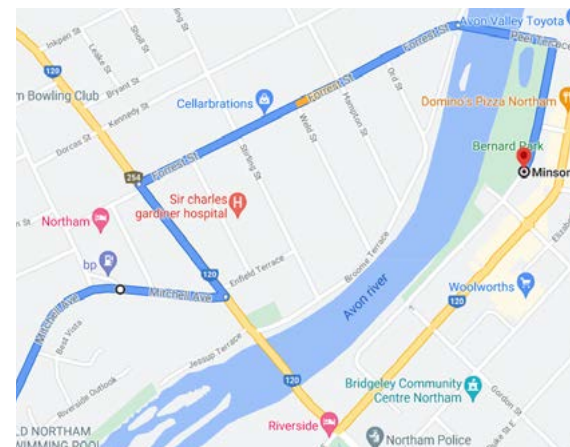
The Day 1 start is at Northam and the start order is as follows:

- Power craft start at 8:00am
- Paddle craft start at 8:30am

The Day 2 start is at Cobbler Pool Campsite, West Toodyay;

- Paddle craft start at 7:00am in order of fastest first regardless of Class (except Sundry)
- Power craft start at 12:00pm (Subject to change by the Race Director)

Start Procedures – Start procedures for paddle and power are outlined in the **event rules.**



COURSE INFO

STAGES

Day 1	Shire of Northam to Cobbler Pool	52 km
Stage 1	Shire of Northam to Katrine Bridge	17 km
Stage 2	Katrine Bridge to Toodyay	15 km
Stage 3	Toodyay to Wetherall Reserve	9 km
Stage 4	Wetherall Reserve to Boral Campsite	11 km
Overnight Stop		
DAY 2	Cobbler Pool to City of Bayswater	72 km
Stage 5	Cobbler Pool to Emu Falls	8 km
Stage 6	Emu Falls to Stronghills Farm	10 km
Stage 7	Stronghills Farm to Bells Rapid	21 km
Stage 8	Bells Rapid to Middle Swan	18 km
Stage 9	Middle Swan to Bayswater Finish	15km

WILD WATER - GRADE DIFFICULT

Grade 1	Not difficult, regular stream, regular waves, small rapids and simple obstructions
Grade 2	Moderately difficult, passage free, irregular stream, irregular waves, medium rapids, small stoppers, eddies/whirlpools and pressure areas. * Simple obstructions in stream and small drops
Grade 3	Difficult, route recognisable , high irregular waves, larger rapids, stoppers, eddies and whirlpools and pressure areas. * Isolated boulders, drops and numerous obstructions in stream.
Grade 4	Very difficult, route not always recognisable , inspection mostly necessary, heavy continuous rapids, heavy stoppers, whirlpools and pressure areas. * Boulders obstructing stream, big with undertow
Grade 5	Extremely difficult, inspection essential, extreme rapids, stoppers, whirlpools and pressure areas. *Narrow passages, steep gradients and drop with difficult access and landing
Grade 6	Limit of practicability, generally speaking impossible. *Possibly navigable at particular water levels, high risk, even experts risk life.

Notes ****Pressure areas** refer to water piling up against a rock or other obstacle. Weirs are not classified as wild water and as such are not evaluated. They are either easily navigable or (very) dangerous. WARNING - Although the more dangerous spots are marked, the river can change at any time and must be approached on the basis that it is dangerous at all times and at all points along the length.

CUT-OFF TIMES

Any craft that does not complete a Day 1 cut off time will not be permitted to start on Day 2. The following cut-off times shall apply (subject to change by the Race Director).

POWER CRAFT

DAY 1 :	POWER CRAFT CUT OFF TIMES
Northam Weir	Start + 1hr 45min
Katrine Bridge Checkpoint	Start + 3hr 45min
Toodyay Checkpoint	Start + 5hr 40min
Wetherall Reserve Checkpoint	When first paddle craft reaches checkpoint
DAY 2 :	POWER CRAFT CUT OFF TIMES
Emu Falls Checkpoint	Start + 1hr 45min
Stronghills Farm Checkpoint	Start + 2hr 30min
Syds Rapids Checkpoint	4:15pm
Bells Rapid Checkpoint	4:30pm
Upper Swan Checkpoint	4:45pm
Middle Swan Checkpoint	5:00pm

PADDLE CRAFT

DAY 1 :	PADDLE CRAFT CUT OFF TIMES
Northam Weir	Start + 1hr 45min
Katrine Bridge Checkpoint	Start + 3hr 45min
Toodyay Checkpoint	Start + 5hr 40min
Wetherall Reserve Checkpoint	Start + 6hr 30min
Ti Trees Checkpoint	4:00pm
DAY 2 :	PADDLE CRAFT CUT OFF TIMES
Emu Falls Checkpoint	11:00am
Stronghills Farm Checkpoint	12:00pm
Bells Rapid Checkpoint	1:30pm
Upper Swan Checkpoint	2:30pm
Middle Swan Checkpoint	Between 3:30 – 4:00pm (subject to DOT Marine Safety instructions and current weather conditions)

TEAMS

ENTRY

Each TEAM entry is issued with one (1) Valley Access sticker. You will only get one so don't lose it! This allows access to the Valley Road on Day 2.

Turn right when leaving the campsite (stage 5 & 6).

Sticker must be placed adjacent to your Support Crew Sticker.

No valley pass = no entry to valley road and changeover 1 on day 2.

The Valley Road is a private road. ALL vehicles must always give way to emergency and official event vehicles and obey all directions of race officials.

No stopping is permitted on the Valley Road except at designated changeover points.

UNAUTHORISED STOPPING ON THE VALLEY ROAD MAY INCUR A 10 MINUTE TIME PENALTY TO YOUR TEAM.

TEAMS CHANGEOVER

Checkered checkpoint flags indicate changeovers along the river. Where timing gates are installed, all team Paddle Craft must pass through all timing gates. Changeovers must take place after having passed through the timing gate. Teams may strategise how team members paddle each section of the river but all team members must complete at least one leg each day and only one competitor in the team may be on the water at any time.

TEAM IDENTIFICATION

If team identifiers are provided, you must wear the identifier at all times on the water.

During a changeover, the competitor exiting must hand over the identifier to the next team member prior to that competitor entering the water.

SUPPORT CREW

CHECKPOINTS (Team Changeover)

Please read the important information which follows regarding the checkpoints and information board locations.

- Ti Trees and Walyunga are now safety checkpoints although there is information available at Ti Trees only
- Upper Swan Checkpoint has been reinstated and support crew information is available.
- Cut-Off time at Middle Swan Bridge is 4:00pm for Paddle Craft - 5:00pm for Power Craft.

Checkpoint	Location	Teams Changeover
Day 1		
1	Katrine Bridge	Yes #1
2	Newcastle Bridge (Duidgee Park)	Yes #2
Safety	West Toodyay Bridge	No
3	Wetherall Reserve Checkpoint	Yes #3
Safety	Ti Trees	No
4	Cobbler Pool	Yes
Day 2		
5	Emu Falls	No
6	Stronghill Farm	Yes #1
7	Bells Rapids	Yes #2
Safety	Walyunga National Park	No
8	Upper Swan	No
9	Middle Swan Bridge	Yes #3
10	Bayswater Riverside Gardens	Yes

If support crews decide to enter Walyunga National Park, parking fees may be payable

CHECKPOINTS

- Checkpoints will be identified by a large checkered flag with the word 'checkpoint' in green.
- Competitors passing Checkpoints should call out their Race Identification Number to ensure they are accurately recorded. Responsibility rests with competitors.
- Competitors must follow the directions of Checkpoint Officials.
- Penalties apply to those who disobey or ignore directions of Checkpoint Officials.

See Event Rules.

SELECTING YOUR STOPS

Your stops depend on your goals! Liaise with other paddlers to combine all the support resources. If you're a more experienced competitor you will probably choose fewer stops than a novice. However when anyone stops, it will be brief and you will want a quick refill of water and food ready to eat i.e. Bananas already peeled!

If you're a novice, you might opt for more support stops, and you might sail by with a cheery wave to the support crew (who will have spent hours fighting with the traffic and the mud to be in the right spot!) On the other hand when a novice does stop they may need psychological support as much as food and drink.

Make sure your support crew are familiar with a map of the area and the actual roads themselves. Remember to allow plenty of time for your support crew to get to their stops during the race as traffic can be tedious! We strongly recommend two cars leap-frogging positions as the best way to cover all eventualities. Plan equipment to be carried to the water's edge... a spare paddle is useless back in the car park!

ALL SUPPORT CREW MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHEN ENTERING THE WATER OTHERWISE THEIR TEAM/COMPETITOR RISKS PENALTY OR DISQUALIFICATION

ENSURE ALL YOUR SUPPORT STICKERS AND NATIONAL PARK PASSES ARE IN ORDER.

- All Competitors - Support Crew Sticker on front windscreen of support vehicle.
- Teams Competitors Only – Valley Access Sticker placed adjacent to your Support Crew sticker. One Pass per Team.

Remember: No Valley Access Sticker = No Entry to Valley Road Day 2 or Changeover # 1 at Stronghills.

- Ensure your support crew have their Passes to gain free access to Williamson Weir, Avon Valley National Park and Bells Rapid on race day, otherwise they will need to pay the \$10 entry fee (proceeds to the Toodyay Football Club and Gingin Lions).
- National Park Gates close at 5:00pm and No Dogs Permitted.

GENERAL TIPS

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- **Get fit! Make sure you're fit enough to race in the Avon Descent.** Maintain your training routine as high fitness levels reduces the risk of injury.
- Be prepared – assess the weather and river conditions and prepare yourself accordingly. **Do not take risks and if in doubt - do not do it.**
- Prevent hypothermia. Be aware of the warning signs (**shivering, muscle weakness, abdominal cramps, lethargy, hallucinations, aggressive behaviour and euphoria**)!. Change into dry/warm clothes immediately following racing or training. Seek medical help if symptoms persist.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Thirst is not a good indicator of hydration. Cool water is a good fluid replacement drink. Fuel up – keep your energy levels up by eating high carbohydrate and low fat foods before, during and after the race.

CLOTHING/ SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Buoyancy vests and helmets are essential. Helmets must be of a rigid type and designed to give protection to the forehead and temple areas. Wet boots with hard soles or sand shoes, sneakers or gym boots are ideal. Adequate foot protection is essential both in the water and on the bank in the event of a capsized.

Remember to wear weather appropriate clothing. Thermal clothing (tops and bottoms) and a CAG (windproof/waterproof top) are also recommended. Protect yourself against sunburn and windburn on all exposed areas.

ACCESS TO THE RIVER & PRIVATE PROPERTY

Only access the river from publicly accessible locations. We are generously given permission to run the event by making use of private land and must ensure local landholder wishes are respected at all times.

'Glen Avon' Rapid – Situated on private land and must not be accessed without explicit landowner permission

Extracts/Williamson Weir – Access via Millard's Pool only. Adjacent farmland is strictly private property and you must have landowner permission to do so.

Ti Trees on Day One (otherwise known as 'Deepdale' or 'the Drainpipes') – Access only via Wetherall Reserve. All areas downriver of Wetherall Reserve until Cobbler Pool road are situated on private property and are strictly prohibited.

Cobbler Pool – this is public land and is freely accessible.

Walyunga Pool – National park area and rules apply, a fee is applicable on entry

Bells Rapids – Public access area but may be closed to vehicles if river conditions are treacherous. One way road access only.

The Valley Road – This area is not accessible to the public, only to authorised vehicles. There is a high level of train traffic making it very dangerous.

Stronghills Farm – private leasehold land and not open to the public.

COBBLER POOL CAMPSITE

The campsite for competitors and their support crews is located at the Cobbler Pool campsite in West Toodyay at the end of Day 1/start of Day 2, however only a basic infrastructure will be in place. The campsite is available for camping both Friday and Saturday nights, however some facilities may only be in place on the Saturday.

The West Gidgegannup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will manage the site and allocations will be on a first in/first served basis. Please be familiar with the campsite rules and the environmental policy on the website avondescent.com.au under the Cobbler Pool Campsite area. Under no circumstances are dogs or any other pets allowed at the campsite.

CAMPSITE FEES

Cobbler Pool Overnight Wristbands: (available for \$25pp online or at the gate). This will allow for up to 2 nights camping at the Cobbler Pool site.

Campsite Wristbands MUST be worn at all times around the campsite
Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

CATERING

The food vendors will be on site to ensure you're reinvigorated at the end of Day 1 and ready to tackle Day 2.

FIREWOOD

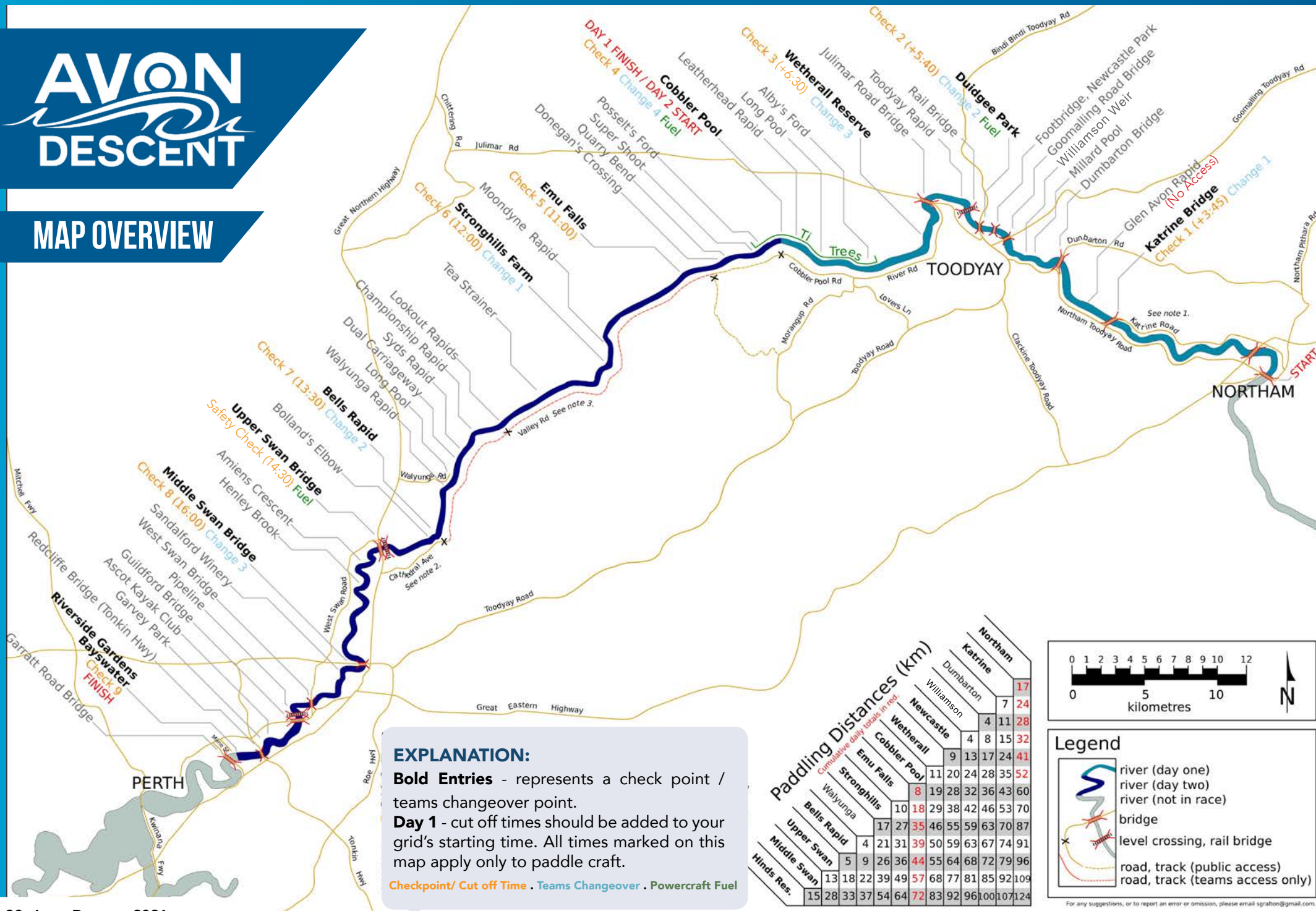
Campers are prohibited from collecting firewood from natural vegetation.

Firewood may be provided for sale in bags at the campsite but campers will be encouraged to use alternative fuels, eg. gas, diesel fuel heaters.

CAMPSITE RESTRICTIONS

The organisers reserve the right to immediately remove any person behaving in a disorderly or intoxicated manner from the Cobbler Pool Campsite. The use of glass is limited to designated areas. NOTE: Entry to the campsite is at your own risk. No liability for damage or loss of personal items or equipment will be accepted by the event organisers or their agents.

MAP OVERVIEW



/ SAFETY BRIEFING

All Important safety information will be briefed to competitors at the compulsory safety briefing at scrutineering (see scrutineering info).

RED

STOP

Do not proceed beyond this point.

BLACK

DISQUALIFICATION

Leave the water Immediately

ORANGE

WHITE

CAUTION

Obstruction ahead.
Caution to be used in area.

WARNING

FLAGS WILL BE ISSUED
ALONG THE LENGTH
OF THE RIVER. DUE TO
THE CHANGE OF WATER
LEVEL, THE LOCATIONS
OF VARIOUS FLAGS
WILL CHANGE ON
THE DAY. IT IS IN THE
COMPETITOR'S INTEREST
TO BE FULLY AWARE OF
FLAG COLOURS AND
MEANINGS.

Be safe around the railway this Avon Descent



With our freight rail network running through the heart of the Avon Valley, Arc Infrastructure has been a proud partner and supporter of the Avon Descent for more than 30 years.

Trains continue to operate as normal over the Avon Descent weekend; please be extra vigilant around the railway. Whether in a vehicle or on foot, only cross the railway line at designated crossings.

- Obey stop signs at level crossings
- Follow instructions from Arc Infrastructure employees
- Between Lookout Rapids and Bells Rapids section of the course, competitors may ONLY exit from the Walyunga National Park (right-hand) side of the river
- Speed limit on Rail Access Road is 20km/h
- Rail Access Road is one way ONLY (except emergency & Arc Infrastructure vehicles)
- Overtaking on Rail Access Road is NOT permitted
- Vehicles are NOT to be stationary in middle of Rail Access Road
- Display Valley Event Sticker clearly on windscreen.

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FINISH LINE

DAY ONE

The tough 52km stretch will come to an end at the Cobbler Pool Campsite, West Toodyay. Competitors will battle the Ti Trees and reach the finish line, greeted by sponsors, VIPs, spectators, support crew and fellow competitors. Once crossing the finish line, competitors will exit through the finish chute and put their craft into the Pit Area ready for Day 2.

DAY TWO

Day 2 will see competitors tackle 72kms of challenging river, with the final 30km a flat water sprint to the Finish Line at City of Bayswater's, Riverside Gardens. Spectator's access parking will be via King William and Slade Streets, whilst support crew access is Riverside Gardens via Milne Street. Please follow directional signage and following parking marshal's directions. Only vehicles with 'Support Vehicle' stickers attached to the top front driver's side of the windscreen will be permitted to park here.

PADDLE CRAFT PICK UP INFORMATION

Retrieval of boats will occur from the boat/craft holding area, which will be fenced off from the public. To reduce congestion, 2x support crew will be permitted to assist with retrieval of their competitor's craft from the holding area and take it to their vehicle.

POWER CRAFT PICK UP INFORMATION

Power craft will be extracted from the beach via a throughway that passes directly through the crowd to the parking area behind the food vendor tents. Please take caution of spectators passing across the throughway. Power boat support crew should load the boat on their trailer and clear the exit point as quickly as possible so other teams can also retrieve their craft.

SUPPORT CREW AND SPECTATORS

Riverside Gardens – access via Milne Street Bayswater, follow directional signage, and obey directions of officials – the competitor/support crew parking area will be Riverside Gardens West, Bayswater. Please follow the signs and directions of staff to the allocated parking area. Strictly ONE vehicle per entry is permitted, with the Support Crew sticker clearly visible.

POST-RACE SCRUTINEERING

All prize winning craft may be scrutineered following the event and prior to presentations. This will be conducted at the finish line. The top three place getters of the 10hp Classes (9 motors) will be scrutineered at the finish line.

act belong commit Avon Descent Volunteering

In 2021, the Avon Descent is proudly partnering with Healthway to promote the Act Belong Commit message, encouraging positive physical and mental health through volunteer participation in WA.

The Avon Descent has a long and intimate history with volunteering with over 99% of its organising teams consisting entirely of volunteers. Over its 49 year history, Northam's Avon Descent association has engaged thousands of volunteers and hundreds of different volunteer groups to deliver our events.

Did you know?

Northam's Avon Descent Association works directly with volunteer groups to create active involvement and fundraising and contributes over \$50,000 each year to local volunteer groups and initiatives.

What is it about?

- Creating new opportunities for community involvement, group fundraising and support networks
- Providing more recognition and appreciation for the hard work of volunteers
- Up-skilling, training and self-improvement
- Promoting the rewarding experience that is volunteering in WA

Save the Date

A volunteer recognition function will be held from **6:00pm Thu 16 September**
Speak with your volunteer group leader for more information.

Healthy Food & Drink Policy

As part of our partnership, Northam's Avon Descent Association is working with the WA School Canteen Association to deliver healthy food options to promote and support participants to make healthier food choices at our event locations.

www.waschoolcanteens.org.au



Being mentally healthy feels good



Act

Do something



Belong

Do something with
someone



Commit

Do something
meaningful

For ideas on how to keep mentally healthy,
visit actbelongcommit.org.au





Withdrawn Craft Day 1

Should you be withdrawn from the race, competitors will be taken to the roadside and Support Crew contact is attempted. Should you not get in contact with your Support Crew, craft and competitors will be taken to Cobbler Pool. Withdrawn competitors should approach a checkpoint official to have their withdrawal recorded.

STAGE 1: Northam to Katrine

17km | Grade 1 | from 8.00am

Start Marshalling Area: Streets adjacent to and including Broome Terrace will be closed on Saturday morning. Follow signage to designated parking areas. There is ample parking on the town side of the Avon River.

Support Crew and Spectators

Northam: Follow directional signage to designated parking areas. Please do not park in the gravel area near Northam Weir. When leaving the Town of Northam, follow signage to Toodyay. Follow Newcastle Road – Toodyay Road and turn right to access Katrine Bridge. Please slow down when approaching Katrine Bridge as there are many pedestrians in this area.

Katrine: The scenic drive on the north of the river is closed. Access is not permitted to Glen Avon Rapid. Glen Avon Rapid will be patrolled and there is strictly no access.

Teams Changeover #1: Katrine Bridge is the first change over point for teams. The changeover area is on the right hand bank.

STAGE 2: Katrine to Newcastle Bridge

15km | Grade 1 | from 8.10am

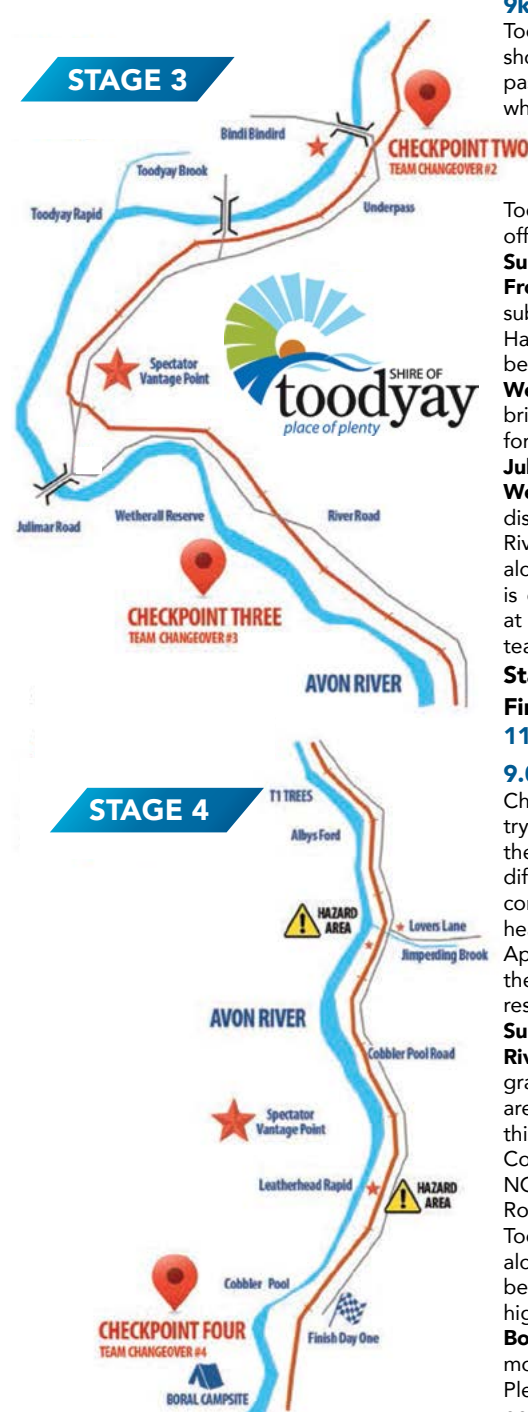
The hazard of Glen Avon Rapid is 2km downstream from Katrine Bridge, followed by 7km of coffee rock with negotiable channels. Sinclair's Crossing, beneath Dumbarton Bridge, creates a hazard in low to medium water. The next challenge is Williamson Weir. This 3m high rock weir provides one of the most spectacular sights on the river. Many competitors will portage here – dependant on the river levels. Live expert race commentary will be available.

Support Crew and Spectators

From Katrine: leave Katrine heading north along the Northam Toodyay Road and follow to Williamson Weir. Williamson Weir: Please do not park on the road verges. A sanctioned parking area is provided. Parking fee is payable by spectators. ONE Support Crew vehicle per team will be provided free access with the Support Crew sticker on the vehicle.

Toodyay: Ample parking is available surrounding Duidgee Park and checkpoint 2 is located at Duidgee Park beneath Newcastle Bridge. A checkpoint information board with race updates is also available here.

Teams Changeover #2: Duidgee Park is the second changeover point for teams. The changeover area is on the left hand bank.



Stage 3: Newcastle Bridge to Wetherall Reserve

9km | Grade 1 | from 8.30am

Toodyay Checkpoint can be difficult for craft and Power Craft should keep to the right in all but the highest water when passing through. Coffee rock prevails for the next 2.4km where you will reach the Railway Bridge. Just 500m past this bridge is Toodyay Rapid, a small drop with many granite boulders. The course is then a mainly shallow and wide river to West Toodyay Bridge. The riverbed from West Toodyay to the Ti Trees is mostly sand with some gravel offering accessible channels.

Support Crew and Spectators

From Toodyay: Support Crews should leave via the railway subway and turn right at the T-Junction at Harper Road. Harper Road becomes Julimar Road and the railway line will be on your right.

West Toodyay: limited parking is available adjacent to the bridge, or on the area 50m up Julimar Road towards Toodyay formerly known as Toodyay Oval. **Stopping or standing on Julimar bridge is not permitted during the event.**

Wetherall Reserve: Continue along Julimar Road and a short distance after you cross over the railway line, turn left into River Road (just before the West Toodyay Bridge). Proceed along River Road approximately 1.5km and Wetherall Reserve is on the right. Teams Changeover #3 | Wetherall Reserve at the start of the Ti Trees is the third changeover point for teams. The changeover area is on the left hand bank.

Stage 4 – Wetherall Reserve to Cobbler Pool & Finish of Day 1

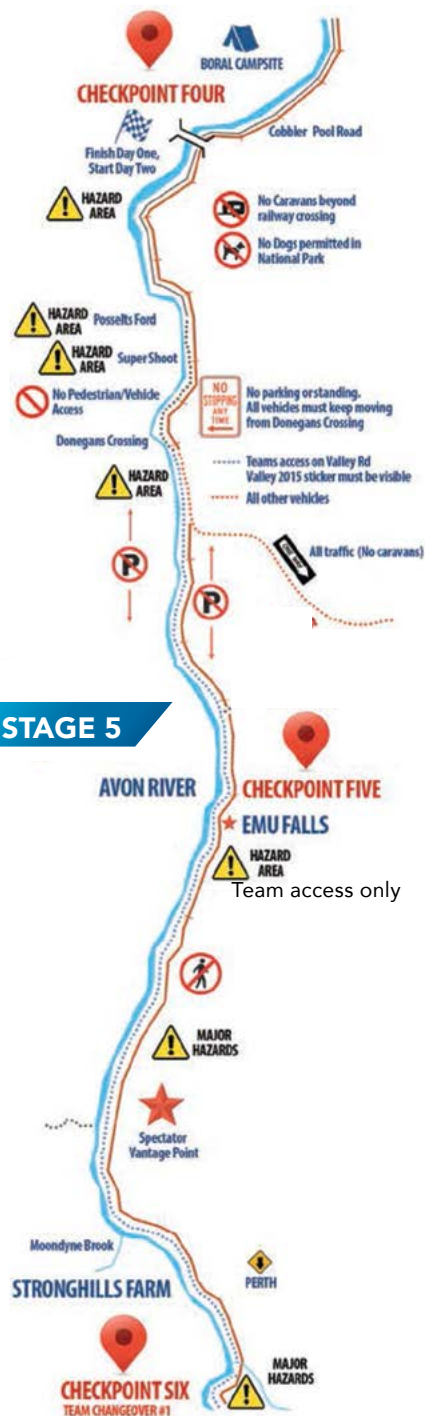
11km | Grade 1 | from 8.40am (Cobbler Pool from 9.00am)

Channels exist in the Ti Trees but the frustration comes in trying to find them. Albys Ford is reached just after entry to the Ti Trees. Water levels play a great part in the ease or difficulty with which the Ti Trees may be negotiated. Should competitors be caught in the Ti Trees at nightfall they must head for the left bank only and report to a race official. Approximately 200m after Leatherhead Rapid, look out for the finish line indicating the end of Day 1 and a well-deserved rest!

Support Crews and Spectators

River Road: Please take caution on River Road as it is a gravel road. Turn right out of Wetherall Reserve parking area and ensure your vehicle doesn't block other traffic on this gravel road. Turn right at Jimpering Brook Bridge onto Cobbler Pool Road and head toward the overnight campsite. NO dogs or other pets allowed. Alternate access to River Road is via Lovers Lane. If coming from Perth turn left off Toodyay Road into Lovers Lane, care should be taken 5.9km along where Jimpering Brook crosses Lovers Lane as it may be hazardous in very wet weather, when water levels are high. Travel for a further 1.4km turning left into River Road.

Boral Cobbler Pool Start/Finish: it would be appreciated if movement of vehicles within the area is kept to a minimum. Please obey directions at all times. Police and security personnel will be patrolling the area.



Stage 5: Cobbler Pool to Emu Falls 8km | Grade 2/3 | Paddlers from 7.00am, Power Craft from 12.00pm

The worst of the Ti Trees beckons competitors at the start of Day 2. Rocks and misleading channels are found right through to Possetts Ford. Depending on the water level, large boulders immediately above the Ford can be a bone jarring slide or virtually non-existent. Shortly after Possetts Ford is Super Shoot. This small rapid is more dangerous than it looks and should be approached with care. The river is then open water with a few trees before narrowing dramatically to Donegan's Crossing. From Donegan's crossing there is a series of small metres of rapids culminating in the main fall of about 2m. Water funnels into one gap at the base of Emu Falls causing congestion in all but very high water. This is known as the 'Washing Machine' and should be taken with great caution. Power Craft: please note there is no refuelling on course.

Support Crews

Leaving camp, there are two available options:

Only teams will have access to Emu Falls (no spectators). Please ensure your support crew and competitors know this. There will be checkpoint officials and first aid at the location to assist. Competitors needing withdrawal from here will be taken back to Cobbler Pool.

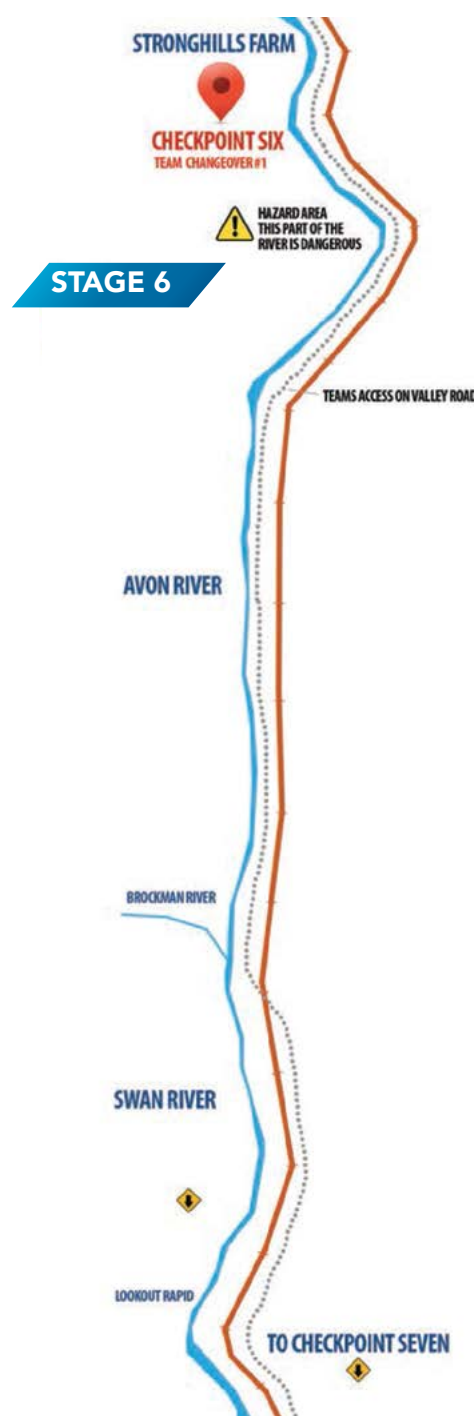
Support Crew for Teams ONLY: upon leaving Cobbler Pool, turn right out of the campsite and follow Cobbler Pool Road to the Valley Road/Quarry Road junction. Cobbler Pool Road turns into the Valley Road at this junction. Continue straight onto Valley Road where you will be stopped by a Race Official and checked for your Valley Entry Sticker.

NO STICKER = NO ENTRY.

Remember, this sticker must be in the lower right corner of the front windscreen. Paddlers 2 and 3 should be in this vehicle and taken to Stronghills Farm and Bells Rapid.

Withdrawn Craft: Support Crews should report to the Valley Gate at the intersection of Cobbler Pool Road, Valley Road and Quarry Road for competitors and craft that have withdrawn between the Campsite and Emu Falls.

Withdrawn competitors must ensure they are recorded by a race official before departing.



Stage 6: Emu Falls to Stronghills Farm 10km | Grade 3 | From 7.30am

There are several rapids and small drops in this stage. Many power and paddle craft has become victim to the river in this section over the years. Support crews and spectators (except teams) will not have access to their competitors at Stronghills or Emu Falls. The next checkpoint is at Bells Rapids. To exit Emu Falls keep heading south along Quarry Road and turn right at Morangup Road. This will take you to Toodyay Road and turn right towards Perth and the next checkpoint at Bells Rapids.

Please note: only 1 Valley Entry sticker is issued to Teams Support Crew and only one car per team is allowed access to the Valley Road as this is a private road. The speed limit is 20km/h and there is NO stopping on the Valley Road and headlights must be on. Give way to safety and emergency vehicles and stop ONLY at the designated Teams Changeover Point.

Unauthorised stoppage will result in a 10 minute time penalty.

The Valley Road is a private road and to ensure our continued use, respect must be paramount. These roads are not designed for the volumes of traffic encountered during the Avon Descent so care must be taken. Support Crews park on the roadside at Stronghills, but be sure not to block traffic. Exit along the Valley Road towards Bells Rapid.

Withdrawn Craft Day 2

Should you withdraw from the race on day 2 down to Bells Rapids, head to the left bank. You and your craft will be taken to the grassed area just to the north of the East Swan Fire Station near the corner of Camargue Drive and Cathedral Avenue near the Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon.

Withdrawn competitors must contact the nearest ADSU or Checkpoint official to have it recorded.

STAGE 7



Stage 7: Stronghills Farm to Bells Bridge

21km | Grade 3/4 | From 8.30am

This part of the river is home to a number of hazards including a 140m drop through Walyunga National Park. There is a series of small rapids below the lookout. The first of the major obstacles is Championship Rapid which is low, flat and wide. In very high water it becomes a series of standing waves. A sequence of small drops takes the competitors to the big challenge of the river, Syds Rapid. This 100 metre rapid is a mass of rock and once competitors are launched into this long gradient they are committed to its awesome power. The river is then wide open water and a few trees to Long Pool. From Walyunga Pool the river becomes very narrow and winding. The last great obstacle of the Descent is Bells Rapid. Once this white water stage is complete, the river opens out through the beautiful scenery of the Upper Swan.

Live expert race commentary will be available.

Support Crew and Spectators (except teams):

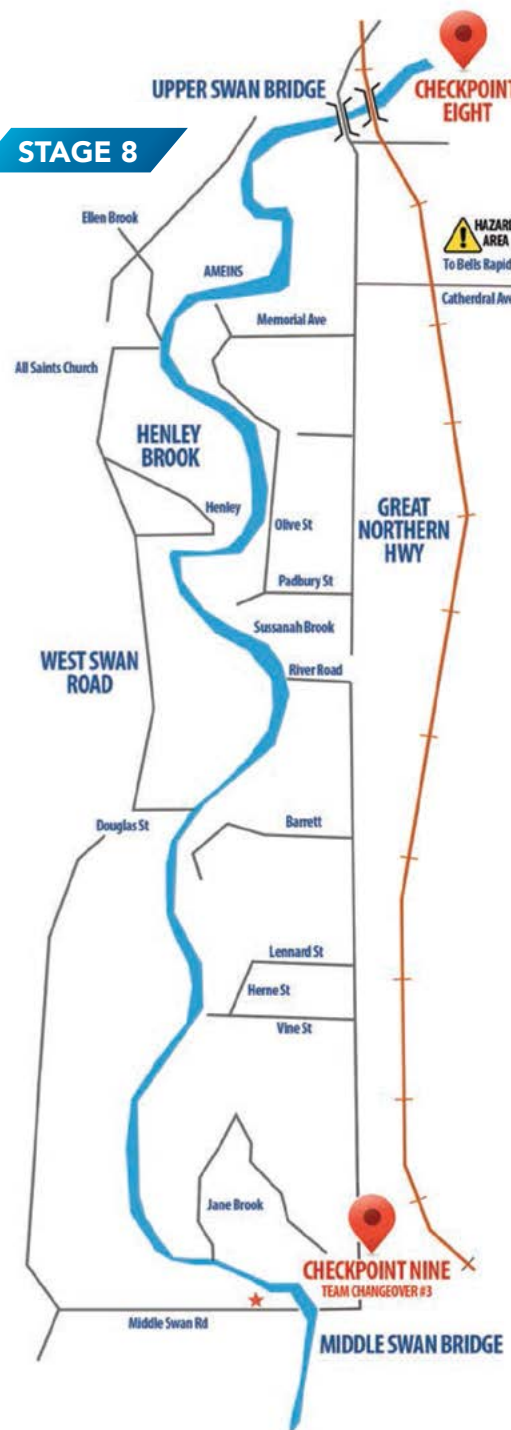
Continue on Toodyay Road towards Perth and turn right into Neuman Road (about 46 kms from the Lovers Lane/Toodyay Rd intersection), then right into Campersic Road, then left into Carmargue Drive, then right into Cathedral Ave and follow parking and shuttle bus directions. Bells Rapid can only be accessed via the shuttle bus.

Support Crew and Spectators must leave their vehicle at the State Equestrian Centre Parking area and use the shuttle bus provided. Parking and bus is \$10 per vehicle for all spectators. Allow a 25 minute turnaround for the shuttle bus.

Teams Support Crews: Enter via the Valley Road and follow directions of officials and park in the lower car park at Bells, extra support crew vehicles will not be permitted entry down to Bells via Cathedral Avenue. If extra support crew vehicles wish to meet their competitor at Bells they must park at the State Equestrian Centre taking the shuttle bus to Bells.

Teams Changeover #2: Bells Rapid is the second changeover for teams on Day 2. The changeover area is located on the left hand bank below the rapids.

STAGE 8



Stage 8: Bells Bridge to Middle Swan Bridge

18km | Grade 1 | From 9.15am

Downstream from the Upper Swan Bridge the river gradient is slight and the channel shallow.

Competitors face 4km of Ti Trees and scrub before the river opens out into tidal waters. Ellenbrook enters from the right just before the end of the trees.

Support Crews & Spectators

Upper Swan Bridge is located on Great Northern Highway. Take care when parking and if you stop here, please ensure your vehicle is not blocking traffic. Middle Swan Bridge can be accessed via Great Northern Highway. Turn right into Middle Swan Road and after a short distance turn left (follow the signs). Head under the new bridge and park in the designated area.



Stage 9 – Middle Swan Bridge to City of Bayswater Finish Line 15km | Grade 1 | From 11.00am (Bayswater from 11.30am)

The Power Craft enjoy the long winding open river but for paddlers, this section is often difficult or at least testing, especially if headwinds are present. In the final stage of the race, competitors have the finish line in sight and feel the elation of completing the Avon Descent in front of the large crowd gathered on the riverbank. All competitors finish at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater to an athlete recovery area and the City of Bayswater Family Fun Day.

NOTE: All powerboat competitors must pass through the chicane at Garvey Park or will suffer a time penalty.



/ RACE RECORD HOLDERS

8Hp Dinghy Standard	1991 Northam To Bayswater	K Parnell I G Black	3:01:32
8Hp Dinghy Sports	2008 Northam To Bayswater	J Goodbody I K Goodbody	2:39:55
10Hp Dinghy Sports	2018 Northam To Bayswater	J Branson I J Ferguson	2:08:21
10Hp Dinghy Standard	2018 Northam To Bayswater	C Johnson I J Paggi	2:20:59
10Hp Dinghy Super	2018 Northam To Bayswater	D Green I M Lagore	2:20:29
6Hp Dinghy Sports	1983 Northam To Bayswater	W Mould I N Jones	3:52:11
8Hp Alloy	1994 Northam To Bayswater	S Brown I S Shinnick	4:02:22
Solo Dinghy	2005 Northam To Bayswater	G Barndon	4:21:28
Single Kayak - Wk1	1983 Northam To Bayswater	D Long	7:56:09
Single Kayak - Mk1		C Elliott	8:35:18
Single Kayak	1996 Northam To Bayswater	M Rodgers (L)	8:28:46
	2018 Northam To Bayswater	J Kippin	7:34:14
Single Kayak Wild Water	2018 Northam To Bayswater	P Edwards	9:03:03
		H Thorpe (L)	10:28:34
Double Kayak - Wk2	1983 Northam To Bayswater	G Kaeding I R Holt	8:07:59
Double Kayak - Wk2/ Mk2	1986 Northam To Bayswater	A Duke I P Pawlow	7:48:04
Double Kayak	1996 Northam To Bayswater	P Genovesi I D Long	7:14:40
Single Kayak Plastic	2000 Northam To Bayswater	D Hocking	10:55:35
		S Boladz (L)	12:20:29
Single Plastic Short	2008 Northam To Bayswater	R Goodchild	9:31:09
		A Curtis (L)	10:33:50
Single Plastic Long	2008 Northam To Bayswater	M Baker	8:07:36
Single Plastic Long	2008 Northam To Bayswater	J Bateman (L)	9:23:48

Double Plastic	2008 Northam To Bayswater	B Ingram I A Gluyas	9:22:49
Single Canadian	1986 Northam To Bayswater	W Smith	9:46:00
Double Canadian	1986 Northam To Bayswater	R Holt I R Fry	8:34:55
Double Canadian	1991 Northam To Bayswater	P Kitney I R Holt	9:23:04
Single Surf Ski	2007 Northam To Bayswater	J Humphrys (L)	10:33:07
	2008 Northam To Bayswater	B Sarson	7:34:20
Single Recreational	2018 Northam To Bayswater	C Famlonga	9:03:53
	1999 Northam To Bayswater	L Young (L)	12:04:15
Double Surf Ski	1996 Northam To Bayswater	D Pratt I T Bird	7:13:48
Double Surf Ski Mixed	2011 Northam To Bayswater	N Leaversuch I P Leaversuch	8:49:40
Power Sundry	1990 Northam To Bayswater	B Cooper I S Patterson	3:00:57
Paddle Sundry Double	1991 Northam To Bayswater	C Boocock I I Wookey	8:52:53
Paddle Sundry Triple	2018 Northam To Bayswater	M Dean I J Morfitt I A Crothers	7:46:37
73-76 Sundry 80-83 Mixed Dbl	1982 Northam To Perth	S Snowball I J Snowball	8:21:08
Single Teams	1996 Northam To Bayswater	B Boocock I D Bingham	8:44:19
Double Teams	1996 Northam To Bayswater	J Muir I R Jenkinson	7:38:50
Relay Team of 2	2008 Northam To Bayswater	A Nesbit I C Pretorius	7:30:39
	2011 Northam To Bayswater	T Stedman I B Holmes	8:53:11
Relay Team of 4		K Broad I J Martin (L)	10:18:38
	2008 Northam To Bayswater	R Baker I K Jarrott I M Rees I J Zerbst	7:34:58
One Day Event	2018 Northam To Toodyay	J Dale	5:09:20
One Day Event	2013 Northam To Toodyay	E Beeley (L)	6:21:19
Ocean Racer Single	2018 Northam to Bayswater	P Pavlinovich	9:41:48
Open Stand Up Paddle	2018 Northam to Bayswater	P Hepworth	12:30:31



Northam's Avon Descent Association would like to extend a massive thank you to RGR Road Haulage for their significant and generous support in the preparation of this year's event. Without this kind of support our event would not be possible.

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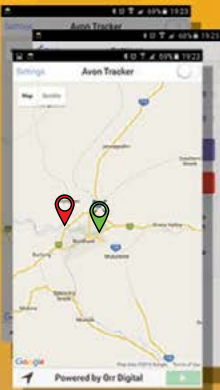
Mobile
GPS Tracking

Designed to assist competitors with:

- ▶ Support Crew Assistance
- ▶ Rapid Emergency Response

The AvonTracker is a FREE phone-based solution designed to increase competitor safety and improve emergency response during the Avon Descent.

Utilises a phone's GPS to provide up-to-date positional information



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Top 10 Adventures

1. Drive a scenic 1.5 hours from Perth to the Avon Valley.
2. Visit York for festivals, racing, local fare, arts and crafts.
3. Picnic by the Avon River or savour a meal at a historic pub.
4. Watch the thrills of the annual Avon Descent.
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8. Visit the charming towns of Goomalling, Beverley and Brookton.
9. Enjoy the many scenic walk trails and native wildflower trails.
10. Sleep well in historic hotels and welcoming bed and breakfasts.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN 25 JULY

Competitor activities in bold

: **Final Paddler Seeding Race**

8.30am

SUN 1 AUGUST

: **Paddler Scrutineering**

9.00am

Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

: Avon Descent Community Day - Armadale

11:00am - 3:00pm

Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

: **Sprint Regatta & Surf Boat Sprints**

10:30am races start

: **Dragonboat Come and Try**

11:00am

SAT 7 AUGUST

: **Practice Day 1 & Time Trial**

: **Paddle Craft Practice:**

8:00am - 5:00pm

Northam Weir to Posselts ford

: **Powercraft Scrutineering**

7:30am - 10:00am

Bells Rapids Carpark

: **Power Craft Time Trial:**

10:00am - 2:00pm

Bells Rapids to Middleswan

SUN 8 AUGUST

: **Practice Day 2**

: **Power Craft Practice**

9:00am - 6:00pm

Northam to Posselts

: **Paddlecraft Practice**

8:00am - 5:00pm

Bells to Middleswan

FRI 13 AUGUST

: **Competitor Registrations:**

12:00noon - 6:45pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm

6:45pm - 7:30pm - temporary close

Dome Cafe/Farmer's Home Hotel

: **Craft Drop Off: Start Marshalling Area**

12:00noon - 9:00pm

: Shire of Northam Avon River Festival

SAT 14 AUGUST

: **Day One Start: Northam at 8:00am & 8:30am**

: **124km Ultra, Team Relay, Super 30, Super 50**

: Shire of Toodyay International Food Festival

SUN 15 AUGUST

: **Day Two Start: Cobbler Pool 7:00am & 12pm**

: **Avon Descent Dragons**

: City of Swan Family Fun Day

: City of Belmont Family Fun Day

: City of Bayswater Family Fun Day