

# AVON DESCENT

## Event Guide

**13 & 14 August 2022**



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# Welcome

## The Avon Descent race is an exciting two day challenge over 124 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.

Participants challenge the Avon and Swan Rivers in a variety of power craft and paddle craft including single and double kayaks, single and double surf skis, ocean racing skis and sundry craft. Relay teams of two and four can also participate.

Entrants are supported by family and friends as support crews and thousands of spectators line the banks to cheer them on.

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## RACE CONTROL TEAM

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Neil Long & Rosalie Evans

## AVON DESCENT LEGENDS

During 2012, the 40th Anniversary of the Avon Descent, Northam's Avon Descent Association (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
- Kevin Harrison
- Kim Epton
- Darryl Long
- Ian Williamson
- Terry Bolland
- Greg Kaeding
- Neil Long
- Jay Branson

## 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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# Partners

Northam's Avon Descent Association would like to recognise and thank our Official Partners and key stakeholder groups who we work with to deliver our events.



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# Volunteers

Sincere appreciation and recognition to our community and corporate volunteer partners, who tirelessly support the Avon Descent.

Ascot Kayak Club  
Arc Infrastructure  
Avon Descent Support Unit  
Cockburn 4WD Club  
Dragonboat WA  
Gingin/Chittering Lions Club  
Northam SES  
Paddle WA  
Power Dinghy Racing Club  
Toodyay Football Club  
Toodyay Vol. Bush Fire Brigade

Checkpoints & scrutineering  
Rail safety  
Rescue & recovery  
Promotional signage & logistics  
Dragonboat coordination  
Duidgee Park & Cobbler Pool parking  
Northam marshalling, traffic & security  
Seeding races  
Power boat scrutineering/time trials  
Extracts Weir support  
Cobbler Pool fire management











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



I am pleased to invite you all to participate or cheer on the iconic event spectacle that is the 49th running of the annual Avon Descent.

The Avon Descent has played a significant role in my sporting and volunteer life and I am so glad to share the pleasure of being involved in an event which provides so many layers of sport and community engagement, volunteer involvement and tourist attraction—it is a unique event, and one Western Australia should be proud to own.

Last year was certainly one for the books, with most Avon Descent participants not having seen water levels like that before. We are predicting a low to average water level and flow this year which will provide a challenge on the flat and in the rapids avoiding the sandbars and rock obstacles, and for the less fit and trained, will nevertheless carry them towards their finish line destination on day 2 at Riverside Gardens, close to the heart of Perth.

However the rain falls, we know everyone will have a great time on the water.

Events like the Avon Descent don't just 'happen'. I appreciate and thank the State Government, Local Governments and sponsors who are supporting the 2022 Avon Descent. Additionally, the invaluable support our local community groups provide ensures the event runs smoothly and I look forward to seeing the many spectators lining the banks at the Family Fun Days to cheer on our participants.

In particular, thank you to our Act Belong Commit Avon Descent Volunteering Program and Support Unit (ADSU), who do a remarkable job in the lead up to the Avon Descent and on the weekend itself. As a past participant, I know the relief that comes with seeing the team in red along the river and at certain intense locations—it brings a sense of relief in the knowledge you will be supported on your journey to the finish line.

If you feel your involvement in the Avon Descent is changing, I encourage you to consider getting involved in our Volunteering arm.

We now have our sights set on the 50th year celebrations during 2023. The NADA Board hope to provide an opportunity for everyone who has taken on the challenge of the Avon Descent to join in acknowledging this incredible achievement.

For now — best of luck with your 2022 Avon Descent adventure!



## WELCOME MESSAGE

HON ROGER COOK MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER;  
MINISTER FOR TOURISM  
AND  
HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC,  
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Avon Descent  
29 July – 14 August 2022

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

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

The scheme 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-eight regional events across WA have been funded through the 2022-23 Regional Events Scheme, which includes the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which contains a funding pool of \$150,000 exclusively allocated to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

We are pleased to sponsor all RES events, which help to revitalise regional economies and communities as we reconnect and welcome back visitors from around the world.

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

Events also play an important role in this plan, with the State Government sponsoring a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across Western Australia, through Tourism Western Australia, to attract visitors and 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.

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DEPUTY PREMIER;  
MINISTER FOR TOURISM

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**Paddle WA is fundraising to  
develop a business case to  
construct a White Water Centre  
in Perth**

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a reality**



**[www.paddlewa.asn.au](http://www.paddlewa.asn.au)**



# Messages



ROSALIE EVANS, Executive Officer  
Paddle WA

On behalf of the Paddle WA Board and members, I would like to wish all Avon Descenders the best of luck for the 2022 Avon Descent.

Whether this is your umpteenth Avon or your first, or just ticking off a bucket list item — enjoy every moment of this amazing event.

The comradery that you find on the river over the two days is incredible. Everyone understands what the other person is going through, whether you are an Olympian or a weekend warrior. So, remember to encourage and respect all other participants', paddle and power alike.

You do not have to be a participant to be part of this iconic event. The roles of support crews, volunteers, and the people cheering on the participants are what makes this event so special, so thank you all for being part of the 49th Avon Descent.

Also, remember the Avon Descent is not the only paddle event on the calendar, there are paddle events almost every weekend throughout the year, either through our eleven clubs or our own Paddle WA events, so wherever you are in your paddling, and you want to improve and do better in next year's Avon the big 50, go to [www.paddlewa.asn.au](http://www.paddlewa.asn.au) for more information about who we are and what we do.

Remember to have fun, stay safe and see you at the finish line at Bayswater!

## Formula 8

Formula 8 is the entry class for juniors and are raced at our Burswood clubrooms. They are 8hp centre steer boats.



## Bathtub's

Bathtub's are as the name suggests and are comprised of a bathtub mould on a hull. These are 10hp for 17yo and up.



## Adventure Class

Adventure class is a relatively new class which consists of standard aluminum hull boats with up to 10hp outboard motor.

## Dinghy Class

Dinghy 's are our premium class with fibreglass and timber hull's and a 10hp outboard motor.



## Mini Jet's

Mini Jets are a new class with an aluminium hull, front steer and jet ski motor.

Keep an eye out for the electric mini jet at this years Avon Descent



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**Our Clubrooms are based in Burswood and also play host to race day events.**

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# AVON Descent 2022 FAMILY FUN DAYS

**FREE** FAMILY  
EVENT  
#AvonDescentFamilyDays



**FRI**  
**12**  
**AUG**

## Northam Bilya Festival

Bilya Koort Boodja Centre Garden,  
Minson Avenue, Northam, 5pm - 9pm

**SAT**  
**13**  
**AUG**

## Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day

Stirling & Duidgee Parks Toodyay,  
Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, 10am - 4pm

**SUN**  
**14**  
**AUG**

## City of Swan Avon Descent Festival

Lilac Hill Park, 850 W Swan Rd,  
Caversham, 10am - 3pm

## City of Bayswater Finish Line Festival

Riverside Gardens, Milne Street,  
Bayswater, 11am - 5pm



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# Family Fun Days

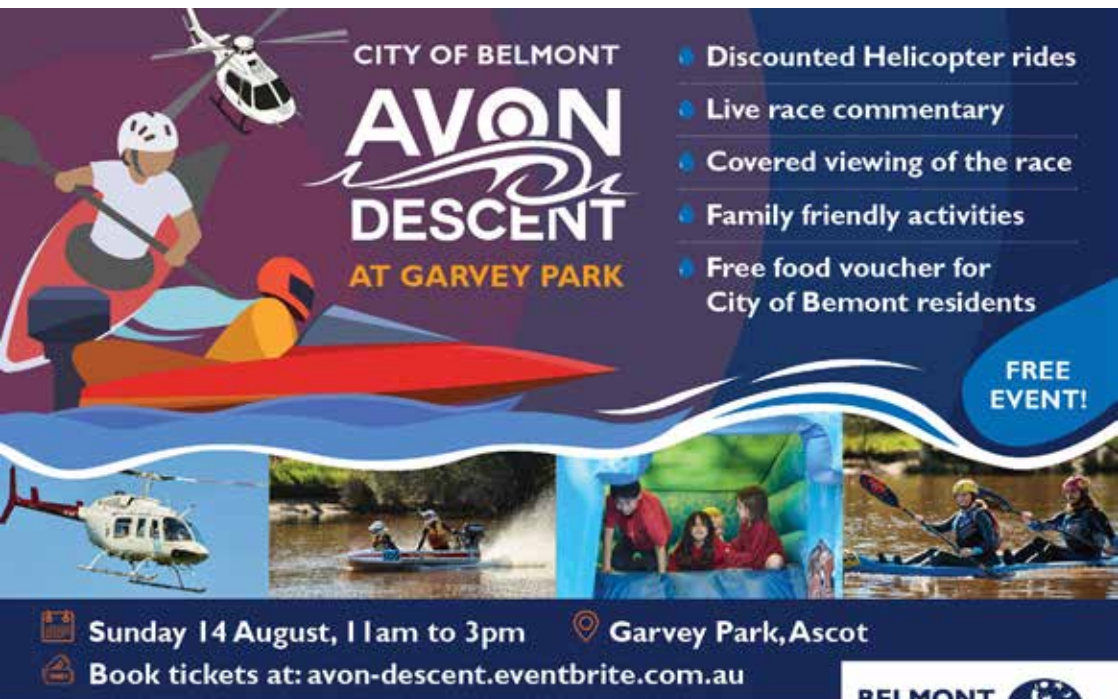
For some perfect family fun, check out the Avon Descent Family Fun Days!

During the annual Avon Descent weekend, spectators can enjoy all the action from the river bank during the Northam, Toodyay, Swan, Belmont and Bayswater family fun day events.

Enjoy race commentary, free entertainment and much more. Fun for all the family!

Northam's Avon Descent Association is proud to work alongside the Shire of Northam, the Shire of Toodyay, the City of Swan, the City of Belmont, the City of Bayswater and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council to deliver these fantastic events.







For more information, please head to [www.avondescent.com.au/festivals](http://www.avondescent.com.au/festivals)






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# Scrutineering

## PADDLE

Paddler scrutineering will be held on Friday 29 July at Ascot Kayak Club between 3–7pm

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 the Perth GPO are not exempt from the above requirements—late scrutineering arrangements must be confirmed with NADA prior to 29 July.

## POWER CRAFT

Power craft scrutineering will occur at the Time Trial on Saturday 6 August from 7am.

Department of Transport (DoT) officials will check every power craft. They will be very strict on craft registrations, so ensure 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.

## COMPULSORY COMPETITOR SAFETY BRIEFING

A representative from each entry must attend the compulsory safety briefing at scrutineering. Each competitor must sign for their attendance/acknowledgement of the information provided.



# Power Craft Time Trial

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

## POWER CRAFT TIME TRIAL—SATURDAY 6 AUGUST, from 9am

Bottom of Bells Rapids to Middle Swan Bridge—no further south.

## Practice Weekend Power and Paddle

Participation in the practice weekend 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 power craft. 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 (Extracts), 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 ACTIVITIES—SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

Paddle Craft Practice: 8am–5pm, Northam to Posselts Ford.

Power Craft Time Trial: 9am–2pm, Bells Reserve to Middle Swan.

## DAY TWO ACTIVITIES—SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

Paddle Craft Practice: 8am–5pm, Bells Rapids to Middle Swan.

Powercraft Practice: 9am–6pm, Northam Weir to Posselts 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 Posselts Ford.

# Event Registration

## Friday 12 August—Dome Cafe/Farmer's Home Function Room, Northam

12noon–6:45pm (7:30pm–8:30pm by appointment only).

Access from Peel Terrace only. Parking at Bernard Park and entry up stairs—Avon Descent participant parking only. This does not include late scrutineering.

From 6:45pm registrations will close in order to allow attendance of the Northam Bilya Festival opening ceremony and Welcome to Country at 7pm.

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

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

- For teams, this is the starting person's craft only.
- The *start marshalling area* will be open 12:00noon–9pm on Friday 12 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 9pm on Friday 12 August will not be permitted to start.

Event security will be present in the craft assembly area, however participants are encouraged to remove any loose or unsecured items which could be lost or fall out if craft have to be moved to allow for additional craft.

## DAY ONE START

Day 1 start is at Northam and the start order is as follows (subject to Race Director):

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

## DAY TWO START

Day 2 start is at Cobbler Pool Campsite, West Toodyay:

- Paddle craft start at 7am in order of fastest first regardless of Class.
- Power craft start at 12noon (subject to change by the Race Director).

Start Procedures—start procedures for paddle and power are outlined in the Event Rules (available at [www.avondescent.com.au](http://www.avondescent.com.au)).



# Teams

## ENTRY

Each **Team Entry** is issued with one (1) Valley Access sticker.

You will only get one so please don't lose it! This allows access to the Valley Road on Day 2. Turn right when leaving the campsite (stage 5 & 6). Your Official Valley Access 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.

# Stickers and race numbers

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.

## 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.

## ID STICKERS AND TIMING DEVICES

**HELMET STICKERS:** Participants must have their helmets clear for both the timing chips and race ID number—please ensure any old numbers are removed. Any participants 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 participants, 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.

## VEHICLE STICKERS AND PASSES

- ENSURE ALL YOUR SUPPORT STICKERS AND NATIONAL PARK PASSES ARE IN ORDER. No Valley Access Sticker = No Entry to Valley Road Day 2 or Changeover # 1 at Stronghills.
- All Participants—Support Crew Sticker on front windscreen of support vehicle.
- Teams Participants Only—Valley Access Sticker placed adjacent to your Support Crew sticker. One Pass per Team.

## VEHICLE STICKERS AND PASSES, Cont.

- Ensure your support crew have their Passes to gain free access to Williamson Weir (Extracts), Avon Valley National Park and Bells Rapid on event day, otherwise they will need to pay the \$10 entry fee (proceeds to the local community groups).
- National Park Gates close at 5pm and no dogs are permitted.

**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 per vehicle per location. NOTE: Those vehicles displaying a Support Crew pass carrying more than two 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



**Standard campsite entry:** can be purchased at the gate or online via the Avon Descent website for \$25pp (under 12yrs admitted free). Wristbands MUST be worn at all times around the campsite.



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

# 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 4pm for Paddle Craft—5pm 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

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

## SELECTING YOUR CHECKPOINTS

Your stops depend on your goals! Liaise with other paddlers to combine support resources. If you're a more experienced participant, 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. Support can be holistic—you may need psychological support just as much as food and drink.

Make sure support crews are familiar with a map of the area and the actual roads themselves—a good option is to review the course using an online map resource (like Google Maps) several times before the event weekend.

Support crew should allow plenty of time to get to designated stops during the race, as traffic can be tedious. We strongly recommend two cars leap-frogging positions. Plan equipment to be carried to the water's edge... a spare paddle is useless back in the car park!

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

# 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)

# Finish Lines

## DAY ONE—Cobbler Pool, West Toodyay

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

## DAY TWO—Riverside Gardens, Bayswater

Day 2 will see participants 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 parking will be via King William and Slade Streets, whilst support crew access is Riverside Gardens via Milne Street. Please follow directional signage and follow parking marshal directions. **Only vehicles with 'Support Crew' 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 craft 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 participant'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—Spectators to access via Milne Street Bayswater, follow directional signage, and follow directions of marshalls.

The participant/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.

# General tips

- Get fit!—make sure you're fit enough to participate in the Avon Descent. Maintain your training routine as high fitness levels reduce 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 capsizing.

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.

## GENERAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO RIVER NOT PERMITTED

Please ensure your support crew, friends and family are aware that they (and the general public) are not permitted on the water, along the event course, during the Avon Descent. Our Emergency Services and volunteer rescue and recovery must be focused on event participants and don't need the distraction!



# General tips

## ACCESS TO THE RIVER & PRIVATE PROPERTY

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

<b>'Glen Avon' Rapid</b>	Situated on private land and must not be accessed without explicit landowner permission.
<b>Extracts/Williamson Weir</b>	Access via Millard's Pool only. Adjacent farmland is strictly private property and you must have landowner permission to do so.
<b>Ti Trees on Day One (otherwise known as 'Deepdale' or 'the Drainpipes')</b>	Access only via Wetherall Reserve. All areas downriver of Wetherall Reserve until Cobbler Pool road are situated on private property and are strictly prohibited.
<b>Cobbler Pool</b>	This is public land and is freely accessible.
<b>Walyunga Pool</b>	National park area and rules apply, a fee is applicable on entry.
<b>Bells Rapids</b>	Public access area, but may be closed to vehicles if river conditions are treacherous. One way road access only.
<b>The Valley Road</b>	This area is not accessible to the public, only to authorised vehicles. There is a high level of train traffic making it very dangerous.
<b>Stronghills Farm</b>	Private leasehold land and not open to the public.

# Campsite at Cobbler Pool

The campsite for participants and support crews is located at the Cobbler Pool campsite in West Toodyay at the end of Day 1/start of Day 2, however only 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 Campsite will be managed and site 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](http://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

Some food vendors will be on site Saturday afternoon 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 & CODE OF CONDUCT

NADA organisers and Campsite Management 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.

# Safety Briefing

All Important safety information will be provided to participants during the compulsory safety briefing at scrutineering and on the Avon Descent website.

## WARNING

FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED  
ALONG THE LENGTH  
OF THE RIVER.

DUE TO CHANGES IN  
WATER LEVEL, LOCATIONS  
OF VARIOUS FLAGS MAY  
CHANGE ON THE DAY.  
IT IS IN THE PARTICIPANT'S  
INTEREST TO BE FULLY  
AWARE OF FLAG COLOURS  
AND MEANINGS.

**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.

## 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.

[www.arcinfra.com](http://www.arcinfra.com)





During 2022, 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 Western Australia.

The Avon Descent has a long and intimate history with volunteering with more than 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 more than \$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

A volunteer recognition function will be held towards the end of August  
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 'Fuel to Go & Play' to deliver healthy food options to promote and support participants to make healthier food choices at our event locations.

[www.fuelto.go.au](http://www.fuelto.go.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](https://actbelongcommit.org.au)



# Course Map

**DAY 1 FINISH / DAY 2 START**  
Check 4 Change 4  
Posselt's Ford  
Super Shoot  
Quarry Bend  
Donegan's Crossing

**Emu Falls**  
Check 5 (11:00)  
Moondyne Rapid

**Stronghills Farm**  
Check 6 (12:00) Change 1  
Tea Strainer

Lookout Rapids  
Championship Rapid  
Syds Rapid  
Dual Carriageway  
Long pool  
Walyunga Rapid

**Bells Rapid**  
Check 7 (13:30) Change 2  
Bolland's Elbow

**Upper Swan Bridge**  
Safety Check Fuel  
Amiens Crescent  
Henley Brook

**Middle Swan Bridge**  
Check 8 (16:00) Change 3  
Sandalford Winery  
Pipeline  
Guildford Bridge  
Ascot Kayak Club  
Garvey Park  
West Swan Bridge

**Riverside Gardens**  
Check 9  
**FINISH**

PERTH

Great Northern Highway  
Great Eastern Highway  
Toodyay Road  
Canning Hwy  
Kwinana Hwy  
Tonkin Hwy  
Rose Hill  
West Swan Road  
Cathedral Ave See note 2  
Valley Rd See note 3

**EXPLANATION:**  
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Day 1 - cut off times should be added grid's starting time. All times marked map apply only to paddle craft.

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# Course Information

**STAGES**—the course is divided into 9 stages:

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Shire of Northam to Cobbler Pool</b>	<b>52 km</b>
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
<b>Overnight Stop</b>		
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Cobbler Pool to City of Bayswater</b>	<b>72 km</b>
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	15 km

## 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.

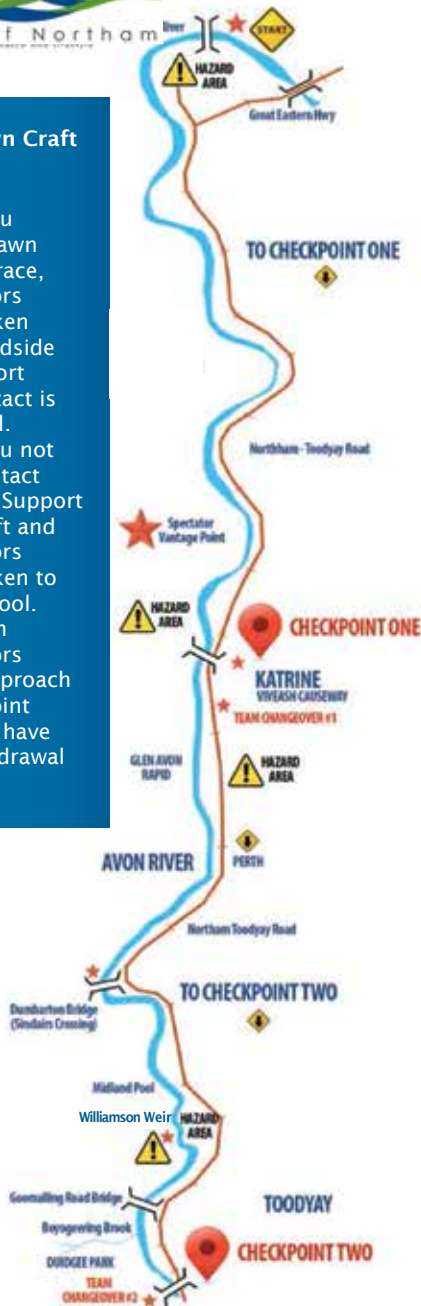
Notes \*"Pressure areas" refer to water piling up against a rock or other obstacle. Weirs are not classified as wild water and as such are not evaluated. They are either easily navigable or (very) dangerous. WARNING - Although the more dangerous spots are marked, the river can change at any time and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





## 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—dependent 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. 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 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 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 available adjacent to the bridge, or on the area 50m up Julimar Road towards Toodyay. Stopping or standing on Julimar bridge is not permitted during the event.

**Wetherall Reserve:** Continue along Julimar Road. A short distance after you cross the railway line, turn left into River Road (just before West Toodyay Bridge). Proceed along River Road about 1.5km. Reserve is on the right.

### Teams Changeover #3

Wetherall Reserve at the start of the Ti Trees is the third changeover point for teams. Changeover area—left hand bank.

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

11km | Grade 1 | from 8.40am  
(Cobbler Pool from 9am)

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—channels do exist! Participants caught in the Ti Trees at nightfall must head for the left bank only and report to a race official. About 200m after Leatherhead Rapid, look out for the finish line indicating the end of Day 1!

### Support Crews and Spectators

**River Road:** Turn right out of Wetherall Reserve parking area and ensure vehicles don't block other traffic on this 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 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 noon

The worst of the Ti Trees beckons participants at the start of Day 2. Rocks and misleading channels are found right through to Posselt's Ford. Depending on the water level, large boulders immediately above the Ford can be a bone jarring slide or virtually non-existent. Shortly after Posselt's 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.

### Attention 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

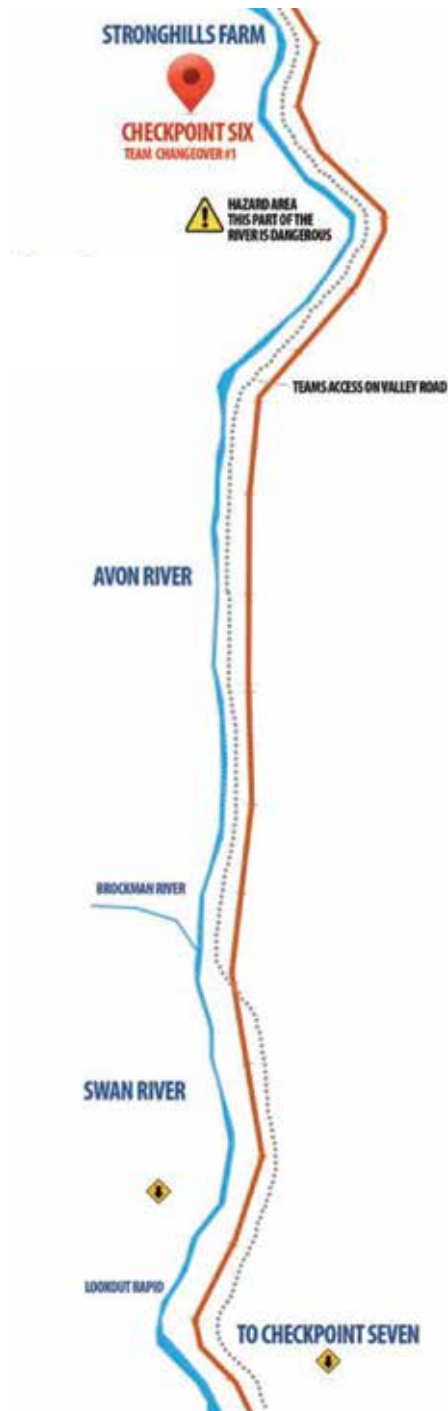
Remember, this sticker must be in the lower right corner of the front windscreen. Paddlers 2 and 3 should be in this vehicle and taken to Stronghills Farm and Bells Rapid.

### 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 participants 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.



21km | Grade 3/4 | From 8.30am

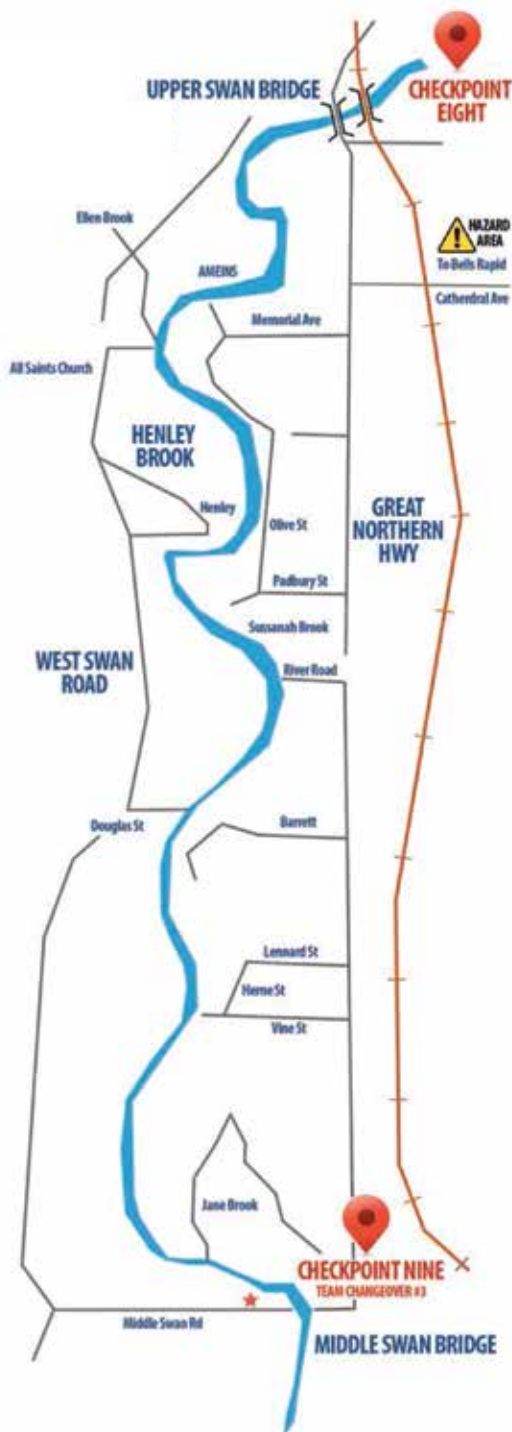
### Support Crew and Spectators (except teams)

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.

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.

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: Bells Rapid 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. Ellen Brook enters from the right just before the end of the trees.

### Support Crews and 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 11am  
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, participants 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 participants finish at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater to an athlete recovery area and the City of Bayswater Family Fun Day.



## ATTENTION: POWER CRAFT

All power craft participants must to the left of the island and close to the left bank at Garvey Park and are encouraged to engage the crowd with fun, safe power craft action.



**Sunday 14 August 2022  
from 9am**

# Bond to Bayswater Belter

**Join the excitement & challenge of the Avon Descent,  
& avoid taking on the rapids!**

This year you can participate in a flatwater belter of a course — just over 13km from Reg Bond Reserve in the City of Swan, to the Avon Descent finish line, Riverside Gardens, Bayswater.

Open only to paddlecraft — if it floats & is propelled by paddle, then it will get a start!

9.00am	Double Ocean Skis	\$35
9.15am	Double Spec Skis & Kayaks	\$35
9.20am	Single Ocean Skis	\$25
9.25am	Single Spec Skis & Kayaks	\$25
9.30am	Single Outriggers	\$25
9.40am	Surf Boats – Ladies & Men's open, Masters 180+	\$115 per boat
9.45am	Recreation Plastic & Touring Kayaks	\$25
9.55am	SUP's	\$25
10.10am	Canoes	\$25
10.15am	Sundry Paddle – any craft not listed above	\$TBA
10.20am	Dragon Boats	\$230 per boat

Approximate Start times dependant on entries. Participation medals will be distributed to those who complete the course & suitable rewards issued to place getters dependant on entries.

**Register at [www.avondescent.com.au](http://www.avondescent.com.au)**



# A Belter of a course!

The introduction of the Bond to Bayswater Belter is an opportunity for anyone to take part in the excitement of the iconic Avon Descent!

The Bond to Bayswater Belter is a unique event that will take participants from Reg Bond Reserve in the City of Swan, through to the City of Bayswater's Riverside Gardens.

Participants will enjoy the excitement of the Family Fun Days as they paddle by the City of Swan's Lilac Hill, City of Belmont's Garvey Park and arriving at the City of Bayswater's Riverside Gardens and the Avon Descent Finish Line.

- Incredible Avon Descent short course.
- Avoid the challenge of the white water rapids.
- Just over 13km of flatwater river.
- Riverbanks lined with spectators cheering participants on.
- Suits novice paddlers, teams and those using new and innovative paddle craft.
- No requirement for paddler competency.
- No requirement for craft scrutineering.
- Paddlers are encouraged to wear a suitable PFD, but helmets will not be required.

The Bond to Bayswater Belter is a fantastic chance to get out and be active this August!

**To register, head to [www.avondescent.com.au](http://www.avondescent.com.au)**



# Race Record Holders

CLASS	YEAR	NAME	TIME
8Hp Dinghy Sports	2008 Northam To Bayswater	J Goodbody   K Goodbody	2:39:55
8Hp Dinghy Standard	1991 Northam To Bayswater	K Parnell   G Black	3:01:32
10Hp Dinghy Sports	2021 Northam To Bayswater	K Parnell   T Wilson	01:59:30
10Hp Dinghy Super	2018 Northam To Bayswater	D Green   M Lagore	2:20:29
10Hp Dinghy Standard	2018 Northam To Bayswater	C Johnson   J Paggi	2:20:59
6Hp Dinghy Sports	1983 Northam To Bayswater	W Mould   N Jones	3:52:11
8Hp Alloy	1994 Northam To Bayswater	S Brown   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
	2021 Northam To Bayswater	J Kippin	07:27:01
Single Kayak Wild Water	2021 Northam To Bayswater	P Langley	08:39:56
		H Thorpe (L)	10:28:34
Double Kayak – Wk2	1983 Northam To Bayswater	G Kaeding   R Holt	8:07:59
Double Kayak – Wk2/Mk2	1986 Northam To Bayswater	A Duke   P Pawlow	7:48:04
Double Kayak	1996 Northam To Bayswater	P Genovesi   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
		J Bateman (L)	9:23:48
Double Plastic	2008 Northam To Bayswater	B Ingram   A Gluyas	9:22:49
Single Canadian	1986 Northam To Bayswater	W Smith	9:46:00



CLASS	YEAR	NAME	TIME
Double Canadian	1986 Northam To Bayswater	R Holt   R Fry	8:34:55
Double Canadian	1991 Northam To Bayswater	P Kitney   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	2021 Northam To Bayswater	W Martin	7:50:50
	1999 Northam To Bayswater	L Young (L)	12:04:15
Double Recreational	2021 Northam To Bayswater	D Klompmaker   M Pizzuto	9:26:54
Double Surf Ski	1996 Northam To Bayswater	D Pratt   T Bird	7:13:48
Double Surf Ski Mixed	2021 Northam To Bayswater	N Leaversuch   P Leaversuch	7.50.22
Power Sundry	1990 Northam To Bayswater	B Cooper   S Patterson	3:00:57
Paddle Sundry Double	1991 Northam To Bayswater	C Boocock   I Wookey	8:52:53
Paddle Sundry Triple	2018 Northam To Bayswater	M Dean   J Morfitt   A Crothers	7:46:37
73-76 Sundry 80-83 Mixed Db	1982 Northam To Perth	S Snowball   J Snowball	8:21:08
Single Teams	1996 Northam To Bayswater	B Boocock   D Bingham	8:44:19
Double Teams	1996 Northam To Bayswater	J Muir   R Jenkinson	7:38:50
Relay Team of 2	2008 Northam To Bayswater	A Nesbit   C Pretorius	7:30:39
	2011 Northam To Bayswater	T Stedman   B Holmes	8:53:11
		A Okano   T Guilbert (L)	09:14:22
Relay Team of 4	2008 Northam To Bayswater	R Baker   K Jarrott   M Rees   J Zerbst	7:34:58
One Day Event (Single)	2021 Northam To Cobbler Pool	M Verkerk	4:04:11
One Day Event (Single)	2013 Northam To Cobbler Pool	E Beeley (L)	6:21:19
One Day Event (Double)	2021 Northam To Cobbler Pool	M Clancy-Lowe   D Clancy-Lowe	3:51:43
Ocean Racer Single	2021 Northam to Bayswater	C Albertsen	8:32:30
Open Stand Up Paddle	2018 Northam to Bayswater	P Hepworth	12:30:31

# Calendar of Events

- FRI 29 JULY** : **Paddler Scrutineering**  
3-7pm  
Ascot Kayak Club, Ascot
- SAT 6 AUGUST** : **Paddle Craft Practice**  
8am - 5pm  
Northam Weir to Posselts Ford
- : **Power Craft Scrutineering**  
7am - 8:30am  
Bells Rapids Carpark
- : **Power Craft Time Trial**  
10am - 2pm  
Bells Rapids to Middle Swan
- SUN 7 AUGUST** : **Paddle Craft Practice**  
8am - 5pm  
Bells to Middle Swan
- : **Power Craft Practice**  
9am - 6pm  
Northam to Posselts Ford
- FRI 12 AUGUST** : **Competitor Registrations**  
12noon - 6:45pm  
Dome Cafe/Farmer's Home Hotel
- : **Craft Drop Off: Start Marshalling Area**  
12noon - 9pm
- : Shire of Northam Avon Bilya Festival
- SAT 13 AUGUST** : **2022 Avon Descent Day One Start**  
Northam at 8:00am & 8:30am  
124km Ultra, Team Relay, Super 30, Super 50
- : Shire of Toodyay International Food Festival
- SUN 14 AUGUST** : **2022 Avon Descent Day Two Start**  
Cobbler Pool 7am & 12noon
- : Avon Descent Bond to Bayswater Belter
- : City of Swan Family Fun Day
- : City of Belmont Family Fun Day
- : City of Bayswater Family Fun Day