



Pop-Up Rogaine



Course Description, Event Fees & Pre-Registration

Golden Bay Tramping Club are holding a 90 minute, fun, night navigation rogaing at Milnthorpe Arboretum Reserve, Golden Bay on **7th August, 2024**. (See below for timing.)



The event is suitable from novices and families through to experienced rogainers. Instruction will be available at the event centre. (Information on the basics of rogaing may be found at the end of these notes.)

The course encompasses all of the Reserve, which is a mixture of exotic and native trees, swampland and beaches. (As this is a 'dark' event competitor's route choices will be restricted to the tracks and beaches.)

Event Fees: \$10 per map* (Cash only)

Registration will be available on the day but pre-registration is preferred. To guarantee a map on the day please send your name(s) and required number of maps before midnight Monday 5th August, 2024 to: rogainegoldenbay@gmail.com

(*You choose how many maps you want. For example, one per team or one for everybody in your team. 'Team' size from individuals upwards - no limit - but children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Location

Event HQ: Causeway Car Park, Nelson Street, Milnthorpe, Golden Bay. Approximately 20km from Takaka, off State Highway 60. Please take particular care when turning off SH 60 and on the unsealed section of Milnthorpe Quay road. Follow the road to the parking area. Allow approximately 30 mins from Takaka or 15 mins from Collingwood.

Please car pool if possible and park as directed. Be mindful of foot traffic in the area.

Event Timetable – 7th August 2024 (Rain Day 8th August 2024)

Registration and Map Hand out from:	5:30pm
Course Planning:	5:30pm to 6:15pm
Event Briefing:	6:15pm
Start:	6:30pm
Finish:	8:00pm



What to bring

- **Head and / or hand torches.** It will be very dark in the forest. Preferably carry a spare, particularly if you are competing as an individual.
- **Watch or other timing device.**
- Shoes or boots with a good grip. There may be muddy patches along the tracks depending on the weather before the event.
- Warm / windproof and/or waterproof clothing: It can be quite cold after night fall and possibly windy on the beaches.
- Pencil or pen: for route planning and to mark up your control card.
- Compass: One per team. Whilst not essential for this event they are useful.
- Cell phone: We recommend preferably one per team. (Coverage is however limited in the forest. You may need to go to the beach if you need to make a call.)
- Whistle: We recommend preferably one per person.
- Food: Pre-event food and snacks for the event (e.g. nuts, chocolate, sweets, etc.)
- Drinks: There will be no catering or drinking water at the Event HQ or on the course. Do not drink from the streams on the course.

What not to do and What not to bring.

During the event:-

Do not use State Highway 60 or Milnthorpe Quay road between SH60 and Nelson Street.

(Any team using either of these roads will be instantly disqualified.)

Use of the GPS function on cell phones or other GPS devices are not permitted whilst on the course but you may use them to record your route if you wish.

Dogs are allowed but they must be kept strictly under control, particularly if on the beaches.

Land, Environment and Property.

Rogaining endeavors to be an environmentally friendly activity. All participants are expected to abide by this ethic.

- Do not drop litter.
- Avoid houses and accessory buildings and/or machinery and stay out of out-of-bound areas. Teams entering out-of-bounds areas will be disqualified.
- Do not interfere with pest traps.
- No fires or smoking.
- Report any damage or disturbance you may have caused, or seen.
- Keep streams and water bodies clean
- Take due care to avoid spreading weeds, pest or diseases.

Maps.

Maps will be A4, colour, with a magnetic north point added and a scale bar.

The mapping is only basic in nature. For example track bends are approximate only and man made objects such as benches have not been marked. The size of each track is not indicated, although all offer easy travel, nor is the thickness / openness of the vegetation. The controls are however readily visible if you are at the correct location.

Safety.



There are places where a multitude of tree roots criss-cross the tracks. They are a trip hazard and can be very slippery. Take particular care in these areas.

Do not attempt to cross any waterways other than at bridges, culverts or the causeway.

Penalties

Penalty points for finishing late are 20 points per minute or part thereof. All points will be lost if you are more than 15 minutes late !

Results.

When you return to the Finish, add up your own score, remembering to deduct any penalties if you are late, then write your / team name, final score and elapsed time on one of the clip boards at the Registration table. We will collect the results together and will publish them on the Tramping Club Facebook page (hopefully) within 24 hours.

Postponement.

In the case of severe weather the event will be postponed to 8th August. Notification of a postponement will be made on the Golden Bay Community Noticeboard:

https://b-m.facebook.com/groups/588867111181015?_tn_=CH-R

and the GBATC Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Golden-Bay-Alpine-Tramping-Club-533684766834784/>

Milnthorpe Arboretum Trust.

Finally, and most importantly, thanks go to the Trust for their permission to use the reserve. If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information on the Trust contact the Secretary at lizthomaspost@gmail.com

**BE SAFE &
HAVE FUN**





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How Rogaining Works.

Rogaining is a sport of cross-country navigation in which teams of generally two to five members gain as many points as possible in the time allotted by visiting their chosen checkpoints. Teams travel entirely on foot, at their own pace, between checkpoints. Anyone from children to grandparents can experience the personal satisfaction that comes from cross-country navigation at their own level of competition and comfort.

The parts of the course you visit are entirely up to you and your team members. There are no set routes and you don't have to spend the whole time on the course. You can return to the Finish at any time. The distance you travel is entirely up to you. The satisfaction comes in finding your way around the course according to the route that you have chosen, and navigating back to the Finish within the time limit.

The planning of your route begins approximately 1 hour before the Start of the event. You are provided with a map with all the checkpoint locations marked on it, and a description of each checkpoint and its point value. You choose your own route to visit whichever checkpoints you want but remember the idea is to maximise the total point value obtained.

At each checkpoint in this event you will find a plastic marker with a three letter code which you need to write down on your control card in the appropriate numbered square for that checkpoint; this proves that you have been to the checkpoint. Rogaining is a team sport and the team **MUST** stay together at all times. All team members must visit the checkpoint in order to gain the allocated points.

For this event the maximum time allowed is 90 minutes. You need to make sure that you get back to the Finish before the time limit expires as there are hefty points penalties for being late. (In this event the penalty is 20 points per minute or part minute late. After 15 minutes you lose all of your points !!)

New rogainers are always welcome and the event organisers are happy to provide basic instruction at the event to help you get started.