



9th World Rogaining Championships 2010

Cheviot, New Zealand 20-21 November

Model Course Information

Purpose

The model course is intended to give people from outside New Zealand a feel for terrain and vegetation which is similar to the WRC course. It is not a competition; no times or scores will be recorded. You will be able to see the way that checkpoint flags are attached to plants and posts in New Zealand in order to make them windproof and animal-proof. This sometimes affects their visibility. You will also see the run-ability of some of the types of bush and scrub which are common here, and you will also become familiar with the map legend and scale, and the slope of the coastal hills. You will also have a pleasant outing.

Directions to the Model Course

The model course is based at a farm called Mt. Vulcan Station. From Christchurch travel north on State Highway 1, past Waipara (60km from Christchurch) to Omihi School (a further 10 to 12km). Turn east into Reeces Road and follow for approx. 12 km to Mt Vulcan Station. The base is on the left just past a sign that says "The Rock". Allow 75 mins from Christchurch. Look for checkpoint flags at Reeces Road and "The Rock".

If travelling from the North on State Highway 1 the Omihi School is approximately 45 km south of Cheviot (and 12km south of Greta Valley township).

Organisation

The model course will be open from 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs on Wednesday 17th November and Thursday 18th November. Come at any time and spend as much or as little time as you wish on the course provided you return by 16:00hrs. There will be a supervisor at the base to hand out maps and checkpoint descriptions and to answer any questions you may have.

You must be entirely self sufficient with your own water and food. Toilet facilities will be provided. Valuables and car keys may be left with the course supervisor.

Remember that this is all private farmland, and deserves every respect. We are indebted to the landowner for his willing help. Take care crossing fences and do not frighten stock. Follow the Code of Conduct available at <http://rogaine.org.nz/wrc2010/NZRACodeOfConduct.htm>

Terrain, Course and Map

The terrain will be similar to that for the main event. Checkpoints will be on similar features which will be identified with explanation of such aspects as vegetation types and ground cover. Checkpoints will be marked with the same type of flags as for the Championship and they will be mounted on similar vegetation. There will be some similar fences.

The map will be A4 to the same style, scale and orientation as the map for the Championships. However the area is very small and the checkpoints are much closer together than they will be in WRC. There will be no checkpoint recording equipment in place but there will be a sample punch and wrist-tags available at the base for you to inspect.

The cost for a map, checkpoint descriptions and an A4 sealable plastic bag is \$5.

Safety

We will record your names, contact address, phone numbers and car registration numbers as you depart into the field. Our check that you have returned from the field will be that your car has left the site. Please ensure that all the people that arrive with you also depart with you.

Your safety is entirely in your own hands. We will not have first aid on hand. We will not inspect your equipment so if the weather is bad carry similar equipment to that advised in the main event Final Instructions. There is a ridge road running along the high part of the map to Mt. Vulcan which will be monitored once only at 16:00hrs

Farm animals will be encountered please do not disturb them unnecessarily. Fires, smoking, dogs, and guns are not permitted.