

East Gippsland Rail Trail: Committee of Management

Terms and conditions for operation of an 'event' on the East Gippsland Rail Trail during which a number of participants would be traveling by bicycle.

A. General Terms

1. The Rail Trail is open 24/7 to the general public and will not be closed for any specific event, other than for reasons of safety or maintenance works conducted at the direction of the Committee of Management. If an event is scheduled and adequate prior notice given to the Committee any planned works closure will be deferred.
2. Neither the Committee of Management nor any other agency responsible for Crown Land management takes any responsibility for the consequences of any person using the Rail Trail and requires that an event organiser indemnify in writing the Committee of Management and all other agencies responsible for Crown Land management.
3. An event organiser takes full and unconditional responsibility for behavior of participants, whether registered or using the trail informally as part of an event.
4. The organiser will establish a risk management plan which includes notification to relevant medical and emergency services.

B. Specific Conditions.

- 1) At least 2 weeks prior to the date of an event taking place the organiser will post notices of the event (made of weather proof material e.g. Corflute, minimum 600 mm x 600 mm, and including the event name, organiser, date and travel times) at:
 1. Trail entrance, Bairnsdale
 2. Sarsfield Rd RT crossing at Nicholson
 3. Bruthen township exit (west of the tunnel)
 4. Nowa Nowa (first chicane on side road east of the highway bridge)
 5. Burn Road chicane.and insert a Public Notice announcement in Bairnsdale Advertiser 2 weeks prior.
- 2) Public access trails protocols shall apply at all times.
- 3) All gates will remain closed, with access by chicanes where installed.
- 4) Participants will obey standard traffic rules (public road crossings are involved)
- 5) Participants will acknowledge that hazardous situations can be encountered.
- 6) Participants will slow down when approaching chicanes and road crossings, with no heavy braking so as to cause locking up of wheels causing damage to the trail surface.
- 7) The organiser will install 'on trail' Road Ahead warning signs on the approach to the 'S' bend road crossing at Tambo Upper, and when the event is concluded remove all advisory and other signs placed on the Rail Trail as part of the event.
- 8) The organiser will take all reasonable steps to ensure participants are conversant with these terms and conditions.

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