



2026 AUSCYCLING

MTB Cross Country State Championships Queensland

Event and Technical Guide

28-29 November 2026

Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve, Ipswich

XCC on Saturday | XCO on Sunday



Welcome and event essentials

Ipswich Offroad Cyclists welcomes riders, supporters and officials to Castle Hill for two days of Queensland cross-country mountain bike racing. This guide brings together entry information, the provisional program, venue arrangements and race procedures.

Item	Details
Dates	Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November 2026
Venue	Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve, Ipswich
Address	7B Mary Street, Blackstone QLD 4304
Saturday	Cross-country short track (XCC)
Sunday	Olympic cross-country (XCO)
Entry payment and scratching cut-off	Midnight Tuesday 24 November 2026 AEST
Host	Ipswich Offroad Cyclists
Time zone	All times are AEST (Queensland)

Find your information

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Event details

Venue and access

Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve is the event venue. Use the published venue address, 7B Mary Street, Blackstone, when planning your journey. Parking will be along Mary Street in signed, designated areas. Please do not park on residents' footpaths or block driveways. Emergency vehicles access the course via Mary Street beside the event village entry, just before the railway crossing. Keep this access clear.

Key contacts

Role	Name or provider	Contact
Race Director	Stephen Pozzebon	racedirector@ipswichoffroadcyclists.com.au 0418 286 712
Event Manager	John Russell	jrmavrik@gmail.com 0409 646 398
First aid provider	ASSIST Medics ASSIST First Aid	Event village; throughout official practice and the full race schedule
Chief Commissaire	Iain Masters	

Facilities and spectator information

Facility	Current information
Registration	Event village; Saturday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm; Sunday opens 7:00 am
Toilets, water and bike wash	Five toilets onsite, drinking water and a bike wash bay will be available.
Food and coffee	Bremer State High School MTB Program will run a fundraiser BBQ throughout the weekend. Mystic Coffee Adventures will provide coffee, other refreshments and snacks.
Parking and unloading	Park along Mary Street in signed, designated areas. Do not park on residents' footpaths or block driveways.
Team pits and service marquees	3 m x 3 m marquee lots. To request marquee area allocation, contact racedirector@ipswichoffroadcyclists.com.au.
Camping	No camping is permitted at the venue.
Spectator access	Viewing areas and course crossings to be confirmed



Competitor information

Enter the correct race

XCC and XCO have separate EntryBoss listings. Enter each discipline you intend to race. **For all championship categories, you must hold a current AusCycling Race Membership to enter a State Championship level event.** Day licences are not permitted for championship categories.

[Saturday XCC entry](#)

[Sunday XCO entry](#)

Entries, payment and scratching for both XCC and XCO close at **11:59pm on Tuesday 24 November 2026, AEST**. Any late or onsite entry process must be confirmed by the organiser.

Published online entry fees

Category	XCC	XCO
U9 and U11 (non-championship)	\$15.50	\$15.50
U13	\$15.50	\$31.00
U15 and U17	\$26.00	\$51.00
U19 and U23	\$26.00	\$61.50
Expert and Elite	\$26.00	\$61.50
Masters 1-10+ and e-bikes	\$26.00	\$61.50

Categories and title eligibility

State Championships categories include U13, U15, U17, U19, U23, Expert, Elite, Masters and e-bike categories. U9 and U11 are non-championship categories. Final category groupings, championship eligibility, awards and combined starts require confirmation with AusCycling and the Chief Commissaire.

Registration and race plates

Registration is listed in the event village. Plate collection requirements, timing equipment, rider briefing and sign-on cut-offs will be confirmed in the next revision. Bring your entry confirmation and current membership details.

[Official event information](#)



Race procedures

Technical regulations

The reference documents are the [2026 AusCycling General Technical Regulations](#) and [2026 AusCycling Mountain Bike Technical Regulations](#). Read the current versions through the official regulations page. Event-specific instructions will be confirmed by the Chief Commissaire.

Rider responsibilities

Follow directions from commissaires, marshals and the organiser. Wear required approved protective equipment, use a serviceable bicycle, ride considerately, and carry water and nutrition. Follow the marked course and use designated crossings when off the course.

Practice and racing

The provisional practice windows are listed in Appendix A. GPX reference lengths are approximately 0.91 km for XCC, 4.16 km for the XCO lap and 0.85 km for the separate XCO start loop.

Final briefing items

Start call-up procedure, grid positions, briefing and assembly time.

XCC durations and XCO lap counts, including junior and e-bike variations.

Feed and technical assistance zones and support-person access.

Lapped-rider procedure, course closure and withdrawal reporting.

Timing provider, results link, result queries and protest process.

Presentation location, category awards and attendance requirements.

Wet-weather decisions, course changes and urgent event updates.

Presentations

Saturday presentations are provisionally scheduled for 5:15 pm.

Sunday presentations are provisionally scheduled for 11:45 am and 5:00 pm.

Presentations will be held in the event village.



Medical support and rider welfare

Onsite medical services

ASSIST Medics | ASSIST First Aid will be located within the event village throughout all official practice sessions and the full race schedule. For onsite first aid assistance, visit the medical post in the event village.

In an emergency

For a life-threatening emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**. Alert a marshal or official as soon as it is safe to do so. Give the incident location and rider number if known. Keep access clear for medical personnel and emergency vehicles. Download the Emergency Plus app on your phone to give emergency services your exact location. [Emergency+ | Save the app that could save your life](#)

Venue reference: Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve, 7B Mary Street, Blackstone QLD 4304. Emergency vehicle access to the course is via Mary Street beside the event village entry, just before the railway crossing. Keep the entry and access corridor clear.

Hospital information

Mater Private Hospital Springfield

30 Healthcare Drive
Springfield Central Queensland 4300
Hospital switchboard: +61 7 3098 3900
[Mater Private Hospital Springfield - Mater](#)

Ripley Satellite Health Centre

150 Botany Drive
South Ripley Queensland 4306
Hospital switchboard +61 7 3436 3777
[Ripley Satellite Health Centre | West Moreton Health](#)

Heat and preparation

Plan for outdoor conditions. Bring water, food, sunscreen and sun protection, and check event updates before travel. Tell the event team if you need assistance. Drinking water will be available onsite. The drinking-water point and bike wash bay locations will be confirmed on the village plan.

Anti-doping and medications

Check medications using Global DRO and consult Sport Integrity Australia for current anti-doping and Therapeutic Use Exemption requirements. Use the current TUE checker to determine which process applies to you; category advice from older guides may no longer apply.

[Global DRO medication checker](#)

[Sport Integrity Australia TUE information](#)



Partners and sponsors

Community funding support



This event has been assisted by the Ipswich City Council's Community Events Funding Program.

Event sponsors

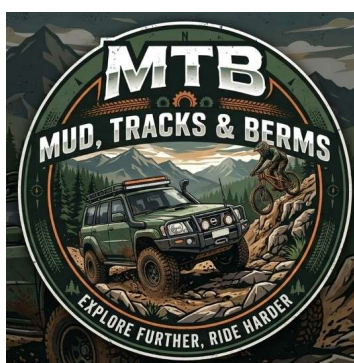


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Hiddenvale Adventure Park

Hidden Vale Adventure Park (HVAP), an hour's drive west of Brisbane, offers an amazing variety of terrain over a multi-use, up to 80 kilometers of mountain bike and trail running network catering for all ages and abilities. Whether you're a bike rider, runner or hiker, you'll love exploring our 12,000 acre property.

[Hidden Vale Adventure Park](#)



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Event photography

Event photography will be provided throughout the weekend by [Element Photo and Video](#). All your actions shots and podium shots will be made available to all riders for free post the event via an online gallery.

Thanks to the generous support from The Mountain Biker all event photos will be made available to all riders in hi-res via online galleries.

Fundraiser BBQ



Bremer State High School MTB Program will run a fundraiser BBQ throughout the weekend. Come and grab a delicious burger and cold drink while supporting a great local MTB School Program.



Coffee and refreshments

Mystic Coffee Adventures will provide coffee, hot and cold drinks with an assortment of milks, other refreshments and snacks throughout the weekend, including some vegan options.

Saturday XCC schedule

Provisional schedule - subject to change. Check the event listing for confirmed start times closer to the event. All times are AEST.

Time	Session or category
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Registration open
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	XCO course practice
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	XCC course practice
12:35 pm	U9 and U11 - all riders (non-championship)
12:50 pm	U13 - all riders
1:05 pm	U15 men
1:35 pm	U17 men
2:05 pm	Masters men 5-10+
2:35 pm	E-bikes - all riders
3:05 pm	U15, U17 and Masters 5-10+ women
3:35 pm	U19, U23, Expert, Masters 1-4 and Elite women
4:05 pm	Expert and Masters 1-4 men
4:35 pm	U19, U23 and Elite men
5:15 pm	Presentations - all categories

Course length, category race duration and lap counts will be confirmed in accordance with AusCycling regulations.

[Check the XCC event listing](#)



Sunday XCO schedule

Provisional schedule - subject to change. All times are AEST. Category wording follows the current EntryBoss listing.

Time	Session or category
7:00 am	Village and registration open
7:00 am - 7:30 am	Official practice
7:35 am	U9 and U11 - all riders (non-championship)
8:00 am	U13 - all riders
8:30 am	U15, U17 and Masters ladies 5-10+
10:00 am	U15, U17 and Masters men 5-10+
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Official practice
11:45 am	Morning presentations
12:15 pm	E-bikes - all riders
1:30 pm	U19, U23, Expert, Masters 1-4 and Elite women
3:00 pm	U19, U23, Expert, Masters 1-4 and Elite men
5:00 pm	Presentations

[Check the XCO event listing](#)



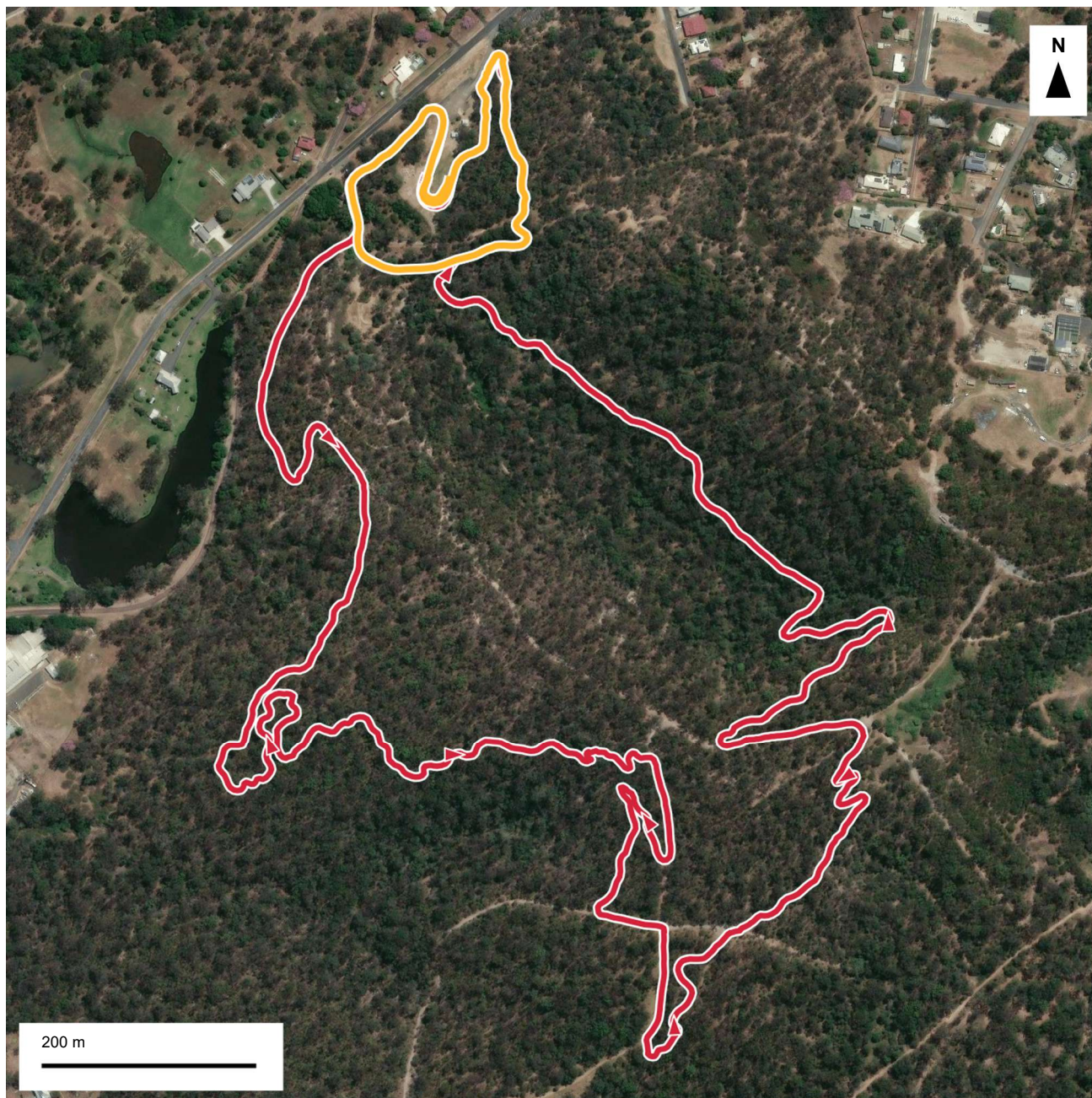
XCC course map

Approximate GPX trace length **0.91 km**. Red line and arrows show the course, connected through the start/finish area.



XCO course and start loop

Red XCO lap approximately **4.16 km**. **Gold** separate start loop approximately **0.85 km**.



Approximate distances from supplied GPX files. Start-loop endpoints are about 20 m apart; final connections, category routes and laps require confirmation. Arrows follow the GPX recording.

Proposed event village plan

3 m x 3 m marquee lots. Team pits outside the course near the main car park. Commissaires and timing are in the middle of the grassed area beside the start/finish. Registration, medics and food services remain along the Mary Street side.



C Commissaires | T Timing | R Registration | M Medics | B Bremer State High School MTB Program fundraiser BBQ
Mystic Coffee Adventures has a separate space. Six team lots are illustrated. To request marquee area allocation, contact racedirector@ipswichoffroadcyclists.com.au.

Accommodation and travel

Plan your stay for the 2026 AusCycling MTB Cross-Country State Championships on 28-29 November at Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve, Ipswich.

Where to stay

Visit Ipswich lists hotels, motels and apartments, self-contained accommodation, rural escapes, pet-friendly stays, and camping and caravan options across the region. Browse the official accommodation guide to find a stay that suits your race weekend.

[Explore accommodation - Visit Ipswich](#)

When booking, check travel time to the venue, secure bicycle storage, parking and your arrival arrangements directly with your accommodation provider. **No camping is permitted at the event venue.**

Travelling to Ipswich

Road connections include the Ipswich Motorway from Brisbane, the Warrego Highway from the west, the Brisbane Valley Highway from the north, the Cunningham Highway from the south-west, and the Logan and Gateway motorways from the south-east and Brisbane Airport.

Rail connections link Brisbane with Ipswich. If travelling by public transport, check current services and bicycle carriage conditions, and plan your onward journey to Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve. For air travel, consider Brisbane, Gold Coast or Toowoomba Wellcamp airports and arrange your transfer to Ipswich.

[Getting here and around - Visit Ipswich](#)

[Plan public transport - Translink](#)

Arriving at the race venue

Castle Hill Blackstone Reserve

7B Mary Street, Blackstone QLD 4304

Park along Mary Street in signed, designated areas. Do not park on residents' footpaths or block driveways. Keep the event village emergency vehicle access clear.

Local visitor assistance

Ipswich Visitor Information Centre

14 Queen Victoria Parade, Ipswich QLD 4305

Phone: (07) 3281 0555

info@visitipswich.com.au

