



Marokopa Munter Newsletter One

Greetings racers,

We here at the Munter are getting super excited about hosting you all in the Marokopa region in November.

The Munter course is shaping up to challenge every team in a variety of ways- we obviously can't give too much away, but expect the usual diet of hearty hills, bushy bush and a few spectacular views for those who can still appreciate the scenery while getting physically smashed to pieces!

An extra part of the vibe this year was to bring in elements of racing that would assist with teams taking on GODZone in March, specifically the use of Bike Boxes for the 24-Hour Packrafting teams.

In light of recent changes in GZ format, (which has removed the need for boxes and introduced Support Crew for all teams) we will follow suit in terms of teams **not needing bike boxes**, BUT the 24 Hour Packraft teams will still be unsupported. The 24-Hour Non-PR and 12 Hour teams will still need a support crew.

For the Packrafting teams, the water will be Grade 1-2, but will still require a decent amount of paddle fitness and river skill and of course could depend on rainfall/ flow in the area. Bike helmets will suffice as helmets for the paddle section.

For the 24 Non-PR teams, expect a little more time trekking...but both divisions will cover very similar terrain.

The 12 Hour race will cover some spectacular (and we are not overusing this word) areas- we are currently working on throwing in a few herds of wild pigs into the mix to keep things interesting! The 12 Hour race will start and finish in an area away from Marokopa- more details will be given closer to the date.

We are still having the traditional Friday night briefing/ catch up in the Marokopa Hall at 8pm (bar is open beforehand if the drive has made anyone thirsty) however if your logistics make this difficult to attend, please email us and we can get you up to speed as best as possible before race start on Sat morning.

There are still no shop/food options in the township of Marokopa, so **please stock up (including petrol)** well beforehand.

The prizegiving/ kai will be held Sunday morning, 11:00 am at the Marokopa Hall.

Keep checking the Munter website for more info, especially individual and team gear lists.

Please share with team mates- several teams are still to complete their online entries.

Keep the training up – great now that the weather is getting warmer and days are longer!

If you are after a new **Packraft**- head to www.blueduckpackrafting.com

If you need a reliable, powerful **light system**, check out www.glowormlites.co.nz

Catch you all at Marokopa in late November,

Matt, Nev, Rusty and crew.