



Greetings racers!

Hope your training and preparation has been going well for the 2025 Marokopa Munter Taranaki Edition 36 Hour Adventure Race!

The course is sure to provide a fun playground for all teams and no doubt include some good old fashioned hills, bush, mud and views. Yep definitely some decent views! Please read and share with the rest of your team...

36 HOUR

Friday 24th November

Race Registration: Friday 24th November at Stratford High School Hall, 90 Swansea Road, Stratford. Register anytime from 6:00pm .

Race briefing for all teams: 7:30pm

Race Start 10:00pm Friday Night (approx. 30 min drive from Stratford)

Maps for the 36 Hour will be given out on Friday at registration. Maps are waterproof, mostly 1:50,000 topographical. There will be plenty of space in the hall for route planning...

With regards to the sleeping bag and tent fly situation, **ONE sleeping bag** and **tent fly** per team must be carried the entire race, the **tent** and **three other sleeping bags** may only need to be carried for a specific leg if the race directors specify (weather depending)

Finish is at 10:00am Sunday morning.

Prize giving and food will follow at the finish line area, 11:00am Sunday.

Teams will still need to carry a **fully charged phone** with a mapping app such as 'i-hike', as well as the supplied In Reach device, for emergency use only!

There will be a **live tracking website** for the 36 Hour teams, courtesy of TrackMe NZ.

Water on Course: There will be opportunities at most Transition Areas to replenish water, but always a good idea to carry a decent amount and have spare with the support crew.

Support Crew: The first main role will be getting the team and their bikes to the registration in Stratford, and then start line on Friday evening. Then once the race has started, there will be a drive to a transition area (about 35 mins from the start) Bikes will be needed to be moved to the next transition area, but they won't be needed to be there until after 8am Sat.

This means support crew can get a decent sleep somewhere- (Stratford is under an hour away..) but you could also bring a tent and camp at the transition areas. There are toilets at all TA's.

On Saturday, there will be two TA areas where you can meet your team and restock supplies and give shoulder rubs and special words of encouragement. And all things going well, Saturday night should also allow a good amount of sleep for support crew, with the final transition at daybreak on Sunday morning.

More details will be given out for support crews on Friday at registration. Most of the driving will be on sealed roads, with small sections of easy gravel (4WD not usually needed)

GODZone entry- for teams competing in the 36 hour, there is the incredible opportunity to win a free entry into this year's Marlborough event- as long as you meet these criteria- at least 3 of your team have never competed in a GODZone event before, and your team is available to compete in Marlborough in November 27- Dec 5th. You would be representing the 'Marokopa Munter' along with several other A1 race teams. Please email us back indicating you would like to be in the running for this.

A more detailed logistics planner will be sent out one week before the race that will break down stage lengths and orders etc.

You will be racing in a wide variety of terrain- some of which is isolated and technically challenging- please come prepared with everything on the compulsory gear list and include those extra things you know can make racing more successful (like Gurney Goo or the slightly heavier Gore-Tex jacket, not GPS's!)

For the 36 hour teams: please consider the 'spirit' of the event when you receive your maps on Friday night. We politely ask that you race using only your map, compass and your collective outdoor skills, and are not using any extra assistance either from locals, google earth, global positioning satellite technology or Lance Armstrong's 'medical' team!

See you all at Labour Weekend1,

Matt, Nev, Mark, Mike and crew.