

KAITANGATA BLACK GOLD TRAIL 2008
RACE INFORMATION

Kaitangata Promotions welcome you to the annual Kaitangata Black Gold Trail Mountain Bike & Run
NOTE this year's event includes a 20km cross country run.

Starting at the north end of Kaitangata, Black Gold Trail participants will travel through an awe-inspiring tour of scenic bush trails and forestry roads, giving opportunity to catch a glimpse of the famous Wild Horses living in the forestry of Taratu. Winding your way past historic mining sites you will feel the courage of yesteryears underground heroes and share their sense of adventure.

Reach deep gathering stamina and courage to imagine the mystery and magic of days gone by. Gain a unique overview of the redevelopment of the Wangaloa State open cast mine and the present day Kai Point Coal open cast mining operation, then travel along the famous Kai Hills to reach down to the Matau mouth of the mighty Clutha River.

An exhilarating climb will give you some of the most stunning views then descend to float alongside the river, return through the township, completing your adventure, exhilarated and totally awed by the experience of Black Gold Trail.

**Wearied, like the miners, you will relax, reminisce and relive the day, talk about this years event
and be united in the knowledge that.....
You have conquered the BLACK GOLD TRAIL**

**Normally closed to the public, this is your once a year opportunity for an experience of a lifetime to
pave the way for the future by following the coal trail of history.**

We take this opportunity to thank forestry companies and landowners, who for one day a year have granted access to enable the staging of Kaitangata Promotions Black Gold Trail Mountain Bike & Run.

In return we ask participants to respect private property, stay strictly on the outlined course and inform you there is absolutely no access permitted on any of the privately owned property prior to, or after the event.

Also note these courses demand a reasonable level of fitness.

RACE DATE: Saturday 15th November

THE RACE: Starting at Crescent Rugby Clubrooms, a short burst on the tarmac to turn right up Taratu Road and undulating forest track, a moderate climb onto Wild Horse and Black Gully Road followed by a fast narrow single track forest descent. Cross Wangaloa Road to follow Wattle Road into a narrow single track. 1 km along, short course riders will turn off for a fast descent into Kaitangata town and the clubrooms to complete their ride.

Full course riders continue on Old Coach, Wattle and Lockington Roads to loop back around to the drinks station. A further narrow single track descends through native bush and farmland to follow Summerhill Road and farm tracks alongside The Mighty Clutha River. Return along Summer Hill Road for the last big climb on farm and native bush single track then descend through steep paddocks, to Summer Hill Road for a flat tarmac sprint to the finish line.

RACE SECTIONS:

Bike - Full Course - approx 45km

Junior - 14-18yrs: Juniors entering the schools team event will also be eligible for the individual section.

School Team: 3 riders to a team, with the title going to the team with the lowest combined time.

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COURSE MAPS: Email kaipromo@xtra.co.nz

RACE ENTRY & ENTRY CLOSURE DATE: Entries must be on the official entry form (or a clear photo copy) and received by the closing date of Friday 7th of November 2008. Allow 2 days for postage.

Entry on the day: Will only be allowed if the race is not deemed full by closing date. **An additional late fee of \$10 will apply.**

Confirmation of entry: You will not be contacted individually, please use your cheque clearance as confirmation of entry.

AGE LIMITS: We will not accept entries from those under the age of 14 years.

REGISTRATION & COLLECTION OF RACE PACKS FOR BOTH BIKE AND RUN SECTIONS

From 8.00am at the Crescent Rugby Club grounds.

RACE BRIEFING: 8.45am

START TIMES: 9.00am (20km & 45km Cross Country bike) 9.15am 20km cross country run

ROAD SAFETY: Please be observant on public roads. While there will be traffic management in place there will be NO road closures so please take great care and obey all road rules.

OFFICIAL SUPPORT VEHICLES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES: Only official support vehicles will be allowed on privately owned land on event day. They will provide logistics support, premed and first aid. Participants are to GIVE RIGHT OF WAY to the official event vehicles.

AID STATIONS: Located along the trail. If you choose to stop please move to the side and make way for other bikers/ runners.

PRIZE GIVING: Will be held at 3pm in The Crescent Rugby Clubrooms., spot prizes will be provided by R & R Sport - Note you must be present to receive a spot prize.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase prior to and during prize giving. **NOTE** all competitors will be provided with free snack pack upon completing the course.

WEATHER / CANCELLATION: This event will be held regardless of the weather conditions, unless the organizer deems it to be dangerous to participants, i.e. due to high winds posing a threat within the forest. Should this happen the event will be postponed and run on Sunday 16th November, all race times will remain the same. Cancellation will be broadcast on Radio Clutha, Hokonui Gold, Big River Radio, Classic Hits Dunedin, Radio Otago More FM.

In the unlikely event of the reserve day being cancelled due to weather conditions or other circumstances no refunds will be given, and another date will be organized for the event.

REFUND POLICY: Withdrawals after 1st November 2008 will receive no refund, prior to this date a 75% refund applies. **NOTE:** There will be no refund for competitors who can't make the reserve day.

WHERE TO GO: From the north, the Crescent Rugby Clubrooms are on the right hand side before Kaitangata. From the south, turn left at Water Street and follow the creek around to the Clubrooms on the left.

ESSENTIALS TO CARRY:

Clothing: You must wear a safety approved helmet at all times. A jacket and warm clothing are advisable as weather conditions can change quickly.

Food and drinks: Carry plenty of fluids, but water will also be available from aid stations. Please carry and consume enough energy food to get you through the event. We recommend at least 1000 calories.

Repairs: Carry two spare tubes, tools to fix a puncture and minor mechanical repairs. Eg chain break. Support riders from R&R Sport may be on hand to assist with minor repairs, but don't rely on them.

Make sure your bicycle is in good repair – have it serviced before the event: R & R Sport will provide a free 15 minute bike check for competitors who wish one. Please contact R & R Sport to arrange an appointment in plenty of time before race day.

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Risk Disclosure and Entry Form

RISK DISCLOSURE: I acknowledge and fully understand that there are inherent risks / dangers / hazards, both known (listed below) and unknown, involved with this activity and the environment within which it will occur. I am aware of the implications of participating in this activity and the environment within which it will occur. I am aware of the consequences of my actions should I ignore the Black Gold Trail mountain bike race organiser's safety management procedures and systems, and I accept full responsibility for my own actions, inaction, negligence or unacceptable behaviour while involved in this event. I have read and understand my responsibilities as listed below.

TYPICAL HAZARDS: These could include and are not limited to: Falls, Hypothermia, Dehydration, Cold / wet weather, Hot weather, Ice / snow, General injuries, Getting lost, Loose rocks / stones, Cliffs / boulders, Streams / swamps, Overgrown trees / roots, Falling trees, Gorse / blackberry, Derelict / unstable fences, Bees and wasps, Medical problems, Terrain traps, High winds, Equipment / bike failure, Road traffic, Vehicle crash, Fire, Wandering stock and wildlife.

COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITIES: Read all notices concerning the event, obey all instructions and warnings, not to interfere with any plant or equipment that is not my own. To remain on the marked course at all times. To take responsibility for my well being during the race, if I suffer from any known medical conditions. To check in at the finish whether or not I complete the course. To attend and listen to the race briefing. I acknowledge and understand that, while being involved in this activity, an unpredictable and / or uncontrollable event may occur that could possibly cause me serious harm. I acknowledge that the Black Gold Trail Mountain Bike/Run race organisers will be taking all reasonable and practical steps to ensure my safety while I am involved in this activity. I have read, acknowledge and understand the above risks, dangers and hazards disclosed for the activity I am about to participate in and the environment within which it will occur. I accept my responsibilities as a competitor.

SIGNED **DATED**/...../08

Conditions of Entry:

1. All competitors, fully understanding all the inherent hazards, compete at their own risk.
2. The organisers will not accept liability for any personal injury or mishap during the event that is caused by the competitor's actions, inaction, negligence or unacceptable behaviour.
3. All competitors must read, understand and accept the possible hazards associated with this event.
4. All Kaitangata Black Gold Trail competitors must be 14 years & over on race day, and be of sufficient fitness to complete the course that they enter.
5. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw from the race any competitor who shows signs of severe fatigue or injury during the race.
6. All competitors must dress sufficiently for the conditions and weather likely to be experienced during the race. (Remember the area is at times reasonably isolated, in thick forestry and the weather conditions can change rapidly)
7. All competitors must carry sufficient gear for the conditions and weather likely to be experienced during the race. **Bike helmets must be worn.**
8. Race officials must be obeyed and have the right to stop the race or disqualify any competitor.
9. Competitors must follow the route as described and marked by the organisers. Your race number must be attached to the front of your bike.
10. No litter is to be dropped on the course. All competitors must attend the race briefing. All competitors must sign the Risk Disclosure form (above) as proof they have read and fully understand the potential risks/hazards/dangers that may be encountered during the event.
11. All competitors must sign the indemnity on the entry form which states that you have read, understood and agree to these conditions of entry.

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Entry Form

(Note a separate form must be done for each school team member)

Please PRINT

Name _____ Age (on race day) _____

School Team Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone No _____ Email _____

(this will be used for results, and to advise you about Kaitangata Black Gold Trail 2008)

Please Tick -	Men <input type="checkbox"/>	Women <input type="checkbox"/>	Team <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(Ages are on race day)			
Cost	Jnr: 14-18yrs	Open: 19-39yrs	Master: 40yrs up	
Bike 20km Course \$25 (Junior \$25)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
Bike 45km Course \$40 (Junior \$25)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....
Run 20km Course \$25(Junior \$25)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$.....

Amount enclosed \$.....

I understand that I am entering this event at my own risk. In my judgment I have sufficient competence, experience and fitness to compete safely. I have read and understood the conditions on the entry details and I agree to abide by these conditions governing the running of the event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organisers and sponsors from any and all liabilities and claims made by other individuals and entities as a result of any of my actions, inactions, negligence or unacceptable behaviour during the event. I agree to attend and listen to the race brief prior to the start of the race, and obey all instructions given at this.

I understand that the race organisers will take all reasonable and practical steps to ensure my safety throughout the duration of this event.

Signed _____ Date __ / __ / 08

Entry forms and payment may be taken to R&R Sport, 70 Stuart Street Dunedin.

Alternatively post your entry form to:

Kaitangata Black Gold Trail, 17 Eddystone Street Kaitangata, to arrive by **Friday 7th November** 2007,(allow at least two days for postage).

Please make cheques payable to "Kaitangata Black Gold Trail"

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