

# Race Information and Conditions of Entry

## BUTTERFLY CREEK NIGHTTIME MADNESS

Saturday 23 August 2008

... an after dark race adventure

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### Race description

Butterfly Creek Nighttime Madness is for all ages (9 years upward) and abilities. There are 3 course lengths. Course One is designed for walkers and youth. Course 2 is designed for runners. Course 3 is the Vasque Extreme course for experience adventure runners.

Please note for the Butterfly Creek Nighttime Madness events, you need to compete as a pair. That means you need to start, race and finish together. Finish times are not recorded until both racers have crossed the finish line.

All course maps are available online at [www.paardekooper.co.nz](http://www.paardekooper.co.nz)



### Extreme Nighttime Madness

Limited to 25 pair (50 runners)

15.4km with a 480m climb

This is night time adventure running at its very best. Over a course of 15.4km with a 483m climb, much of the route follows the mountain ridge. As some parts of the track are not well marked, the Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness is for experienced adventure racers and mountain runners only.

The start is at Muritai School grounds, Eastbourne. This race heads from the school grounds up Rimu St to Muritai Rd, then left along Muritai Rd to Ferry Road in Days Bay. From here it is a climb up to the end of Ferry Road and onto the Ferry road track to the ridge. Once at the ridge you head south along the track over Mt Hawtrey and into Butterfly Creek, you come out of Butterfly Creek taking the Kowhai St route till you get to the Bus Shelter / Kowhai St junction at the top of the ridge. From here you follow the Bus Barns Track down to Muritai Rd. Once at the bottom you follow the waterfront to finish in the Muritai School Hall.

**Please note there are cut off times for the Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness. These are outlined under the rules and conditions. Map ready and compass skills are important in this event. Compulsory gear is needed for this event, please see rules and conditions. In this category we do not distinguish by gender.**



### Butterfly Creek Nighttime Madness Classic

An ideal event for all levels of fitness

Walkers: 8km long 295m climb

The race start is at Muritai School grounds, Eastbourne. The race heads from the school grounds up Rimu St to Muritai Rd, then along Muritai Rd to the Muritai Park track and up the track to the ridge. From here you follow the track to Butterfly Creek turnaround point. Then it's back along the track, taking the Kowhai St route. Once at Kowhai St, you head to the waterfront and then along to finish in the Muritai School Hall.

Runners: 9.64 km long 295m climb

You take the same track as the walkers until you get to the Bus Barns / Kowhai St junction at the top of the ridge. From here you follow the Bus Barns Track down to Muritai Rd. Once at the bottom you follow the waterfront to finish in the Muritai School Hall.



### Youth Challenge and the Young and the Restless Challenge

This category takes the same route as the walkers for the Butterfly Creek Nighttime Madness Classic. Please note in this category we do not distinguish between runners and walkers or by gender.

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- 1) **Entry is limited** to 400 people. 50 in the Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness and 350 across all other categories.
- 2) **Entries close 11 August 2008.** Late entries will be accepted after this date and up to 20 minutes prior to the start of the race if places are available. A late entry fee of \$10 per person (\$20 per pair) will apply.
- 3) **Registration will be from 5.30pm - 6.40pm.** You can pick up your race number and registration pack on the day from the main registration in the Muritai School Hall, Muritai Rd, Eastbourne. Registration closes at 6.40pm – no registrations will be handed out after this time.
- 4) **Race brief for all races will be held at 6.40pm. Race start is 7.00pm.** Please note all races start at the same time.
- 5) **First aid** will be available at the start/finish.
- 6) **Water.** There are water taps at the start/finish and you can take water from the creek if you wish. You must provide for and carry your own water.
- 7) **Prizes** will be awarded to the fastest pair in each category.

### Special prize categories:

#### Local Eastbourne and Bay Prizes



First local male, female and mixed pair runners to finish.



First local male, female and mixed pair walkers to finish.

First local pair to finish the Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness

#### Family Group Challenge



There will be a prize for the family with the largest number of people taking part. To qualify each member taking part must be related directly in some way or another e.g. mother, son in-law, cousin. Team members can form as many race pairs as they wish. I.e. if 8 group members take part, you can form up to 4 race pairs and you will still be counted as a team of 8. Family members must be registered as part of your group **before registration closes.**

#### Sports team Challenge



There will be a prize for the sports team with the largest number of people taking part. To qualify each person must play for the same team. Team members can form as many race pairs as they wish. I.e. if 8 group members take part, you can form up to 4 race pairs and you will still be counted as a team of 8. Sports team members must be registered as part of your group **before registration closes.**

#### Business House Challenge



There will be a prize for the business house with the largest number of people taking part. To qualify each person must work for the same company, not necessary the same branch. Partners of an employee / team member also qualify. Business houses can form as many race pairs as they wish. i.e. if 8 group members take part, you can form up to 4 race pairs and you will still be counted as a group of 8.

**Spot Prizes** ~ Will be drawn from pre-registered racers as well as spot prizes on the night.

- 1) **Prize-giving**, including spot prizes, will start at 10pm or 5 minutes after the last pair comes in, whichever occurs first.
- 2) **Consents.** This event is run with the consent of the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 3) **Race Protocol.** Please note we do not have exclusive use of the tracks. Be courteous to other users including other racers.
- 4) **Refueling.** Sausages from the sizzling BBQ and hot drinks will be available for purchase during and after the race. Please make sure you bring come cash along.
- 5) **Photo's.** You will be able to download for **free** the photo's that are taken during the event. Following the event, we will send out an email advising you of the website hosting the photos.

## Conditions of Entry and Race Rules

Your entry into this event acknowledges that you have read and accept the following race rules and conditions of entry to the event.

- 1 **You need to compete as a pair that means you start, race and finish together.** Finish times are not recorded until both racers have crossed the finish line.
- 2 **Youth Section Category.** Participants must be 9 years or over. Participants aged 9-12 must have an adult as the other member of their team (the Young and Restless category is designed for this age group). Youths aged 13-15 may race as a pair without an adult (we recommend youths entering this category are familiar with the bush environment). In the Youth section and the Young and the Restless category we do not distinguish between runners and walkers or by gender.
- 3 Participants must carry their own torch / water / refreshment requirements as well as suitable clothing for the weather on the night. Make sure you have a torch each ... i.e. 2 torches per pair.
- 4 **Butterfly Creek Nighttime Madness Classic.** Runners - If you do not get to the Bus Shelter/ Kowhai St junction within 1 hour you will be directed to take the shorter route back via Kowhai Street.
- 5 **Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness runners. To qualify for this race you must be able to make the main ridge / Mt. Hawtreys turn junction within 1¼ hours. If you do not achieve this on the night, you will be directed to take the shorter route back down to Days Bay and you will be noted as "Did Not Finish".**
- 6 **Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness runner.** You must carry: Swazi base layer top and bottom or equivalent; wind breaker; hat, mittens; crepe bandage; survival blanket; torch; at least 1 litre of water; compass, cell phone, and a whistle. We will supply you with a route map. A gear check will be undertaken before the race brief. **If you do not have the right gear for the Vasque Extreme Nighttime Madness you will not be able to take part.**
- 7 Please note for safety reasons no ipods / MP3 players or dogs are allowed.
- 8 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to individuals they deem to not be capable of safely completing the event.
- 9 The dropping of litter during the event is prohibited and may lead to disqualification.
- 10 Participants must at all times: obey the instructions of event officials; stay on footpaths in the urban section of the race; and stay on the tracks in the bush section. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.
- 11 All race participants compete at their own risk. You are responsible for your own safety at all times. Please keep note of the race conditions including weather, road conditions and visibility, and track conditions. All roads are open so be particularly careful when traveling on and crossing the roads.
- 12 The organisers, sponsors, Greater Wellington Regional Council and any other party associated with the event have no responsibility to racers or their associates for loss or injury which may occur from their participation in this event.
- 13 Participants who encounter a fellow participant who is injured or in serious difficulty are obliged to provide help and/or support until event officials are notified and suitable assistance given.
- 14 No refunds will be made if requested 21 days or less before the race. If refunds are requested prior to this, the organisers will retain a \$20 administration fee. All prices are in NZ\$.
- 15 In the event of extreme weather conditions where unacceptable damage to the track may occur or other factors beyond the control of the organisers, the organisers reserve the right to substitute an alternative run of similar distance. In this case entry fee will not be refunded. If the event is cancelled entirely, the organisers will make the maximum refund possible to participants.
- 16 The organisers reserve the right to use your name, photograph, voice and any written feedback provided by you without payment in any capacity relating to this event.

Register online at  
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