

Big Easy Mountain Bike Race.

Detailed Description

The Big Easy starts at the Snow Farm (1521m) then travels down to the Roaring Meg stream (1438m). From this point it is a steady uphill climb toward Mt. Pisa. The course veers left before the summit at 1916m then there is a downhill to 1850m. then a reasonably hard climb (may need to push your bike a bit at this point) to the top of Sally's Pinch heading toward the highest point of the race, 1946m, before heading downhill toward Luggate.

The downhill does, in places require a fair amount of skill to ride. If in doubt you may need to get off a walk a bit, most skilled riders will negotiate these parts with relative ease. One particular part just below the high point and before Lake McKay is the most challenging, quite rutty and rocky, it would be about 50m in length.

It must also be remembered that during the downhill there are a number of little up that will take the wind out of your sails. I would describe this downhill as mostly fantastic with a few challenging bits.

The first manned aid station will be close to halfway in the marathon, see map, there will be an unmanned drink station at Lake McKay.

Once off the main downhill you reach the Lake McKay woolshed (aid station) the course heads along under the terrace and under the main road, this is where the race really starts to get tough, there is a steep we climb up to the top of the terrace from here to the finish is over farmland of varying terrain, mainly flattish. Farm tracks, tarsealed roads, paddocks, little bit of single track (easy), and a river crossing. **This race is a true Mountain Bike event – there is no cotton wool provided.**