





## The MOJO Raid 2021

This preliminary document contains all the information you will need to prepare for the MOJO Raid. It will be updated periodically in the lead up to the race. The race schedule and logistics have been set to be as racer friendly as possible.

### Concept

The MOJO Raid is the cheeky younger sibling of the Rogue race. Racers should always expect the unexpected in this event! Teams will compete to collect as many checkpoints as possible over a 12-hour (or 6 hour) time period. The MOJO involves multiple stages of the traditional adventure racing disciplines of trekking, mountain biking and kayaking where teams must navigate the course using a map and compass on a route of their own choice. Each stage is effectively its own small rogaine where competitors may attempt to collect as many or as few checkpoints as they wish, making this event achievable by all levels of athlete. Strategy, precise navigation and perseverance will play just as a significant role as raw fitness.

The 3 Hour event is designed for newbies and families – to encourage new people into the sport in a fun and exciting way. This event is held on the Sunday to allow for families to compete together.

### Dates

28<sup>th</sup>/ 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Schedule

#### This schedule is subject to change please check back closer to the date:

12 HOUR		6 HOUR	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>		Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	
0615	Registrations open	0715	Registrations open
0630	Map Handout	0730	Map Handout
0750	Teams to start area	0850	Teams to start area
0800	Start	0900	Start
2000	Finish	1500	Finish
2040	Presentations	1540	Presentations
3 HOUR			·
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>			
0715	Registrations open		
0745	Map Handout		
0850	Teams to start area		
0900	Start		
1200	Finish		
1230	Presentations		

## Categories

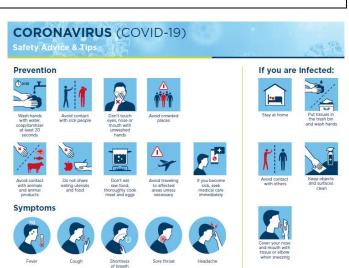
Gender: Mixed teams Male teams Female teams Age: Colts (all under 21) Open Veteran (all over 40)

## Team Size

Teams of 2 or 4 competitors. Both team sizes compete on an equal footing. 3 Hour may contain odd numbers if required.

## **COVID-19 Protocols**

The protocols around Covid Safety will be reviewed closer to the race, taking in current guidelines from health officials to ensure the event can be conducted in the safest manner possible. Covid safe practices have been made following the recommendations of the Minister for Sport's COVID-19 guidelines for community sports here and the Queensland Government's Health Alerts issued <u>here</u>.



At a minimum, please do not attend the event if you:

- Are unwell with a cough or fever or other respiratory symptoms.
- Has been in close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Has travelled from overseas or a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days.
- Has undergone COVID-19 testing but has not received results yet.

Has been advised to stay at home by a health professional.

## **Race HQ Location**

Race HQ will be Camp Somerset – 1180 Stanley Pocket Road Crossdale, 4312. The HQ will be located at the waterfront and NOT the main cabins. You do not need to go through the main complex electronic gate.

Please note this location is on the opposite side of the dam to the Spit and the Caravan park.

If you are planning to camp before or after the race, you must pre-book this prior to arrival here: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=615284&</u>



### Format

Teams will be required to attempt multiple legs of alternating race disciplines. Each leg must be attempted in order, and once a leg is completed teams may not return to it to collect missed checkpoints later unless otherwise specified in the course notes.

Within each leg, teams may collect as many checkpoints in any order that they wish. For the MOJO Raid all teams must collect at least one checkpoint from each leg, however there will be an exception for 12-hour teams. Note that teams may only collect checkpoints that are from the current leg that they are on. Note also that some stages of the race may have "opening" or "closing" times. A 10 point per minute applies for each minute a team is late after closing time.

This format of event allows for a very social atmosphere of racing with teams constantly brought together. Each stage of the MOJO Raid is separated by a transition area where an event official will be present. Any team that makes it back to Race HQ under their own power will be considered ranked with an official result.

### Disciplines

- Trekking both on and off-trail.
- Mountain Biking sealed and unsealed roads, including fire trails and farm tracks.
- Kayaking on flat-water lake/s.
- Navigation moderate to challenging. There are many off trail navigation sections in this year's edition.

#### Maps

Every team will receive a set of pre-marked, event specific, waterproof maps.

#### Approximate Distances

This year's event will bring you all the things you love above the MOJO races, stunning checkpoints, elevation, and off trail navigation. As teams only must collect one checkpoint from each section the distances your team will do will vary. (This does not apply to 12 hour teams for some legs).

#### **Navlight Timing Tags**

Navlight timing tags will be distributed, and your online indemnity checked. There are two per team. Please ensure they are attached firmly and correctly so that they don't get lost during the event as they are quite expensive to replace and this cost will fall on you. You will need to check in with the briefing punch just prior to the race start. Tags will be collected by an official when you return to the finish site and your score is downloaded.



### Kayaks

Most teams will paddle the double CTRs provided by <u>Navis Outdoors</u> picture below. Paddles and/or PFDs can be provided for free of charge for teams that have booked these upon entry. It is also recommended to bring some seating such as a piece of foam to make paddling more comfortable.

Due to overwhelming demand for the race teams may bring their own kayak. It is important to let us know if you will be doing this. Please complete the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14leSFVJmCO9yNRGeq534ptLbXWNjyaB6jalPHpPS3 Dl/edit



### **Back Rests**

Kayak supplier Navis Outdoors have a limited number of backrest available for hire. You can book one by contacting us for the link.

#### Accommodation

Camping is available at Camp Somerset. \$15 per night for adults – \$7.50 per night children 5-14 – Children under 5 are free.

Price is for an unpowered site. Shower facilities are available a short ride or drive from the camp area. No camp kitchen available. You must be self-sufficient with meals and cooking. Campers may be asked to camp in a remote site to assist with COVID restrictions. All sites are along the beautiful shoreline of Somerset Dam not too far from HQ. Campers may check in from 3pm. Details to follow. Please contact Jo if you have any questions.

https://www.trybooking.com/BJAEU

## Catering

Due to the uncertainty of COVID in 2021 we have decided not to do formal catering. We felt it was unfair on suppliers who would need to order in extra stock, in the event we need to cancel with late notice. Teams however will receive a small snack pack and drink at the conclusion of the race. Please consider this for your race planning. We understand the postrace meal is a highlight for some and apologise. Stupid Covid! Hopefully next year we can resume our awesome post-race meal service.



#### Spectators and Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of rogaining and adventure racing. Volunteers at any Raid event or QRA race receive guaranteed pre-entry into our other races as well as credit to any other Raid Adventures race or QRA event. Contact Jo at <u>mojoadventureracing@gmail.com</u> if you are keen to be part of the action. Spectators will be limited this year due to COVID restrictions.

#### Scoring

Scoring will be performed using the electronic Navlight Timing System. Please advise officials at registration if you are unfamiliar with the use of this system. Both team members will be required to wear wrist tags, and to visit the punch within 30 seconds of each other for the control to count towards their score. Lost tags will incur a fee of \$75. The MOJO Raid will adopt a traditional rogaine scoring format where



each checkpoint will be assigned a certain score value: each CP will be numbered numerically in order, with a score value in brackets afterwards. For example, CP3 from the first stage of the race may have a value of 50 points, while CP42 from a later stage might only have a value of 20 points. In the event of a tied score, the team that finishes earlier will be ranked higher. Teams arriving after the finish time will receive a penalty of 10 points per minute, they are late or part thereof, up to 30 minutes. At this point the course will be closed and teams that have not finished will lose all points.

Once you have completed the course you will receive a printed copy of your results – make sure you check this for errors and report to officials ASAP. These results are used to determine category winners.

#### Terrain

This year's MOJO is designed to showcase some of the natural beauty of the Somerset area. We would describe our 12-hour event as navigationally challenging, with lots of off trail and elevation. Our 6-hour event will also have some very spectacular off trail work with plenty of safe options for our rookie or more junior teams. There will be some elevation available in all races... so choose your course wisely! Check out our <u>facebook album</u> for some ideas on elevation and terrain! The 3 hour has been designed to be fun yet slightly challenging for our novice racers.





### Weather and Light

Average late winter temps for the area will mean a max of about 25 degrees. The 12 hour teams will be finishing in the dark so please ensure you have bike and appropriate head lamps.

### Bike Drop

Bike drop will be at HQ. Please place your bike where directed by the volunteers.

### A Note on Shoes, Litter and Clothing

12-hour teams will need to carry hiking shoes if they are using bike shoes for the bike leg. We are unable to transport gear for this event.

Maintaining a pristine environment is very important not only for our planet but also for being able to access areas for our events. Any teams found to be intentionally littering will be penalised. Please take all waste with you and if you see "race litter" on course that may have been accidently dropped please pick it up and take it with you.

The hiking terrain in sections of both the 12 and 6 hours would be described as challenging and we recommend long sleeve pants or gaiters and long sleeve tops. As it is spring the possibility of snakes on course is high too so please be prepared.

#### Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release

All team members must complete the online indemnity that has been emailed to you. You can also find it here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15M8xCn51jhCzezBet\_YNb1I\_OTymTGurFVNDUEmHHj8/ edit

#### Sponsors and other cool stuff...

As always, the MOJO Raid is challenging but also full of surprises...

We are grateful to our awesome sponsors for prizes and support. We have also designed some very cool and special trophies for our category winners this year so give it a red hot go out on course so you can take one home with you!

And will sharkie make a return? Who can know?



## Mandatory Equipment List

The terrain for this year's event for the 12 hour would be described as potentially extreme and as such we will be gear checking during the event. Below is the list of mandatory equipment items to be carried by competitors on the course. This is a bare minimum of required equipment. All competitors are expected to be self-sufficient out on the course. Temperatures at this time of year can reach both extremes of heat and cold. In the event of an emergency, your team mates will be the source of first response. Heavy penalties will apply for teams found not carrying an item of mandatory equipment.

## At All Times

Item		Number	Notes
	Mobile Phone	1 per team	Fully charged and water proofed.
	Headlamp	1 per person	With sufficient batteries. Only 1 headlamp is required per team for the 6 hour course as an emergency backup in case you get caught out late on the course. Not required for the 3 hour course.
	Whistle	1 per person	Accessible at all times, particularly if you capsize on a kayak leg.
	Waterproof jacket	1 per person	Seam sealed and with a hood. Rain ponchos are not sufficient. <b>12 Hour event only.</b>
Erespendent Balanter Balanter Balanter	Emergency Space Blanket/Bag	1 per team	Any form of space blanket is sufficient.
OP-	Compass	1 per team	Southern hemisphere compass. Electronic (watch or phone) compass is insufficient.
	First aid kit	1 per team	Sufficient for dealing with injuries in the bush including cuts, stings, blisters, bites, hypothermia, breaks, burns, pain, diarrhea, vomiting, infection, splinters, rash, chafing and envenomation.



# **Mountain Bike Stages**

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O O	Mountain bike	1 per person	Sufficient for riding on rugged trails.
	Helmet	1 per person	Must meet Australian standards.
	White front light	1 per person	To be on at all times when riding at night. Headlamp is sufficient. <b>12 Hour Teams Only</b>
	Red rear light	1 per person	To be on at all times when riding at night. <b>12 Hour Teams Only</b>

## **Kayak Stages**

Item		Number	Notes
	PFD	1 per person	Type 2 or better. To be worn at all times while kayaking. Inflatable PFDs are insufficient. Can be provided if required.
	Paddle	1 per person	Paddles can be provided if required.

## **Prohibited Items**

- Any form of GPS or distance measuring devices including foot pods, pedometers, step counters, etc.
- Cycle computers
- Night vision goggles
- Altimeters
- Any maps other than those provided



## **Recommended Items**

The above list is the bare minimum of mandatory equipment teams are required to carry on the course. It is sufficient to manage an emergency situation until first responders can arrive to render assistance. To comfortably complete the course, teams are recommended to carry the following suggested items:

- Outdoor clothing including hats, sunglasses, gaiters, thermal pants and top, waterproof pants, beanie, gloves and fleece.
- Sunscreen, insect repellent, anti-inflammatory medication and other additional first aid.
- Trekking poles.
- Toilet paper and trowel.
- Means to purify water (tablets, filter, steripen, etc).
- Bike repair tools and spare parts.

### **Further Inquiries**

For additional information please contact the MOJO Crew on 0402622310 or at <u>mojoadventureracing@gmail.com</u>. Keep an eye on the MOJO Adventue facebook page for the latest updates!

