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The Rogue 24 hour Adventuregaine



How does it work? Teams have 24 hours to collect as many checkpoints (CP's) as they can in that time.

Race started at 12 midday on saturday and finished 12 midday on sunday.

Location: Imbil, Sunshine Coast QLD, about 2 hours drive from brizvegas.

Of all of the races we've done, we've never done anything longer than 12 hours, so this was certainly taking it up a notch.



Hmm, do I have enough chocolate for 24 hours?

5.30 am and we were up and off. The HQ (start and finish) was at Borumba Dam camp ground.

The 8hr competitors had taken off earlier, interestingly some headed off on foot, some on bikes and rest made their way to the kayaks.....

We got the maps and figured out a game plan, there is never enough time and before we knew it we had 5 minutes until the start, ARGH panic!

So we scrambled to weatherproof our maps and get to the start line. Ready or not it was time to go.



There was the usual chaos at the beginning, we decided to pace ourselves and not get caught up trying to go out too early. There was a quick up and back trek leg down into a creek bed with two route choices, the road or straight up the creek. It turned out that the road option was a lot slower so we were happy with our decision to take the latter.



Man this boat is heavy

Leg 1: KAYAK

First up was a kayak, about 19km of paddling and a total of 8 CP's. We were treated to some magical scenery, and passed many awesome looking camp sites. We went through little river rapids which were heaps of fun, and collected the CPs along the way without too much trouble. We decided to drop CP6 and focus on finishing the paddle in daylight and with still some heat in the air. It was a long haul but we reached the TA (transition area) at about 5pm. We bumped into the 'Pinkies' as they were about to head out again and after 5 hours of paddling we were really happy to be out of the boat as Lindy was starting to get cold. We shoved in some food, and Dave waited patiently while Lindy put on dry clothes, and then more clothes, and then we were off to tackle the bike leg.

Leg 2: BIKE

We were surprised to find most the bike leg pretty easy going, riding on actual roads for much of it, which is kind of a luxury in an adventure race! We were lucky to have a beautiful, clear, moonlit night. We tried to stop and take a photo of the cool looking orange full moon, but it didn't really work...



Most of the bike leg went ok, apart from dave having a stack over the handle bars and landing on his head. Luckily he wasn't hurt, and Lindy had a good laugh! He lost his AyUp Light off his helmet though, we searched around in the long grass until we found it and we were off again. As it began to approach midnight we were starting to yawn, and keen to get off the bikes and have a change of pace. We had taken a couple of the CP on the Southern part of the course then headed up around the Northern section and collected all the CPs on the way back to HQ.

Our gear box was waiting for us, and we took the time to eat some hot food and have a little break to re-energise for the next leg.

Leg 3: TREK

Up until now, things were going pretty well both navigationally and energy wise, but after the first few trek CPs, things started to go downhill. We spent ages climbing up a HUGE steep hill, only to realise we were completely in the wrong place, and had to climb back down it. We had been following a fence line, (Rookie Mistake!) and in hindsight should have known better. We had now wasted about an hour looking for a checkpoint we didn't find, and decided to head back to a road, to re gain our bearings.

It was now about 2am and we were getting tired, As we walked down the road Dave was almost sleepwalking, Lindy sang loud, out of tune pop songs to keep him awake but by 5am we were over the trek leg and started fade quickly. We arrived back at HQ around 6am.

Leg 4: Kayak



Yay it's finally morning again!

Lindy was willing the sun to come out as we trudged off to do the last stage of kayaking around Borumba Dam. It was so beautiful watching the sun come up over the steamy water of the dam.

We took a couple of pics as teams with far more energy than us paddled past. We were now sooo tired we could barely lift the paddles. We got a few CPs and decided to call it a day.

We crossed the finish line just after 9.30am, after 21 and a half hours of racing. We knew our result wasn't great, but we didn't care, we had had an awesome experience, learned a lot, and are keen to give it another crack next year. For now, all we wanted was Hot shower(Lindy) and Cold beer (Dave)

Final result:

13th out of 17 in mixed teams

33rd out of 43 overall

To see all the results check out the [Rogue Adventure](#) website.



Thanks so much to Liam and his helpers for a superb event.

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