

Team Wild Earth / Tiger Adventure

Rouge 6hr was a last minute decision for Ray and myself but needed a time out from our crazy work schedules.

The course seemed to have the best scoring legs to be the trek west of HQ and the paddle. These both proved to be the fastest travel and we nearly half our overall points in the first 2.5 hrs.

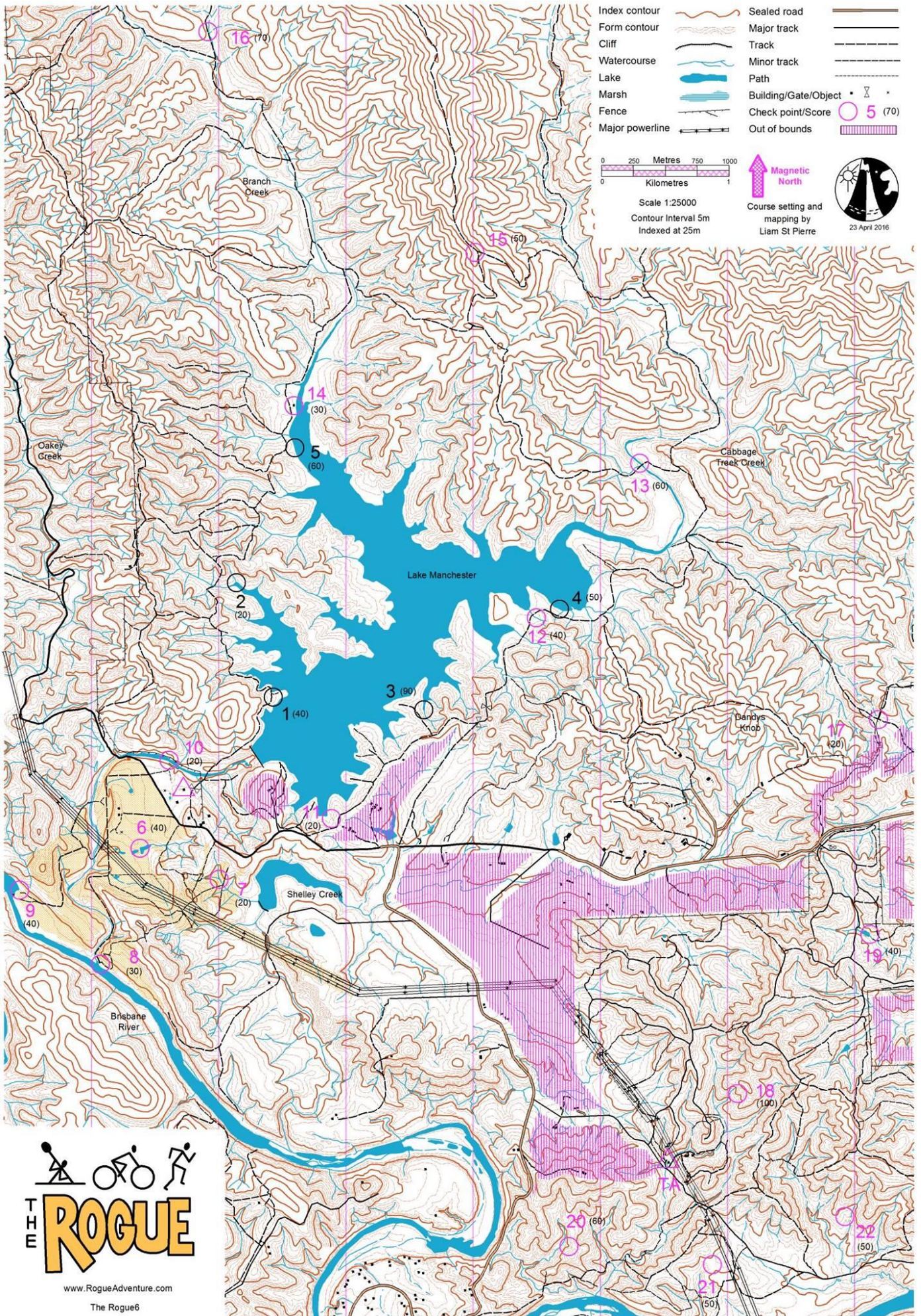
We did the trek first as it was quite hot and we would be able to cool down on the paddle before hitting the trail on MTB out to the 2nd trek. This was a physically harder leg and the navigation was a little harder. We dropped our 1st CP on this leg as it was going to take us nearly 1hr to get only 40 points.

Back on the MTB for the final 2hrs and a big Hike a Bike up to CP 15 and hair raising descent. We dropped 3 CP's on this leg and got back to HQ with 10 minutes to spare. We had 2 x other Triadventure teams out there , with Steve and Sharn doing their first rogaine together and Michelle Krome getting son Mitchell out on course for his first Rouge. Everyone seemed to enjoy the course. Big thank you to all the volunteers from the rogaine association that so kindly give their time up repeatedly to bring us the opportunity to experience these great adventures.

The 24hr looks to be very tough this year, cant wait to hear Kims report.

We visited controls in this order - 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 , 1 , 5 , 4 , 3 , 2 , 20 ,21 , 22 , 18, 12 , 13 , 15 and 11. This was enough to win by 120 points

For the record...the Rogue 24 had more climbing on the bike than we did in GODZone Adventure, maybe not in total elevation gain and loss, but definitely in gradient. Out of the 24hrs, Jan Leverton and I spent about 9hrs on the bike and I lost count of the number of times I had to push/carry my bike. The gorge trek was spectacular, and we almost finished it in the daylight. The steep steep hill that we trekked up afterwards seemed a little easier for me after doing GODZone Adventure, but not enough to warm me up once I got to the top, so I was very glad I carried a thermal top as I needed it. Oh, we got to paddle rapids too (the upper reaches of the Brisbane River), in the dark! This was a bit exciting as it was extremely foggy and difficult to see anything, so lucky we were only going down grade 1 rapids. I was really cold afterwards even though I had all the gear (thermals, gore tex jacket and pants), so the trek afterwards did warm me up. As always the event was very well organised and very challenging navigationally and strategically. Thank you so much Liam St Pierre for putting the time and effort into putting on the Rogue 24 once again.



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