

Trailblazer Rules and Conditions

- This is an inaugural event that takes place on a walking track and is NOT A RACE. Riders must be aware of the needs and rights of the general public who are using this track.
- The event will be open to riders aged 14 and over who have a high degree of skill and fitness, as well as the ability to lift and carry their own bike whilst navigating swing bridges, steps, river beds and slips.
- Weather can be changeable and all riders are expected to be suitably kitted out for the conditions. At a minimum riders should have the following:
 - Survival blanket
 - Overtrousers or long johns
 - Polyprop / wool top
 - Rain/windproof jacket
 - Headtorch
 - Snack food and water bottle
 - Puncture repair kit and basic set of tools

Officials will check at registration, and will refuse entry to those who don't comply with safety requirements including not wearing or carrying clothing appropriate for the conditions.

- Riders will be issued with a numbered bib that must be pinned on the riders back and be clearly visible to track marshalls and officials at all times.
- Atiwhakatu Track is NOT A LOOP, to manage safety - riders will be asked to wait at Atiwhakatu Hut until all the riders have completed the track upstream.
- All riders must carry a map of the area.
- During the event officials reserve the right to withdraw any rider deemed to be at risk.
- Riders must be responsible for the safety themselves and of other riders. Anyone finding another in need of assistance is to offer it and tell the nearest official who will arrange help.
- Riders are responsible for following the Mountain Biker Code.
- Riders will be sent off in waves, please note there is a steep swingbridge crossing the Holdsworth Creek, a degree of patience will be required as riders and their bikes will need to pass one at a time.
- Riders are also asked to stand to one side and give way until the last mountain biker in a bunch rides upstream.
- Riders must dismount at all steps and carry their bike.
- The rider is responsible for removing their bike from the park should it break down.
- All riders are to keep to the track and not damage vegetation by creating their own tracks.
- Water and any other nourishment is the responsibility of the rider. Any wrappers and containers are to be carried out.
- Riders must ensure they have checked in with an official at the road end before leaving for the Holdsworth campground or home.
- All riders take part in this ride at their own risk.
- The organisers are Wairarapa Bike Festival Charitable Trust, 198 Wards Line GREYTOWN 5794 tel: 021 047 1723.