

## Leg 1

### **QCCC Mapleton (Start) to CP3 (near Gheerulla Camping and Day Use area) – 18.5km**

Starting at the QCCC, participants run through front entrance and turn left along the footpath on Obi Obi Rd. Follow Obi Obi Rd, continuing past Suses Pocket Rd and back onto the 'Great Walk'. There is a road crossing just past Suses Pocket Rd, take care, runners are to give way to traffic. Follow 'Great Walks' signs and turn right into Mapleton Falls Rd. There is an additional road crossing on Mapleton Falls Rd. **Take Care; runners are to give way to traffic.**

#### **Take Note:**

**Runners are to give way to traffic and to proceed as instructed by traffic management crew.**

Follow Mapleton Falls Rd down to the car park and continue through the Mapleton Falls day use area. Follow the signs as directed along the single track towards Ubajee walker's camp. After 1.5kms you will come to a road intersection (Delicia Rd) cross this road and continue along the 'Great Walk' **Take Care; runners are to give way to traffic.** Continue along the trail for approx. 3km where you will come to a 'T' intersection, turn left and follow the trail towards Ubajee Walkers' Camp.

Passing by Ubajee Walkers' Camp make the descent down towards Gheerulla Falls. At the foot of the descent, turn right and follow great walk signs along the base of the Gheerulla Valley for 6.5kms until you reach Checkpoint 3.

#### **Highlights:**

*This leg has 2 Fantastic Valley Views. The first at Mapleton Falls Day Use Area and also on the descent down from Ubajee Walkers' Camp. You will run through impressive sclerophyll forest and along the creek side vegetation at the base of the Gheerulla Valley that supports a variety of birdlife.*

## Leg 2

### **CP3 to CP4 (Mapleton Day Use Area) - 19km**

From CP3 continue to follow the 'Great Walk' signs, making the ascent of Gheerulla Bluff. Reaching the top of the bluff, continue along the Great Walk along the top of the ridge where you will go past Thilba Thalba Walkers' Camp. (There will be water available here)

Continue to follow the 'Great Walk' signage, making the descent towards Gheerulla Falls. After approx. 6km you will come to a dirt road, cross the road and continue along the trail. **Take Care; runners are to give way to traffic.** You will cross this road again in another 1km. Follow the 'Great Walk' towards Gheerulla Falls.

After you cross the Gheerulla creek, continue for another 300m. You will find yourself at the bottom of the descent you made earlier in the day. Turn right, making the ascent back towards Ubajee Walkers' Camp.

Passing by the camp, continue along the trail for 2.7kms. (You are on the same trail as you were earlier in the day, but going the other way) Follow the signs to CP4. Turn left through the gate onto the single track continue for 1 km to Checkpoint 4.

***Highlights:***

*After climbing Gheerulla Bluff, enjoy views over the Mary Valley taking in views of Conondale Range and Gympie.*

**Leg 3**

**CP4 – Finish (includes CP4 Loop) – 13km**

From The Mapleton Day Use Area, head right along Mapleton Forest Road (towards Mapleton) for approx. 50m then turn left and descend along the National Park trail. Continue until you reach a fork in the trail where the 50km and 100km trail split. The 50km trail breaks off to the left. **(Ensure that you are following the trail marked T2 and will have orange flagging.)**

This trail will lead you back onto Mapleton Forest Rd which you will cross and continue along the trail adjacent to the road, making your way back to Mapleton Day Use Area and CP4.

After leaving CP4 follow single trail for 1km back to the Great Walk entry (you came along this trail earlier) and turn right through the gate into the National Park. (You are now back on the 'Great Walk'. Follow the trail for 200 metres until you reach an intersection, turning left on to a single track. Follow the signs back to the Mapleton Falls Day Use area. Continue up through the Mapleton Falls car park and along Mapleton Falls Rd, following the Great Walk signs, turning left as directed onto Obi Obi Rd.

**Take Care; runners are to give way to traffic. Stay on the footpath. Do not run along the road.**

Continue along Obi Obi Rd all the way back to the QCCC ... savour the clamour of the cowbells getting louder and louder as you close in on the finish of the race.

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE BLACKALL 50**