

## **Blackall 50**

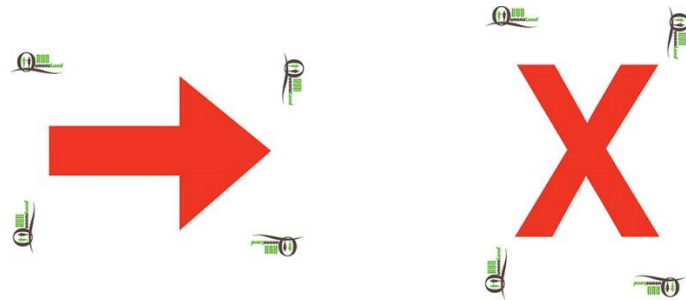
The Blackall 50 follows much of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk.

The course will be marked with reflective orange flagging tape (approx. every 250m). Directional arrows are red on a white background. These will be at intersections along the trail. Follow the direction of the arrow.

These red crosses will be at intersections, indicating this is NOT the Blackall 50 course.

The course will be marked

- Reflective orange and silver flagging tape.
- Red arrows secured to trees or posts. Follow these arrows.
- Red crosses secured on trees or posts, indicating this is not the course.



## **Checkpoint Info 50k**

<b>CP</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Drop Bags</b>
Water Station	10km	Near NP gate before Ubajee Walkers Camp	Water ONLY No Support crews	No
CP3	18.9km	Near the Gheerulla Camping and Trail Bike Area	Support crew permitted. First Aid, water electrolyte, fruit, chips, lollies,	Yes
Water Station	24km	Thilba Thalba Walkers Camp	Water ONLY No Support crews	No
Water Station	34km	Near NP gate before Ubajee Walkers Camp	Water ONLY No Support crews	No
CP4	37.7 & 42km	Mapleton Day Use Area	Support crew permitted by shuttle bus only. First Aid, toilets, water, electrolyte, fruit, chips, lollies, instant noodles, tea & coffee.	Yes

Toilets are located at checkpoint 4. There are National Park toilets at the following locations as well.

- Mapleton Falls picnic area. Approx. 3km
- Ubajee Walkers Camp. Approx. 11km
- Gheerulla Camping Area. Approx. 18km (creek crossing required to access this toilet)
- Thilba Thalba Walkers camp. Approx. 24km

**Distances and cut-off times. You must leave the CP by the cut-off time.**

<b>Leg</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>Cut-Off Times</b>
1	START (CP2) – CP3	18.9km	18.9km	3pm Saturday
2	CP3 – CP4	18.8km	37.7km	11pm Saturday
3	CP4 – CP4 Loop	4.3km	42km	2am Sunday
4	CP4 - Finish	8.5km	50.5km	6am Sunday

**50km Course Description**

**Leg 1: Start to CP3 (near Gheerulla Camping and Day Use area) – 18.9km**

Starting at the QCCC, participants run through the front entrance and turn left onto the footpath along Obi Obi Rd. Follow Obi Obi Rd, continuing past Suses Pocket Rd and onto the 'Great Walk'. There is a road crossing just past Suses Pocket Rd. Follow 'Great Walks' signs and turn right into Mapleton Falls Rd. There is an additional road crossing on Mapleton Falls Rd.

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 signage 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'.

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. Watch carefully for directional signage along this section.

There will be a water station just before Ubajee Walkers Camp. Bypassing 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 CP 3, which is at the National Parks gate.

Highlights:

This leg has two 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 creekside vegetation at the base of the Gheerulla Valley which supports a variety of birdlife.

### **Leg 2: CP3 to CP4 (Mapleton Day Use Area) – 18.8km**

From CP3 go back the way you came for approx. 80 metres, then turn right, making the ascent of Gheerulla Bluff. Follow the signage along the 'Great Walk' to ThilbaThalba Walkers' Camp. (There is water and a toilet available here).

Continue along the trail and follow the signage 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 signage towards Gheerulla Falls. After you cross the road for the second time, go through the gate and continue along the trail. After crossing Gheerulla Creek, continue for another 300m. You will find yourself at the bottom of the descent you made earlier in the day. Turn right and make the ascent back towards Ubajee Walkers' Camp. (You are on the same trail as you were earlier in the day, but going the other way). Continue along the trail through the National Parks gate (a water station will be here). Approx 400m past the NP gate you will come to an intersection. Turn left here (do not go straight ahead), and follow the signage to CP4.

Highlights:

While climbing Gheerulla Bluff, enjoy views of the Mary Valley.

### **Leg 3: CP4 – CP4 (Loop) – 4.3km**

From CP4, cross the road as directed and descend along the National Park trail toward Kureelpa Falls. Be mindful of signage as there are several forks in the trail along this section. At approx. 1.4km you will come to a fork in the trail, there will be signage here indicating for 50km runners to take the left fork. (DO NOT take the right fork this is for the 100km runners only)

Continue along the trail for approx. 600m and you will come to another intersection. Follow the marked trail to the left. This trail will lead you back to Mapleton Forest Rd which you will cross and then continue along the trail adjacent to the road, making your way back to CP4.

### **Leg 4: CP4 – Finish – 8.5km**

From CP4 follow the signage along the single trail for approx. 600m, back to the 'Great Walk' entry and turn right through the gate into the National Park. Continue along the marked trail for 200 metres until you reach an intersection, and turn left onto a single trail. You came along this trail earlier in the day. Follow the signage back towards Mapleton Falls, continue up through the car park and along Mapleton Falls Rd, turning left 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 the footpath 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 BLACKALL50.**