



**THE
WILD PENGUIN**

TASMANIA

RIDE GUIDE

**31 OCT - 2 NOV, 2025
WILD MERSEY, WARRAWEE,
SHEFFIELD, & RAILTON**



NAVIGATING THIS GUIDE

The event information in this guide is organised to assist you with planning your Quad Crown MTB 'The Wild Penguin' experience and ensuring you have an awesome time in the Northwest of Tasmania.

Our stages are detailed as accurately as possible, however last-minute course changes do occur for a variety of reasons. Please check our Socials for any changes and updates to course alignments.

Toward the back of this Guide, we outline everything you need to know in anticipation of your ride, including timing, awards, accreditation and safety. Please take some time to familiarise yourself, particularly with our start line systems and etiquette.

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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

We are pumped to welcome everyone back to Tasmania for the third edition of The Wild Penguin. Our return to the amazing trails of Wild Mersey has been highly anticipated and we can't wait for an awesome event.

Our management team love coming here to deliver this event, if this is your first time at The Wild Penguin, we can promise you that this is one hell of a good time! There is so much to see and do in Tasmania and the trails are so good that we know this will be a weekend worth getting away for!

Our unique handicap system is designed to make riding fun and accessible for everyone. It levels the playing field so riders of all abilities can perform at their best without feeling the pressure of going head-to-head with the most competitive riders. Instead of worrying about results, you can focus on enjoying the ride, pushing yourself, and still have the chance to take out our Weekend Warrior Award for the ultimate bragging rights over your mates.

The other aspect of our events which will continue to evolve this year are the courses and each individual stage design. A couple of the stages that we ran last year were probably a little too hard for average rider, but rest assured we have tinkered with the courses and will make sure they remain challenging but most importantly fun, and full of the best of the single track from each region we visit!

With the courses for The Wild Penguin, we really must thank the local clubs and individuals that keep these trails throughout the Cradle Coast region in amazing condition. The network of trails under the banner of Wild Mersey are some of the best in Australia and we are so lucky to take the event through these regions.

Speaking of regions, every Quad Crown destination is carefully chosen to offer something special from a tourism perspective, making the trip worthwhile both on and off the bike. We design our stages so that riders finish by midday, leaving the afternoon free to explore the local areas and enjoy a well-earned drink or two. There's something unbeatable about an active weekend away, where you can ride hard in the morning, soak up the beautiful surroundings, and then indulge guilt-free in some amazing local food and drinks.

Post-covid the event industry has been hit hard and participation in Mountain biking events has dropped off significantly. We hope this weekend stage race format is one that is more accessible to riders and that bigger crowds will return in the future. There is a certain community aspect to riding events that makes us tick, and visiting destinations you normally wouldn't go to. We hope if you enjoy our events you can spread the word and bring others along to grow events into the future.

We hope you have fun in Tassie at The Wild Penguin and that you are looking forward to our events in 2026.

SALLY, LIAM AND JASON

Directors

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EVENT TIMES

31 OCT - 2 NOV 2025

FRIDAY **31** OCTOBER

2.00 PM | **REGISTRATION OPENS**
Latrobe Trailhead

3.00 PM | **PRELUDE BEGINS**
Latrobe Trailhead

FROM 6.00 PM | **WELCOME DRINKS**
Island State Brewing,
17 Oldaker St, Devonport

SATURDAY **1** NOVEMBER

8.00 AM | **REGISTRATION OPENS**
Railton Bowls Club,
38 Giblin St, Railton

9.00 AM | **STAGE 1 - RACE START**
Wild Mersey MTB Trailhead

FROM 12.00 PM | **LUNCH & PRESENTATIONS**
Railton Bowls Club,
38 Giblin St, Railton

SUNDAY **2** NOVEMBER

8.00 AM | **REGISTRATION OPENS**
Kings George Park,
62 High St, Sheffield

9.00 AM | **STAGE 2 - RACE START**
Kings George Park

FROM 12.00 PM | **LUNCH & PRESENTATIONS**
Kings George Park
Food Trucks & Brewery on site

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FRIDAY 31 October

WILD MERSEY TRAILS, RAILTON



2.00pm Registration Opens // Warrawee, Latrobe

The Warrawee Trailhead is located at the end of Shale Road, just 3.8km from the centre of Latrobe. To get there, head into Latrobe along the main street and look for Hamilton Street. Turn left, follow Shale Road, and keep the river on your right until you reach the end of the road.

Registration will be clearly set up in the Event Carpark. Here you'll receive your plate, transponder, event t-shirt, and a complimentary beer token for our Welcome Drinks later in the evening.

3.00pm Prelude Starts // Warrawee, Latrobe

Starting from the Latrobe trailhead riders will warm up the legs with a flat blast along Shale Rd before turning into single track on Session Sauce, which takes you up into the Warrawee trails for an undulating 7km clockwise loop via Off the Hook, Bee Line, Easy Does It & Big Bend, culminating in berms & table tops on High Voltage coming back down onto Shale Rd. Then it's time to wind it up for just over 1km of pedaling back to the finish line at the trailhead.

6.00pm Welcome Drinks // Island State Brewing, Devonport

Island State Brewing
17 Oldaker Street, Devonport
Time: 6:00pm onwards
www.islandstatebrewing.com.au

After the Prelude, head to Devonport's only independent craft brewery to relax and celebrate the start of the weekend. Island State Brewing have been kind enough to give each rider a FREE pot which can be claimed by handing in your beer token. You can use this to redeem any of the fresh beers brewed on site, including the Port City Pale, North West Coast IPA, and the ever-popular Devonporter.

Enjoy your complimentary beer, sit amongst the stainless steel tanks, and soak up the atmosphere of a working brewery. You don't need to book in, just show up for a social drink or stay on for dinner.

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SATURDAY 1 NOV

39KM

REGISTRATION, STAGE 1, WILD MERSEY TRAIL HEAD AND RAILTON BOWLS CLUB

8.00am Registration Opens // Railton Bowls Club / Wild Mersey Trail Head

The stage 1 start line at Railton is a 20-minute drive south of Devonport. The Railton Bowls Club is located at 38 Giblin Street, Railton, right next to the Wild Mersey MTB Trailhead which will be our start line.

Registration will be clearly set up at the Bowls Club. If you haven't registered yet, this is where you'll receive your plate, transponder, and event t-shirt.

9.00am Stage 1 Starts // Goliath Park, Railton

Starting from Goliath Park the stage will begin with a neutral section heading out of Railton towards Dulverton Rd. At approximately 1.3km riders make a left turn onto New Bed Rd & the racing will begin. After several hundred meters of steady climbing riders turn left into a section of double & single track before reemerging onto New Bed Rd. Another several hundred meters of flat, fast riding will see riders fight for positions before turning right into Caroline Quarry Rd & plunging down into Super Horner as an introduction to this part of the Wild Mersey Trail network.

The first half of the stage is then an awesome loop of Pony Up, Sweet Caroline, Seven Shreds & Gnarvana bringing you back to Caroline Quarry Rd and a chance to refuel at the water point before embarking on the second half of the stage. The second half is another loop starting with Back to School which takes riders into the amazing Raptor Ridge wilderness trail, then it's Frankie Flyer back to Caroline Quarry Rd. Then the home stretch begins as riders tackle Green Mile, shoot back along New Bed Rd & Fly down Green Horner, popping out of the last section of single track only a couple of hundred meters from the finish line back at Goliath Park.

12.00pm // Railton Bowls Club

Railton Bowls Club
38 Giblin St, Railton 5
Time: 12.00pm onwards
www.railton.bowls.com.au



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SUNDAY 2 NOV

WILD MERSEY TRAILS, SHEFFIELD

37KM

8.00am Registration Opens // King George V Park

King George V Park is located at 62 High Street, right in the centre of Sheffield, the “Town of Murals” at the base of Mount Roland. Event registration will be clearly set up in the park, where you’ll collect your plate, transponder, and event t-shirt if you haven’t already done so.

9.00am Stage 2 Starts // Sheffield

Starting from King Georges Park the stage will begin with a neutral section heading out of Sheffield towards Nook Rd. At approximately 2.5km riders make a right turn onto Badgers Rd & the racing will begin. The beginning of single trail is 2km later with plenty of space to jockey for positions before Badgers Run brings riders into the Wild Mersey trail network from the Sheffield side.

The course is then one big 28km loop of brilliant single trail, riding Blue Tounge, Funky Chicken, Seven Shreds, Gnarvana,

Woodhooker & Ewoks just to name a few. Once that’s done it’s a sprint back into Sheffield along the Railton Rattler, Badgers Rd & Nook Rd, wrapping around the Town Hall to reach the finish line in King Georges Park.

12.00pm Presentations // King George V Park, Sheffield

62 High Street, Sheffield



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EVENT MAP



DEVONPORT

PRELUDE

WILD MERSEY
DIST 10km
ELEV 250m

STAGE ONE

WILD MERSEY
DIST 40km
ELEV 960m

STAGE TWO

WILD MERSEY
DIST 44km
ELEV 800m

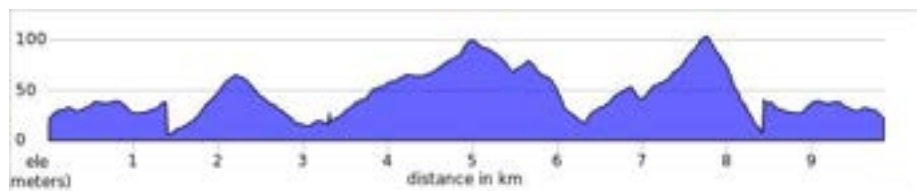
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FRIDAY 31 OCT

REGISTRATION, PRELUDE AND
WARRAWEE, LATROBE

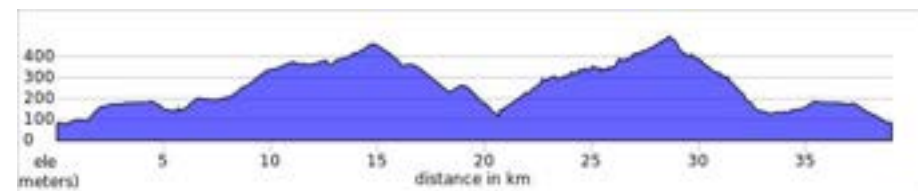
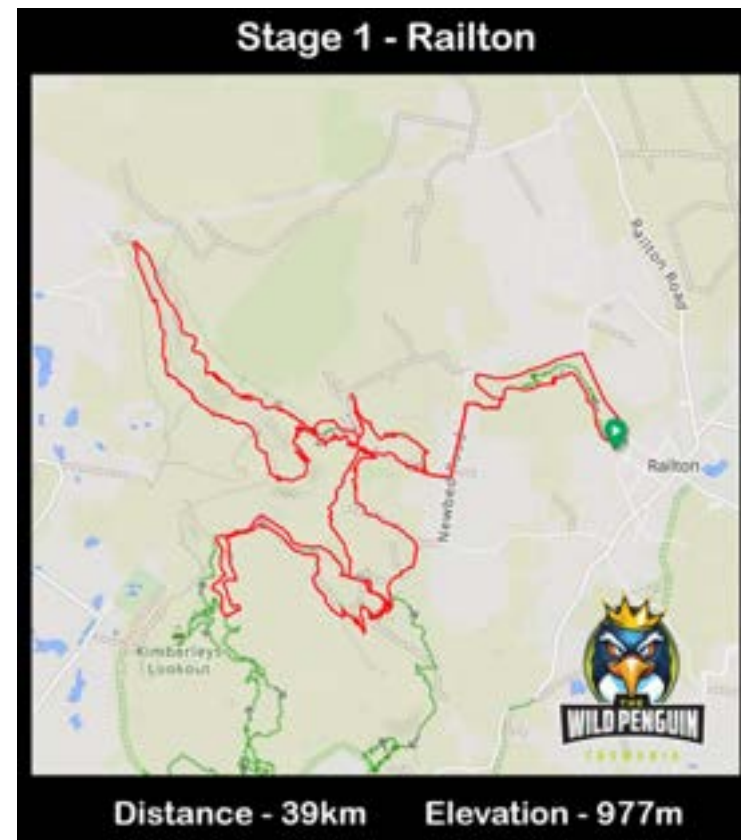
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SATURDAY 1 NOV

REGISTRATION, STAGE 1 AND
RAILTON BOWLS CLUB

39KM

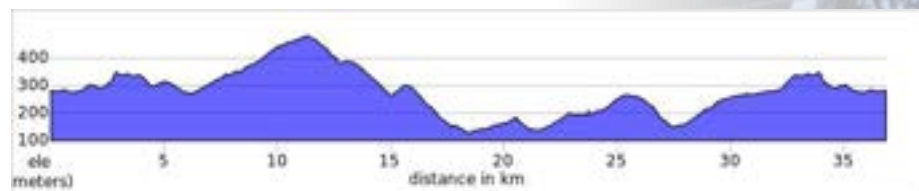


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SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

37KM

**STAGE 2, PRESENTATIONS
AND KING GEORGE V PARK**



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HANDICAP SYSTEM

Our unique Quad Crown handicap system is one we have continued to revise across our two years of events. We are now really confident that we have nailed it and our overall goal is achieved - to identify and crown the Weekend Warriors who ride to the best of their ability at each of our events. This award is open to the whole field of riders (other than the Elites) and in essence you are riding the stages against yourself, much like how a golf handicap system works! Each rider will be given a handicap from the Prelude based on their own time versus the average time for all riders. So it is VERY IMPORTANT that you ride the Prelude if you want to be included in the race for the Warrior Crown!

The Prelude handicap will produce an expected time for Stage 1 which will be compared with your actual time. The rider who gets as close as possible to their expected time will be deemed the Stage winner. So you simply need to ride to your own ability! The same will then happen for Stage 2, with your overall comparison times leading to a final placement on the Weekend Warrior Leaderboard. The aim is to identify the “most consistent rider” who can ride to the best of their own ability over each of the stages at The Wild Penguin 2025.

Keep an eye out for the Weekend Warrior Leaderboard after both Stages 1 and 2 as we will present stage winners for both male and female Warriors. At the conclusion of Sunday's Stage, we will award an overall Warrior King and Queen, which will be the riders in the field who raced closest to their handicap time over the two weekend stages. In the end this award is meant to be fun and create some banter amongst mates across various abilities too.

We can't be called the Quad Crown without some actual crowns, right? The main goal of Quad Crown events is to have FUN. Part of that is our unique handicap system, which helps us search for the riders in our events who have their best race, based on their ability to begin with. This pretty much means that EVERY rider can be in it to win it. Best of all you can compare yourself at the end of the race against the best of the elite riders using our handicap system!

WEEKEND WARRIOR - HALL OF FAME

Event	Male	Female
The Orca - 2025	Stefan Wright	Anna Brunton
The Black Pearl - 2025	David Witherdin	Richella King
The Mystic Yak - 2024	Matt Low	Steff van Amerongen
The Orca - 2024	Oliver Bradley	Kate Mitchell
Sunny 80 - 2024	Kirk Pushie	Hannah-Lee Young
Wild Penguin - 2024	John Flood	Catherine Breakspear
The Black Pearl - 2023	Adrian Azzopardi	Katrina Skellern
The Orca - 2023	Graham Smith	Jordyn Hassett
Sunny 80 - 2023	Rusty Mark	Jayne Rutter
Wild Penguin - 2023	Timothy Eagling	Melissa Britt

CATEGORIES & AWARDS

The Wild Penguin is less about prize money and more about good times and an epic three days of riding. However, we do wish to acknowledge the riders who perform to the best of their ability and cross the finish line ahead of their cohort. Our Handicap system ensures that everyone and anyone is in the mix to be crowned the overall winner of The Wild Penguin 2025 (Male and Female) and proclaimed King and Queen.

Podium glory, prizing and a taste of royalty await the Male and Female who finish with the fastest adjusted time. A total prize pool of \$2,000 will be spread amongst the top 3 Elite Male and Female placed riders, with all other category winners receiving prizing and podium recognition after the final stage.



ELITE RIDERS - IN IT TO WIN IT!

We all know elite riders are going to be up the front and smashing it like they do at every event. There will be yellow and pink jerseys for the leading male and female riders as well as podiums at the end to recognise the best of the best. Furthermore, we allocate ranking points from each of the Quad Crown events. At the conclusion of the 2025 Series, an overall winner in the Elite Male and Female categories will be announced.

Points are allocated at each event based on the Top 10 places in both the male and female elite categories. The overall 2025 winner will be announced at the conclusion of The Wild Penguin.

OVERALL WINNERS - ELITE CATEGORIES

2023

MALE - Dan McConnell

FEMALE - Katherine Hoskins

2024

MALE - Cam Ivory

FEMALE - Izzy Flint / Katherine Hoskings (tie)

IMPORTANT RIDE INFORMATION

RIDER REGISTRATION

Prior to riding, all riders are required to collect their rider pack. This pack contains your bike plate, transponder, cable ties, and a beer token for welcome drinks at The Island State Brewing Co. on Friday Evening.

Rider pack collection:

- Friday 31st October at Warrawee Trailhead, Latrobe
- Saturday 1st November from 8am at Goliath Park

It is highly recommended that riders collect packs on Friday so that your bike is setup correctly in advance to avoid time delays.

E-BIKES

By entering the event, all E-Bike riders agree to ride a bike that meets Australian manufacturing standards and that the E-Bike has not been mechanically altered (ie: "chipped"). The onus sits with each individual E-Bike rider to meet this requirement, otherwise their rider insurance may be affected. E-Bike riders are not permitted to change batteries during any of the stages and must manage their power reserves as part of the challenge of riding each day. All E-Bike riders are eligible for the Weekend Warrior Award under the exact same handicap system as other riders entering the event. In some instances, the start position for E-Bikes may be advised (ie: ahead or behind the field or in their own wave) at the discretion of event management.

TIMING

The Wild Penguin is timed electronically by OneTime. You will receive a bike plate, transponder and cable ties in your rider pack. These need to be fixed to your bike for the duration of the event. Please affix your transponder as per the below image. You cannot change transponders with another rider as it is unique to your registration. The transponders must be handed back at the finish line of your final day of riding. You may keep your plate as a souvenir. If you have a timing issue, please have a chat with our staff at the Race HQ tent.



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IMPORTANT RIDE INFORMATION

ACCIDENTS ON COURSE

If a rider in front of you crashes, this is not an opportunity to pass! Please stop immediately and ask if they need assistance. The first rider on the scene should remain with the rider, if the rider requires medical assistance the second rider on the scene is to remember the rider number and move forward to the next marshal check point with a radio. This will allow for medical assistance to be called and first aid to respond.

RIDER ETIQUETTE

Riders are to be reported to the Event Director if they:

- Disobey road rules;
- Are rude or disrespectful to other riders or marshals;
- Behave in a way that puts any rider or marshal in danger;
- Are reported to litter on course;

Quad Crown believes in the honest and supportive culture of Mountain Biking and holds the safety of our riders as a priority. If you stop to assist a rider with a mechanical or injury, please report to HQ and you will be awarded a time credit for the time spent helping out a fellow rider.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Whilst there is a portion of the course that is managed by our Traffic Controllers, the majority of it will have live traffic, meaning road rules will apply. Riders must NOT ride in a bunch on the road or take over the lane. It is important to understand that while traffic management is in place, roads remain open to vehicles. Riders must always give way to cars.

Riders who have medical conditions (eg Asthma) must carry their own medication for the duration of the event. All riders should carry enough food, water, basic first aid and a tool kit in their daily ride kit. There will be basic feed stations on the course to allow riders to adequately rest and refuel.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE RIDE

Should a rider decide to withdraw from the ride, they must notify official marshals on course, who will then communicate to the SAG vehicle to come and pick up the rider or alert timing so we're not waiting for you to finish while you're chilling at the after party!

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IMPORTANT RIDE INFORMATION

START LINE – PRELUDE

The Prelude will see riders go out onto the course one by one with a 30 second gap between riders to ensure a clear run. All riders should be on location, checked in and ready to start by 3pm. This may be changed to 15 second intervals at any time by the Race Director pending rider numbers.

There are overtaking points along the course should you need them and be sure to let a rider overtake should this happen to you. Everyone should ride the Prelude as firstly it is a short, fun course and secondly it sets your handicap for the Weekend Warrior results and overall category rankings.

START LINE – STAGES 1 & 2

Both stages for the 2025 Wild Penguin will be group rollouts, self seeded with current leaders at the front from 9AM sharp for both Stages 1 and 2. Please be at each start line by at least 8:30AM for each stage to start at 9AM!

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EXPLANATION OF SERVICES

ITEM	CONTENT
Bag Drop	The Wild Penguin has limited storage available. It is strongly recommended to not leave any belongings at the start or finish lines.
Bike Wash	Bike Wash facilities are available at Wild Mersey trail head.
Bottle Drop	The Wild Penguin will have a bottle drop service on Saturday and Sunday of the race. Please ensure your bottle is dropped in the crates at the Information Tent prior to 8:30am and it will be taken to the water point for you. Bottle collection will be available at the finish line after each stage.
Coffee & Food	There are plenty of delicious local options for your food and coffee fix near our start/finish venues at Latrobe, Railton & Sheffield.
Information/ Registration Tent	Got a question? Visit our friendly Quad Crown team at the information tent for answers. Information services open at 1PM on Friday, and from 8AM on Saturday and Sunday.
Parking	Please follow the parking instructions and signage on the day and park in designated areas signposted. We also recommend checking our social channels for daily updates on parking and other event logistics. • Prelude – Parking will be available on Shale Road leading up to the start line, however access to the main carpark will be limited so please park on the side of the road where safe. • Stage 1 – You will be able to park around the perimeter of Goliath Park and anywhere on the surrounding streets of Railton. Please park respectfully and consider private property and driveway access. • Stage 2 – Plenty of parking is available in the public carpark adjacent to King George Park off Main and High Streets and in the surrounding streets of Sheffield.
Rider Packs	Rider packs will be available for collection at the information/registration tent. Your pack will include your transponder and rider plate, event T-shirt.
Water Points	Stage 1 and 2 water stations will be located at approximately the halfway point of each stage. There is no water station at the Prelude. We strongly advise you to carry enough water for the course however there will be a bottle drop and water stations on the course for both Stage 1 and 2.



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