

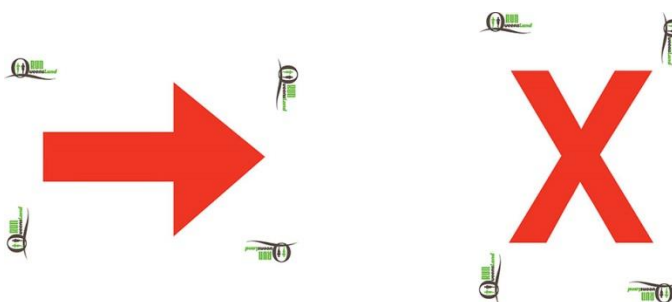
## Blackall 50

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

CP	Distance	Location	Details	Drop Bags
Water Station	10km	Near NP gate before Ubajee Walkers Camp	Water & electrolyte ONLY No Support crews	No
CP3	19.3km	At the end of Sam Kelly Rd near the National Park entrance.	Support crew permitted. First Aid, water, electrolyte, fruit, chips, lollies,	Yes
Water Station	26.6km	At the end of Delicia Rd, near National Park gate.	Water & electrolyte ONLY No Support crews	No
Water Station	38.7km	Near NP gate before Ubajee Walkers Camp	Water & electrolyte ONLY No Support crews	No
CP4	41.6km	Mapleton Day Use Area	<b>Support crew permitted by shuttle bus only.</b> 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 (after you cross the creek )
- Thilba Thalba Walkers camp. Approx. 27km

**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>Cut-Off Times</b>
1	START (CP2) – CP3	19.3km	3pm Saturday
2	CP3 – CP4	22.3km	11pm Saturday
3	CP4 – Finish	8.8km	6am Sunday

**50km Course Description**

**Leg 1: Start to CP3 (Sam Kelly Road) – 19.3km**

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'.

After approx. 500m turn left onto the fire trail. (The following section is off the 'Great Walk'.) Continue along the fire trail for approx. 1.5km, then turn left at the T intersection. After 100m veer left onto the No. 3 trail.

Continue along this trail for approx. 2.6km, and go through the National Park gate (there will be a water station here on race day), and follow the trail towards Ubajee Walkers' Camp. You are now back on the 'Great Walk'. Bypass Ubajee Walkers' Camp and 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 approx. 6kms. At this point (there is a green post) you will cross the creek to the Gheerulla Camping Area (toilets here). Turn left and follow the road for 1km until you reach CP 3 on Sam Kelly Road (at the cattle grid).

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) – 22.3km**

From CP3 turn right and cross the creek. After 50m turn right onto the fire trail. Follow the trail for approx. 1.4kms, then turn right and go through the National Park gate. Continue along for approx. 80m, and then turn right. (You are now climbing the Gheerulla Bluff).

Follow the signs towards Thilba Thalba Walkers Camp for approx. 3.8kms. At this point turn right onto a fire trail. There is a green post on your right hand side. (The following section is off the 'Great Walk'.) Follow this trail for approx. 400m then turn left at the T intersection. Continue along this main trail for approx. 1.4kms, ignoring the minor trails off to the left. You will arrive at a National Park gate which is at the end of Delicia Road. (There will be a water station here on race day).

Continue down Delicia Road for approx. 850m then turn left through the National Park gate. Take the right fork for 300m, and then turn right. You are now back on the 'Great Walk'. (There is a toilet available to your left).

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 onto Trail No.3, and follow the signage to CP4 (Mapleton Day Use Area).

Highlights:

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

### **Leg 3: CP4 – Finish – 8.8km**

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 200m until you reach an intersection, and turn left onto a single trail. 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.**