

The Aurora Harrier Club's

2009 HUTT RIVER TRAIL EVENTS

Course:

These are off-road events, over a variety of surfaces including: bush tracks, grass, gravel and sealed footpaths, and some unsealed vehicle tracks. There is approximately 5km of public road in the early part of the Marathon course. The course is shared with other Users, such as runners, walkers, trampers, cyclists and - in some places - motorised vehicles. Unusual features include: tunnels, stiles, gateways and zigzags, and one flight of steps (up).

The majority of the course, including the Half Marathon and 10km, is flat, with some undulations over obstacles such as stopbanks, etc.. The first 5km of the Marathon has some hills - mostly down. Overall, the Marathon course loses some 200-300 metres of elevation from start to finish. The first 18km of the Ultra Marathon crosses the historic Rimutaka Incline Trail.

Marathon: The 42.195 kilometre Marathon course will start at Kaitoke, North of Upper Hutt in the foothills of the Rimutaka Mountains, and travel down an old railway route (including a tunnel) via Tunnel Gulley Recreation Reserve to Maymorn. The first road section of the course (c4km) travels from Maymorn to Te Marua, crossing under SH2, then a short distance south to meet the walkway. A 2km bush and grass trail takes you to Akatarawa, where you meet the second (and last) road section (c1km). Bridge Street takes you to the beginning of The Hutt River Trail proper near Totara Park where, after a short distance, you cross a suspension footbridge into Harcourt Park. From Harcourt Park, you follow the left bank of the Hutt River for 20km to Avalon, travelling through Poet's Corner, Moonshine and Trentham Memorial Park, and passing Silverstream, Stokes Valley and Taita. At Avalon, you cross the Kennedy-Good Bridge to Belmont, and travel along the right bank of the river, past the Lower Hutt CBD, to its estuary at Petone. The last 2km of your picturesque journey skirts the river estuary, and passes through the Hikoikoi Reserve to the finish in McEwan Park on the Petone foreshore.

Half Marathon: The Half Marathon is planned to start at Moonshine Park, on the south side of the Moonshine Bridge, and will follow the last half of the Marathon course.

10km Fun Run/Walk: This starts in the Belmont Domain on the Western side of the Hutt River, a short distance north of the Kennedy-Good Bridge. Access is from Norfolk Street. After a circuit of the Domain, you will pass under the bridge approaches and merge with the Marathoners and Half Marathoners.

60km Ultra-Marathon: The start will be at the Featherston end of the Rimutaka Incline Rail Trail, and will follow the Rail Trail until it meets the Marathon course at Kaitoke, which then becomes the last 42km of the Ultra-Marathon. You will be asked to carry your own water, etc., for the first 18km, after which the Marathon drink stations will be available. You will be provided with portable lighting for the four tunnels in this sector.

Transport:

These are point-to-point events and, for each event, transport will be provided between the Race Headquarters in Petone, and the start location of your event, up to 1 hour before your start time (1½ hours for the Ultra-Marathon). This will be free for the Half Marathon, Marathon, and Ultra-Marathon, and \$5.00 for the 10km Fun Run/Walk (which has a lower entry fee). It is recommended that you park your vehicle in Petone, and take advantage of this offer.

Buses will **not** be provided after the event. However, there is a reasonably frequent public transport service from Petone to the vicinity of the 10km and Half Marathon starts.

Clothing which must be in suitable bags and clearly labelled, will be transported from your start location to the finish in Petone. Whilst we will take all reasonable care with your belongings, the Aurora Harrier Club will not be responsible for misplaced or lost gear.

Experience the Aurora Harrier Club's

Hutt River Trail Events

Saturday 17th January, 2009

Run or walk an off road Marathon, Half Marathon, or 10km, following the course of the Hutt River, from the foothills of the Rimutaka Mountains to the river's estuary on the shores of Wellington Harbour. Or run 60km from the Wairarapa to Wellington Harbour, via the historic Rimutaka Incline Rail Trail.



10km Fun Run/Walk

From Belmont Domain to Petone

Half Marathon

From Moonshine Park, Trentham, to Petone

Marathon

From Kaitoke to Petone

60km Ultra Marathon

Start in the Wairarapa, and follow the historic Rimutaka Incline to Kaitoke, to meet up with the Marathon

A detailed description of the course is on the back page of this entry form

For entry forms and information:

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2009 Hutt River Trail Entry Form

Event: Marathon (under 5 hours) Marathon (5 hours or longer)

Half Marathon 10 KM 60KM Ultra Marathon

I intend to: Walk Run

Name: _____ **Gender:** _____

Address: _____ **Age on** _____

Race Day: _____

Telephone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____

E-mail: _____

Declaration: I declare that I am eligible to compete as an Amateur, that I will comply with the conditions of entry, that I will follow instructions of Race Officials, and that I take part entirely at my own risk.

Signed: _____

Registered athletes wishing to claim the discounted entry fee must also provide the following information:

Club: _____ **Registration Number:** _____

Fees enclosed: **Entry Fee** \$ _____ .

Transport Charge \$ _____ .

(see opposite for amounts payable): **Total Fees:** \$ _____ .

(Make cheques payable to the "Aurora Harrier Club")

Credit Card Payment: Mastercard Visa

Card Number: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Detach and return this entry form, together with your payment to:

Hutt River Trail, PO Box 33 171, PETONE 5048

or by **fax** (Credit Card entries only) to **04 934 9601**

To reach us by **Friday 9th January, 2009**

Accommodation:

If you require assistance with accommodation, contact either:

Upper Hutt Information Centre (04) 527 2141 or

Hutt City Information and Visitor Centre (04) 650 4715

The finish, and the 10km start are in Hutt City. The Marathon and Half Marathon start in Upper Hutt.

Conditions of Entry:

Events conducted by the Aurora Harrier Club are run subject to the rules of Athletics New Zealand and the International Association of Athletics Federations, and compliance with these rules is a condition of participation.

In particular:

All instructions from Race Referees, Marshals and Police Traffic Officers must be complied with.

Entrants who wish to claim the "Registered Athletes Discount" in the Marathon, Half Marathon or Ultra-Marathon must wear their Club Uniform with their current proof of registration attached as required by their Centre. There is no discount on late entries. All other Athletes must pay the full entry fee.

Walkers who are observed to run, however briefly, will be re-classified as Runners

Prizes: Merit prizes will be awarded for the Marathon, Half Marathon, and Ultra-Marathon. Spot prizes will be available in all events, including the 10km Fun Run/Walk.

Marathon only prize: A special spot prize of a Breakaway Weekend in Hastings has been donated, courtesy of the **Angus Inn Motor Hotel**, Railway Road, Hastings

Team Trophies The first team of three to complete either the Marathon Run, or the Marathon Walk, will hold a trophy from **Cook Super Trophies** for a year. All team members must be bona fide members of the same running or walking group.

Entry Fees for entries received prior to 9th January, 2009:

Marathon	\$40.00	Registered Athletes	\$35.00
Half Marathon	\$30.00	Registered Athletes	\$25.00
60km Ultra-Marathon	\$50.00	Registered Athletes	\$45.00
10km Fun Run/Walk	\$15.00 (Transport to start extra for 10km – see below)		

All Late Entries:

Transport from Petone before the start:

Marathon	\$50.00	Free
Half Marathon	\$40.00	Free
60km Ultra-Marathon	\$60.00	Free
10km Fun Run/Walk	\$20.00	\$5.00

Start Times:

Marathon (5 hours +):	7:00am	Ultra-Marathon:	6:00am
Marathon (under 5 hours):		Marathon (under 5 hours):	8:00am
Half Marathon	10:00am	10km Fun Run/Walk	12noon

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