

Coromandel Classic 2016

COURSE LEGS & OTHER INFORMATION

DAY 1 - Saturday

Leg 1: 16km MTB: Thames Racecourse to Kauaeranga Road end (Multisport & Duathlon)

This leg commences from Thames Racecourse at 7.00am. Cyclists are controlled from the racecourse with a lead vehicle and tail end vehicle. Once onto the Kauraneranga Road, cyclists continue to the road end where they will dismount and begin the run.

Leg 2: 27km Mountain Run: Kauaeranga Road End to Coroglen Sale Yards bridge (Multisport & Duathlon)

The 27km mountain run begins climbing almost immediately, following old kauri logging and packhorse trails, past the Pinnacles and on to the summit (race record to summit 1hr). There is then a steady descent down to the east, with several more, shorter climbs and a 9km section of 4WD track and gravel road to finish the run at Coroglen.

Leg 3: 17km Kayak down river, out through the harbour mouth and around to Cooks Beach (Multisport)

Into the kayak, there is one small rapid to negotiate before paddling 17km to Cooks Beach, via the Whitianga harbour

mouth. Safety boats are out on the course, placed along the Whitianga harbour and out to Cooks Beach. Marshals direct competitors through the finish of leg 3.

Leg 3: 50km Road Cycle Coroglen to Tairua (Duathlon)

The final leg for the day is a 50km cycle leg from Coroglen to Tairua. Competitors are spread out by this stage. Marshals are along the route to direct cyclists.

Leg 4: 28 km Road Cycle Cooks Beach to Tairua (Multisport)

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DAY 2 - Sunday

Leg 1: 15 km Kayak from the Tairua Wharf to Hikuai (Multisport)

We start day 2 with a 15km kayak from Tairua Wharf to Hikuai. This is a deep water start, heading up the harbour and into the Tairua River for the final 10km of the journey.

Leg 1: 40km Cycle Tairua to Whangamata School (Duathlon)

Starting from the Tairua harbour, cyclists ride through to Hikuai and then up over the hill to Whangamata. Finishing at the southern end of Whangamata (on the main road) outside the school. Marshals are placed as per the TMP to direct cyclists on the correct route.

Leg 2: 30 km Cycle Hikuai to Whangamata School (Multisport)

Onto the 30km road bike and up over the hill to Whangamata. Finishing at the southern end of Whangamata (on the main road) outside the school. Marshals are placed as per the TMP to direct cyclists on the correct route.

Leg 3: 21 km Mountain run Whangamata School to Maratoto (Multisport & Duathlon)

Running alongside the main road for approx. 1km, then turning right into Wentworth Valley Rd, it is 4km along the gravel road to the bush tracks. Up the hill past the waterfall and onto the Maratoto Track. The descent is steady and fast for about 20 minutes to the carpark at the Maratoto ford. It is then a left turn, and 600 metres up to the transition on the main road. Total mountain run leg is 21km.

Leg 4: 30 km Cycle Maratoto to Thames Racecourse (Multisport & Duathlon)

The final 30km cycle from Maratoto to the Thames Racecourse is predominantly flat, but just like the Coast to Coast, beware of the head wind that sometimes greets you at the end of a hard weekend! Competitors dismount their bikes in the Racecourse carpark off the road, before running to the finish line at the designated area at the racecourse.

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