

The Dark Cherry Pyegaine

2nd May 2026

Instructions

Some History

The name of the rogaine comes from:

Dark – It's a night rogaine

Cherry – The Hash House is at Cherrybrook

Pye – The creek on the north of the map is Pye's Creek. The name Pye comes from local land holders in the 1830's. John, James and Thomas Pye all had land grants. James and Thomas' grants were 60 acres (24.3 hectares).

Cherrybrook got its name from "Cherrybrook Farm" which was a 65-acre farm established by the Harrison family in 1839 on land originally granted to Mary Russell. The farm produced fruit and later became a dairy, before being subdivided in 1959 into one of Sydney's first project home villages.

Getting there

The hash house is at 1st Cherrybrook Scouts' Hall, 2 Appletree Dr, Cherrybrook NSW 2126.

By Car

On street parking is available around the hash house. **Please do not park in the small shopping centre car park adjacent to the Scout Hall.** Please leave it for locals, so we do not adversely impact the local businesses.

By Train

The hash house is a 4km walk from Cherrybrook Metro Station and 5.3km (through the bush) from Pennant Hills Train Station. There are good bus options from both Pennant Hills train and Cherrybrook Metro stations. Consult <https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner> if you plan to arrive by bus.

Event Times

- The 5 hour event starts **Saturday 4:30pm** and concludes at **9:30pm**.
- The 3 hour event starts **Saturday 5:30pm** and concludes at **8:30pm**

On the day of the event the sun will set at 5:12pm.

Moonlight

1st May is a full moon and the moon will still be at 99% of its illumination on the night of the event. The moon rises at 5:10pm, but maximum brightness is not until 3:23 am, well after the event has finished. Most of the bush has a well established canopy so headlights will be essential.

What to Bring

Mandatory Gear (for all night rogaines)

- Compass
- Headlight (or torch) – Spare batteries are a good idea.
- Snake bandage
- Thermal blanket
- Whistle

Planning

- Pens, highlighters and measuring device
- Scrap paper

To Carry

- Capacity for at least 1L of water per person
- High energy snacks
- Mandatory safety gear
- Compass
- Raincoat if wet weather is forecast
- At least one phone per team to double as a camera.

After

- Knife, Fork, Plate, Spoon and Cup for dinner.
- Something warm to wear
- A towel or a change of clothes in case of rain.

What to Wear

This is an on track rogaine but many of the of the tracks are narrow and lined with vegetation. Gaiters are recommended to minimise scratches and reduce the risk of stick punctures. Long pants are suggested to keep you warm, but not essential. Please make sure you have enough gear to keep warm, in case of a delay due to injury.

Timetable

2:30pm	Registration opens, maps available
4:00 pm	5 hour novice briefing
4:20 pm	5 hour general briefing
4:30pm	5 hour mass start
5:00 pm	3 hour novice briefing
5:20 pm	3 hour general briefing
5:30pm	3 hour mass start
8:30pm	3 hour finish
9:00pm	3 hour results / presentation
9:30pm	5 hour finish
10:00pm	5 hour results / presentation

Registration

Before coming to registration, please make sure:

- You know your team number (available on web site under Team List)
- You and everyone on your team have signed your indemnity form.

Upon registering you will receive

- A Navlight tag and wristband (one for each team member)
- A map for each team member with control descriptions and course setters' notes
- One flight plan (intention sheet) which must be filled in and returned to the registration desk

Forecast

The forecast (as at 27th April) is a low of 14°C and a chance of up to 2 mm of rain during the day / night.

Late finishers

Competitors will have ten points deducted from their total for every minute (or part thereof) that they are late to return. If you are 30 minutes or more late you will be disqualified and will fail to record any points.

The Course

The event is a combination of street and bush controls. Most of the bush controls are in the Berowra Valley National Park, while some of the more westerly bush controls are on Hornsby Council land. This is an on-track rogaine. **Please remain on tracks at all times.**

Please read the course setters' notes on the back of the map before the start of the event.

The Map

The map will be printed on waterproof paper. The scale is 1:15 000 and contours are 10m. Thanks to Hamish Mackie for his work on the map. There are no water drops for this event, but a number of public toilets are marked on the map which should enable you to fill up if required.

Checkpoints

Checkpoints are indicated by orange/white flags. You need to register your visit to the control by holding the Navlight unit to your personal tag. It should flash when punched. All tags for your team must be punched at each control. If the light does not flash at a control, you should take a photo to record your visit.

Post Event

We will have dinner after the event. **Please bring a plate, bowl, spoon and cup or mug.** Presentations should start 30 mins post event or close to it. The results will be posted on the event page of the web site usually within one hour of the last event finishing.

New to Rogaining?

For Novice teams, information is here: [What is Rogaining? - NSW Rogaining](#). There will also be the Novice Briefing before each event. See timetable. At the event there will be people wearing hi-vis vests. These people are there to support novice rogainers (and experienced ones as well).

New South Wales Rogaining Association Inc.

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DISCLAIMER / WAIVER

Event : 2026 Nightgaine

Name:

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We acknowledge that the Australian Rogaining Association Inc (ARA), with whom the organising body for this event (NSW Rogaining Association) is affiliated, holds Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20 million in respect of all rogaining events conducted by ARA affiliated bodies. This insurance covers: organisers, landowners and other third parties for any damage caused by the organisers of, or participants in, any rogaining event in connection with that event. We also acknowledge that the ARA does not hold any Personal Accident Insurance in respect of participants in rogaining events conducted by ARA affiliated bodies. We accept that any personal accident cover required is our responsibility and entirely at our discretion.

Rogaining is an activity which can involve risk of personal injury or property damage. While it is acknowledged as a challenging activity, the risks ought not be discounted particularly navigating through potential dangers in a bush setting in daylight or darkness. Other, but less obvious, risks will occur because of the nature and type of terrain through which the activities are conducted. The NSW Rogaining Association (NSWRA) requires all participants to carry equipment such as suitable clothing, food, torches, compasses, water, first aid kit and any other allowed devices which will limit the inherent risks in the activity.

By participating in the activity, each participant acknowledges that the sport of Rogaining involves considerable risk and agrees that by entering this rogaing they do so at their own risk. The NSWRA does not accept any responsibility for death, injury, loss and damage to the participant and agrees to allow the participant to participate in the activity only on that basis.

The participant binds themselves, their executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns as follows:

a) The participant agrees to discharge and release the NSWRA, their volunteers, the owners and occupiers of land used in the event, event sponsors and producers, community organisations, State Federal and Local Authorities in which the event may be held and their (its) representatives from all liability for death, disability, personal injury, damage to property, theft, and all foreseeable risks, claims or actions of any kind, howsoever caused, resulting from their participation - directly or indirectly - in this event.

b) The participant agrees to further indemnify and hold harmless all entities and persons mentioned in the above clause (a) above from all liabilities, claims or action, as mentioned above, irrespective of whether the NSWRA or its employees or agents may have been negligent.

In particular, the participant agrees to indemnify the NSWRA for any loss or damage arising from participating in the event and agrees that this indemnity may be pleaded as a complete defence to any legal proceedings or any right the participant may claim against the NSWRA, its servants, agents or any owner or occupier of land used in the proceedings.

By the signing of this document, I acknowledge the risks of rogaining and agree to participate on the conditions as described above (participant must be 18 years or older to complete this section):

Participant Name (Please print clearly)

Participant Signature

Date

This section to be completed by a responsible adult where participant is under 18 years of age. If more than one responsible adult signing please photocopy & submit separate forms.

Name(s) of junior participant(s):

I acknowledge the risks of rogaining as described above and agree to indemnify the NSWRA for any injury or loss arising from the abovenamed minor(s) participating, and agree that by signing this indemnity or by permitting the minor to participate, I will accept complete responsibility for any injury or loss caused.

Relationship to participant (please delete whichever does not apply): Parent / Guardian / Other _____

Name (Please print clearly)

Signature

Date

NOTE: This is a legal document. You should seek legal advice before signing if you do not fully understand the meaning and effect of this document. If you do not accept these conditions of entry you will be unable to participate.

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