

Matarau Trail Ride Rules and Guidelines

Our ride is designed for trail riders looking for a fun riding experience within their skill base. Whilst trail riding is a fun sport, filled with freedom, it is also a fairly high-risk activity, so there has to be some rules to keep everyone safe.

Rules of Engagement - All participants, spectators, supporters and volunteers are invited guests and are expected to follow the directions of the marshals and adhere to the following safety rules listed below and given at the Riders Safety Briefing.

- Safety Briefing - All riders shall be briefed at start gate by a marshal until all riders have been for 1st round. **REMEMBER - FIRST LAP IS LOOK LAP**
- Car park area - Mind your speed, be aware of others, keep an eye out for children, and do not rip up paddocks! Bikes being ridden through the car park areas are at **WALKING** pace only.
- Ride Rules - This is a one-way trail ride therefore you are to follow the signs suitable to your own skill level. **NO BACKTRACKING!!** Give way to over taking riders.
- Read all signs carefully
- Protective Clothing - In the interests of safety, all riders **MUST** wear the correct safety gear when riding; including helmet and boots that cover the ankle (NO gumboots). Gloves, goggles, knee pads, a kidney belt, a long-sleeved top, long thick pants, and body armour are strongly recommended.
- Bike Pre-operation - Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for your particular motorbike/quad for the correct specifications (e.g. tyre pressure, correct engine temperature when checking the oil)
- Motorbikes, Quads, Side by Sides - It is expected that **ALL** motorbikes, quads, side by sides will be in sound condition - structurally and mechanically - and will have adequate mufflers, functional brakes, and good off-road tyres. All motorbikes, quads & side by sides can be scrutinised before the ride and may be denied access.
- Fuel & Equipment - You are required to bring your own fuel, toolkit/spares for your bike. Please fill your tank before you leave carpark - our crew are sometimes too busy to bring a fuel can out to you.
- Approved Fuel Containers - It is a fire safety requirement of the Rural Fire Authority that any fuel is to be stored in an approved fuel container.
- Pillion Riders - **NOT PERMITTED**, One rider per bike/quad. Side by sides, 1 rider per allocated seat.
- Supervision - All children brought with you to this trail ride are your responsibility and they must be actively supervised and have adult with them at all times

- Breakdowns - If you break down, push your bike/quad/side by side off the trail to a safe place, send another rider or phone for help and stay with your bike until an official arrives.
- Breakdown Assistance - In the unlikely event of mechanical failure, a recovery vehicle may be dispatched, where possible, to help transfer your bike/quad/side by side to the nearest road whereby the rider will then be responsible for its care and collection
- Safety & Rescue - We will have a number of officials and a First Aid Response team who will sweep the track to enhance security and safety and provide first aid as required. Only officials to wear yellow and orange Hi Viz clothing.
- Injuries & Accidents - If you are injured, stay with your bike until you are found by an official or our First Aid Response team. Try to make yourself safe and comfortable. Any rider that comes across an accident scene must stop to 1st assist the injured rider, 2nd secure the accident scene by ensuring that oncoming riders cannot hit the injured person or bystanders, and 3rd send another rider to get medical help. If you think you may have been reported as injured, but make it back to base, please report in to say that you are back and safe.
- Ambulance - Due to the isolation of the event and the potential high cost of emergency ambulance services, it is strongly recommended that all attendees be a member of the St Johns Supporter Scheme. As a St Johns Supporter, you'll receive free medical emergency attendance and transport to hospital anywhere in New Zealand, regardless of whether you have an accident or an emergency.
- Change of Conditions - The organiser and its officials reserve the right to add to, alter, or change any factors relating to the ride at any stage up to, and including, the day of the ride without prior consent or notification, ie closing the track early due to concerns for the safety of riders and/or officials.
- Interpretation of Rules - In any dispute as to the interpretation of any rule, the decision of the organisers and marshals is final.
- Claims - Any entrant's claim is limited to the amount of entry fee paid.
- Insurances - The insurance does not include the participants. It is, therefore, strongly recommended the participants hold their own private third party accident insurance to limit their own personal liability
- Note to Riders - The officials reserve the right, without explanation, to refuse admission to, or eject any person(s) whose conduct is deemed to be disorderly, whose language is vulgar, or who fails to comply with these or any other event rules.
- NO SMOKING. This is a major fire hazard. Smoking is permitted outside the main gates on the roadside only.
- Please take all of your rubbish & recycling home, leaving nothing but your track prints.

TRACK Signs

Single arrows: directional guide. White = main, Red = expert off main for 2wheelers only & Yellow = Intermediate, short cuts & alternative loops
Double down arrows: caution required, slow down, major hazard ahead such as a drop off, steep hill, sharp turn, merge, bog hole etc. (or any combination), merging
- caution 2 trails joining or slow down now! Crosses: wrong way.

Please remember - **your 1st lap is your look lap** - we do our best to identify and mark hazards. Ride to your ability and always be considerate of others.

Have Fun, be safe. Please see an official/marshal for any enquiries