

Ride Information

Pre race checklist

- **Race number** - Fasten all four corners onto the back of your riding top. Please read the emergency procedures on the back of your race number.
- **Emergency contact name and number** - On the back of your race number there is a place for you to write your emergency contact name, number and any current medical conditions. Thank you for ensuring this has been completed.
- **Helmet** -Your helmet number should be attached to the front of your helmet so that it can be read from the front.
- **Seat post transponder** - The timing tag is attached to your seat post number, ready for you to attach to your seat post. Please read the detailed instruction sheet in your race pack. It is absolutely crucial that you **do not fold** or attempt to remove your timing tag. If you fold or crease the tag you may break the circuit and no times will be recorded.
- **Own water / Food supply** - Do you have enough? You are responsible for supplying your own water and food for the ride.
- **Equipment to carry** - All riders should carry a spare tube, pump and puncture repair kit and tyre levers as there will be no wheel wagons or support vehicles allowed to follow riders around the course except official event and media vehicles.
- **Medical information** - Is the information you gave us when you entered accurate? Remember use the back of your race number to place more information about any new medical issues that you may have.

Parking and Venue Access

Plan to arrive at the start/finish line at Vines Village at least fifteen minutes prior to your briefing time. It will take time to park a large number of vehicles and you need to be in position and ready to ride before your briefing. Please consider where you will park in relation to which direction you will be coming from. If travelling from Blenheim it will take you at least 45 minutes from the time you leave your accommodation to being at the start line. If travelling from Picton it will take you just over an hour.

If you are coming from Blenheim down Old Renwick Road turn right into Pak Lims Road, this will have you parked at Eastern States Speedway on Vintage Lane. If you are coming from Picton turn into Rapaura Road at Spring Creek and travel about 8km before turning left into Vintage Lane. Travel along Vintage Lane for just over 1km and turn right into the parking area.

If coming from Nelson turn left into Rapaura Road, and then right into Vintage Lane and then right again into the parking area.

For those coming from SH63 (West Coast Road) make your way into Renwick then left into Pak Lims Road. The parking is on the left around 1km from Old Renwick Rd.

Access to the venue from the car park is as follows. Ride north along Vintage Lane to Rapaura Rd and turn right when safe to do so. Vines village is approximately 500m on the left.

Under no circumstances are any vehicles other than authorised official or sponsor vehicles allowed to come into the venue.

Start Information

All riders must listen to the briefing. Thank you for your patience if start times are delayed slightly but we will strive to start promptly.

Speed Bunnies will start as listed below, this is a gun start. You are under the control and direction of the commissaires for the duration of the race. All 101km riders will be grouped according to predicted ride time. Please ensure that you position yourself at the start line according to the wave you have nominated. Please watch out for event signage and listen to the directions of the starters and marshals. Any non-compliance by riders may see them removed from the event. Riders will be released in pulses of 40 to 50 riders at one to two minute intervals.

All riders preparing for the 8.20am briefing please self-marshal to the appropriate time groups. There will be ample opportunity to promote yourself up the groups on the road and it is far better than constantly being overtaken. Remember your time does not start until you cross the start mats. Ensure you are at the start area at least 30 minutes prior to your briefing time.

Event	Briefing	Start
Magnum 2 Lappers	5.50am	6.00am
Speed Bunnies (women)	7.55am	8.00am
Speed Bunnies (men)	8.10am	8.15am
All other riders	8.20am	8.25am
Mountain Bikers	9.00am	9.05am
Taster Course (42km)	9.20am	9.30am

All participants ride at their own risk.

- Remember that all roads you ride today are open to all traffic at all times.
- All participants must obey all traffic rules.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- Keep as far as practicable to the left side of the road.
- Do not cross the centre line. This will be rigidly enforced.
- Follow the instructions and directions of the marshals.
- IF you are fixing a puncture or mechanical issue, please move completely off the road to ensure your safety.
- Take note of all road and Whitehaven GrapeRide signage particularly through Queen Charlotte Drive.
- Be courteous to all other road users.
- If you come across a rider who is injured you must stop and render assistance. Advise the next rider to go back and warn oncoming traffic. Send another rider to carry on and make contact with a Whitehaven GrapeRide official or a bunch police marshal. You can identify them by their fluoro jackets or bunch police kit. Stay with the injured person until a qualified first aider is in attendance.
- Ride single file across all non-marshalled bridges.
- There will be hazards on the road so stay alert at all times.
- Vehicles following the field will have the rider they are associated with disqualified from the event and all prize draws. Under no circumstances may supporters follow the ride or enter Queen Charlotte Drive. They will be turned back by the marshals.
- You will have ensured your bike is in excellent working order prior to starting in this event.
- If you have aero bars do not use them when riding with other riders around you.
- If the day is wet/cold please take appropriate clothing for such conditions.
- No 'iPods' or other similar personal audio equipment is to be used during the ride. Anyone seen using this type of equipment will be disqualified from the event. No discussion will be entered into.
- If you do not complete the event please notify the event Safety Officer and complete a Did Not Finish - DNF form. If unable to return to the finish line for whatever reason make contact as soon as possible to advise the Safety Officer of the situation.
- **The finish line for all rides is on Jefferies Road 300m past the Vines Village. There is a 90 degree turn left and the finish itself is approximately 200m up the road. Please enter the final turn at a speed that will enable you to negotiate the corner safely. Once finished you will return to Vines Village via a mown track through the vineyards.**
- **Magnum** -We will deliver personal food and drink supplies to the Feed Station on the left verge 400m past Vines Village on Rapaura Rd. Plastic bags must be clearly named and left in the labelled box at the Whitehaven registration tent.
- **Whitehaven Anchorage riders will receive a welcome hot coffee and delicious muffin at Momorangi Bay. Make sure you ride over the timing mat as you arrive and leave to ensure your ride time is paused during your coffee break. Enjoy! Self marshal into the start wave you feel comfortable to ride**

in. Our Anchorage team will have your Whitehaven re-usable coffee cup waiting and a pen to name it for you so you can collect it on return to Vines Village