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Back Yamma Bigfoot

MTB Enduro - Put Your Foot Down

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New Event in 2010 - The Back Yamma Bigfoot

With no huge mountain climbs and rarely found fast flowing hilly tracks, mountain bike endurance riders will come from all over the state to put their foot to the pedal in the first ever endurance race in the Back Yamma State Forest, aptly named, the Back Yamma Bigfoot. The event will take place on Sunday 26 September with a number of course options available for both male and female competitors.

The Back Yamma Bigfoot is a Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) recognised competition with registrations opening this Friday 28 May. The inaugural event is being coordinated by a group of mountain bike enthusiasts from Parkes who are members of the Central West Off Road Bicycle Club. Organisers believe that the event will become a permanent fixture on the MTBA's competition calendar, with over 100 riders expected to compete this year.

Organisers have been busily setting the course and have explored every inch of the state forest looking for the best single tracks. One of the Event Coordinators, Chris Hollingdrake said, 'Meticulous GPS mapping has allowed us to link amazing single tracks to offer a fantastic ride.'

The course has been designed to cater for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Beginners can taste the fun of the fast flowing single track in the 'Little Foot' (25km option), while intermediate and advanced riders can push a little harder and take in some of the more technical aspects of the single track in the 'Big Foot' (50km option) and the 'Two Big Feet' (100km option.)

'Each course is designed to offer large amounts of single track spread throughout the course to keep it interesting and allow plenty of opportunities to pass' said Mr Hollingdrake.

Registrations open Friday 28 May online at www.backyammabigfoot.com.au where further details, course options and registration fees are displayed. Discounts also apply for MTBA members.

The Back Yamma State Forest is spread across the neighbouring shires of Forbes and Parkes with Parkes being named the host location for the event. Parkes is located in the Central West region of New South Wales situated along the Newell Highway approximately five hours from Wollongong and Sydney and just three hours from Canberra. For all your tourism information including accommodation, contact the Parkes Visitor Information Centre on 02 6863 8860 or go online at www.visitparkes.com.au

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