

# The Razorback Run

(formerly Mt Feathertop Skyrun)

## 68 / 64 / 58 / 38 / 22 Km Ultra distances

### Saturday 26 November 2011

Updated 22 June 2011

#### Event Information

Continuing the evolution of this classic Alpine Run for 2011, this run offers 5 challenging distances in some of the most spectacular country in Victoria's Alpine National Park. The 68km Mt Feathertop Skyrun, the 64km Razorback Ridge run which builds on the 58km course but takes in the entire length of the Razorback to offer some of the most spectacular running and scenery in the Australian Alps and the Short course 38km Razorback Ridge – a delightful day out up to the Summit of Mt Feathertop and back along the Razorback. For first time runners venturing into trail running there is also the return of the 22km Razorback Ridge run from Diamantina Hut.

Set in the heart of Victoria's high country the Razorback Run is one of the most amazing high altitude runs that Australia has to offer.

**1) The return of the original Mt Feathertop Skyrun** 68km, encompassing the best of the Razorback run plus a gentle jog up Machinery Spur

**2) The Razorback Ridge Run.** 64km of pure Alpine pleasure and pain with stunning scenery – or possibly lots of mist and no views at all. This is the most stunning and spectacular run of its kind in Victoria and the culmination of over 9 years route planning – a must for the hardened runner.

**3) Alpine Challenge Intro.** A 58km ultra - the ideal training run for anyone thinking of attempting the Alpine Challenge 100mile ultra. This run covers 3 of the six climbs and descents in the AC.

**4) Razorback Ridge,** 38km short course – a great run up Bungalow Spur, across the Razorback and down Bon Accord Spur

**5) Razorback Ridge,** 22km intro run – the classic razorback – an out and back from Diamantina Hut to Mt Feathertop – great views – *almost flat!*

Experience the thrill of running to the summit of Mt Feathertop, Victoria's second highest peak and Australia's only real mountain, enjoy stunning views of the high country from the summit, the High Plains Swindlers Spur and the Razorback - weather permitting.

#### Support

The Razorback Run is a **totally self supported run**, it is not a race. Runners are fully responsible for their own safety and assume full liability for their participation. Participants should offer assistance to other runners in distress and must give way to walkers, especially on the Razorback track.

No support personnel or equipment is available other than start / finish at Harrietville Caravan Park unless runners bring their own support crew. The 68 / 64 and 58km runs cover arduous terrain with 3 major climbs that take a *cumulative toll*.

Water is available from rivers and a spring along the course – it is recommended that you treat all water. A water stop is provided at Mt Loch Car Park.

Runners will be responsible for recording their own times and a run register will be located at race Headquarters at the Harrietville Caravan Park and at Mt Loch Carpark. **Runners must log in as a safety check.**

#### Weather Conditions / Experience

The run takes place in an exposed Alpine environment that can be subject to sudden and severe changes in weather. Rain, fog, high winds, sleet and snow as well as hot sunny days can occur during November. Do not take this run lightly; runners have died in this region. Hypothermia is a serious risk and all runners should be prepared for any weather conditions.

The Razorback Runs should only be attempted by experienced trail runners with good navigation experience. As a minimum, runners attempting the course must have successfully completed at least one 30 km organised trail run in the previous 6 months. The 22km is open to runners with less experience.

#### Start

Five runs will be available;

**68 / 64 / 58 / 38 km:** start time - 6 am Harrietville Camping ground

**22km:** start time 8 am Diamantina Hut, Mt Hotham Road

## **Mandatory Safety Equipment:**

All runners must carry with them as a minimum the following safety equipment:-

- Waterproof map of the area, whistle, compass - (recommended is Rooftop's Mt Feathertop - Hotham 1:30,000 and adjacent Bogong High Plains or Spatial Vision - Bogong Alpine Area 1:50,000)
- 10cm broad bandage – for snake bite / sprains,
- Antiseptic swipes, bandaids, Nurofen or stronger (6)
- Water proof jacket with hood and waterproof overpants
- Spare long sleeved polypropylene top and long johns
- Beanie / Hat, gloves
- Torch, spare batteries and bulbs
- Emergency space blanket
- Food
- Emergency food
- Mobile Phone - (highly recommended) and / or Personal Location Beacon
- Camera - (highly recommended) - scenery is fantastic

**NB.** All runners **MUST** have sufficient experience/equipment to allow them to either find an alternate route back to run headquarters or wait out the night & complete the run the following day if required.

Any runner who withdraws or is unable to complete the run back to Harrietville by 9pm on the Saturday **MUST** attempt to contact the run director by mobile phone (0418 136 070) & advise their status.

## **General Information**

### **Medical Evacuation**

Given the nature of the terrain and the distance from the closest hospital should join Air Ambulance Victoria. Medical evacuations are at participants cost. [www.ambulance-vic.com.au](http://www.ambulance-vic.com.au) (Ph: 03 9379 9155)

**Entry Fees – \$50.**

### **Entry Restrictions**

The organizers reserve the right to refuse entry to the event if that person is ill equipped or unfit for the event.

**Age Limit** – The minimum age for an entrant is 18 years old

### **Pre run Accommodation**

Harrietville Hotel Motel - (03) 5759 2525 - Great Alpine Rd. Harrietville [info@harrietvillehotelmotel.com.au](mailto:info@harrietvillehotelmotel.com.au)

Snowline Hotel Motel - (03) 5759 2524 - 237 Great Alpine Rd, Harrietville

Harrietville Cabins & Caravan Park - (03) 5759 2523 - Camping Rd, Harrietville [hville\\_cpark@netc.net.au](mailto:hville_cpark@netc.net.au)

### **Pre run Briefing**

A pre run briefing will be conducted at the Harrietville Hotel Motel on the Friday evening at 8.30PM - This is a **mandatory briefing** and participants should bring their running kit for checking. **No briefing = No start.**

### **Track Etiquette:**

Mt Hotham / the Razorback is a major recreational walking/camping area, runners are requested to show consideration to track walkers.

### **Travel/Camping Arrangements:**

Harrietville is approximately 3.5 - 4.0 hours drive from Melbourne.

### **Volunteers**

Support from volunteers at a couple of critical junctions would be of great assistance.

### **Course Description**

Available at the pre run briefing

### **For further information or to register for the Razorback Run - contact:**

Paul Ashton ph: 03 9885 8415 (h) 0418 136 070 (m) email: [runningwild56@tpg.com.au](mailto:runningwild56@tpg.com.au)

**Course details:**

**68 km Ultra Course** (NB distances are approximate)

Harrietville - Mt Feathertop Summit (via Bungalow Spur)	13.0km (water near cross)	2.5hrs
Mt Feathertop – Diamantina Hut	11.0km	2.5hrs
Diamantina Hut to Mt Loch Car park (via Summitt)	2.5 km (water at carpark)	0.5hrs <b>C/P</b>
Mt Loch Car park to Dibbins Hut (via Swindlers Spur)	10.0 km (Cobungra river)	1.5hrs
Dibbins Hut to Red Robin Mine (Accomodation)	2.5 km (Springs by road)	0.5hrs
Red Robin Mine to Mt Loch Car Park (via Machinery Spur)	10.0 km (water at carpark)	2.5hrs <b>C/P</b>
Mt Loch Car Park – Razorback Ridge – Bungalow Spur	11.0km (water at hut)	2.0hrs
Bungalow Spur – Harrietville	<u>11.0km</u> (water at river)	<u>1.5.0hrs</u>
	68 km (yup I cant add)	14.0

**64 km Ultra Course** (NB distances are approximate as are indicative **slow** running times))

Harrietville - Mt Feathertop Summit (via Bungalow Spur)	13.0km (water near cross)	2.5hrs
Mt Feathertop - Diamantina Spur -Westons Hut	10.0km	2.5hrs
Westons Hut – Pole 333	3.0km	1.0hrs
Pole 333 – Dibbins Hut	6.0km (water at river)	1.0hr
Dibbins Hut - Mt Loch Car Park	10.0km	2.0hrs <b>C/P</b>
Mt Loch Car Park – Razorback Ridge – Bungalow Spur	11.0km (water at hut)	2.0hrs
Bungalow Spur – Harrietville	<u>11.0km</u> (water at river)	<u>2.0hrs</u>
	64 km	13.0hrs

**58 km Ultra Course** (NB distances are approximate as are indicative **slow** running times))

Harrietville - Mt Feathertop Summit (via Bungalow Spur)	13.0km (water near cross)	2.5hrs
Mt Feathertop - Diamantina Spur -Westons Hut	10.0km	2.5hrs
Westons Hut – Pole 333	3.0km	1.0hrs
Pole 333 – Dibbins Hut	6.0km (water at river)	1.0hr
Dibbins Hut - Mt Loch Car Park	10.0km	2.0hrs <b>C/P</b>
Mt Loch Car Park – Bon Accord Spur – Harrietville	<u>16.0km</u> (water at river)	<u>3.0hrs</u>
	58 km	12hrs

**38 km Short course** (NB distances are approximate)

Harrietville - Mt Feathertop Summit (via Bungalow Spur)	13.0km (water near cross)	2.5hrs
Mt Feathertop – Diamantina Hut	11.0km	2.5hrs
Diamantina Hut - Bon Accord Spur-o Harrietville	<u>14.0km</u> (water at river)	<u>3.0hrs</u>
	38.0 km	8.0hrs

**22km Alpine Skyrun Intro run**

Diamantina Hut – Mt Feathertop Summit	11km (water near cross)	2.0hrs
Mt Feathertop Summit – Diamantina Hut	<u>11 km</u>	<u>2.0hrs</u>
	22km	4.0hrs

**Caution:** The course is NOT marked. If you do not know the course and have trouble navigating, **do not enter this event.**

**Run Headquarters**

Run Headquarters will be located at the Harrietville Caravan Park

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Registration Form

Registration forms must be completed and signed by every runner

Registration Details – Runners

Please tick – 68km ( ) 64km ( ) 58km ( ) 38km ( ) 22km ( )

Runner 1

Name:  
Address:  
Suburb:  
P/C:  
Email:  
Phone (H):  
Phone (M):  
Date of birth:  
Vehicle Rego number:

Runner 2

Name:  
Address:  
Suburb:  
P/C:  
Email:  
Phone (H):  
Phone (M):  
Date of birth:

Emergency Contact:

Name:  
Phone:  
Relationship:

Name:  
Phone:  
Relationship:

Medical: do you have a pre-existing medical condition? YES / NO

If yes, please give details:

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Previous Ultra / Rogaining experience in the last 6 months (68 /64 / 58km run only):

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Previous Trail running / Rogaining / orienteering experience in the last 3 months (38km runners only):

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Navigation / Bushwalking Experience:

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General Waiver Agreement and Release

Acknowledgement

I, the undersigned, affirm that I participate in this run at my own risk, that there will be no support available except where provided by myself, no route markings, no marshals, and no medical personnel in attendance and I cannot hold my fellow runners, those who advertise the run or anyone else involved in the run or anyone else, responsible for any accident, injury or death sustained by anyone, anywhere or any property lost, stolen or damaged.

I know that the run traverses extremely rough and rugged bushland, that is inhabited by the standard Australian wildlife ie snakes, and accept I could get hurt, lost, dehydrated, injured or could even die. I understand that I will be running in an area subject to severe and rapid changes in weather including, high temperatures, high winds, rain, snow and blizzards. I fully accept this on my own behalf.

I believe that I am fit enough to start and complete this run, or else have the capabilities to get back to civilisation or my support crew and that I am responsible for myself and the cost of any search and / or rescue if I become lost or suffer any medical problem.

Exclusion and Limitation of Running Wild's liability

In this clause, references to Running Wild include all of Running Wild's officers, employees, contractors, agents and volunteers assisting Running Wild in the organisation and conduct of the run. Running Wild holds the benefit of your release, waiver and indemnity as the bare trustee of each of its officers, employees, contractors, agents and volunteers severally and any of them may rely upon it in respect of any claim made by you or in respect of your participation in the run

Nothing in this document is to be read as excluding, restricting or modifying the application of any legislation which by law cannot be excluded, restricted or modified.

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Any representation, warranty, condition or undertaking which (but for this clause) would be implied in this document by law, is excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Running Wild is not liable to you for any claim arising under this document in contract, tort, statute or otherwise in relation to the run and you release Running Wild from any and all such claims and indemnify Running Wild for the full amount of its costs of any such claims brought by you or on your behalf or arising out of your participation in the run. You acknowledge and agree that, in the event of your death, the legal personal representative of your estate may be liable to pay Running Wild compensation under this indemnity out of your estate in respect of any claims brought by third parties (such as your family members or employers) arising out of your participation in the run.

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- in the case of goods – the replacement of the goods, the supply of equivalent goods, the payment of the cost of replacing the goods or the payment of the cost of acquiring equivalent goods; or
- in the case of services – the supplying of the services again or the payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

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Without limitation to any other provision of this document and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Running Wild will not be liable to You for consequential, indirect or special losses or damages of any kind (including, without limitation, loss of profit, loss or corruption of data, business interruption or indirect costs) suffered by You as a result of any act or omission whatsoever of Running Wild, its employees, agents or sub-contractors.

### Warning Under the *Fair Trading Act 1999* (Vic)

Under the provisions of the **Fair Trading Act 1999** several conditions are implied into contracts for the supply of certain goods and services. These conditions mean that the supplier named on this form is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you are –

- rendered with due care and skill; and
- as fit for the purpose for which they are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect in the circumstances; and
- reasonably fit for any particular purpose or might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier.

Under section 32N of the **Fair Trading Act 1999**, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these conditions do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the **Fair Trading Act 1999** if you are killed or injured because the services were not rendered with due care and skill or they were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form.

**NOTE:** The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

Signature: .....

Date:        /        /

### Payment

Please find attached my entry fee payment - \$50

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**Post to:-** P. Ashton  
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Ashburton 3147

Payment by Cheque made out to P. Ashton  
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A/C 1002 5589  
Specify – Razorback Run