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Walkers... Runners... Orienteers... Explorers...

Metlink City Safari

Sunday 17 May 2009

A navigational challenge with a difference – buses, trains, cable car and the harbour ferry!



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Navigational contests, like orienteering and rogaining, usually require you to travel on foot.

On the Metlink City Safari you can use public transport: buses, trains, cable car and the harbour ferry! Use your head instead of your legs to get part way to the control points. Each control point has a score and the winning team collects the biggest score in the allowed time: six hours or three hours.

Control points for the 6th Metlink City Safari may be anywhere:

- between Miramar and Karori, Johnsonville and Island Bay
- in the concrete jungle of the central city
- in the suburbs, including the town belt and walkways
- at vantage points such as Mt Victoria, Wrights Hill, or maybe even the 445m Mt Kaukau!
- on tracks in Wilton Bush
- in the Ngaio Gorge tunnels.

The public transport network goes right through the area.

The winning team will need to be fit and fast, but how they use public transport will also be vital. A day pass is part of your entry, it will even get you on the cable car!

Prizes on the day for best costumes!



What is Metlink City Safari?

It's a rogaine – a form of orienteering for teams. The time period is fixed, but you choose the points to visit and your route. There's a penalty for returning late.

The control points are marked on a map we give you, which is based on a topographical map but it's far more accurate!

What about the bus, train and harbour ferry information?

It's up to you – you will have to do your homework. Collect timetables (for Sunday routes) or use the website www.metlink.org.nz On the course you can use txtBUS as the map will show bus stop numbers. Learn about txtBUS before the event at www.metlink.org.nz under 'Other Info'.

How long is the safari?

You can choose the six hour or three hour event. The control points in the three hour event are closer together to make it more fun for families. Both events start with a 10-minute sprint around the waterfront and Civic Centre for extra points.

Who can take part?

Teams of 2-5; 2-person teams are most common. There are categories for family, college and business-house teams. You need to pre-enter to order the specially printed map showing the control points; everyone gets a copy. A limited number of spare maps and transport passes will be available for late entries.

What happens on the day?

You start on the waterfront in downtown Wellington.

Six-hour teams: collect your map, day pass, and score card from 8:30am. Start planning your route. The 10-minute "prologue" starts at 9:15am. Have a breather, then you're off on the main course at 9:45am. Finish by 3:45pm.

Three-hour teams: collect your goodies from 11.00am. Your 10-minute prologue starts at 11:45am. Your main course is 12:15 to 3:15pm.

Too busy to enter? Drop in and try the prologue course. It's open from 1.00pm-2.00pm.

Tell your friends!

During the last five years this challenge has attracted runners, walkers and families as well as orienteers and adventure racers. Discover how good our public transport network is!

For more information visit www.citysafari.org.nz or contact the course planner, Michael Wood, ph 04 566 2645.

The event is run by Orienteering Hutt Valley (www.ohv.org.nz), pioneer of rogaining in NZ.

Entry Fees

Adults \$50 per person 6-hour event, \$30 per person 3-hour event, less discount for one of these options:

- full-time tertiary student \$10 discount
- school student \$20 discount
- children up to Year 6 FREE (each child must be accompanied by one adult)

Orienteering club members additional \$5 discount (join at www.ohv.org.nz)

Late entries (received after 7 May) \$5 extra per person.

We'll acknowledge entries by listing them on the website www.citysafari.org.nz within a week of receipt. We'll also publish results there.

Enclose a cheque payable to "Orienteering Hutt Valley" with your entry form.

Or make an electronic transfer to 010514 0135615-00. Use "SAF09" in the first reference field and your "Team or Leader Name" (as used below) in the second reference field.

Send your entry forms to ARRIVE by 7 May to: "City Safari", PO Box 30398, Lower Hutt

Entry Form

Team or Leader Name _____

Has a team member rogained or orienteered before? Yes No

Address _____

Phone _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Email _____

Option (Please tick): 3-hour 6-hour

Tick one category that best describes your team:

- All-Woman Mixed School
 Business-House Open Family*

* A family team includes a Year 10 or under and a parent/grandparent

Person 1 _____

Orient. Club? Tertiary? School? Y6 & under \$ _____

Person 2 _____

Orient. Club? Tertiary? School? Y6 & under \$ _____

Person 3 _____

Orient. Club? Tertiary? School? Y6 & under \$ _____

Person 4 _____

Orient. Club? Tertiary? School? Y6 & under \$ _____

Person 5 _____

Orient. Club? Tertiary? School? Y6 & under \$ _____

Total to pay \$ _____

Payment Method: write "cheque encl" or date of bank transfer:
