

Who can Take Part?

Rogaines are for teams of 2-5, with 2 persons most common. While this rule is for safety in remote areas, we're sticking with it because it requires teamwork! And it's a lot of fun in a group too, so we have categories for college and business-house teams.

Pre-entry is required to order the limited-edition map showing the control points, everyone gets a copy. Fixed number of spare maps and transport passes for on-the-day entries.

What Happens on the Day?

The start will be in Andrews Ave Lower Hutt – signposted "orienteering" from the Melling bridge. Parking recommendations will be on the club website.

Collect your map, bus and train pass, control list and score card from 8:45 or 11:15am. You're free to start planning your route. BUT extra points are available around the city centre during a 15 minute "prologue" starting at 9:15 or 11:45am. There's a 15min breather after the prologue, then you're off on the main event.

Use the map and your knowledge of the public transport to visit control points. Most teams feel optimistic during the early part of the course, but the finish time has a habit of creeping up suddenly. Give yourselves some options which can be cut out if you're running short of time.

One of the nice things about a rogaïne is that everyone finishes at the same time, you can compare your routes. We do a quick count-up and declare the results. We'll have a BBQ-type meal for you, and some small prizes. Apart from the bus and train travel the event is not sponsored, we put all our effort into the map and course!

Safety

While the course doesn't pose the same safety concerns as a remote area, if necessary, we may reduce the length of the courses by delaying the start, advancing the finish, declaring some of the control points out of the event, or any other steps to minimise risks. The most significant hazard is road traffic: take care crossing roads, all road rules apply.

Tell Your Friends!!

We're sure this challenge will appeal to runners and walkers as well as orienteers and adventure racers, and ask you to pass on this advertisement.

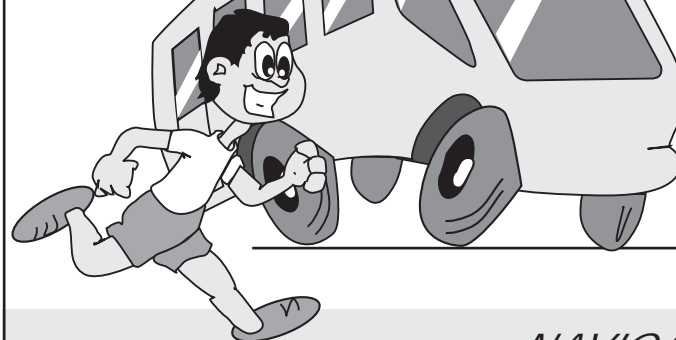
Orienteering Hutt Valley has pioneered rogaïne in New Zealand, running more than any other club since the first one in Belmont Regional Park in 1991. You can be assured of a great event.

For further information contact the course planner Michael Wood Ph 04 566 2645. Final information will be on the Orienteering Hutt Valley website which also has lots of useful background.

www.mapsport.co.nz/hvoc/hvoc.html

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

Lower Hutt CITY SAFARI



*NAVIGATIONAL CHALLENGE
WITH A DIFFERENCE – BUSES AND TRAINS!*

*LOWER HUTT AND SURROUNDING HILLS
SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2005*

Navigational contests like orienteering and rogaïne usually require you to move on foot.

The City Safari lets you to use Public Transport: buses and trains! You can use your head instead of your legs to get partway to the control points. Each control has a score, the winning team collects the biggest score in the allowed time: 6 hours or 3 hours.

The control points are spread over a 10 by 10km area around Lower Hutt from Avalon to Eastbourne; and from the Korokoro Stream to Wainuiomata. The flat valley floor with houses and businesses. The hill suburbs with their bushclad gullies and connecting tracks. The eastern and western hills with their spectacular outlooks – going up to the 373m Mt Lowry. The public transport network goes right through the area, much of it on a 15-minute frequency.

The winning team will require fitness and speed, but the way they use the buses and trains will also be vital. A day pass is part of your entry!



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Lower Hutt CITY SAFARI Entry Form

Team or Leader Name	
Has a team member rogained before? Yes No	
Address	
Phone (Home)	(Mobile)
Email	
Circle one option: 3-hour 6-hour	
Circle if you qualify for: All-Women Team, Mixed Team, College Team, Business House Team	
Person #1	Orienteering Club U21? At School \$
Person #2	Orienteering Club U21? At School \$
Person #3	Orienteering Club U21? At School \$
Person #4	Orienteering Club U21? At School \$
Person #5	Orienteering Club U21? At School \$
Printed Results (available for free on the website) \$	
Total enclosed \$	

Entry Fees:
 \$30 per person 6hr event, less...
 \$10 discount for 3hr event
 \$5 discount for orienteering club members
 \$5 discount for students under 21 on the day of the event
 \$5 Discount for school students
 You can apply all the discounts you are eligible for!
 Late Entries (received after 27 July) \$5 extra per person

We don't plan to acknowledge entries, and we'll use the Orienteering Hutt Valley website www.mapsport.co.nz/hvoc/hvoc.html to publish results. If you would like a printed copy, enclose a stamped addressed envelope and another \$5.

Cheques to "Orienteering Hutt Valley".
 Send to arrive by 27 July to
 "City Safari", P. O. Box 30398, Lower Hutt

Strictly speaking this event is a rogainé – a branch of orienteering. You visit (normally on foot) as many control points as you can in a given time; rogainés can be anything up to 24hrs! Those further away are worth more points. You lose points if you return over time. The team with the highest score is the winner.

Rogainés are usually held in scenic, bush or rural areas. The Safari will have all of these, and the city too! There will be controls on the eastern and western hills, in the bushclad Korokoro Stream, along the Hutt River and throughout the city streets.

- But compared to the usual rogainé, the Safari will have:
- Shorter distance than usual. You don't need to be super-fit.
 - Easier navigation. The control points will be easy to find.
 - More possibilities for choosing your route, because of the public transport.

How do we Find the Control Points?

We give you a specially prepared map with all the bush tracks and shortcuts that we can find - based on the topographical map but far more accurate! (It also has the bus stops and train stations)

The points you have to visit are marked by circles, and are all on prominent features such as street addresses, track junctions, perhaps hilltops! But you do need to read the map and this makes it excellent training for adventure races and for safety in the bush. To make a level playing field GPSs and altimeters are not allowed.

When you get there you prove your visit by answering a simple question, eg "what is the second letter on the direction sign?" There will be no tricky navigation or cryptic questions - the winners will be those with the best combination of speed and choice of route.

What about the Bus and Train Information?

Apart from having the bus and train stations marked on the map, the public transport information is up to you. Greater Wellington has an excellent website www.gw.govt.nz that provides route and timetable information including a new feature called Journey Planner for specific trips. Or you can request printed timetables. The winning team will have done their homework!

Teams last year said how good the public transport was at getting from A to B!

How Long Is the Safari?

6-hour event starts with a 15min sprint around the city centre at 9:15am, then catch your breath and navigate from 9:45 to 3:45pm. Top teams might bus to Days Bay to access East Harbour Regional Park; or cross the eastern hills into Wainuiomata; or they could get a ride up the western hills and come down the Korokoro stream to Petone.

3-hour event, starts with a 15min sprint around the city centre at 11:45am, then your main event is 12:15 to 3:15pm. You'll have to be more selective, but you may be able to make relatively more use of public transport. Last year's winners got to both ends of the map by clever use of buses and trains!

Note that you don't have to stay out for the whole time. You get a result no matter how many or how few controls you visit.