

Kangaroo Hoppet Race Briefing

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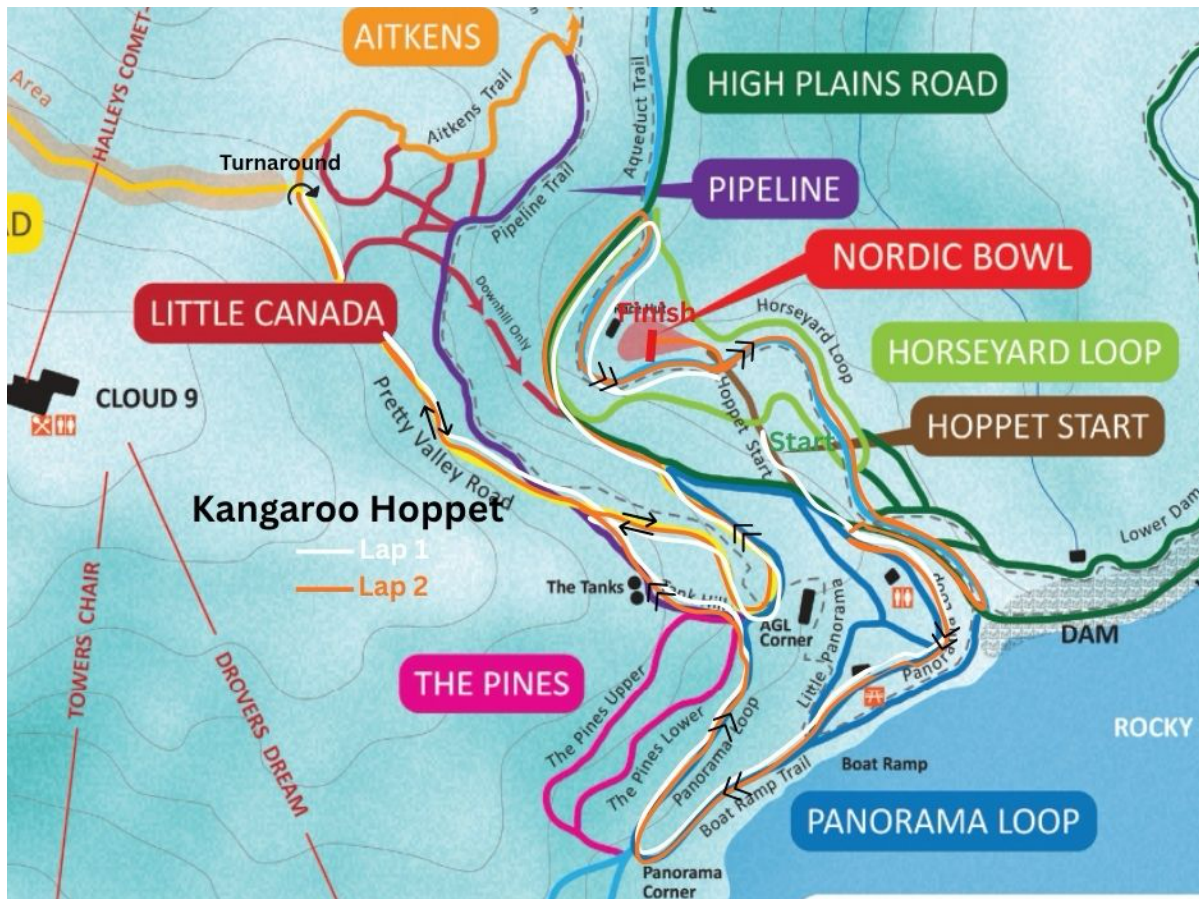
Kangaroo Hoppet – 4 laps:

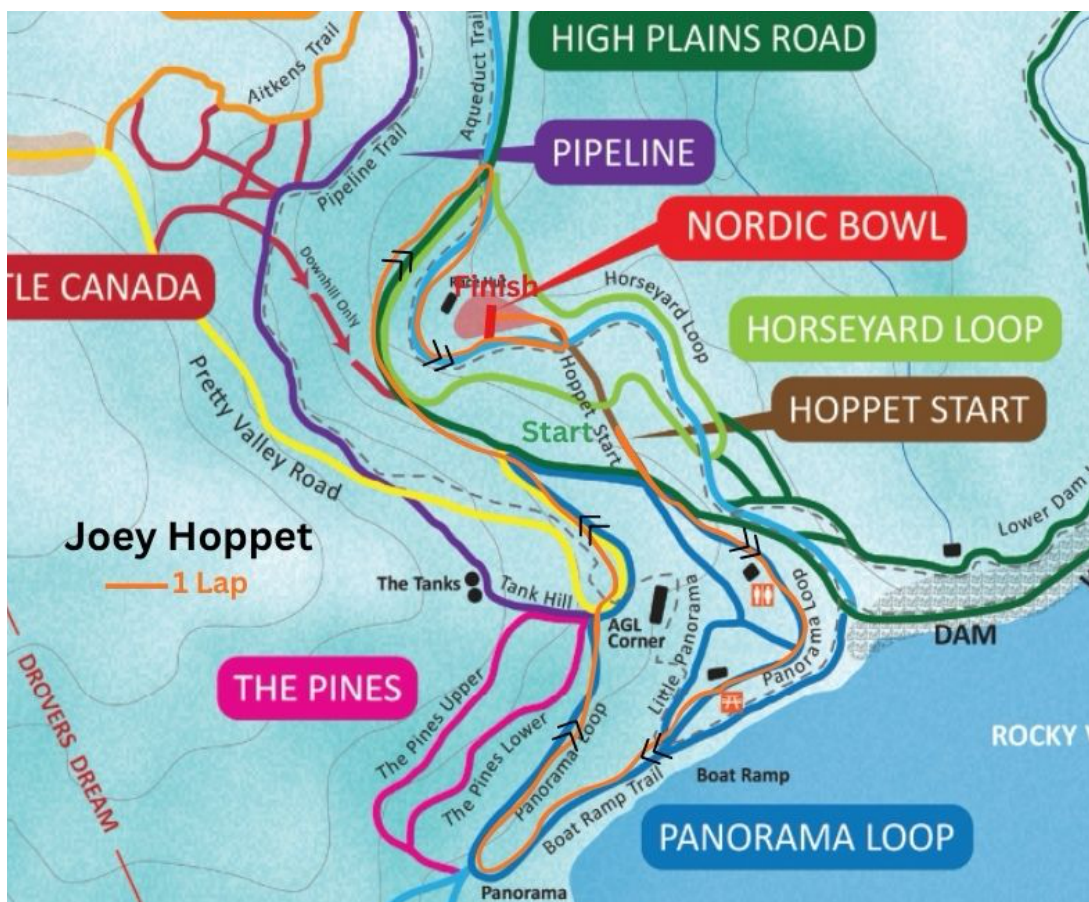
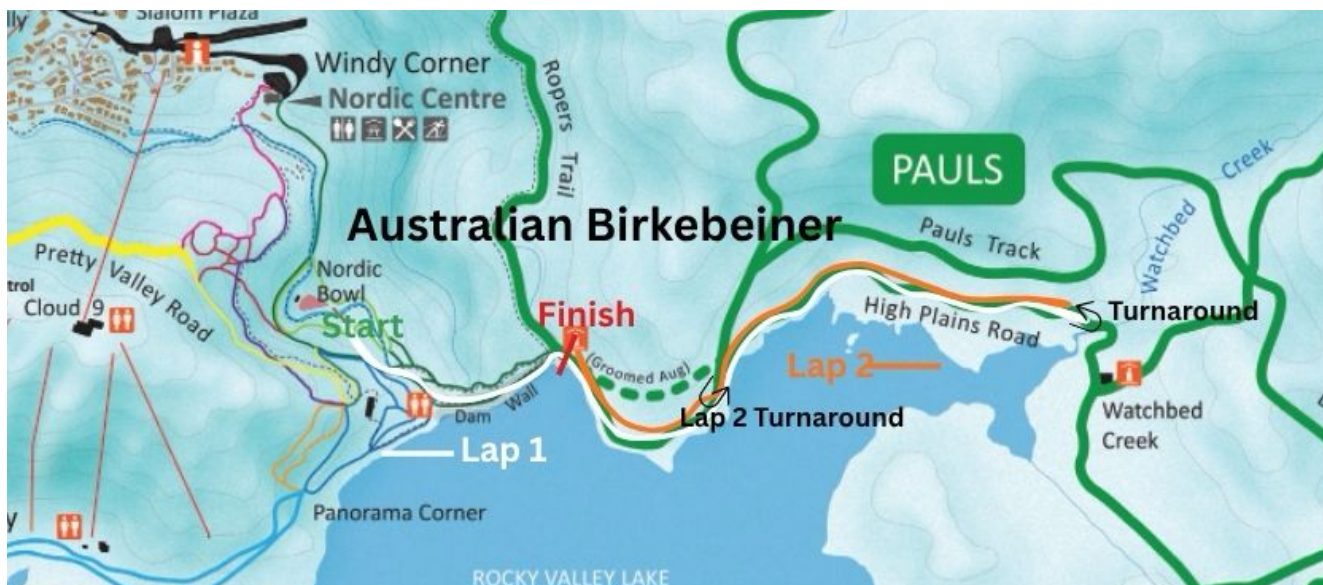
Start at Nordic Bowl on Hoppet start, Panorama Loop to AGL corner and turn left up Tank Hill, then left on Pretty Valley ski trail up to turnaround. From turnaround two-way traffic down Pretty Valley Road then hard left at AGL corner and hard right onto Aqueduct trail. For laps continue towards dam wall, hard right up High Plains Road and hard left to join into lap 1. Four laps total then finish is hard left off Aqueduct trail into Nordic Bowl. Australian Birkebeiner – 2 laps:

Start at Nordic Bowl on Hoppet start, turn left onto dam wall (currently skiable but may need to take skis off by Saturday). Across dam wall onto High Plains Road, turn around at Watchbed Creek drink station, for second lap, turnaround near the intersection of Heathy Loop. Finish is Watchbed side of dam wall.

Joey Hoppet – 1 lap:

Start at Nordic Bowl on Hoppet start, Panorama Loop past ANARE then Panorama corner, right at AGL corner back Pretty Valley/BHP ski trail, hard right onto Aqueduct trail then finish is hard left off Aqueduct trail into Nordic Bowl.





NOTE: The course is subject to change due to prevailing snow and weather conditions. Any changes to the course will be posted in Windy Corner Day Shelter, at the Hoppet Shop in Mt Beauty and on social media.

Start Times – Race Day Saturday August 15

Starting in waves at one-minute intervals:

42km Kangaroo Hoppet **9.30am**

21km Birkebeiner **9.40am**

7km Joey **9.50am**

The start is seeded, with the fastest skiers (the first 30 bib numbers) standing on the front line. Skiers are grouped into start paddocks for groups of 100 (by bib number). Please enter the correct start paddock.

Picking up your Race Bib

Shop Opening hours:

Saturday 8th Aug 2pm - 6pm

Sunday 9th Aug 2pm – 6pm

Thursday 13th Aug 2pm – 6pm

Friday 14th Aug: 10am – 11pm

Saturday 15th Aug: 6:30am – 8:30am (no late entries, bib pick-up only) then **2pm - 6pm**

Sunday 16th Aug: 9am – 3pm (results on display, merchandise on sale, passport stamping)

Your bag will be labelled with your name, distance, age class and start time. Please check the details. Note that your class is calculated on the age you will turn this year.

Keep your bib in its envelope till race day so you don't lose it or mix it up with someone else's

Timing Chips

Two timing chips are attached to your bib, one on the front and another on the back. **Do not fold, crush or cover the chips.** They will record your time as you pass by, or under the readers.

Starting area: Located 800 metres from the car park, so please allow enough time to get there. You must pass through the start registration gate at the bottom left of the start paddock to register your timing chip.

How to make sure you appear correctly in the results:

1. Wear your own bib. Not your partner's or child's!
 2. Stand up straight and ensure your bib is visible, as you cross the finish line. If wearing a pack, wear your bib over the pack.
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How to help us avoid searching for missing skiers

If you don't complete the full course, tell the officials at the finish line that you have pulled out. Make sure they write down your number. We do not want to have an unnecessary search. Make sure you have provided a race day mobile phone contact number for you or a travelling companion so we can send you an emergency text if necessary.

If you have a problem on the day, see the official in the Info/Passport tent in the Bowl

Each paddock will move up the hill in turn and start from the start line. Race times will be calculated from each wave's start time. Skiers in the shorter events will not be allowed into the start area until after the preceding event has started.

Kangaroo Hoppet Cut Off times:

1. Halfway 12.00pm to ensure competitor safety, no-one will be allowed to continue past the Nordic bowl after 12.00pm. The cut-off point will be on the Aqueduct trail at start of laps.

Safety: The event is run on the Bogong High Plains, a wilderness area without roads. Skiers must be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions. Windproof and waterproof outer garments should be carried (in a bum-bag or pack) and worn if necessary. Should the weather imply too great a risk for skiers, the organisers hold the right to change, postpone or cancel the race at short notice in view of skier safety.

Eye Protection / Sunscreen: Sunglasses or goggles should be worn, and also 50+ sunscreen. At this altitude, severe eye damage, sunburn or windburn can occur if eyes and skin are not protected.

EMC Sprint & Median Prizes

The One/Way Hoppet Sprint is CANCELLED

~~a sprint in the middle of the 42km race. Competitors in the main race will be timed over a short (about 100 metres) marked section of the track along the aqueduct just after they leave the Nordic Bowl for the second loop. To make it more competitive for skiers who finish out of the top ten, instead of the fastest time, the winners will be whomever is closest to a predetermined time. This time to match will be posted in the race briefing, on social media, and at the Hoppet Shop/Bib pick up. The winning man and woman will each receive a prize sponsored by our long-time supporters, EMC — Eastern Mountain Centre. The winners in 2025 each won a pair of One/Way poles.~~

Also back this year, the 'Balance Point' awards to the skiers who are the median place in each of the three events. Prizes will be given to the participants closest to the middle time in each of the events. Both the Sprint and Balance Point awards will be announced at the Saturday night presentations at Mountain Monk Brewery and skiers must be present to be eligible.

Souvenir Ski Stickers will be in your race bag. Please put them on the skis you will use.

Commemorative Badges: Your Joey cloth badge, Birkebeiner pin or Kangaroo Hoppet badge will be in the race bag when you pick it up. Make sure you take your badge out of the bag. We do not have any spares.

32Gi Energy Drink: 32Gi has developed an energy drink to help you get the best out of your body on Hoppet Day and will be available at the drink stations and finish. **You must have your own bottle to refill.**

Falls Creek Resort Entry and Car Parking - Race Day: This is busiest day of the year for Falls Creek Resort, so parking will be very limited. Please carpool where possible.

Pre-purchase your Resort Entry online asap: <https://www.falls creek.com.au/plan-your-trip-winter/resort-entry/>

Special Hoppet race day bus: This is purchased online with your registration, \$30 for return ticket. Departs outside the Hoppet Shop 33, Kiewa Valley Hwy Mt. Beauty at 7am race day and returns **from outside the police station**.

Personal effects - Please name your belongings!

Skiers can leave their belongings in the area marked "Competitors' Clothing" near the Information tent. Bring a suitable bag or pack to leave your belongings in during the race.

Want Faster Skis? Waxing Services:

The AUS XC Ski Team is again running a waxing service. The Kangaroo Hoppet Waxing Fundraiser has been contributing \$4,000+ annually towards XC Ski Team athlete expenses for over a decade. All funds go into the XC Towards 2030 pool, which is predominantly used to pay for athlete accommodation and transport expenses at major international events. Key events for next season are the 2027 World Championships in Sweden and the 2027 World Junior-U23 Championship in Estonia.

Drop your skis off at the Windy Corner Cross Country Centre at Falls Creek to be waxed by team coaches and athletes, with pick-up on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

To register visit, <https://www.snow.org.au/events/365122>. For any questions contact Finn Marsland fmarsland@snow.org.au

Wax and ski gear available in Wodonga:

Cross Country Skier, located in West Wodonga, offers waxes for sale and waxing advice. This family-owned business has a long history of quality and expertise.

- Email: sales@crosscountryskier.com.au
 - Website: www.crosscountryskier.com.au
 - Ph: 02 6056 6605
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Lost & Found Please hand in any found items or broken equipment to the Passport Tent at the finish or to officials at the race office or the Saturday Night Presentation Party. **Name your belongings** so we can return anything handed in or check at the Race Office on Sunday. N.B. Items left out on the course may not be brought in for several days.

Toilets are situated in the Gully Cafe on the right as you enter Falls Creek, at the day shelter next to the Police Station, and at the Windy Corner Day Shelter. Portable toilets will be provided near the start/finish area.

Medical Service: St John First Aid service will be available at the finish. The course will be patrolled by the Falls Creek SES group and by Ski Patrol.

Flower Ceremony: The placegetters in all events will be acknowledged in a presentation to the media near the finish line at 11:45am.

Results: Provisional results will be available at <https://www.alpinetiming.com.au> immediately after the race. Bookmark your phone or tablet now. Please check and notify us ASAP if you see any errors. They will be displayed at the Presentation Party from 7 pm.

Download your certificate from the results website after the event.

Post Race Social Evening & Awards Presentation:

Join us in the Mount Beauty Community Centre, 21 Kiewa Crescent, Mount Beauty for results, passport stamping, and prize awards.

Presentations begin at 7:30pm.

Special awards will be made to Age class winners, and those skiers who have completed their 10th, 20th or 30th Kangaroo Hoppet race.

7:30 Top 10 42km Kangaroo Hoppet
7:40 Top three 21km Birkebeiner
7:45 Top three 7km Joey Hoppet
7:50 AGL Athlete Scholarships
7:55 42km, 21km, 7km Age Class winners
8:10 Worldloppet Masters
8:15 Fischer Spot Prizes

There will be pennants awarded to schools, clubs and workplaces with five or more participants, as well as trophies for the winners of the School Competition. Must be present to win the prizes sponsored by Eastern Mountain Centre.

Meal options:

Mountain Monk Brewers: 1 Lakeside Ave, Mount Beauty. Restaurant and Bistro meals, Bookings essential 03 5754 4985

Grass Valley: 231 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga South. Bookings essential on 03 5754 4114.

Settlers Tavern: 232-236 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga South. Meals from 5.30pm. Bistro meals with daily specials. Bookings preferred on 03 5754 4888.

Treats: Bogong Ski Centre, Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga Sth. 5754 1515.

Swiss & Chips: 223 Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga Sth. 5754 4422. Fish and Chips, burgers, pizza, salads, eat in or ring and order takeaway.

Welcome all Masters & Passport Holders to our Worldloppet Reception

When: Friday Aug 14th at 4.00pm

Venue: Mount Beauty Senior Centre, Tawonga Crescent, Mount Beauty ([link for map](#))

Please note, we will not be providing a shuttle from Falls Creek. If you have a car and would like to carpool or you don't have a car and would like to find a ride, please email info@hoppet.com.au, and we will attempt to put people together.

Enquiries call Bruce Wharrie 0459 704 464

Worldloppet Passports

There are three opportunities to have your passport stamped:

1. In the Passport/Information tent at the finish
2. At the Saturday night Presentation Party in Mt Beauty from 7 – 9 pm
3. At the Hoppet Shop in Mt Beauty from 9 am on Sunday

Passports can be purchased in the Hoppet Shop or ordered through the race office at other times.

New Australian Worldloppet Masters can be recognised at the Presentation Party. Contact the race secretary before Hoppet Week for details.

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