



Course setters notes – Model course

The course is open from 9:00am Wednesday 20 July to 5pm Friday 22 July.

Copies of maps on waterproof paper are available from the Hash House.

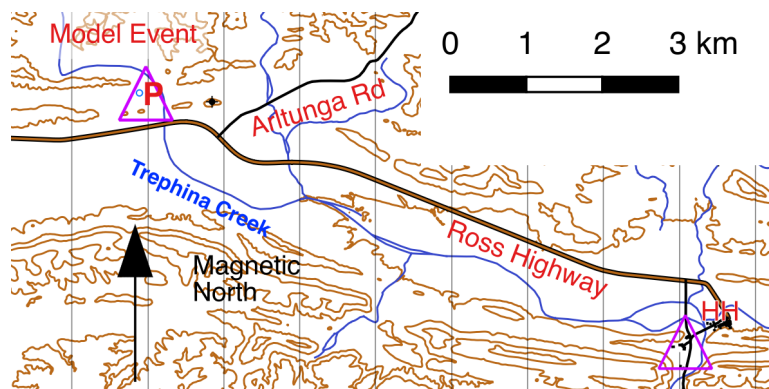
The model event area has been chosen to show you the terrain, mapping and course setting for the championships. Competitors are encouraged to visit a variety of areas on the Model Event map, not just the areas where checkpoints are located, in order to gain as much familiarity as they can with the terrain and the map. This can include visiting the area at night. These notes have been prepared to assist 14WRC2016 competitors to understand how the Model Event area relates to the WRC Course.

Directions to the site

A free shuttle bus will run between the Hash House and the model course between 12 noon and 5:00pm Thursday 21 July and between 10:30am and 5:00pm Friday 22 July 2016.

Driving directions

The turnoff from the highway will have a rogain sign.



From the Hash House: Travel west along the Ross Highway road towards Alice Springs for 8.9 km in total. The turnoff into the model event parking area is on your right 100 m past the Trepkina Creek crossing and 900 m past the Ross Highway turn-off (on right) to Artunga.

From Alice Springs: Follow directions to the Event Centre at Ross River Resort.

Once on the Ross Highway follow it for 70 kilometres to the model event parking area on the left. If you cross Trepkina Creek you have gone 100 m too far. If you reach the Ross Highway turnoff to Artunga you have gone 900 m too far.

Model Course Map

The model event map has been mapped to the same standards as the event map. The scale is 1:25,000 with 10 m contours. Five metre form lines have been added in flatter areas. Watercourses are marked with a blue line. These do not contain water but there is evidence on the ground of where water would flow if it rained.

The model event area contains generally all of the key terrain and vegetation types that will be found on the WRC Course but in significantly different proportions. In particular the percentage of floodplain and burnt area is much higher on the Model Event area than on the WRC Course. This means the average speed over the ground is quicker on the Model Event area than on the WRC Course. The course setters estimate that the average speed over the ground on the WRC Course will be 10% to 25% slower than on the Model Event dependent upon route choice.

Information about some of the checkpoints (CPs)

- The watercourses containing CPs 5, 7 and 9 are typical of many minor watercourses on the WRC Course.
- The watercourse that runs between CPs 11 and 19 is typical of a major watercourse.

- The areas around CPs 7, 9, 14, 17 and 20 contain intricate contour detail that is typical of many of the areas around checkpoints on the WRC Course.
- The ascent to, and descent from, CP 10 and leg between CP 10 and CP 7 shows the type of ground surface typical of many of the steeper areas of the WRC Course. Note that on the WRC Course these areas are often covered with spinifex.
- The wide saddle between CPs 9 and 12 contains a very small area of spinifex that is typical of large portions of the WRC Course. Competitors are encouraged to spend time traversing this area to test their equipment for spinifex resistance. It is important to note that on parts of the WRC Course spinifex of this density can extend for many square kilometres.
- The vegetation in the immediate area of checkpoint 21 is typical of the vegetation along the northern fringe of the WRC Course.

Safety

You may only enter the model event area in teams of two or more people

You are responsible for your own safety while on the model course area. Please carry a whistle and your safety equipment.

There is no water on the model event area, so please carry water with you.

You may encounter cattle and wild horses and other wildlife. These animals will generally move away from you. You are likely to find large grey orb spiders sitting in webs. They are generally harmless but can give you a scare if you walk into a web. You are unlikely to see any snakes but if you do, leave them alone.