

Bid from Victoria For 2007 Round

Summary

Orienteering Victoria is proposing to host a round of the 2007 National Orienteering League on the first weekend of May 2007. A set of 3 races has been designed to be suitable to use as selection trials for the 2007 World Orienteering Championships in the Ukraine.

Fast, open, undulating forest, with complex contour details for middle and long distance should provide a good test to help select our WOC07 team. For the sprint distance both complex parkland or campus style options are available for the OA high performance and technical team to select from.

A selection race in Victoria would allow current selection panel chair, Paul Liggins, and member, Geoff Lawford, with excellent opportunities to get involved in the planning and implementation of these races.

Victoria is centrally located, allowing teams from NSW, ACT and SA to travel cheaply with a drive of less than 9hrs. All events are within 110km of Melbourne airport providing easy access for those flying from WA, QLD or TAS. Tasmanians also can reach all events within 120km of the Spirit of Tasmania ferry terminal.

Event Details

SPRINT EVENT

Three options are being proposed for the OA high performance and technical team. A final location can be negotiated with the Melbourne Forest Racers club representatives, Bruce Arthur, Warren Key and Paul Liggins.

Organising Club: Melbourne Forest Racers

Organiser/Course Setter: Warren Key and possibly Paul Liggins (TBC)

Option 1

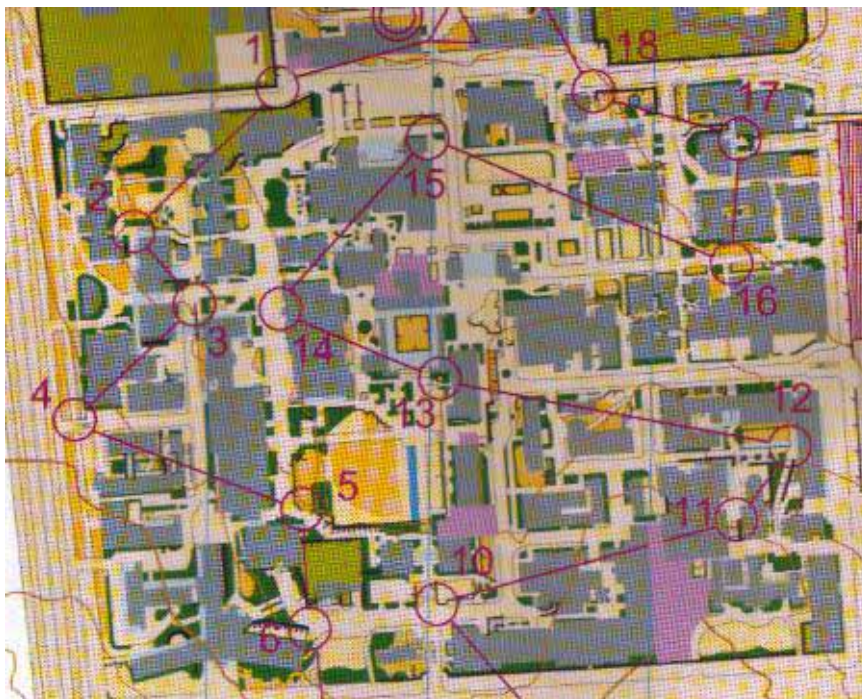
Saturday May 5th 2007

Melbourne University (NOL only)

Start times (eg) 8.30-9.30 AM

Terrain: Complex campus style building terrain

Notes: For the safety of students, pedestrians and orienteers, this area can only be used on a weekend.



Melbourne Uni (at 1:5000)

Option 2

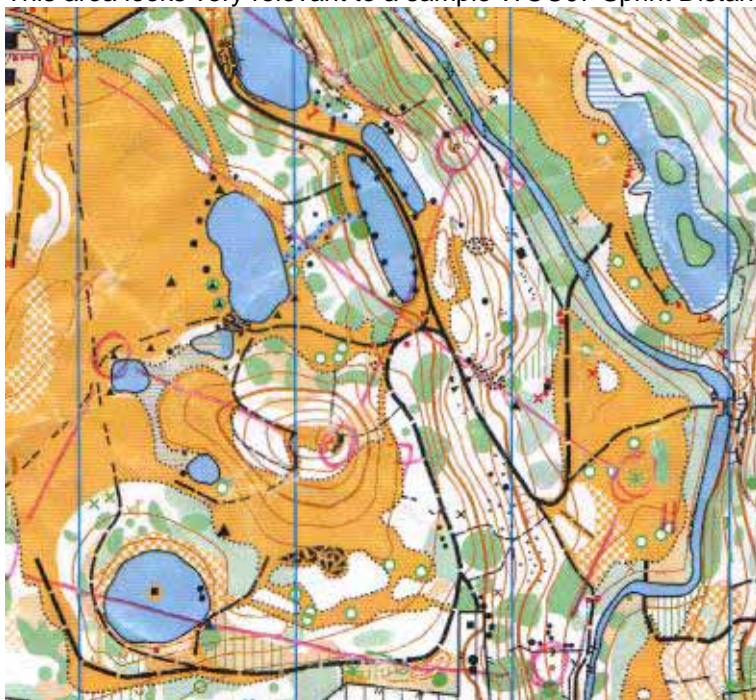
Friday May 4th 2007, but could run on Saturday morning if preferred.
Darebin Parklands, Melbourne (NOL only, or could perhaps offer public starts)

Start times (eg) 4.00-5.00 PM

Terrain: Complex, undulating to steep parkland terrain with numerous features and patches of forest.

Notes: Current map is up to date to 2004, but would be updated to ISSOM standard for this race.

This area looks very relevant to a sample WOC07 Sprint Distance area



Darebin Parklands (at 1:3500)



Museum WOW – possible WOC07sprint area

Option 3

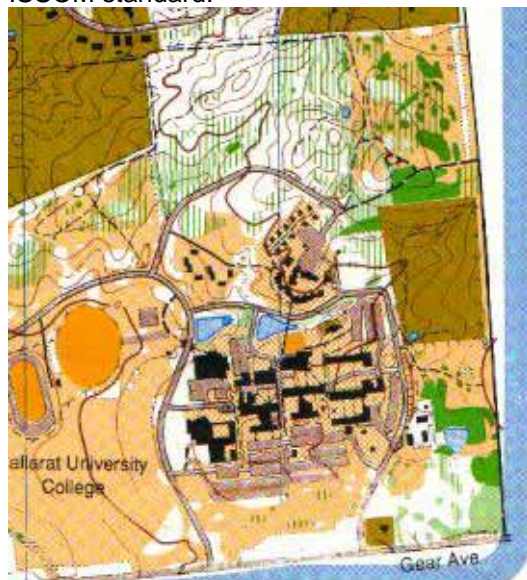
Ballarat University College

Saturday May 5th 2007

Start times (eg) 10-11 AM

Terrain: Campus style building terrain and surrounding parks and forest.

Notes: map is updated to ~ 2003, but is not yet in OCAD. Would need to be updated to ISSOM standard.



Ballarat University College (at 1:15000)

MIDDLE DISTANCE

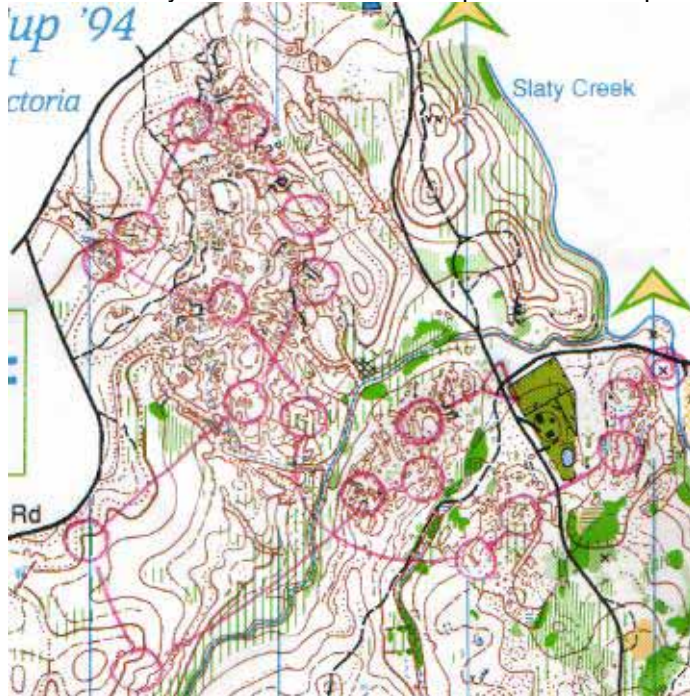
Located near the town of Creswick, Victoria, approx 110km west of Melbourne.
Adjacent to the Long Distance area, possibly using a common assembly area at the Slatey Creek picnic ground.

Organising Club: Eureka Orienteers
Course setters: Geoff Lawford & Jenny Bourne

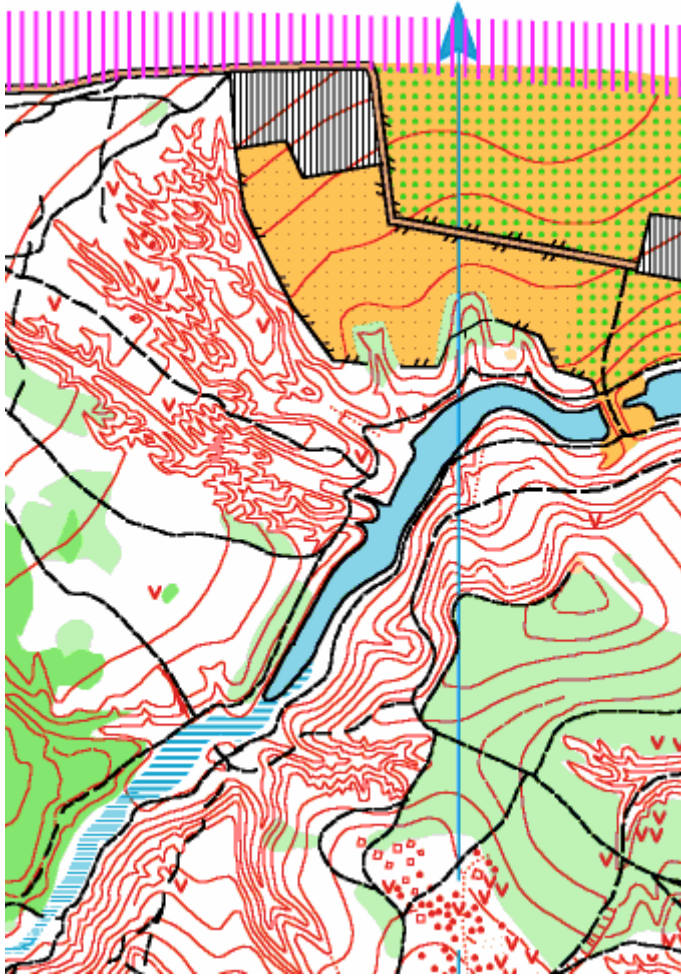
Saturday 5th May
Petticoat Gully (NOL & state series event)

Start times (eg) 12.00 PM to 2.30 PM - NOL starts 2.00 +
Terrain: Mostly fast, complex gold mining and erosion terrain

Petticoat Gully looks relevant to a sample WOC07 map



Petticoat Gully (1:10000)



Golosievo – sample WOC07 map

LONG DISTANCE

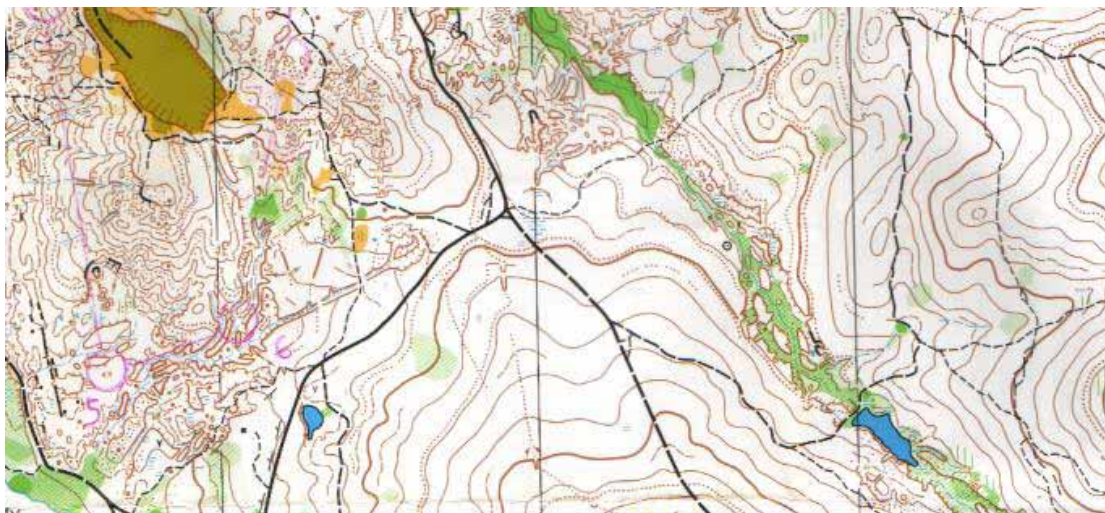
Located near the town of Creswick, Victoria, approx 110km west of Melbourne.
Adjacent to the Middle Distance area, possibly using a common assembly area at the Slatey Creek picnic ground.

Organising Club: Yarra Valley

Sunday 6th May
Creswick Diggings (NOL & state series event)

Start times (eg 10.00 AM -12.30 PM)

Terrain: Fast open spur gully terrain with areas of erosion detail and very complex gold mining.



Creswick Diggings (1:10000)

Other considerations

Eureka Challenge

Irrespective of the outcome of this bid, Victoria is likely to organise 2 quality events on the Labour Day weekend in March as a lead up to Easter. Victoria would like to encourage elites and juniors from interstate to attend these events.

In past years, this event has been very popular because of the great terrain and opportunity to race prior to Easter. Going forward, Victoria would like to see this re-instated on the National Orienteering League calendar.

JWOC trials

Victoria supports the opportunity for juniors to be selected for JWOC 2007 on relevant terrain, close to the competition time. However, if NSW do not wish to organise another major event so close to the JWOC carnival, Victoria can possibly provide alternative options at Kooyoora/Korong or the Beechworth region.

Contacts

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