



## Race Introduction

The Hollard MTB X Ride was introduced in 2015, starting with 150 riders at the Matchless mine turn off and after 90km finishing at Hochland Nest Lodge.

The route was tough but in the end challenging and rewarding. Some said never again and most said they will be back.

Unfortunately in 2016, the owner of Hochland Nest decided to sell the lodge, once again we were in a situation to seek a new route.

Remember, the origin of this race comes from the popular Kuiseb Classic and after the Kuiseb Classic we had to get a replacement race, which was the MTB X Ride.

So, again we took the challenge and came up with a brand new exiting route and finishing venue for the Hollard MTB X Ride, which also forms part of the 2016 Hollard MTB Series.

In 2017 we introduced the Gravel & Dirt Series with the X Ride being the first of 8 races during and in 2018 we will again continue to host the popular X Ride.

The Gravel & Dirt MTB X Ride will start at the top of Kupferberg at the C26/D1982 junction going in a southern direction on the C26 for approximately 24.4km where you find your first water point and where you will turn left on the D1237 FOR THE NEXT 38KM towards Lake Oanob Resort and the next and last water point where you will start a very scenic, exclusive and more challenging route around the Oanob dam..

The finish will be at the resort where you can chill around the pool area or make use of the facilities and activities on offer at the resort.

Should you prefer to overnight after the race, chalets and camping spots can be booked for your own account.

A Free finishers drink, drink at the bar and a free meal will be included in your entry as well as a one hour trip on the Fish Eagle pontoon at 11h30 for the first 60 participants with another 1 hour trip after price giving.

This will be the premium 2016 XCM event, don't miss it.