

YETI TRANS NZ

Info Guide 2017 - Version 1



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GENERAL INFO

ACCOMMODATION

Feb 25th to Feb 27th: Mix between Flock Hill Lodge, Alistair Lodge and houses at Castle Hill - Craigeiburn
Feb 27th to Mar 3: Everyone at Pinewood Lodge, Queenstown



Nights 1 & 2 – Area Map



LOSS OF LUGGAGE

I don't really want to say it, but with 120 people arriving on Feb 25th and with a majority of this amount arriving by flights, there is a chance baggage/bikes won't make it. We always hope not but if you need to give an address to the airline for your missing bags to be delivered to, then we will be at the below address. (Advised to carry your helmet, bike shoes and bike pedal on the plane with you):

Feb 25th to Feb 27th (leaving that day by 12pm)
Flock Hill Lodge, State Highway 73, Canterbury 7875, NZ
Flock Hill Lodge Number: 03-318-8196
My cell number: 021-069-7707

Feb 27th to Mar 3:
Pinewood Lodge, 48 Hamilton Road, Queenstown, Otago, NZ

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

There will be laundry facilities at both Flock Hill Lodge and Pinewood Lodge if needed. But remember there are 120 of you, so don't guarantee you will see the washing machines free everyday!

PROTECTION – KNEE PADS? FULL FACE?

There are no requirements or rules that you have to wear a full face helmet, knee pads, or elbow pads. I highly recommend knee pads. You are going to be out there for 3-5hrs a day so taking a full face is a commitment but I know some of you may have had previous head injuries and this is priority for you, so all good – but an enduro/regular helmet will be just fine and if bringing a full face, I recommend either a bell helmet (removable chin piece), or bringing your half lid as well so you don't suffer on the climbs with just your FF.

WEATHER

Be prepared for anything. You are in the mountains of NZ that have a mind of their own. It could be 25-30 deg Celsius, sunny and super hot or it could be clouded in, windy, rainy, cold and down to below 10 deg's. It makes it super tough for packing, but I will update you all the week before on what the weather gods are looking to deal us for the week to give you a rough idea! Bring a rain jacket, some warm base layers and warm gloves just to be sure. Year 1 of Trans NZ was full on torrential down pour and day 4 was in the 30's Celsius, so come prepared!



FOOD STATION ON COURSE

There will be 1 food/water station each day on course at around the half way point. There will be the usual lineup of food: bananas, bars, snacks, muffins, electrolyte, water etc. If you have favorite race food and snacks then bring them along.

MEALS

All meals are included for those on the all-inclusive package. You will get dinner each night, breakfast each day that will include a few hot items like eggs and bacon along with full continental of cereal and toast selections. You will be provided with a sandwich for lunch each day and this is either when you come in to the finish line, or out on course, based on what the day looks like.



CUTOFF TIMES AND LIAISON STAGES

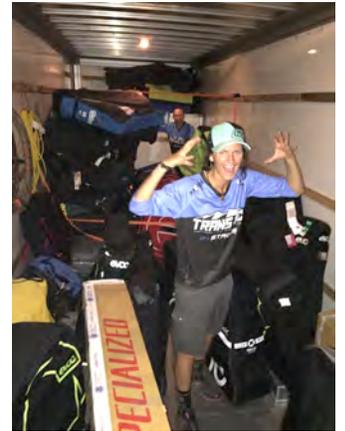
I will not be allocating any cutoff stages on the first day and you do not have any time restrictions for liaison sections between stages. I want to keep this fun and relaxing for you all. But if I find some people out there are having picnics and really taking their time, then I might have to enforce some course cut off times for the following days. If you need more time on course to get through it, then make sure you are one of the first to start on course each day.

BUYING FOOD – BRING SNACKS

Note that if you are getting picked up from the Airport on Feb 25th, you will be heading straight out to the mountains. There are **NO SHOPS** out there. If you need to buy snacks or any other supplies we can have the shuttle drivers stop at the small convenience store on the way out. We don't pass any major grocery stores, so options will be limited. Once you hit Queenstown at the end of day 2, we are staying about a 3min bike ride from a grocery store and anything else you can think of.

BIKE BOX TRANSFER TO QUEENSTOWN

We will be transporting ALL bike boxes to Queenstown so those that will be staying there after the race is over will get their bike boxes back then, those that are getting the shuttles back to Christchurch you can either pack your bikes up before you leave or leave it out and throw it on the bike trailer. **NOTE: if you get injured during the race and need to head home – your bike box/bag WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE to get until the end of day 5.** You will have to use a cardboard bike box to fly home and we will work out arrangements to get you your bike bag after the race is over. If you see the jigsaw in how they get loaded in the storage trucks you will see why ;) (image to the right is of us finding the needle in the haystack of someone's bike box on day 2 of Trans BC. 2hrs of unloading and re-loading to access a bike box for someone that went home on day 2. Yep avoiding doing this ever again!!!



CHARGING PHONES AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES

There will be power outlets in all the rooms for each night of the accommodation. Except there will be limitations to those that are staying at Allistair Lodge on the first 2 nights as that lodge is run off solar power and generators when needed. You can leave anything that you want charged in the media room at Flock Hill if required after dinner.

TRAVEL INSURANCE – TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

At this point you should all have your travel insurance and trip cancellation in place. We are now into the time frame of no refunds for cancellation and this is where your trip cancellation will come into play with your insurance provider if you get injured and can't come anymore. Make sure your policy covers mountain biking and trip cancellation.

CELL COVERAGE AND WIFI ACCESS

There will be no cell/mobile phone coverage for the first 2 nights at Flock Hill. If you are staying at Allistair Lodge or Castle Hill houses then you will get limited coverage. There is wifi available at a cost at Flock Hill and none available at Allistair. You will have full coverage and wifi access at Pinewood Lodge from nights 2-5.

DAY 2'S MASSIVE DRIVE

Day 2 requires us to move from the beauty of Craigieburn to the spectacular Queenstown. This drive is stunning on a nice day, but please note it's a 6-7hr drive. It's huge. Something we have struggled with for the past 2 years on it being too much. But we just can't let go of having you ride in and experience both Craigieburn and Queenstown – it's a true treat and you will see why!

ARRIVAL - PICK UP DETAILS

CHRISTCHURCH DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE PICKUP

- For those of you landing before Feb 25th or that are already in Christchurch, then you will get picked up from out front of YMCA Downtown Christchurch, 12 Hereford St.
- The tentative time of pick up will be 11am meaning be ready to go out front at 10.30am.
- This time will get confirmed in the next info guide
- The next info guide will also let you know whether to have your bikes built and ready or if you can keep them in the box until we get out to Craigeiburn
- **Approx** Airport Shuttle Times: 10.15am, 11.15am, 1.15pm, 2.45pm, 3.20pm, 4.30pm
- These will get confirmed in the next info guide once you all let me know your arrival details

AIRPORT SHUTTLE INFORMATION – FEB 25TH

Those arriving at the airport **on Feb 25th**:

- See the map below of our meeting point. Grab your bags from baggage claim, follow the signs to 'The Loop' / Express Parking curb pick up area, once at the curb pick up area, make your way over to the other side of the express parking and you will see us set up there with our vans and trucks – bring your bike boxes out there and build your bikes once you check in with us!
- For those that raced Trans NZ the past 2 years, this is a **DIFFERENT MEETING point** to the past 2 years!!
- You will be putting your bike together at the airport before loading in the shuttle vans. You bike boxes/bags will go in a separate storage truck, you will **not see those boxes/bags until the end of the race**. There are a few bike stands and tools to put your bikes together there. You will then get taken to Craigieburn (1hr 15min drive away).

Once taken out to your accommodation there are **no food supplies and no shops** and we are somewhat isolated! The shuttle van drivers can make a stop on the way out to grab lunch for that day or any smaller supplies you might want, but don't rely on it. We provide dinner that night and all meals from that point forward (breakfast, lunch, dinner and on course snacks). But please bring any of your favorite snacks and supplies and food to get you through until dinner.



FILL OUT YOUR ARRIVAL TIME
ASAP HERE

SHIMANO



WHAT TOOLS WE HAVE AND WHAT TO BRING

We are real lucky to have Shimano NZ on board as our official tech support. They will have the Shimano Tech Vehicle and the full set up along with 2 x mechanics to help you guys out all week long. These guys will have all the tools needed and be there to do any minor tweaks needed at the end of each day. If you need any parts or major servicing then they can do this too but at a cost based on what is needed to be done. For those running Sram components out there, they will have a stock of supplies to help you guys out too – gotta love how the biking community looks after each other! They will also have extra tubes, tires, break pads etc if you are in need of any emergency purchases. But we recommend you bring an extra set of pads for your specific brand just in case. On day 1 and 2 we are remote and in the mountains, so the supplies they have is all we have access to. From the end of day 2 we are in Queenstown and you will have access to all sorts of supply's and bike shops if you need something more specific that the Shimano tech support team doesn't have.

Trans NZ will also have a tool box of supplies that is on hand everyday for you to use – this includes a Bontragger Tubeless sealing pump for those running tubeless.

PACKING LIST

PACKING LIST (JUST SOME IDEAS)

Now keeping in mind what tools and supplies we will have for you above, these are some things you should bring:

- Spare Hanger specific for your bike
- Allen Key Set for backpack
- Shock Pump (or share between friends coming – we will have one if you don't want to bring one)
- Spare tubes (you can buy extra's from mechanics if you go through them)
- Patch kit
- Sidewall patches
- Tire Levers
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow Case (only those on the dorm room all inclusive package need these – sheets/blankets are provided for those on the)
- Rain Jacket
- Warm base layer
- Earplugs for sleeping ;)very important!
- Power adaptor/converter if coming from overseas to charge your laptops/phones etc
- Headlamp
- Along with all the obvious stuff of bike, bike shoes, helmet, toothbrush etc ;)

DAILY SCHEDULE

****NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE WILL GET TWEAKED AND CHANGED BETWEEN NOW AND THE EVENT – SO JUST USE IT AS A GUIDE UNTIL YOU GET THE 'FINAL' VERSION!**

FRIDAY FEB 24TH:

All Volunteers to arrive in Christchurch and be taken out to Castle Hill for meetings/briefing and team dinner!

SATURDAY FEB 25TH:

Arrival Day. We will be doing shuttle pickups from both the Airport AND from YMCA Backpackers on Hereford St in the city of Christchurch.

Airport Pick up times will be in more detail once I hear back from everyone with the questionnaire that you should have already filed out! You will be emailed the detailed schedule a few weeks before race day. But expect a shuttle to be leaving within about 1-2hrs of your arrival time at the airport on Feb 25th.

Approx Airport Shuttle Times:

10.15, 11.15am, 1.15pm, 2.45pm, 3.20pm, 4.30pm

Approx Pick up times from YMCA: - this will be confirmed in version 2 of this info guide

11.00am

- 6.30pm: Wave 1: Dinner at Flock Hill Lodge for those staying at Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.50pm: Wave 2: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from the Alistair Lodge
- 7.10pm: Wave 3: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Bach's
- 7.45pm: Mandatory Briefing at Flock Hill Lodge (including those on the Base Package - be there for 7.30pm)
- 8.00pm: Mandatory Briefing at Flock Hill Lodge (**including those on the Dirtbag Package** - be there for 7.30pm)

SUNDAY FEB 26TH: - (Craigieburn)

- 7.35am: Shuttles leave Alistair Lodge to Flock Hill for Breakfast – be ready to ride (not to leave any earlier!!!)
- 7.55am: Shuttles leave Castle Hill Bach's to Flock Hill for Breakfast – be ready to ride (not to leave any earlier!!!)
- 7.20am: Marshals/medics/media Breakfast Starts (Orange Bands)
- 7.30am: Wave 1: Breakfast for those staying at Flock Hill Lodge
- 7.50am: Wave 2: Breakfast for those coming from Alistair Lodge
- 8.10pm: Wave 3: Breakfast at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Bach's
- 8.10am: Marshal Shuttle leaves Flock Hill
- 9.00– 9.45: Shuttles leaving to drop you off at start line (5 min drive)
** Those that need more time on course need to go in first shuttles few shuttles
- 9.05–3.00pm: Riders on course
- 1.30–3.00pm: Riders finishing at Castle Hill (where Bach's and Alistair Lodge is)
- 1.30-3.00pm: **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at finish line (this might change to Flock Hill Lodge)
- 1.30–4.00pm: Shuttles running to take riders back to Flock Hill for those staying there
- 6.30pm: Shuttles leave Alistair Lodge and Bach's to head to dinner at Flock (not to leave any earlier!!!)
- 6.30pm: Wave 1: Dinner at Flock Hill Lodge for those staying at Flock Hill Lodge
- 6.50pm: Wave 2: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from the Alistair Lodge
- 7.10pm: Wave 3: Dinner at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Bach's
- 7.30pm: Race briefing for next day and some pictures/vid to show (self supported riders can be there)
- 8.00pm'ish: Marshal meeting for Day 2
- 8.00pm'ish: Shuttles leave back to Alistair Lodge and Bach's – do not miss your shuttle back!!

MONDAY FEB 27TH – (Craigieburn)

- 6.40am: Shuttles leave Alistair Lodge and Bach's to take riders to Flock Hill for Breakfast & Start
- 6.20am: Volunteer Breakfast starts
- 6.30am: Breakfast at Flock Hill for those staying at Flock Hill
- 7.00am: Breakfast at Flock Hill lodge for those coming from Castle Hill Bach's and Alistair
- 7.00am: All other course marshals get shuttle to head out on course
- 8.00–8.45am: Shuttles leaving to drop you off at start line (5 min drive) – start at 7.45am if riders are ready
- 11.00–12.30pm: Riders finishing at Flock Hill
- 11.00–1.00pm: **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at finish line at Flock Hill
- 12.00–1.00pm: Shuttles leaving Flock Hill to head to Queenstown (6+hr drive)
- 6.30–8.00pm: Arrive Queenstown
- 7.45–8.45pm: Just head to dinner when your bus arrives and you check into your accommodation
- 8.30pm: Pictures/video to show in the Hub at Pinewood Lodge

TUESDAY FEB 28TH – (Queenstown)

- 7.20am: Volunteers Breakfast (Orange Bands)
- 7.30am: Wave 1 Breakfast – self allocate – riders that need more time on course
- 7.45am: Wave 2 Breakfast – self allocate
- 8.00am: Wave 3 Breakfast – self allocate
- 8.45am: Volunteer Shuttles leave – 20min drive
- 8.40am: Start loading shuttles for Riders
- 8.45am: All the slowest riders to load in the 'back of pack van' and that van to leave 15mins early
- 9.00am: Shuttles leaving Pinewood Lodge
- 9.30am: Riders on course
- 3.00– 5.30pm: Riders finishing
- 3.30– 5.30pm: Shuttles leaving back to Pinewood Lodge (20min drive)
- 4.00pm+ **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at Pinewood Lodge
- 6.30pm: Wave 1 (Pink Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 6.50pm: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.15pm: Wave 3 (Green Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.30pm: Briefing for next day and pictures/video to show
- 8.00pm'ish: Marshal meeting for Day 4

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1 – (Alexandra)

- 6.50am: Volunteers Breakfast (Orange Bands)
- 7.00am: Wave 1 (Pink Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.20am: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.40am: Wave 3 (Green Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 8.00am: Marshal Shuttle leaves for Alex
- 8.15am: Loading shuttles ready for departure
- 8.30am: Shuttles leave for Alexandra (1hr 15min drive)
- 10.00am: Riders briefing and starting on course
- 2.30pm–4.30: Riders finishing
- 2.30pm+: Chill at Monteith's Brewery
- 4.00pm–5.30pm: Shuttles leaving back to Queenstown (1hr 15min drive)
- 4.00pm+ **SHIMANO TECH** tent set up at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.00pm: Wave 1 (Pink Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.20pm: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.40pm: Wave 3 (Green Bands): Dinner at Pinewood Lodge
- 8.00pm: Briefing for next day and pictures/video to show
- 8.15pm'ish: Marshal meeting for day 5

THURSDAY MARCH 2 – (Queenstown)

- 6.30am: Wave 1 (Pink Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 6.50am: Wave 2 (Blue Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.10am: Wave 3 (Green Bands): Breakfast at Pinewood Lodge
- 7.45–8.15am: Riders start leaving Pinewood
- 11.30–2.15pm: Riders finishing – celebrations and beer at Pinewood Lodge
- 1.00pm+ Collect bike boxes/bags and take to your room
- 6.00pm: Dinner and Celebrations start at Brazz Restaurant and Bar
- 7.30pm: Awards
- 8.00pm+: Party!

FRIDAY MARCH 4 – Departure Day

On your own for breakfast

7.00–10.00am: Shuttles/transport leaving back to Christchurch if needed

COURSE DETAILS

To the good stuff! We are not releasing any of the specific course details until race day, that's what this is all about, keeping it exciting, riding blind and making sure the locals don't get an advantage of those traveling from afar! Here are just some stats, average's and a guide to keep you going and entertained!

NOTE: Course maps go up at dinner each night for the next days course. At the start of each stage on course, there will be a Stage Description that outlines how long the stage is, how much descending and climbing there is in the stage and any things that you might need to be aware of in the stage.

Day 1: Craigieburn

- Alpine Riding, Beautiful Scenery (if not clouded in!), mix of trail types from traversing exposed trail, to high speed flow, to roots, and loose dirt. This day has a little bit of everything and depending on the weather will depend on how it rides. A solid day of climbing today
- Approx 30km, Approx 1300-1500m of climbing, Approx 4-5hr day
- Could be a sneaking short shuttle mid course to access one more sweet stage ;)

Day 2: Craigieburn

- We have a big drive this day so the riding will be a little bit of a shorter day, after the big day yesterday and what will be a big day tomorrow, you will appreciate a shorter day today!
- Approx 25km, Approx 800m of climbing, Approx 2.5 - 3.5hr day

Day 3: Queenstown

- This is pure alpine riding, with crazy scenery and a mix of open tussock flow trails with a bit of technicality to through in the there to keep you on your toes.
- Those with true distance stamina will shine on this day as there a few longer descents
- The last stage will be the steepest and toughest of the day, so save some energy
- Approx 33km, Approx 1300m Climbing and a whopping 3000m of Descending, Approx 5hr day

Day 4: Alexandra (on private land)

- This day is different to all the rest. You will be riding dry and rocky terrain today but stupidly fun trails!
- The locals have created an art with trail building and incorporating rock features and the use of terrain into all their trails
- This will be the day to back it off a little as these trails aren't ridden to the extend of others and you need to keep your eye closely on where the trail goes before you find yourself unsure of where you are!!
- Its also on its own climate gauge and the heat can really creep up and there are no trees or shade on course – so be warned and ready and hope for a cooler cloudy day.
- Approx 30km, Approx 1200m of Climbing and Descending, Approx 3.5 - 4.5hr day

Day 5: Queenstown

- It's the last day and I am sure you will all be feeling a little shattered, but hang in there as its going to be worth it
- That's all we are going to say about this day
- Approx 20km, Approx 1200m of Climbing and 1700m of Descending, Approx 2.5-4hrs day

ACCOMMODATION & ROOMING LISTS

This will be covered in VERSION 2 of this info guide.