COLLIE ROTARY ADVENTURE RACE

Welcome to Collie

The Rotary Club of Collie is super excited to see the return of the Collie Adventure Race and would like to welcome you to both the race and our beautiful region.

Collie is a world-class adventure trail town and outdoor playground. With pristine forests and spectacular river valleys it is the perfect back drop for an awesome adventure race.

We hope you have a brilliant day.

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Race Day

The 2026 event will begin with a mass start for the kayak leg and continue through each stage without a break, until all stages are completed.

Time Schedule

Friday 13 March
5:30pm-7:30pm Competitor registration open at the undercroft of the Collie Library.

Saturday 14 March
6:00am – 7:20am Minningup Pool transition area open for equipment drop off
6:30am-7:30am Competitor registration open at the Event Village Minningup Pool.
06:30am-07:30am Timing devices available for collection at the Event Village
7:35 am - Welcome to Collie / Race Briefing at the Event Village
2pm Presentations at the Collie Rowing Club, Minningup Pool

Registration

Your registration pack will include:
Kayak sticker - must be stuck on all boats paddled in the race
MTB number plate and cable ties - must be attached to the front of bikes ridden in the race
Swim cap - it is recommended that all swimmers wear a cap - please bring your own
Skin friendly markers will be available at the registration table - swimmers must have race number on right shoulder
Numbered race bib and safety pins - must be worn by the runner
All competitors must collect their registration pack prior to the race start. Note, if required, friends, team mates and family members can collect your items on your behalf. However, only competitors can collect the timing wristband (siac).

Competitor Briefing

All competitors are required to attend the briefing.

Presentations & Sausage Sizzle

Walk down to the Collie Rowing Club to help us celebrate the achievements of the day. There will be a presentation of medals and prizes to the category champions in the Adventure Race, plus a range of spot prizes. Sausage sizzle supplied.

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Traffic and Parking

There is plenty of parking at the Collie Pony Club, opposite the entrance to Minningup Pool. Please follow the signs and directions of marshals to park in the Pony Club grounds.

Minningup Pool transition area will be open to event traffic until 7:20am to allow Iron Competitors and Kayakers to drop off their equipment. Please note there is *No parking at Minningup Pool*. Once you have dropped off your equipment please leave the area and park in the Pony Club.

Collection of kayaks.

Option 1: Kayaks can be collected at Sandy Beach once the run leg has finished and the Sandy Road has been opened.
Option 2: If you need to collect your kayak early please speak with Event staff at Race HQ to organise this.

Adventure Connections, a local tour operator, is providing a shuttle service on race day. The shuttle bus will take competitors and spectators between the Pony Club and the Event Village at Minningup Pool. Look for the Shuttle Bus Flags/Signs. Of course, you are more than welcome to walk and take in the atmosphere.

Please respect locals. Minningup Pool is a popular public recreation space. We have closed access roads for safety purposes for the event. Locals are welcome to use the Shuttle service and enjoy the Minningup Pool area.

Food Vendors

Local coffee vendor, Coaltown Coffee, will be at the Event Village from 0700, offering awesome coffees to start your day.

Our local high school Anzac Tour Group will be selling food (bacon & eggs / burgers) to raise money for their Tour. They will also be providing a free sausage sizzle at the Presentation.

Collie has a number of cafes, restaurants and take away options in the town centre.

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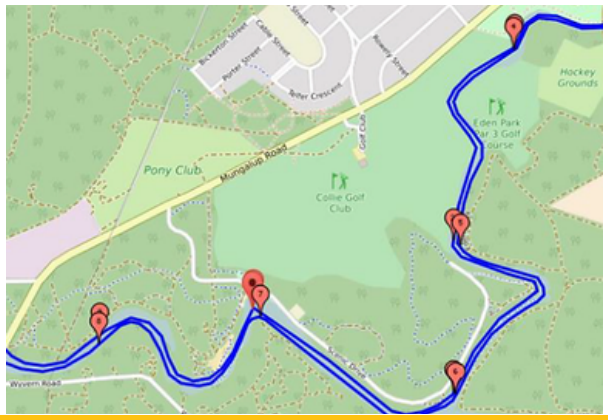
Kayak - 10km

10km return loop, bridge to bridge, in the Collie River. Flat water. There may be some weed - a tilt up rudder is recommended.

The race kicks off with the Kayak. This is a mass start. Competitors are requested to self seed with faster competitors in the front lines and slower or less competitive competitors in the back lines. Please be respectful of each other and all craft.

The kayak leg begins at Sandy Beach. This is the sandy area just down from the Event Village. Boats must be placed in the designated area prior to event start.
Kayakers paddle in a clockwise direction, staying on the left side of the river. There may be weed just before the first bridge. Go under the bridge, turn around and return back down the river, passed Minningup Pool to Griffin Bridge. This is your second turn around point - go under the bridge, and then return to Sandy Beach.

Paddle in to the beach and return your boat to the same spot on the beach where you started. Our wonderful volunteers will help you to move your kayak to the side, out of the way. Once landed, paddlers run up the beach , along the sandy road to the transition point at the Event Village. For teams this is where you will meet your team MTB rider. Solo athletes get changed into your MTB gear next to your bike in the Transition Area (TA).
Paddlers must:
Be aware of the course as described – it is up to you to make sure you know where to go.
Store your boat in the designated area before AND after your paddle.
Solos must set up your MTB gear in the bike TA (not next to your boat on the beach).
Team MTB riders must wait in the bike TA and exchange timing siac in the bike TA.
Team MTB riders CANNOT meet or assist their team paddler any earlier.
Paddlers must be competent in paddling a craft on a river AND have the ability to self rescue in the event of capsize.
Paddlers must be able to swim 200m.



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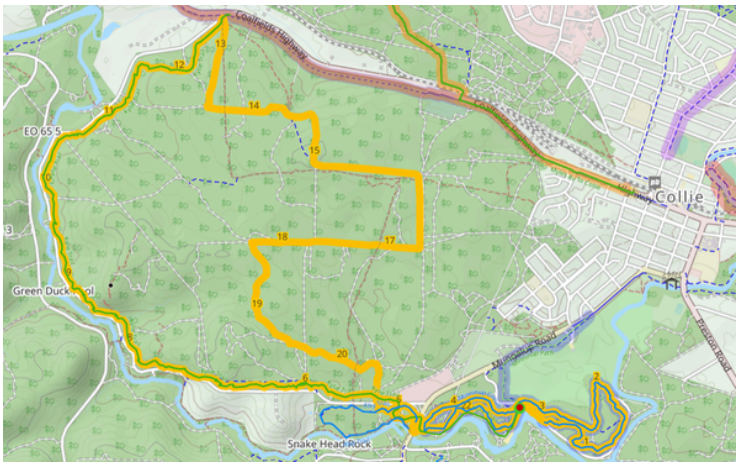
Mountain Bike - 23.5km

The mountain bike course is approximately 70% single track. The ride begins at Minningup Pool. This year we head straight towards the rowing club for the 3.5km single track before popping out behind the Event Village. The course continues along old school single track to Griffin Bridge. This year (water levels permitting) we go under the bridge before crossing Flora Rd to pick up the Kylie Trail. The Kylie Trail is a green/blue purpose built single trail. This event will utilise green options only. Please follow the green trail signage along the Kylie Trail. The return loop takes you through native conservation park with plenty of overtaking opportunities. Once you cross Mungalup Rd a short section of single track will take you all the way back to the transition area to connect with your swimmer. Throughout the course you will encounter both sandy and rocky terrain and a couple of climbs.

The MTB leg will be marked with blue arrows, plus green trail signage along the Kylie Trail.

At the end of the MTB leg, meet your team swimmer in the designated Transition Area (TA). Solo athletes get changed into your swim gear next to your bike in the TA.

Riders must:
Wear a certified bike helmet to AUS standard for the duration of the leg
Be courteous when passing other riders
Dismount and WATCH FOR CARS when crossing all roads - normal road rules apply at all times. Note: Riders are responsible for their own safety crossing all roads.
WATCH FOR WALKERS/RUNNERS, particularly where the Bibbulman track crosses the mtb trail.
Watch for other trail users - the Kylie Trail is a purpose built mtb trail and there may be other mtb riders using the trail. 4WD and off road vehicles occasionally use fire trails in the area.



23 km	236 m	240 m	250 m	8 km	9 km	5 km
Distance	Climb	Descent	High Point	Dist Climb	Dist Descent	Dist Flat

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Mountain Bike : E-Bikes

To encourage participation E-bikes will be allowed provided they comply with UCI rules.

All E-Bike Team members will be eligible for fastest leg in their individual categories, including a fastest E-Bike category. However, if you or your team are competitive by nature we strongly recommend you opt for a regular MTB.

E-Bike Rules

The CRAR committee has allowed the use of e-bikes to encourage participation.
The Union Cycliste Internationale is the world governing body for sports cycling.
Our rules for the MTB leg are based on the UCI rules and are as follows:.

Due to the technicalities surrounding E-Bike technology and pre-event checks, ONLY stock/factory E-Bikes are permitted. This means electric hubs incorporated into wheels, additional battery packs or any modifications cannot be permitted for the fairness and safety of all competitors, spectators and event marshals.
An E-Mountain bike is a bike operated with two energy sources, human pedal power and an electric engine, which only provides assistance when the rider is pedalling.
Engine must have a maximum 250 watts
Engine assistance up to 25 km/hr
Pedalling assistance only. Although a start-up assistance not exceeding 6 km/hr without pedalling is allowed.
E-bikes are subject to random testing.

*E-bikes - please be courteous and only overtake other riders in a respectful and safe manner.

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Swim - 1km

The swim begins and ends at Minningup Pool. Note there is no mass start for the swim. As soon as your mtb leg is completed and you have your timing siac, run straight for the water. Swimmers complete a 1km loop in the Collie River. Although we expect warm weather in mid-March, the river water can be cold so you may like to wear a wetsuit. Be aware rivers may have submerged logs.

The Swim leg will be denoted by orange buoys.
Swimmers exit the Transition Area (TA) and run straight to the waters edge to enter the water between two feather flags. Once through the flags, swimmers must remain in the water for the duration of the leg, swimming in a clockwise direction. Swim up the left side of the waterway to the first buoy, swim around the buoy and back past Minningup Pool to the second buoy. Swim around the buoy, then return to Minningup Pool. Exit the water and run through the flags to the TA. For teams, this is where you will hand your timing siac to your runner. For Solo athletes get changed into your running gear in the TA.

Swimmers must:
Remain in the water and cannot run along the riverbank at any point until they have returned back through the feather flags.
Swimmers must be able to swim a minimum 1200m unassisted in flat water.

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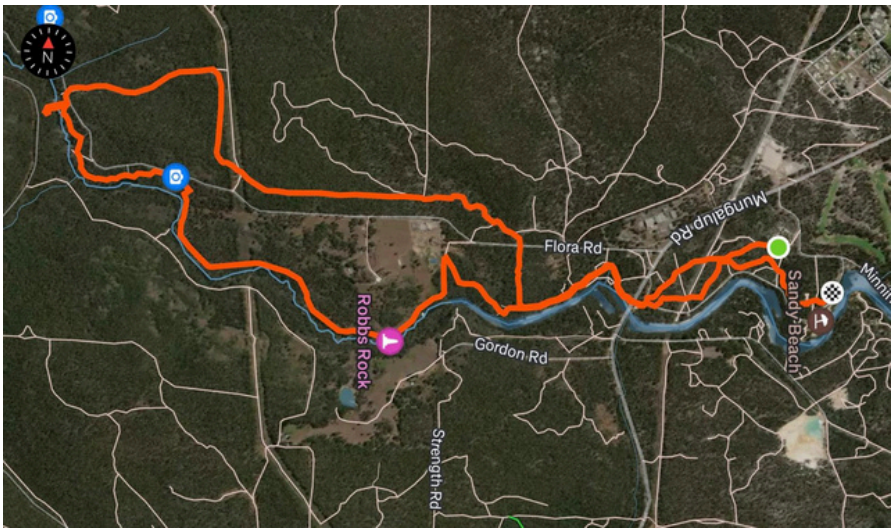
Run - 11km

The Run leg will be marked with red/brown arrows.
This is the final stage of the event. This years run incorporates a section of our local Wilman Bilya trail. Runners will have some stunning views and have the opportunity to run across our beautiful stainless steel swinging bridge. The terrain will be a challenge as the run is primarily on single track and fire trail, and includes a few steps and river rocks.
The run will start at the transition area and enter the bush on a single track for about 1.5km before going under Griffin Bridge and connecting with the Wilman Bilya trail. The next 3.5km is very rocky and challenging. You then cross over and immediately come back on the Kaniyang Wilman suspension bridge before heading into a 2km stretch of steep rocky rough terrain. Give it your all up this hill because the next 3km is mostly downhill - woohoo. You will run on both fire trail and single track back to the transition area and under the arch for a spectacular finish.

We recommend cross country running shoes for this event.

WATCH FOR CARS on any road crossings or dirt road sections - normal road rules apply at all times. Runners are responsible for their own safety when crossing roads.



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Transition Areas (TA) - *All Legs

The following guidelines are in place for all transition areas:
No external support may be provided to competitors inside the TA (or out on the course).
Support crews can only enter the TA to drop off equipment but must leave the TA immediately after doing so. The only exception is you can help them pull down race bibs (especially over PFDs).
Only the team mate in the immediate next leg is permitted to wait inside the TA – other team mates and support crews must wait outside the TA

Water

Note: There is no running/tap water at Minningup Pool.
All competitors are expected to bring their own water. Please bring plenty - especially as March tends to be quite warm.

Vendors will be onsite with a variety of drinks for sale.

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Timing System

The Collie Rotary Adventure Race 2026 will use the Enduro World Series timing standard Sportident Timing System.

These wristbands (SIACS) are your or your teams unique ID for the race and store your race data.
They can be collected on Saturday morning in the Event Village.

Aim to return your wristband within 15 minutes of completing the final run leg of the race.
*Failure to return a wristband, damaged or lost bands will incur a charge based on their retail value of $120 + GST to be made payable within 10 working days.

Wear your wristband on your right wrist for each stage of the race (do not attach the siac to your bike or any other equipment).
GPS watches may influence the functionality of the timing system. As such, watches should be worn on your left wrist and siacs on your right wrist.

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RACE RULES

Course marking

The course for the MTB leg will be marked with blue tape and blue arrows.
Barrier tape may be used to block off tracks you should not take.
The course for the RUN leg will be marked with red/brown arrows.
Barrier tape may be used to block off tracks you should not take.
You can still get lost if you don't pay attention. Keep your eye out for trail markers at all times.

The event may be competed by relay teams with up to 4 members doing one leg each or individuals doing the entire race.
Teams must transfer the numbered electronic timing siac from one team member to the next. These are your 'relay batons' and are provided by the timing team on Saturday morning.

The following rules apply:

Prior to being accepted into the event all participants must read and sign the Indemnity. (this is part of the online entry process).
Juniors (i.e. under 18 on race day) must have their parent or guardian request permission from Event organisers for their junior to compete. The parent or guardian must read and sign the authorisation and indemnity.
Paddlers must be competent in paddling a craft on a river and have the ability to self rescue in the event of capsize.
Paddlers must be able to swim 200m unassisted.
Swimmers must be able to swim a 1200m unassisted in flat water.
All competitors: must use the numbered race bibs/plates/stickers.
Competitors must use the same bike frame and wheels for the entire bike leg and may only receive assistance from other competitors to repair their own bike.
Competitors must use the same boat for the entire paddle leg and may only receive assistance from other competitors to repair/drain their own boat.
No riding is permitted in the TAs and helmets must be fastened before exiting the TA.
**Any competitor who withdraws from the race MUST notify an official. This is an essential requirement to avoid unnecessary searches being conducted and emergency services being engaged.
Failure to abide by rules may result in time penalty or disqualification.
All teams are permitted to lodge protests against results or decisions enforced during the event. A judging panel of three CRAR2026 Committee Members will adjudicate on all protests and other contentious matters, and their decision will be final.

CRAR 2026 Committee has sole discretion to alter or amend the race rules or course in order to increase the safety of participants or for any other reason deemed appropriate.

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Accommodation

If you are staying overnight you might like to check out the accommodation option at our sponsor The Collie Motel.

The Collie Motel is located in the heart centre of town for easy access to all local shops and services.

The COLLIE MOTEL

Or check out Collie Visitor Centre for more accommodation options.

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