



KLEIN-AUS VISTA
MTB CHALLENGE

Standard bank Klein-Aus Vista MTB Challenge

29th , 30th April, 1st of May 2017



Route description:

The race takes place over 3 days and consists of a time trial on day 1, and 2 marathon stages on day 2 &3 on a challenging track in the Aus Mountains. Use the attached route map as well as the profile map to familiarize yourself with the track and to plan each stage. Both time trail and the marathon stages will start and finish in the parking area at Desert Horse Inn (Klein-Aus Vista). The track is well marked with brown and white mountain-bike signs on iron posts with grey arrows for the time trial and white or orange arrows for the 2 stages of the marathon indicating the direction. There are white chalk marks on the ground. For the marathon, on day One you follow the signs with the **white arrows** and on day Two the signs with the **orange arrows**.

There are 3 water/marshal points providing refreshments and food, and marshals will use these as control points.

Day One-Time Trial: Starting time on Saturday from 2.30 pm - Race Registration from 2pm-6pm

Only the full marathon riders can and have to ride the Time Trail. Please note that the riding time will be part of the overall time calculation. Riders for the time trial will be allocated a riding slot upon registration. The start interval between riders will be 60 seconds. At 4 pm the last rider will be allowed to start. The Time Trial route is marked with brown mountain bike signs with grey arrows and white chalk marks on the ground. There will be marshals en-route to warn you about technical down hills, please take caution this is a cross country style track and is a lot of fun. The riding time for the fast riders will be 38 minutes and the slower riders up to 1h15 minutes. If for some reason you cannot make it for the time trial there is a time penalty to be added to your time for the 2 marathon days.

Day Two: Starting time 7h30 for all riders full and half marathon. Leave the parking area of Desert Horse Inn, cross the railway line and follow the clearly marked route (**brown and white mountain-bike signs on iron posts with WHITE arrows**) in a **clock-wise** direction to pass through the village of Aus. Pass the Bahnhof Hotel and Namib Garage on the tar road and turn right opposite Kubub Verspreiders General Dealer onto the gravel and then left and right and head the Aus water reservoir after which you will enter the Farm Kubub gate until you reach after 9 km Marshal and Water Point A; turn right to continue on the jeep track for 3.4km. Before reaching Marshal and Water Point B. You will descend on a very steep tricky downhill, (the down-hill signs will warn you) - please take care. At the junction at **Marshal and Water Point B turn left** and, after a demanding 6km climb on a single track you will reach a iron bridge which you have to cross (do not go too slow or too fast and for those who are not comfortable: please get off the bike and lift your bike over the fence) to reach Marshal and Water Point C. From here, continue to climb for 100m and descend slightly to cross another bridge. Continue on a single track, which follows the mountain ridge and descend in a eastern direction to reach again Marshal and Water Point A. Turn left to continue to reach the **Marshal and Water Point B for the second time (mind the steep downhill)**. At the junction turn right to follow a taxing 4km single track to the **Check point** sign



at kilometer 30. Only the **Full marathon riders** deviate left to do the 14 km new section in an anti clockwise direction to Water point C. Expect a very steep climb from kilometer 42-44. The first rider to master the climb to reach the **Raubex Wall Hotspot** at Water point C will receive N\$2500 cash. On top at water point C turn right and follow the track to Water point A then B past the Checkpoint near the campsite to finish at Desert Horse Inn to complete the **60km** marathon route.

The participants in the **half-marathon** just pass the **Check point sign** at km 30 to the finish line to cross the **Electronic timing mat** at the Desert Horse Inn parking area to complete the **33km** half marathon route.

Day Three: Starting Time 7h30: for all riders full and half marathon. Leave the Parking area at the Desert Horse Inn, turn left before the railway line and follow the clearly marked route (**brown and white mountain-bike signs on iron posts with ORANGE arrows**) in an anti clock-wise direction past the campsite past the check point onto a demanding 5 km single track climb in a southerly direction. After entering through a gate you will encounter a steep climb with sharp turns and some of you will have to get off the bikes to pass the narrow steep section of the track. Carry on for another 2 km in order to reach Marshal and Water Point B, **turn left** at the junction onto a very steep climb for the first 300m. You are now on the historic German transport route. Continue for 3.4 km in order to reach **Marshal and Water Point A, turn right** at the junction and continue for 2.7 km towards the granite outcrop of Nemesis. About 300m before the Nemesis view point, turn left and follow the 5 km challenging single track crossing the wooden bridge to reach Marshal and Water Point C. Carry on straight cross the 2nd n bridge continue on a technical downhill track for 6 km in order to reach Marshal and Water Point B again, at the junction turn right onto a steep 300m stretch and continue to reach **Marshal and Water Point A**. At the junction, the **full marathon riders** turn right to reach **Water point C** at kilometer 30, deviate left at the **Raubex water Point C**. Be **very careful** the next 2 km is very tricky the route follow a very steep down hill descent- use **extreme caution** until you reach the bottom of the mountain. Now you can relax on the jeep track for 13 km past the reservoir to the **Check point** where you turn right to Water point B up with the steep climb to Water point A , turn left and roll back trough Aus to finish at Desert Horse Inn to complete the **60km** marathon route.

The participants in the **half-marathon** turn **left at water point A** and follow the 3 km down-hill stretch to the Aus water reservoir then turn right to reaching the Aus Village. Past Kubub Verspreiders, Namib Garage and Bahnhof Hotel back to Desert Horse Inn to complete the **33km** half marathon route

Note that the race numbers will be collected by the marshals by the end of the race if not please hand that in to the Chief Commissar, Johan Pretorius. **Technical support sections:** There will be a Technical zone at Water point A with a mechanic with items for bike & wheel repairs to be for the competitors account. Service provided by **Heinrich Kohne- Cycledelic**

Tough, Scenic and Rewarding!

