

The 2019 Bridgestone Route 66 MTB Experience



Tips & Instructions

Hi there

Congratulations on having entered the 9th hosting of **The Bridgestone Route 66 MTB Experience**.

Kick-off is in just over a week's time.

We are really looking forward to hosting you as this event is one of our highlights of the year.

As you will now know, we have a few interesting changes this year, and we hope you will like them.

Have a look at the video below to get you ready for what's to come.

Click on the image below to checkout the video



Firstly, we have two events in one this year. These are **The Bridgestone Route 66 MTB Experience** and **The Bridgestone Route 66 Lite**. Both offer three days of sublime riding, but the Lite is just a bit shorter and more forgiving.

And more interestingly, we also have a "**Brand New Day 1**" – check out the website for the new route. The reason for the change was done out of necessity, as various contractors etc had ripped up our trails from previous years, not once, not twice, but three times to lay cables and basically make our life a nightmare. But we do believe that this route will be a lot more forgiving, but still not easy.

There are some really important things to take note of, especially with all the logistics involved in this event, so please do read everything carefully.

RACE NUMBER PICKUP & INDEMNITY FORMS

Race Number Pickup will take place at the **Adega in Rivonia** on **Wednesday the 13th of February** from **12h30 to 17h00**. You need to collect your race number and goodie bag. It's close to the freeway, so access should be fairly easy.

The address is: Rivonia Crossing 2, 3 Achter Road corner Witkoppen Road, Rivonia (Situated in the same complex as The Barnyard Theatre) **CLICK HERE** for Directions

The good news is that if you entered online, you have already completed your indemnity form, so no additional admin there.

As you arrive, we will be asking you to fill in a brief questionnaire, so please do assist us. There will be a lucky winner selected and he or she stands a chance of winning a prize courtesy of Bridgestone.

Adega have some unbelievable lunchtime specials, so come and enjoy a special Portuguese experience.

CLICK HERE to find out more.

THE ROUTE AND START TIMES

The most important thing to take note of is that **Day 1 (Friday the 15th)** will start at the **Kloofzicht Lodge in The Cradle of Humankind**. **Click Here** for directions.

Rider briefing will be at the start of each stage, so you need to be in the start chute at least 20 minutes before the start.

Friday 15th of February

An 85km "warm up" starting at **Kloofzicht Lodge** and taking you through **The Cradle of Humankind** to **Maropeng**. (Ironically, Kloofzicht is only 20km away from Maropeng – as the crow flies)

(Start Time 06h00) Please note we are starting early to hopefully give you some respite from the unpredictably hot weather.

Maropeng: We are extremely excited to be hosting Route 66 at a new venue within **Maropeng**, called **The Stone Park**. It's a smaller and more intimate venue and closer to the car park, showers and toilets.

Saturday 16th of February

This is a tough and challenging 75km route kicking off from **Maropeng**.

Don't be fooled by the first section of tar. It gets tougher from then on. You'll need to negotiate more than a couple of "men from the boys" climbs before returning to **Maropeng** in the Cradle of Humankind. (**Start Time 07h00 for 3 day riders, 07h15 for 2 day riders**)

Sunday 17th of February

Get ready for a fun 60km burst from **Maropeng** back to **Kloofzicht Lodge**. (**Start Time 08h00 for 3-day riders, 08h15 for 2 day riders**) Please note that Sunday is a "Fast & Furious" route, so if your legs are up to it after two hard days, expect a PB.

220 km later - you're now ready to relax. Kick back and enjoy a fun lunch, compliments of **Bridgestone** and **The Leverage Corporation** while you relax and soak up the sun in the relaxing company of family and friends at the stunning **Kloofzicht Lodge**.

WATER TABLES

Friday: We will have at 5 water tables

Saturday: we will have 4 water tables

Sunday: We will have 2 water tables

Details of exact distances will be communicated to you at race briefing. Check out everything on the [website](http://www.route66mtb.co.za): www.route66mtb.co.za

In Summary

Start Times for all three events

3 Day Experience

Day 1 - Friday – 06h00 – 3 start batches (A, B & C)

Day 2 - Saturday – 07h00 – 2 start batches (B & C will combine)

Day 3 - Sunday – 08h00 – 2 start batches (B & C will combine)

2 Day Weekend Experience – voluntary seeding

Day 1- Saturday – 07h15

Day 2 – Sunday – 08h15

3 – Day Experience	Weekend Experience
Friday	
06.00 - A	

06.10 - B	
06.20 - C	
Saturday	
07.00 - A	
07.05 – B & C	
	07.15
Sunday	
08.00 - A	
08.05 – B & C	
	08.15

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Special Accommodation Packages

We have three exciting packages for you if you have not yet booked your accommodation for Route 66.

Kloofzicht Lodge

Kloofzicht Accommodation Special: Book for you and a partner for Friday and Saturday night at the luxurious Kloofzicht Lodge:

- Per room rate – R2,450 bed & breakfast.
- Subject to availability, so book today.
- Max people per room – 2.
- First come, first served.
- Bookings must be made directly with [Kloofzicht Lodge Reservations](#) or view their [website](#)
- Rate only valid from 15-17 Feb '19.

Valverde Eco Hotel

Based in the Cradle, they have a special package for Route 66 riders. Book for you and your partner.

- Per room rate – R1 090 bed & breakfast. (They will early packed breakfast for those racing)
- Subject to availability, so book today.
- Max people per room – 2.
- First come, first served.
- Rate R1090 for two people B&B on our superior double

Book now on <https://www.nightsbridge.com/bridge/book?bbid=24199>

Maropeng Boutique Hotel

At this stage, Maropeng only have 3 rooms available, so if you would like to book, please click on the following link: booking.com

Race Timing & Seeding – 3 day riders only

Timing will be done by **Met Timing**, and we will be operating on a chip and a seeding system. Your seeding will be based on your **National Seeding Index**.

Remember that **number boards** should **not be affixed** to your bike when you leave home, as these have, in some instances in the past, blown off. The timing chip in your number board will endanger your race status if the board blows away en route to the race.

Seeding will be up on the website shortly.

If you have any queries regarding your seeding, please take this up with the officials at registration.

Please do NOT contact the race office in this regard.

Bus Shuttle Service

Once you finish on Friday and Sunday, there is a complimentary bus service, courtesy of **Luxliner Coaches**, that will take you back to the start on Friday and on Sunday. Buses will leave every 30 minutes or when full.

You will also **not be allowed to take your bike on the bus**. There is a secure bike park for you to leave your bike overnight.

One last request – we would appreciate it if you would tip the drivers.

Private Shuttle Service

If you were quick on the draw, you would have secured a spot to have a professional driver take your car from Kloofzicht to Maropeng on Day 1 and from Maropeng to Kloofzicht on Day 3. (If you missed out, we are completely full and all drivers have been allocated to vehicles)

In your Goodie Bag, you will receive a card with A, B or C printed on it. Please display this clearly on your dashboard so that you can be directed to the right spot.

Massage Facilities

Bookings are essential, and can be done by emailing Sandra Botes on sandra.sportsmassage@gmail.com. Alternatively you can book on the day.

Bike Service Packages

Feathertec Cycle Repairs and Maintenance is partnering with **Hatfield Cycles** to offer you the Technical support at the event.

To book your **Route 66 Bike Maintenance Package** please email hatfieldcycles@gmail.com

Tog Bag Transport

Luxliner Coaches has kindly provided a tog bag service where you can drop off your tog bag at the start and collect it from the finish each day.

You will be able to load your bags in the buses at the start and they will take them through to the finish for you.

Be sure to pack a change of clothes and a towel so you can enjoy a refreshing shower at the finish.

Shower Facilities

We have made shower facilities available and these will be at the finish of each stage. Details will be communicated to you at each venue.

Meal Voucher – Wrist band – Very Important!!!

As part of your entry fee, we will have a complimentary lunch for you ON SUNDAY at the finish at Kloofzicht Lodge. Meals on Friday and Saturday will be for your account.

There will also be a beer tent on Friday and Saturday, and Mogallywood Breweries will be in the house. Maropeng will run a normal bar service, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy one or two cold ones.

If you would like a significant other to join you on Sunday, please book and pay for this at Race Registration.

The cost per adult is R170 per adult and R90 per child. This can be paid when you collect your race number at Registration. **Please note that we will not be selling lunch vouchers after rider registration, and definitely not during the race or at Kloofzicht Lodge.** Feel free to mail irene@leveragecorporation.co.za to book your tickets.

If you have unexpected guests wanting to join on the Sunday, they can order off the menu at Kloofzicht.

Please note that in your "goodie" bag, you will find your Wrist band which is also your race village access and Sunday meal voucher. **No wrist band, no lunch. This is extremely important.**

GENERAL

The Route

In many instances, we are riding on private land. We travel over 50 privately owned farms and the trails have been opened to us exclusively. Kindly treat these trails with respect.

Special Note:

On day 1, you will also be riding on The Cradle Loop 28km section. There are a few road crossings, so please be vigilant here as we do not have road closure. Kindly obey the marshals at all times

You will note that there are some sections where we will have to ride on tar so please be vigilant at all times and obey the rules of the road and stay on the left hand side of the road.

Littering

We are riding through **The Cradle of Humankind**, which is a **World Heritage Site**, so there are some sensitive areas - bear this in mind at all times. This means that we have a strict no littering policy and if you are caught littering, you will be asked to leave the course and immediately be disqualified. If you are reported for littering, you will also be disqualified.

Marshals

There will be a number of Think Bike marshals on the route as well as Mogale Metro and ER 24 in attendance. Please obey their instructions at all times. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.

Rules of the Road

Please obey all instructions and please remember that if you are riding on a dirt or tar road, you need to obey the rules of the road. We do not have road closure, you **DO NOT** have right of way.

Cut Off Times

Please note that we will be enforcing cut off times this year, but as you can see, they are quite generous.

Cut off times are as follows:

Friday: 85km - There will be a cut off at the 59km table (Water Table 3) at 11h00.

Saturday: 75km – There will be a cut off at Water Table 3 (52km) at 12h30 for all riders. There will also be a cut off at Water Table 4 (60km) at 13h15.

Sunday: 60km – There will be a cut off at Water Table 2 (45km) at 12.00.

Please note that Think Bike, ER 24 and Metro officials reserve the right to cut you off after the cut off points should they feel that it is necessary.

I hope you have been training for this one. Friday and Saturday are tough and technical but they promise to be a rewarding experience. You do not get much better riding in Gauteng.

Our advice is to have as much fun as possible.

Please respect the MTB Code. You aren't the only one out there riding. Have a look at our **TLC Code of Conduct** – [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

The riding is superb, and we hope you will have as much fun participating as we did in putting **The Bridgestone Route 66 MTB Experience** together.

For information please visit our [website](#) or contact us on irene@leveragecorporation.co.za.

Regards,

Rob Jackson and the Leverage Corporation Team

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