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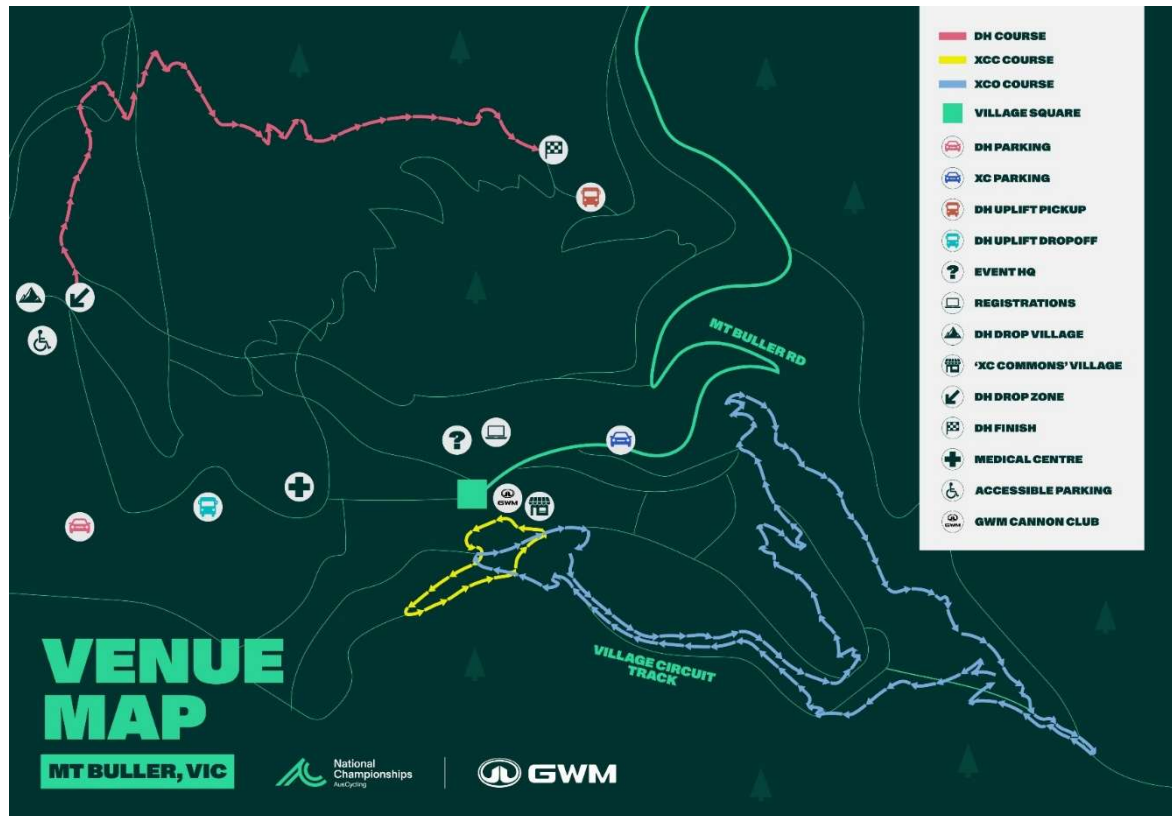
# 2026 GWM MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EXHIBITOR AND PITS MANUAL



## Venue Details

The 2026 GWM Mountain Bike National Championships will run from Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March to Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026 and will include Downhill, Cross Country Olympic, Cross Country Short Track and Cross Country Relay events over the course of the 5 day event.

Please see the Map below for an outline of the venue and key locations.



All access to the venue is via Mt Buller Rd. Mansfield is the nearest township with the best access to supermarkets and other retailers as well as accommodation for those not wishing to stay on the mountain.

## Cross Country Expo/Pit Venue

**Venue:** Parking Lot at the Village Square, Mt Buller. Opposite the Mount Buller Fire Station

**Address:** 2 Summit Rd, Mount Buller, Vic, 3723

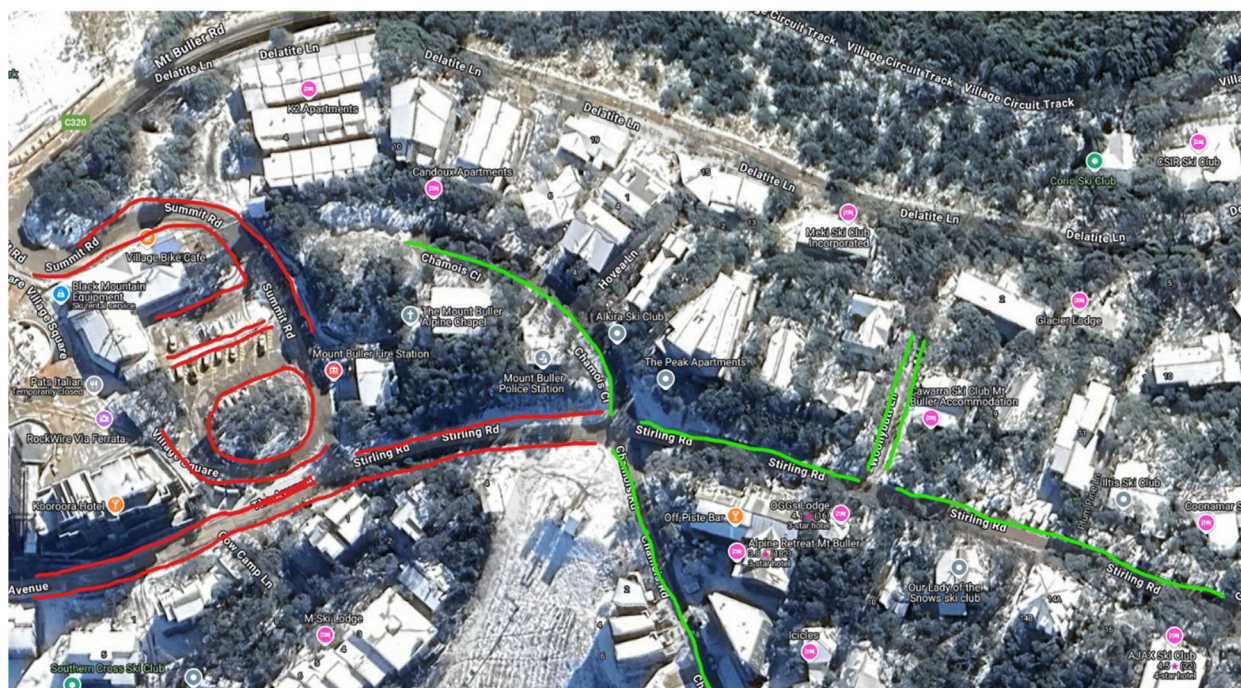
**Exhibitor Access Point:** Summit Rd, accessed via Mt Buller Rd. [Please click here for Google Maps location.](#)

**Parking:** Parking for Exhibitors and Pit Crews who occupy space in the XC Race Village is outlined on the map below. Please note that sections marked in red cannot be used of parking at any time during the event. AusCycling reserve the right to request that you move your vehicle if you have parked here and have the vehicle towed if necessary.

Street parking for XC Exhibitors and Pit Crews can be found on

- Stirling Rd (Via Summit Rd) after the Chamois Rd turn off.
- Chamois Rd & Chamois Close.
- Woollybutt Lane.

Additionally, please avoid parking on Delatite Lane as traffic will be directed out of the venue using this road.





## Downhill Expo/Pit Venue

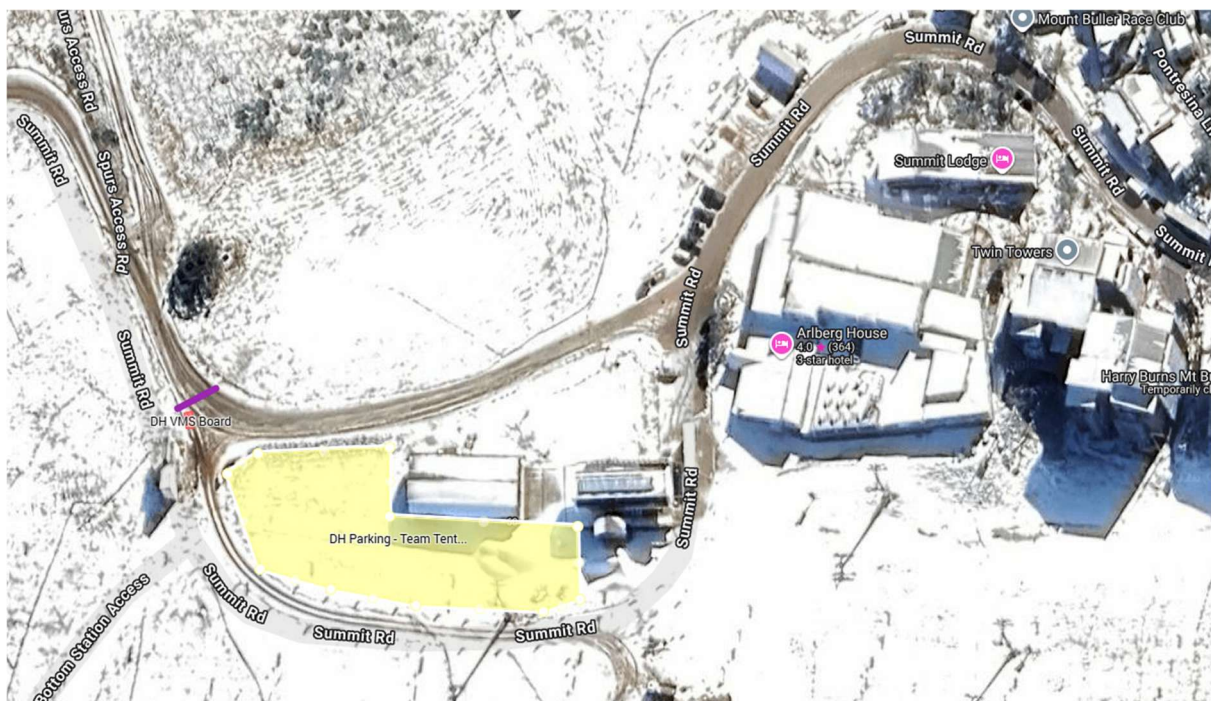
**Venue:** External to Spurs Restaurant

**Address:** Spurs Access Rd, Mount Buller, VIC, 3723

**Exhibitor Access Point:** Spurs Access Rd via Summit Rd. [Please click here for Google Maps location.](#)

**Parking:** Parking for all Event Vehicle permit holders is located off Summit Rd, before Spurs Access Rd. All Exhibitors and Pit Crews are required to drop off all equipment and re-locate vehicles to the designated parking zones, before setting up. Please see the diagram below for more details. **Please note that this parking zone is for event vehicle permit holders only.**

Downhill Race Village Parking



# Important Safety Requirements

Please note that all exhibitors will be required to have the following while bumping in and out of the venue to comply with Australian OH&S standards:

- **Safety Vest**
  - It is an occupational health and safety requirement for all exhibitors to wear a safety vest during bump-in and bump-out. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to bring safety vests with them to the site.
- **Footwear**
  - It is an occupational health and safety requirement for all exhibitors to wear suitable footwear whilst on site. Footwear must be closed toe shoes. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate footwear while bumping out.
- **Children**
  - We understand that children will be accompanying many of our exhibitor site attendees, however we ask that these children remain in their vehicles until sites are completely set up. This is an occupational health and safety requirement as we mitigate the risks around venue traffic during the bump-in/out times.

## Exhibitor Bump-In & Bump Out

Please observe the Bump-in & Bump-out times below and plan accordingly. Any vehicle movement will be strictly monitored to assist with traffic management around the venue.

Downhill Team Tent/ Expo Site		
Date	Bump-in times	Bump-out time
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	09:00 – 11:00 Local Time	N/A
	15:00 – 17:00 Local Time	N/A
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	N/A	After 18:00 Local time*

Cross Country Team Tent/ Expo Site		
Date	Bump-in times	Bump-out time
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	11:00 – 13:00 Local Time	N/A
	16:00 – 17:00 Local time	N/A
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	N/A	After 18:00 Local time*

**Please note:** That the times above represent when vehicles can move in and out of the race village to drop off equipment. Please note that all vehicles **MUST** be removed from site before the end of their bump-in window to ensure safety requirements are met regarding. Bump-in and out will need to be as efficient as possible to ensure these operations have zero impact on the safety of our athletes.

\* Will be dependent upon the end of competition

## Site Management / Site Contact

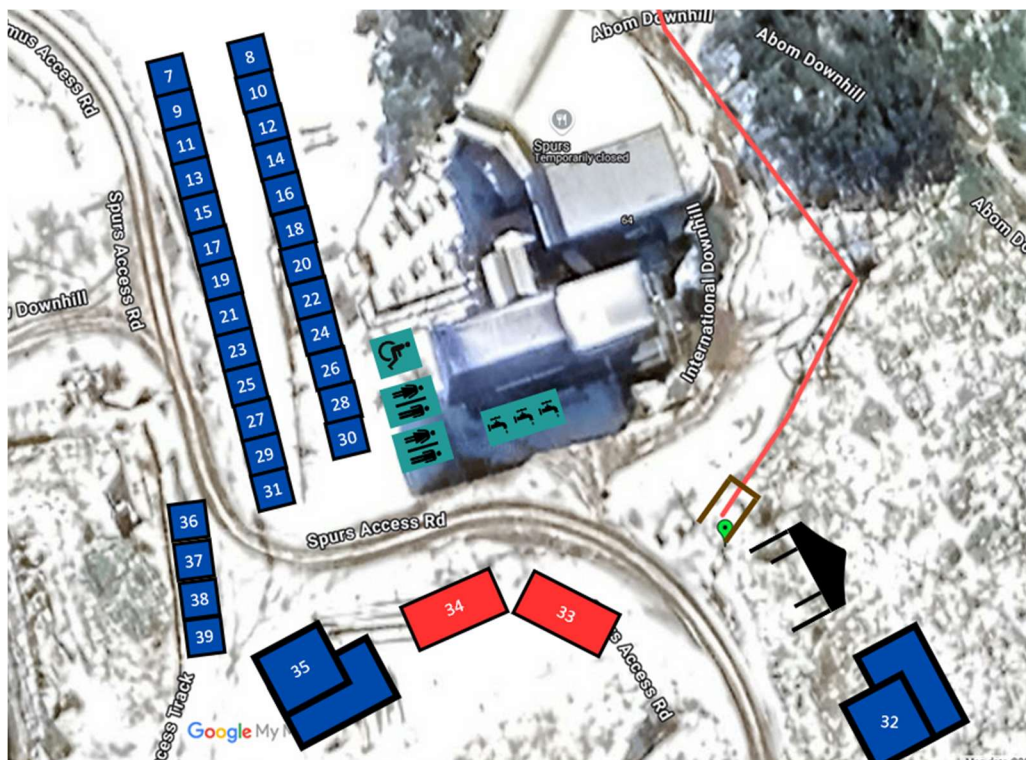
**Initial Contact:** On arrival at each event, all exhibitors must report to Event HQ, located at Mt Buller Alpine Central. You will collect your vehicle passes and site map as well as check in. If you require any assistance, please contact the Site Operations Manager for further guidance and instruction.

Name	Role	Organisation	Phone Number
Harry Fortune	Event Operations Manager	AusCycling	0466 433 426

## Site Maps

The Site Maps below indicate the rough positioning of each Exhibitor and Pit Crew site. You will have received an email indicating which Site Numbers you have been allocated. You can also confirm this information at Check in.

### Downhill Expo and Race Village







## Additional Exhibitor Information

AusCycling advises that all exhibitors should make appropriate decisions regarding their security of their goods/product/equipment on site.

For complete transparency, AusCycling does not provide an insurance policy which covers exhibitors. All Expo sites are advised to extend their Property Insurance Policy to cover any potential loss of stock and display equipment due to theft or damages (or other).

All exhibitors are expected to be responsible for removing all exhibitor material (including cardboard, recyclables and bulk rubbish) from their site during bump-out. Exhibitors who do not follow this will be subject to additional removal costs for any material left on site beyond Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**IMPORTANT:** Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV) has **expressly banned** the staking of marquees in grassed areas due to gas and water mains lines running beneath the Downhill and XCO race villages. You **must** bring weights to secure your team tent. AusCycling and the operations team will not have spares available and reserve the right to ask those who are not complying with this requirement to take down their equipment immediately.

Sites are unpowered and do not have access to mains water.

## Parking

Parking is available for both Downhill and Cross Country for all Expo site purchasers. This will be limited to a **single vehicle per site**. Vehicles will only be allowed in the Expo village during the bump in/out windows to assist with pack up/down of sites. This will be strictly monitored and disallowed outside of the identified bump-in/out times to assist with the venue traffic management. If you intend to have a vehicle as part of your Exhibition or Pit Site, please make AusCycling aware – these vehicles cannot be moved after the bump-in window has closed. Please ensure you follow the identified times.

Please refer to the Vehicle Passes instruction below for further information and ensure your exhibitor vehicle pass is displayed on your dashboard at all times during the event to prevent your vehicle from being towed.

Parking is only available in designated locations for both DH and XC Site Holders. Please note that parking in any other location is unacceptable and AusCycling result reserve the right to ask you to move your vehicle if not appropriately parked. Nearby street parking for XC site holders is preferred along is possible however we strongly advise for all exhibitors to arrive early in the morning to ensure a parking spot.

One of the event operations team or AusCycling staff members will be available at the Exhibitor Access Point to each venue and will be instructed to check each exhibitor upon entrance (please present this Exhibitor Manual document as your entry to the event venue). If you are not on our exhibitor booking list (or able to confirm who booked your site), you will be refused entry to the venue entirely. All vehicles on site during the bump in/out period will be strictly monitored by Expo staff to ensure the venue and all event traffic is managed as well as it can be. Please expect to work with us around vehicle and venue management.



Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the information found above under the Site Map header to assist with the bump-in/out function around these events.

## Vehicle Passes

All site purchasers will be granted one (1) vehicle pass for temporary access to the venue for bump-in/out windows and designated parking access where it is available. This vehicle pass can be collected at check-in. Please ensure your pass and details are visible on your vehicle's dashboard.

## Insurance / Public Liability

Neither AusCycling nor the host venue, operations team or any of their staff, employees, agents or representatives shall be held accountable for or liable for - and the same are released from accountability or liability - for any damage, loss, harm or injury to their person or any property at the event, however caused.

- Goods insurance
  - AusCycling does not provide an insurance policy which covers exhibitors' goods. All Pit and Expo site attendees are advised to extend their Property Insurance Policy to cover any potential loss of stock and display equipment due to theft or damages.
- Public Liability Insurance
  - All standalone businesses, who do not have affiliation with AusCycling, occupying pit or exhibitor sites **must** have public liability insurance cover to a minimum of twenty million dollars (AUD). This should be arranged through your insurance provider, agent or insurance company prior to the event. AusCycling reserves the right to check all exhibitors for proof of insurance and will act accordingly if proof of a suitable level of public liability insurance is not presented upon request. Please note that AusCycling insurance does not cover individuals for this purpose.

## Security

AusCycling will not be providing overnight security for this event. It is the responsibility of all Exhibition and Pit Site holders to ensure their belongings are stored appropriately overnight.

For complete transparency, AusCycling does not provide an insurance policy which covers exhibitors. All Expo sites are advised to extend their Property Insurance Policy to cover any potential loss of stock and display equipment due to theft or damages (or other).

## Electrical Guidelines

In accordance with Australian Standard 3760, all portable electrical equipment brought into the venue by exhibitors must have been tested by a licensed electrician and must display a current tag. Power to sites will not be available. Should your site require power you must supply your own appropriate power source in good working condition.

## Event Partners

Please be aware that AusCycling events have arrangements with “event partners” who have invested in the development of the sport in exchange for heightened awareness for their brands. Your own brands activity in the event Expo is expected to be contained within your purchased footprint, and we expect all exhibitors to conduct themselves in a manner that is representative of the best outcomes for the growth and development of cycling. AusCycling and the event Operations team will act accordingly should there be any anti-competitive behaviour on each of our activation days.

## Cleaning

Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their own sites clean and tidy at all times during the event. We encourage the use of bins located around the venue to dispose of rubbish, packaging, food scraps, consumables and recyclables throughout. Please ensure you respect the venue and the environment while you are on site.

All expo attendees are expected to be responsible for removing all exhibitor material (including cardboard, recyclables and bulk rubbish) from their site during bump-out. Exhibitors who do not follow this will be subject to additional removal costs for any material left on site beyond Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2026.

## First Aid

First aid will be available onsite throughout the event period and will be accessible to all Pit and Expo attendees upon request.

## Food & Beverage

There will be various food and beverage vendors on site for the duration of the event. Please refer to the venue map within this document. Spurs Restaurant, Kooroora Hotel and Arlberg Hotel will be operating throughout the event period. All vendors will be located within close proximity to the race village locations.

## General Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines

All persons onsite at this AusCycling event will be provided with a safe and healthy place in which to work. To achieve this, management will make every reasonable effort in the areas of accident prevention, hazard prevention/removal, injury protection and health preservation to

every practical extent. These aspects of working conditions will be given top priority across all facets of event planning and execution.

In conjunction with the policy outlined above, safe working guidelines and procedures on specific individual safety and health matters have been established and are included below.

Health and safety at our event is expected to be both an individual and shared responsibility of all exhibitors, contractors, staff, volunteers, athlete and attendees alike. If you see a potential hazard at the event or unsafe practises by event attendees of any kind, please report this immediately to event staff, or to the contacts located at the bottom of this document.

## Working Environment

Our event is the workplace of many organisations and each will often have their own operating procedures in addition to the basic health and safety rules outlined below. Each Exhibitor, Tech Support and Pit Site will also be aware of and be expected to always follow the procedures which apply to each individual workplace in which they work or are representing.

## Basic Health and Safety Guidelines

- Please observe all event signage and always leave any event guards and barricades in place. Warning signs, danger tags, safety guards or barricades are put there to ensure your protection from recognized hazards. Do not remove or override any existing guarding or barricades. If you see this happen, report it to an event supervisor immediately.
- As event organisers we ask that all attendees strongly consider not smoking at our events due to the risk it poses for both the environment and event attendees. There is strictly no smoking in any event buildings, and must be kept only to the areas designated by event staff, if at all.
- Strictly no horseplay. Serious injuries and incidents can, and often, do result from horseplay or practical jokes. Horseplay sometimes involves equipment within the workplace which may never have been designed for the uses it has been put to, and serious accidents may result.

## Outdoor Safety Precautions

Section 25 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985 requires all employees of businesses take responsibility for their own health and safety, as well as anyone who may be affected by his or her own acts or omissions. We also ask that exhibitors:

- Observe and take necessary fire safety precautions – all exhibitors should also ensure that aisle ways and fire escapes are always free from obstruction.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as, but not limited to, high vis, closed toe shoes, long sleeves or sunscreen if outside. Personal protective equipment (PPE) forms a barrier between the person and the immediate hazard.
- Observe and work safely around any event plant equipment. Please wear high vis and ensure you are clearly visible around onsite plant operators.

# Key Event & Venue Contacts

If you have any questions prior to or during the event, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team who will be available to assist. All key event and venue contact details can be found in the table below:

Name	Role	Organisation	Phone Number
Harry Fortune	Event Operations Manager	AusCycling	0466 433 426
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