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**XTERRA Auckland trail run series**  
**Event #5: 9th August, 2009**  
**Whitford**

**Our event base is at Gravel Skid in the middle of Whiford forest on Main Road.**

**Driving Directions**

Take the southern motorway until you reach the South Eastern Highway.

Follow SE Highway until it moves into the Pakuranga Highway

Follow Pakuranga Highway then turn Right onto Ti Rakau Dr

Follow Ti Rakau Dr until you come to Chapel Rd (After Botany Town Centre)

Turn Left onto Chapel Rd

Follow Chapel Rd to Roundabout and then turn Right onto Whitford Rd

Stay on Whitford Rd and follow it to the Whitford Village

The road then becomes Whitford - Maraetai rd. Follow this road for approx 6km to the entry point to the forest Between Waikopua Rd and Okaroro Dr. Follow the event signage from this point!

**CARPOOLING SPOT / CARPOOLING SPOT / CARPOOLING SPOT !!!!**

Whitford is an interesting location and one venue where finding a large carpooling spot where the bulk of competitors would pass from all different directions was just not going to happen on any productive level so.....

For Whitford we highly encourage all competitors to use the total sport forum and the facebook website to try and meet up with fellow competitors pre race in a spot that works for them.

OUR SPOT Just over a km inside the Whitford Forest there will be a compulsory carpooling area where full cars will be marshaled straight through the gate towards the event base (another 4-5km away) and cars looking a little light will be asked if they wouldn't mind carpooling down with someone else to the event base. We are not going to force anyone to do anything here but we are just trying to instill a carpooling attitude into people that will be beneficial to one and all in the future. Hey you might meet a wicked training partner or your future wife this way! Who's to say!

500 cars carrying one person each or say 100 - 125 full cars making their way to the event base makes a huge difference to the time everyone spends waiting to be marshaled into carparking areas and makes everyone's day a little more manageable. We appreciate the support you've all given this idea so far!

Once again all cars will be looked after at this spot as the area also acts as a drink station on the long /

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superlong course.

AND DON'T BE SHY – ALL OUR COMPETITORS ARE SUPER FRIENDLY!!

Dropping a vehicle will save a decent amount of Benzene and for every car that parks at one of these carpooling spots from here until the end of the series we will contribute a further dollar to OXFAM – and just like your gas bill it certainly all adds up!

A good carpooler brings a good attitude and a towel :) You won't get anywhere near as grubby as Riverhead but please bring along a towel with you to the event!

**We ask (nicely of course) that if your car is not full when you pass this point that you stop in at this point and see who you can either pick up or jump in with.**



THE PARKING WILL BE THE TIGHTEST IT'S BEEN AT ANY OF THE XTERRA EVENTS THIS YEAR - YES THAT'S PRETTY TIGHT!.....HENCE THE CARPOOLING AREA WE HAVE SET UP FOR YOU JUST INSIDE THE FOREST

There will be a parking area right by the registration and start line in the large skid - it is however limited in space so please CARPOOL CARPOOL CARPOOL!

Total sport has a new forum on our website so we encourage you to get on there and find like minded off roaders in your area that you can carpool with!

We will have numerous parking marshals at event #5 directing you where to park so please follow their instructions & keep in mind that short walks to the registration area are inevitable for events of this size in locations like this. The parking marshalls participate in the events so if you don't listen to them you may encounter some "trouble" on the trails.



The parking in and around the actual event base is limited (and a little wet at present) so the more 'fully loaded' cars that arrive the better off for everyone in the event!



We are thinking big picture here - if we get good buy in from you guys for these events you will be saving \$ on gas and helping out the environment while were doing it!



So many vehicles come to our event with only one soul in them - here's a great way to meet more people and share some more pre event nerves and post event laughs!