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Honda Riders' Club Off Road Tours

Congratulations on choosing our Trail Tours. It was a smart choice, for a number of reasons:

- Our prices are ridiculously low
- We only ride great tracks
- We have lots of fun

The amount of enjoyment everyone can have can be improved, if every rider does a few basic things, to make sure his package is up to the task. Your bike needs to be trail worthy. Poorly prepared bikes that break down can spoil everyone's trip. Follow these tips:

- Please arrive with a clean bike. This helps us to spot problems before you set out and removing seeds that may be hiding in the dirt on your bike helps to reduce the spread of weeds.
- It must be fitted with a muffler that does a reasonable job of making it quiet. Please, avoid full bore MX systems.
- Use **Ultra heavy duty tubes**. About \$30 a wheel, but almost never suffer a flat. **This is a must.**
- You must bring a spare front and rear tube and carry them with you. They can be standard types. If you've fitted ultra heavy duty Metzeler tubes, you probably won't need them, but bring 'em just in case.
- We recommend bash plates and hand guards.
- You **must** bring waterproof outer clothing. The high country can turn ugly and if you get wet, hypothermia can ruin the trip! Cheap nylon stuff, lightweight, yet waterproof, is fine.
- Water. Bring a Camelbak style device.
- Tools. You don't need much, but at least stuff to fit things that are specific to your bike. You need to be able to get your front and back wheels off to fix flats. You must bring a spare

and clutch levers would be a smart inclusion.

Your bike must be registered. You shouldn't need indicators and mirrors. They often fall off anyway. Victorian Recreational Registration is normally fine on our rides. We'll let you know if that's not the case. Your bike should arrive full of fuel. We'll provide all fuel after that (Premium). Two stroke riders need to bring their own oil. Your stomach should arrive full of fuel too. Have a decent breakfast and stay off the grog the night before, as our rides are not pansy things, where we cruise all day on bitumen, or two wheel drive dirt roads. We use as close to zero of both as possible. We often stay at country hotels. Bedding, with electric blankets, towels and showers are provided at these places. Buller and Tom Groggin are the exceptions. For Buller, the lodge we use is a base and you can leave your car parked there and return to it that night. So you can thus bring more stuff. As a minimum, you'll need a sleeping bag, pillow and towel, as well as toiletries. Mattresses are provided. At Tom Groggin, you need to check with Rod when booking to see what you have to bring. Some early bookers get a bed. Others have to bring a swag. You still need to bring at least a small overnight bag, with a change of clothes and toiletries. Our support vehicles can transport it to Groggin for you, along with the swag if need be. Alcohol may be available on our tours, but is not included in the price. We provide all meals, which include Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. Lunches are salad rolls etc. from the back of the four wheel drive, or on some tours, fantastic three course meals cooked by a chef and support crew, often at picturesque locations in the middle of nowhere. Dinners are pub meals, except Tom Groggin and Buller which feature a home cooked delight from our chef. Breakfasts are cooked, usually with the option of cereal. If you have any dietary necessities, you should let us know as soon as possible and we will try to cater for your needs. We are accredited Commercial Tour Operators with Parks Victoria and our access to State Forests and National Parks is all above board. Parks permit fees are included in the cost. We carry a Satellite phone for emergency use only. Mobile reception is good on some tours, poor on others. Ask Rod if it's important to you. If you have a digital camera, bring it along. If it has pictbridge capability, bring the USB lead and we may be able to print your pictures free of charge Saturday night, courtesy of Konica Minolta. If you have a GPS, leave it at home, they are not welcome on our tours. If you want to know anything else, ring Rod on 0407271548. We think our tours are as good as anyone's and better than many. We hope to provide you with an experience that you'll never forget.

Regards,

Rod Lay

