



BENMORE CHALLENGE 2009

'What flies up must ride down'

Back by popular demand!!! Helibike.com Ltd has reinstated the Benmore Challenge for 2009. This unique race is possible because of support and permission from the Albury family allowing access to their land.

THE CHALLENGE

Challenge the clock or race your own pace, but be sure to enter!

We fly you and your bike by helicopter to the top of the Benmore Range near Twizel taking in spectacular views of the Southern Lakes, Aoraki/ Mount Cook and Southern Alps. The race starts near the summit of Mount Benmore itself. You'll leave at one minute intervals on a long, flowing downhill ride (with 2x small up hills) following a four-wheel drive track with some steep drops down ridges and gullies on a variety of terrain. The total vertical drop is 1300m (4200 ft). This is potentially the only time each year the landowner will allow us mountain bike access to this track.

BENMORE CHALLENGE TIMETABLE

Date: Saturday the 9th May 2009 *

Registration:

- 9.30am** At the finish line alongside the Twizel to Omarama highway, 6km south of Twizel. You will be given your race number and start time.
- 10.15am** Briefing (all riders must attend)
- 10.30am** Helicopters begin flying participants and their bikes to the top of the Benmore Range. Bikes are carried on special racks fitted to the helicopters.
- 11.00am** Start of race
- 5.00pm** Presentation of Results and prizes at the Musterers Café, Twizel

CANCELLATION POLICY

* We reserve the right to postpone the race until Sunday the 10th May 2009 for safety reasons. If, due to reasons beyond our control, we are still unable to run the race on Sunday the 10th May 2009, we will refund your money minus a \$25 administration fee to cover our fixed costs.

ENTRY FEES:

Junior (14 –17 years) \$150, Open, Senior, Masters \$195

NB: Entry numbers are strictly limited by the capacity of our helicopters so please apply early. The closing date for entries will be the 1/5/09 unless all spaces are filled earlier.

DIRECTIONS TO RACE START

Head south from Twizel on Highway 8 and take the second turning on the left (6kms south of Twizel), onto the canal road. Follow the canal road to the first power house (Ohau B) and turn right across the canal. You will see the entrance to the start point.





For a detailed map and information on the area, go to www.zoomin.co.nz and search for Benmore Challenge, or visit our office and information centre in the Mackenzie Country Inn, Corner of Ostler and Wairepo Roads, Twizel.

ACCOMMODATION

We have negotiated discounts with some local accommodation providers. If you would like us to book accommodation for you, please ring our booking office on: 0800 435424 (0800 HELIBIKE)

GEAR REQUIREMENTS

Warm clothing is a must while you wait to start at the top of the mountain. Although this is a downhill race, body armour and full-face helmets are advised but not essential. Full suspension bikes are advised but hard tails are capable of doing this challenge. We can take all types of mountain bikes on our helicopter racks but all attachments (stuff that may fall off, like pumps), must be removed for the flight. Some sections of the track are rocky and all riders must carry puncture repair kit and/or spare inner tubes. Bikes must be well maintained and in a suitable condition to race. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any bike or person we deem unsafe to ride.

Note:

- Food, drinks and toilets are available at the start/finish line.
- Not all vendors will have EFTPOS so please bring cash.
- Because there will be helicopters landing and taking off (inside the race area and assembly point), dogs are not allowed at the race venue. Safety around helicopters is our primary concern.
- There is also a complete NO SMOKING BAN at the race venue. If you have to smoke then you should do this in privacy of your car.
- Presentations and prize giving will be at the Musterers Café in Twizel.

PRIZES

Spot prizes will be awarded throughout the day and there will be prizes for the winner in each category.

MERCHANDISE

Benmore Challenge T-shirts can be pre ordered and will be available for collection on the day. These are high quality, NZ made, not your usual flimsy souvenir! It will have the screen printed logo:



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The Benmore Challenge 2009

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

If you are interested in advertising or sponsoring this event, please contact us for more information.





ENTRY FORM

INDIVIDUAL RIDER DETAILS HERE:

Name

Address.....

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Phone.....

Email

ENTRY (please tick section)

Male Female

Junior 14 -18 years at 30/1/09

Open 18 – 40 years

Senior 40 - 55 years

Masters over 55 years

Team Entry

(Each team member MUST complete a separate entry form. To be eligible for your age category, you must also tick the appropriate age section.)

Team Name _____

Teams will be made up of 2 to 4 riders. The two fastest racers in each team will set that teams overall time. The times of individuals in each team will also be eligible for their own age category.

Have you completed the Benmore Challenge Before? YES / NO

What time did you get? _____

INDICATION OF SKILL LEVEL

Novice

Intermediate

Competent

Advanced

Weight of bike, if known _____Kg

MERCHANDISE REQUIRED:

T-shirt \$49

Please tick the size and colour you require:

Womens 10 12 14 16

Mens S M L XL

Colour White Light Blue Black

(Pre-ordered merchandise will be available for collection on the day. There will only be a limited supply of additional merchandise available. We advise you to pre-order).





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| PAYMENT REQUIRED | Entry Fee: | \$ |
| | Merchandise | \$ |
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| | Total | \$ |

Please send entry forms and cheques to Benmore Challenge, 10 Jollie Road, Twizel. Please make cheques payable to Helibike.com Ltd.
 Or, please pay on-line to Helibike.com Ltd: 06 0869 0319376 00 including the reference "Benmore", your surname and initials.

RACE ENDEMNITY

I understand that mountain biking and helicopter flying carries a degree of risk and is potentially dangerous. I am aware that I am participating in this event at my own risk. In my judgement I have the competence, experience and physical fitness to compete safely and agree to take personal responsibility for my actions during this event. I agree to abide by the race rules and race regulations governing the running of the event and to follow the directions of race officials, marshals, and all other persons involved in the race organisation. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organisers, land owners, sponsors and race officials from any liabilities, claims or damages relating to personal injury, loss or damage of equipment or any other matter arising from the event. I authorise my name, voice and image to be used without payment in any capacity relating to the event.

SignedDate.....

