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MTB Festival is back in 2020 with the iconic Snowy Mountains playing host to the one of Australia's most iconic MTB stage races.

In 2020 two new course options have been added including the 90k Brumby and 128k Wild Brumby. And, what everyone has been waiting for, The Wild Brumby will include the all new Snowy Legends Descent, a stage taking riders from the top of Gunbarrel Chair, in the shadow of Australia's highest



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peak, Mt Kosciuszko in Thredbo, to Lake Crackenback, and on to Gaden in Jindabyne. The new stage will include the much-anticipated Lower Thredbo Valley Track (TVT), opening in 2019.

The 2020 Snowies Mountain Bike Festival will take place across three days from the 14th to the 16th of February, with the all new six stage line up.

The festival is part of a month-long MultiSport Festival in the Snowy Mountains which also includes the TreX Australian Cross Triathlon Championships and the Trail Run Australia Snowies Ultra.

The stage race is based out of two of the region's most popular resorts at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa and Thredbo Resort making this more than just a mountain bike race. Athletes

have the opportunity to take in all the 4.5 star facilities on offer; and experience the hospitality and local fare that only the Snowies region can deliver.

With the Race Hub based at an altitude of 1,260m, riders will join the mountain men and women to be tested with rugged mountain terrain, flowing single tracks, technical trails, mammoth ascents, and awe inspiring downhills with some of the best mountain biking found anywhere in the world.

Race organisers, <u>In2Adventure</u> are also excited to announce two new courses, giving riders the choice of distance and skill level.

The Wild Brumby | 6 Stages | 3 Days | 128k

The Wild Brumby is for riders ready to tackle the very best and toughest riding on offer in the Snowy Mountains.

It's a hardcore challenge for hardcore riders which includes the NEW Snowy Legends Descent where competitors



Man from Snowy River



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depart from the top of Gunbarrel chair, in the shadow of Australia's highest peak, Mt Kosciuszko to ride the full expanse of the Thredbo Valley to Gaden in Jindabyne.

This epic stage includes the Thredbo Ricochet, upper TVT, Lake Crackenback Resort trails as well as the newly opened Lower TVT, a technically challenging remote wilderness trail, where riders will discover more of the best technical riding found anywhere in Australia.

The Brumby | 5 Stages | 3 Days | 90k

The Brumby is for riders who want to discover all the thrills of riding the Snowies minus the more technical riding. It includes all the usual stages of the Snowies MTB Festival including the Thredbo Summit Smash, Lake 2 Lake, Gravity Check, Time Trial and Release the Cracken, minus the technical downhill and the remote Lower TVT; and with a shorter 30k stage on Sunday.

An Iconic Event

With the event hub at an altitude of 1,260m, the Snowies Mountain Bike Festival tests rider's strength, speed, stamina, endurance and technical skills across constantly changing and varied terrain throughout the stages.

All this while also experiencing some of the most spectacular mountain vistas, expansive lakeside views, a chairlift to Eagles Nest, epic suspension bridges, a race against our very own 'Man from Snowy River' and the most stunning river valley and mountain scenery found anywhere in the world.

Easy Logistics with Minimal Travelling

The magic of the Snowy Mountains is that all of this memorable and diverse riding is located within an area of just 35km. This means that it's easy and convenient for riders with a maximum travel time to stages of just 20mins.

No need to pack up and move each day, riders can choose accommodation options ranging from camping to 5 star in the area or, even choose to stay right in the heart of the action at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa or Thredbo Resort.

Imagine, just hop out of bed, take in a leisurely breakfast and then jump on your bike and enjoy the ride.

In 2020 the festival will offer a massive \$5,000 cash prize purse for the Elite category, but it's not just about the elite racers. Hundreds of weekend warriors will join the festival in the age group race and Sunday's 45k, 30k and 15k events. You can even share the riding as a team. And with two course option it means that anyone who rides a mountain bike can be a part of this iconic festival.

Large groups of mates and members of clubs will be travelling from across the country and overseas to enjoy a weekend of biking, camaraderie and celebrations at the Snowies MTB Festival. Many have discovered this event is "more than just a mountain bike stage race." They will join the Man from Snowy River and his mountain bred brumby, in what is arguably one of the most memorable starts to a MTB stage race, as he leads riders into the Thredbo Valley Trails.

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