

2017 Waitomo Trail Run - FAQ

What is the Waitomo Trail Run?

Waitomo Trail Run is a second year annual event that promises to be a true New Zealand underground and overground adventure. Explorers will run or walk over and under 6, 11, 22 or 35 km of landscape that has to be seen to be believed. The courses have plenty of adventure and less-adventurous options, guaranteeing something for everyone.

Where does the event take place?

The event takes place in the Waitomo region. Runners and walkers will pass through the almost fantastical scenery of Waitomo tunnel, across karst-studded farm landscapes, lush DOC reserves and through canyons and caverns on private farmland. Runners and walkers will pass through the deep forested gorge of the Ruakuri Caves and Bush Scenic Reserve with towering limestone cliffs. A smooth trail along the Waitomo stream takes everyone back to the award-winning Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitors Centre.

Who enters the event?

There are four distance options, 6, 11, 22 and 35km options catering for all abilities and family groups.

Can I access the full course during race day?

Yes – but you will need to walk in to some remote places.

Does the whole course have vehicle access?

No, a large portion of the track does not have vehicle access, so you will need to park your car and run/walk to the course. Many points have very close vehicle access – so a short walk.

Can I have a driver for the day to transport me?

We will have limited number of vehicles available to host media.

If you wish to be transported for the day, please contact Rebecca@shinepr.co.nz

Is there cell phone coverage along the course?

There is reliable cell phone coverage for the majority of the course, however, there may be some weak spots throughout the course.

If you require cell phone coverage, it is recommended you get a dongle.

What is the event schedule?

This is on the race website

Is there a media area so I can set up my computer at the end of the event?

Yes, absolutely, at Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitors Centre. This will be equipped with free Wi-fi, Power point access, food and water.

When will results be posted?

Results will be available online [here](#) on Saturday evening.

When will the Waitomo Trail Run media team be sending out a media release?

A media release will be sent out to media on Saturday afternoon. It will cover the event and results with comments from the champions and the event organisers. If you wish to receive a copy of this release, please contact Rebecca@shinepr.co.nz to be added to the distribution list.

How many years has the Waitomo Trail Run been in operation?

This is the second year the Waitomo Trail Run is taking place. The inaugural event attracted over 1900 entrants with a majority of runners and walkers travelling from Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty. This year's event already has 3400 signed up.

Why was Waitomo chosen as the location for the Waitomo Trail Run?

The location offers an experience and spectator-friendly course that offers participants one of the most inspiring, adventurous and remarkable days of their lives. The longest of the four events starts at Mangapohue Natural Bridge following one of the most unique geological lines in the world to finish at the world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves Visitor Centre.

Who runs the event?

Race organiser, Paul Charteris and race director, Tim Day are the two men leading it all. Behind them is a great team. [Read about them here.](#)

Who sponsors the event?

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