

GeORhino



GeoRhino is a collection of various waypoints across Victoria. Each GeoRhino datasheet represents a different geographic location within the state - generally limited to one, possibly two State or National Parks in similar geographic vicinities.

How GeoRhino works

Similar in concept to GeoCaching, GeoRhino utilises the sharing of GPS coordinates, that can be utilised to locate various points of interest (waypoints), which once found provide a variety of rewards, including answers to questions provided with the original waypoints, or even information to other ways points themselves.

So what's the difference between GeoRhino and to GeoCaching? The difference is the environmental impact. GeoRhino, unlike GeoCaching, relies exclusively on objects already established within the environment as marker points. GeoCaching, on the other hand, generally relies on establishing way points by digging holes, and contaminating the natural environment by placing foreign objects into the eco system. As a general rule, GeoCaching is discouraged or banned by most State and National forest, whilst GeoRhino is not.

Purpose of GeoRhino

The purpose of GeoRhino is to allow you the opportunity to test and fine-tune your orienteering, navigational and off-road skills whilst experiencing the great outdoors. It is particularly useful for strengthening your navigational skills for a variety of activities including off-road rallies and competitions that rely on navigation or checkpoint identification.

GeoRhino is not a race activity. It is simply an activity undertaken independently to hone your personal skills.

Things you will need

First and foremost you will require the GeoRhino data sheets that identify the datum, coordinates, and necessary information. These data sheets will become available from time to time, and each will vary from previous versions in both geographic location and coordinate style.

Additionally you will require a GPS unit. There is no specific GPS unit recommended, as each has its own benefits and down falls - but it is essential that the unit allow you to enter coordinates manually.

You will also require maps of the area you will be in (you should never rely solely on a GPS unit for your directions), a compass, pens, paper, clipboard and a torch (if venturing out at night).

Things to keep in mind

GeoRhino is a reasonably straightforward concept, but there are several things you need to keep in mind:

1. The distance between waypoints can be lengthy, so you may wish to use a vehicle to get around.
2. When using a vehicle, be sure to abide by your state's road laws because road laws apply to even state and national forests.
3. Respect track closures. If a track is seasonally closed, please do not venture onto it. Doing so is a punishable offence.
4. When in State or National parks, please respect the environment and always Tread Lightly*.

Welcome to the World of GeoRhino - Enjoy!