



Sabie Xperience 2018

Day 1: 6 April 2018

Team Extra Lite Option

Route Summary:

(This route is subject to change, as at 17 March 2018)

Spitskop Loop: To Spitskop Sawmill and Back – “Your Eyes Will Burn”

Summary:

This stage starts at Floreat Riverside Lodge. (Calibrate your GPS to 1007m above sea level)

After warming up through the Sabie CBD, the participants turn right up the R537 White River tar road out of Sabie to climb for initial position on the road past Harmony Hill and up the open plantation road towards the old railway line above Spitskop Sawmill, where the route joins up with riders on the Solo Challenge route.

A drop down a great single track into the valley below to the first refreshment station at 12km, where the Xtra Lite splits away from the Solo and Team Lite routes.

Make sure you take the Team Xtra Lite split, otherwise you will be in for another 10km of climbs and steep single track! From here a forestry road takes you to an underpass to the other side of the R537 public road and up to where you will touch the Solo Challenge route at 16km, but head off to rejoin the Solo Challenge and Team Lite routes at 18km at a highest point on the Extra Lite route of 1460m above sea level

From this point an exhilarating “Scary Fast” ride down jeep track and smooth open road to Rietfontein and the public crossing (please take care – fast motorcycles!) over the R536 Sabie-Hazyview main road, and the last refreshment station at 34km near the Sabie River at 920m above sea level before grinding up the notorious “Scorpion Climb” of 250m over 3km up to the outskirts of Sabie, a single track to go past the Sabie Falls and finally back to the finish.

A word of advice on this route: **DO NOT BURN ALL YOUR MATCHES** on the initial climb up to Spitskop Sawmill from Harmony Hill, and the climb up to the rejoin with the Solo and Team Lite routes. Payback time will come on the “Scorpion” in the last 10km!

Please try to be aware of faster riders coming from the rear in on the Scary Fast downhill and up the Scorpion.

Quick Releases:

Start: Floreat Riverside Lodge: S 25 5.492' / E 30 46.298' @ 07h30

Total Distance: 36km

Accumulated ascent: 850m

Tar road: 4km

Forestry Road: 17km

Single Tracks: 3km

Jeep Track: 16km

Three Refreshment Stations:

- 1) At approximately 12km, (S 25 9.052' / E 30 49.916') just at the split off back to the underpass below the R537 public road near Spitskop Sawmill.
- 2) At approximately 26km (S 25 4.794' / E 30 49.538) next to the Sabie River after the Hazyview road crossing. Energy drink, Cola, ice and cold water, fruit and snacks. Make sure you stop here. You need something in the tank for that final "Scorpion" climb.

Estimated Fastest Rider Time: 2 hours 5 minutes for the Team Lite

Spectator Points:

1. **No. 1** - As the riders pass up through Sabie CBD on Main Road towards the White River/Hazyview exit from Sabie. (S 25 5.856' / E 30 46.734')
2. **No. 3** - At the culvert under the R537 Sabie - White River road where the riders' pass through the underpass. (S25 7.627' / E 30 48.480)
3. **No. 8** - At the R536 Sabie – Hazyview Road crossing. Please park off the main tar road. This is a dangerous area to park with fast motorcycle traffic through the curves. (S 25 5.027' / E 30 49.617')
4. **No. 9** - At the Sabie Falls' parking area where the riders cross under the R532 Sabie bridge. S25 05' 17.2" E30 46' 43.7" (S 25 5.272' / E 30 46.720')

Please be extremely careful approaching these spectator points if riders are on the road! Unfortunately, the rest of the route is not easily accessible by car, or without unduly affecting the race.

Please do not drive into the Forestry areas or onto the route without permission.

No outside assistance is permitted, and riders will be penalized if they are linked to spectators in areas "out of bounds" to the public.