

# **Whangarei Winch Challenge**

**27-29 April 2012**

**The Farm, Whangaruru**

## **Event Information**

The Whangarei Winch Challenge is to be run over the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.

In a departure from recent Winch Challenge events this event is to be run as a 2 truck, teams event under the 4x4 Challenges Rules. All references to "Team" in the 4x4 Challenges rules can be read as referring to a 2 truck, 4 person team for this event. As with any event the organisers reserve the right to impose stage specific regulations. (Such as compulsory double line pulls, nominated winch etc)

### **Location**

The event is to be held at a property known as "The Farm", Old Russell Rd, Whangaruru. This is a working farm property that also has a back packers, trail riding and horse riding business attached. It is set on the coast about 35-40 mins North of Whangarei. See their website, [www.the farm.co.nz](http://www.the farm.co.nz) for a location map.

Camping will be on site with the usual basic facilities available. For the faint at heart there is a motor camp at Oakura with cabins (20mins away).

### **Classes /Entry requirements**

Simply put there are no classes. If your vehicle qualifies for Club, Modified or Challenge Class as per the 4x4 Challenges rules then you are able to enter. Two trucks are required to make a team BUT if you cannot find a second truck get in touch ASAP we may have others in the same boat we can team you up with. All competing members will need to be members of a 4x4 club affiliated to NZFWDA and a minimum of third party insurance is required on competing vehicles.

### **Entry / Entry Fee**

The entry fee is \$150 per vehicle (\$300 per team). This includes the camping and entry for the race vehicles and support vehicles. Entries are to be received by post or email to the details below by 5 pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Entry Fees are payable to account 03 0351 0195014 000 please use your name (last then first) as a reference.

## **Timings**

Site entry will be from lunch time Friday 27<sup>th</sup> with scrutining starting at 5pm and running until 10pm. At 10pm sharp there will be a driver's briefing. Miss it and you will DNS your first stage.

6am Sat 28<sup>th</sup> the first stages will start (yes it will only just be lightish). Using a control centre rather than a group system racing will continue throughout the day and into the night. The latest stages will start will be 1am Sun 29<sup>th</sup>. Prize giving will be held with a light brunch late morning. There may also be opportunity to put your support crew in the truck for a blat around some of the stages before you depart.

## **Support Crew**

Teams will be restricted to 1 support vehicle per team travelling on the farm. This is simply a logistical and safety matter. Similarly the support vehicles will need to be capable and equipped to handle the conditions. The organisers reserve the right to prevent any support vehicle they deem not suitable from leaving the camp and heading into the farm.

## **Other**

This event is being run as a low budget affair and does not have any major sponsorship. As such there will not be any major prizes. It is intended to be a competitive yet relaxed affair with bragging rights the reason for attending. Expect the unexpected, don't think you are coming here for 20 short sharp stages. Be prepared to spend time standing in waist deep swamps, hitting the limiter in top gear, and engaging your sleep deprived brain. Remember with two trucks, the winches can be longer and harder, and we can stick you places no one in their right mind go alone. Most important of all though is to bring a good attitude and be prepared to have some fun.

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