



Classic and Wayne Cretney Memorial
3rd September, 2017

31st Anniversary

Cloudy



Start of the Winter Classic in Spicer Botanical Park

Race Report:

Maps: Skyglow, Spicer Botanical Park

Location: Spicer Botanical Park, Broken Hill Rd, Porirua



Planners' Report – Father's Day Adventure

Maybe not the best in terms of numbers to have the Winter Classic on Father's Day but in my personal opinion what better way for a father to enjoy Father's Day than by partaking in a Winter Classic adventure.

The area was steep and physical with many changes in vegetation and some man-eating grass making hard going in places. As I get older, it gets more painful going downhill, and I had to endure several weeks of some quite steep downhill through tough vegetation. Unfortunately, my knees got aggravated and sorer during the planning and putting out controls. Fortunately, I was able to drive up to the skyline when putting out controls and it only took 8 hours to put out controls on the Saturday. Thankfully, I'm now planning on a complete rest to recover.

Let's again remember our dear departed orienteering friends. May they be orienteering somewhere in a fantasia.

There were many positive comments which was pleasing and some loved the gut busting hill climb and the physical (Wayne Cretney character building) terrain. There

was also a good turnout for on-the-day courses so all in all there were about 130 competitors.

Please check out some of my planned route choices:

http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/NZOF/WinterClassic/maps/2017_routes.htm

It was good to see this year in the Rogaine that no one got the maximum (1100 points) and the very close result with two teams on 920 and one on 910.

It was also pleasing that most teams were able to climb up to the 60 point controls with the spectacular views, and even the teams with the lowest scores were able to get 20 controls or more.

Thanks to the many club members who helped out.

Again a big thanks to my wife Ning for the scrumptious lunch she slaved away creating for a few days and to a lesser extent, my son Everett for helping out. It was great having the PassRite facility for free and the owner's grandson who looked after the place with us on a Sunday. One person commented to my wife that the main reason she ran in the Winter Classic was for the food afterwards. There was a drama for a short while when my wife thought the warmer had died but it was soon fixed by resetting a fuse and turning off the fan heater sucking the power. Again, like last year, my family had to get up early and wait right until the end when all controls were picked up. This year we had enough food for everyone.

Thanks also to the control collectors for picking up controls especially to Alan Teesdale (a very keen young orienteer) who collected controls after doing the 3 hour rogaine. He should be rightly proud of his effort during the day.

Until the next time (if my knees hold up),
Bryan Teahan.



Did you enjoy the spectacular views?



Did you take time to see Mana Island?



Map Change at the Reservoir



Father's Day present after event– one of my favourite foods – Durian
[\(People try Durian – the smelliest fruit in the world\)](#)

Maps and Courses

Winter Classic Results:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/WC1017_Classic_Results.pdf

Team Explorer Rogaine Results:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/WC1017_Rogaine_Results.pdf

Splits:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/WC2017splits.xlsx>

Courses:

http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/NZOF/WinterClassic/maps/2017_gallery.htm

About the Area

For some bedtime reading:

Rangituhi/Colonial Knob Walk: Walking and tramping in Rangituhi:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/colonial-knob-scenic-reserve/things-to-do/colonial-knob-walk/>

Rangituhi/Colonial Knob Scenic Reserve: Places to go in Wellington:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/wellington-kapiti/places/colonial-knob-scenic-reserve/>

Te Ara o Rangituhi - The Rangituhi Trails:

<http://www.manacyclegroup.org.nz/the-rangituhi-trails.html>

Māori named this peak Rangituhi, "Sky glow". Pākeha called it Colonial Knob, because they were idiots. (Twitter):

<https://twitter.com/badtom/status/617617152057540608>

Emails

Paul Teesdale-Spittle:

Thanks again for an excellent day - worthy of a Winter Classic and enjoyable, too! I hope that your knees are not quite as sore as they looked on Sunday after the incredible stints of mapping, planning, and control placing.

Farmer Harmer:

Thanks for a great event!!! You know you've done some real bush orienteering when your only injury is a sore shoulder from grabbing trees.

John Robertson (1st Wayne Cretney):

A great event, thanks to all involved. Loved the hill climb with the young M21s.

Sarah O'Sullivan reply (1st W21):

What about the end bit with the W21?

Keryn Marguerite:

Was great fun! Thanks for all those who organised!

Map Tidbits

Explorers are we, intrepid and bold,
Out in the wild, amongst wonders untold,
Equipped with our wits, a map, and a snack,
We're searching for fun and we're on the right track



Never take google map too seriously!



WAS DRIVING WITH MY DAD
THE OTHER DAY AND HE TOLD
ME TO GET THE MAP OUT
OF THE GLOVE BOX.

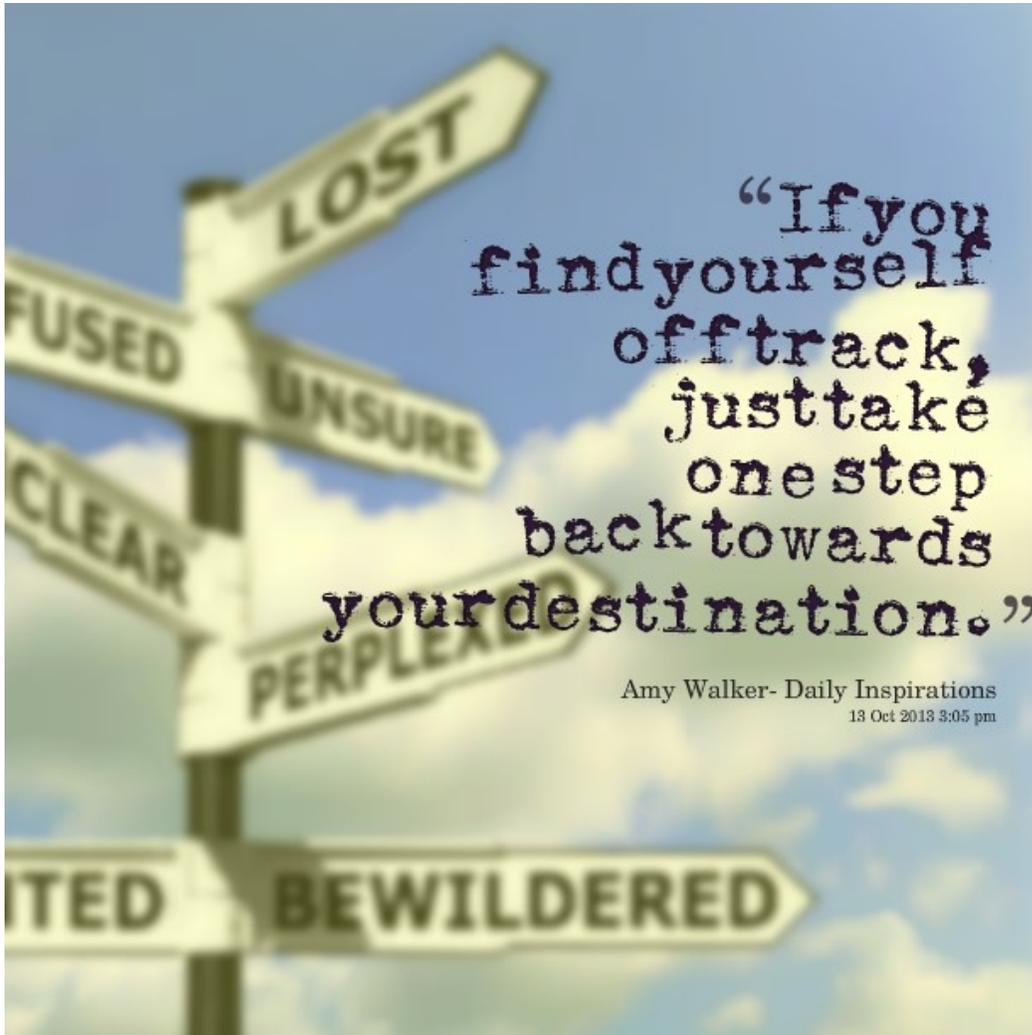
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I WILL JUST GOOGLE IT.



A MAP OF EVERY MCDONALD'S IN THE U.S.

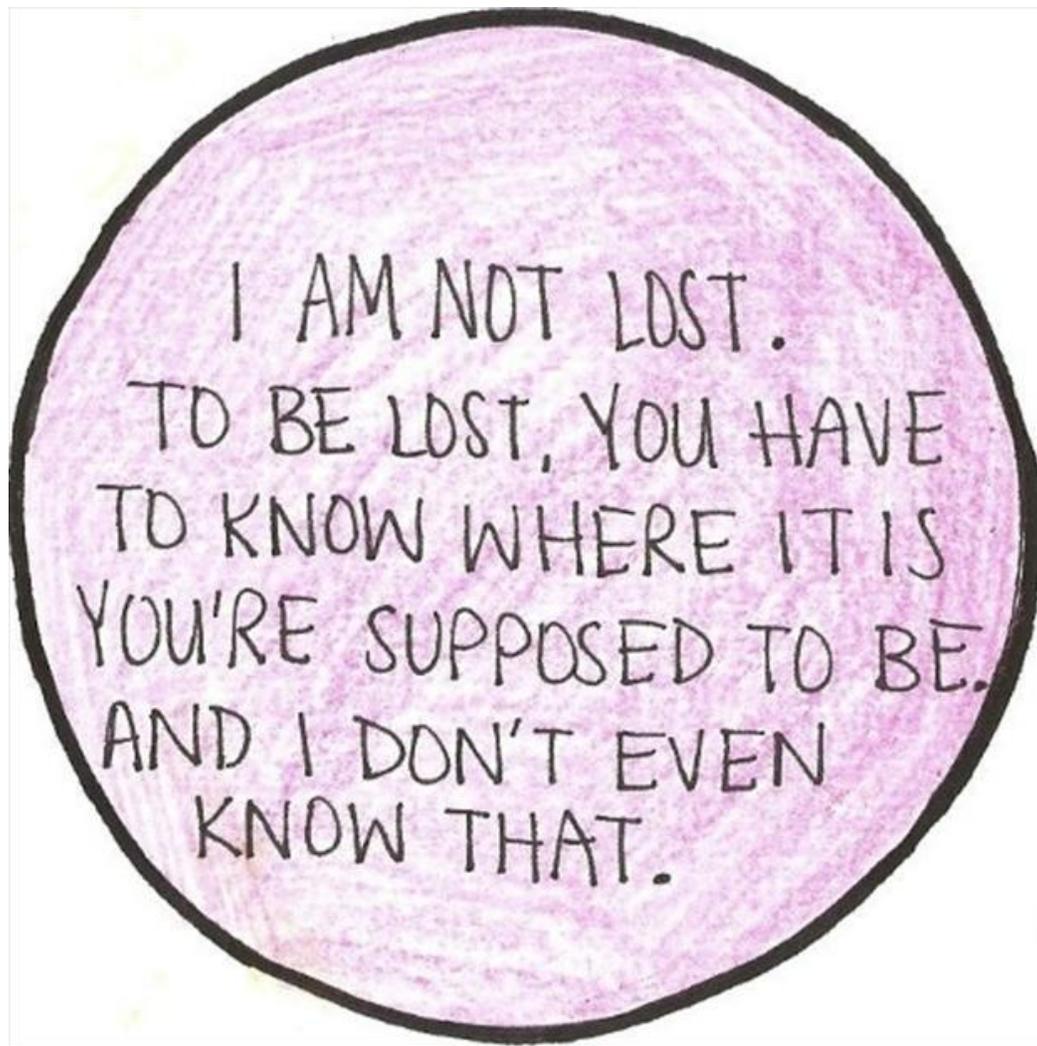
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“If you
find yourself
off track,
just take
one step
back towards
your destination.”

Amy Walker - Daily Inspirations
13 Oct 2013 3:05 pm



I AM NOT LOST.

TO BE LOST, YOU HAVE
TO KNOW WHERE IT IS
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.
AND I DON'T EVEN
KNOW THAT.

When you take google map too seriously

