



# ANKC BACKPACKING EVENT

Saturday, 9 May 2026

Postal entries close: 26 April 2026

Online Entries Close: 4 May 2026

Online entries: [www.showmanager.com.au](http://www.showmanager.com.au)

Limited to 35 entries

Qualifying event for the ANKC Working  
Novice Pack Dog & Working Pack Dog Titles

## Smiths Gully - Panton Hill Area

**Starting Point Location:** 575 Kangaroo Ground St Andrews Road, Panton Hill, entrance off Church Road. The starting point will be the Car park behind St Matthews Church.  
(Google map "<https://maps.app.goo.gl/XdShsqEfaznagdueA>")



### Parks Victoria Grade 3 Track:

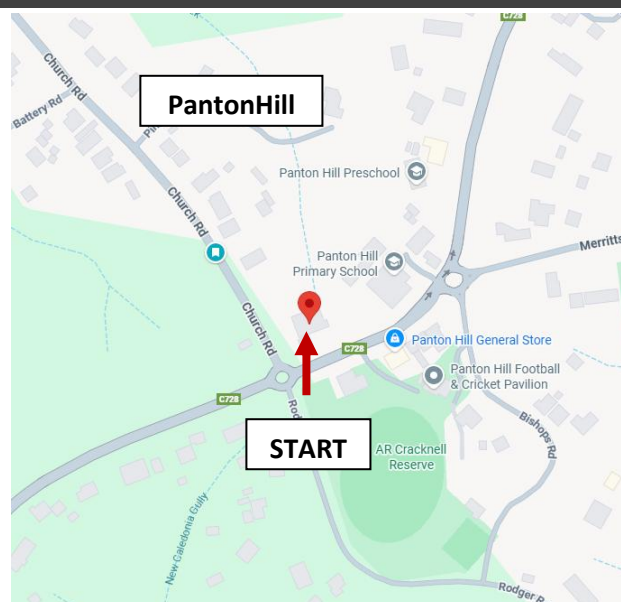
Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and many steps.

**Suitable only for fit hikers and dogs.**

**Check in: 7.30 - 8.30 am**

**Hike starts: 9.00 am sharp**

**DO NOT ARRIVE LATE!**



*Please arrive early to allow enough time to weigh in your dog, fit & adjust the backpack and get ready.*

**Judge:** SANDY KOCH VCA Representative: TBA

**Hike Distance:** 16-17 km (allow 5-7 hours including rest stops)

**Entries:** PRE-ENTRY ONLY by one of the following methods:

- Online entries via Show Manager: [www.showmanager.com.au](http://www.showmanager.com.au) (preferred)
- Mail to: AMCV, PO Box 348, Cockatoo VIC 3781
- Email to: [amcvinc@gmail.com](mailto:amcvinc@gmail.com)



**Entry fees:** AMCV & ASTCV Members: \$25.00 Non-Members: \$35.00 (entry fee includes all levies)

**Backpack hire:** There are limited backpacks available for hire— please contact the backpacking coordinator to pre-book a backpack. Please provide the breed and weight of your dog to determine pack size.

**ANKC Rules:** This event is conducted under the Dogs Australia Sled Sports rules. Rules can be downloaded from the Dogs Australia website: [dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10214/19-da-sled-sports-event-rules-01-01-25.pdf](http://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10214/19-da-sled-sports-event-rules-01-01-25.pdf)

**Eligibility:** Restricted to ANKC registered dogs eighteen months of age and over.

Only dogs weighing over 10 kg are eligible. Exclusions: Brachycephalic & Achondroplastic breeds

All handlers must be members of an ANKC member body and a minimum of 16 years of age.

Maximum 2 dogs per handler

**What to bring:** PLEASE BRING SUFFICIENT WATER AND FOOD FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR DOG

*There is no water available along the trail. Catering is available at the lunch stop at Smiths Creek General Store.*

Sturdy lead & collar, suitable canine backpack, weight for the backpack (pre-weighed), water & water bowl for your dog, basic first aid items, rubbish bags, appropriate clothing & footwear, warm & waterproof clothing (if wet or cold weather forecast), human backpack, food & drink, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, etc.

NOTE: WALKERS MUST CARRY THEIR OWN FIRST AID ITEMS.

**Please pre-load & weigh your dog's backpack to roughly the correct weight at home.**

**Weather policy:** Weather policy is in accordance with the ANKC Sled Sports Rules and Dogs Victoria extreme weather policy.

Hikes must not be commenced or conducted at any time the forecast or actual temperature exceeds 25°C.

The event may also be cancelled if severe weather conditions are predicted for the event area.

**Any enquiries to the AMCV Backpacking Coordinator, James Ganson: 0409 939 211 [amcvinc@gmail.com](mailto:amcvinc@gmail.com)**

**THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS CURRENT AT THE TIME**