



ANKC BACKPACKING EVENT

Saturday, 5 September 2026

Postal entries close: 24 August 2026

Online Entries Close: 31 August 2026

Online entries: www.showmanager.com.au

Limited to 35 entries

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

COCKATOO - Cockatoo-Emerald section of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail.

Starting Point Location: 75 Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo VIC 3781, located in Alma Treloar Reserve. The starting point will be the Allan Bailey Hall Car Park. (Google map search "Alma Treloar Reserve Cockatoo", or "75 Pakenham Road, Cockatoo")



Parks Victoria Grade 3 Track: Tracks may have short steep sections, a rough surface and many steps.

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: MERV TURNER 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 (preferred)
- Mail to: AMCV, PO Box 348, Cockatoo VIC 3781
- Email to: 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

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

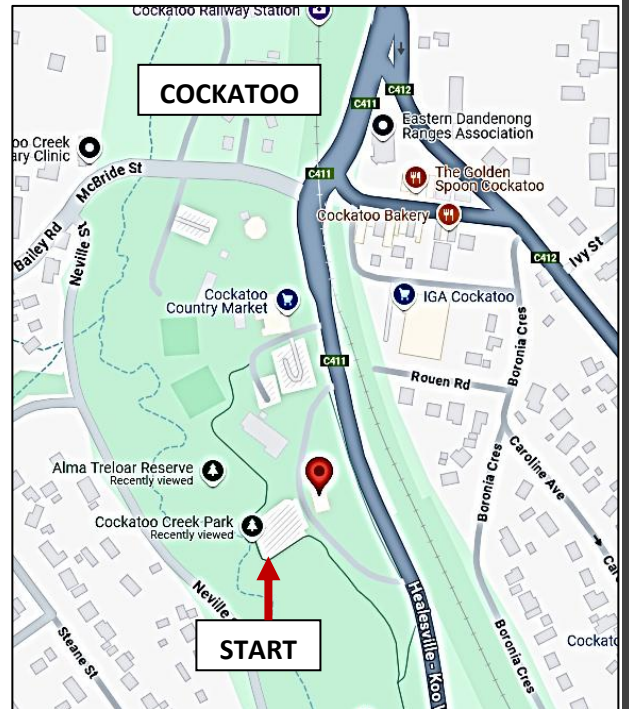
There is no water or catering available at the hike venue.

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

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