Support Crew Information – Kuranda to Port Douglas Ultra and Relay
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Support crews are neither required nor necessary for those doing the K2PD solo race as the checkpoints provide competitors with sufficient access to their race needs. If you do select to have a support crew, they are permitted to assist runners anywhere along the course where vehicle access is available.

Teams in the 64km Relay must supply their own transport between Legs in the event.

The support crew is responsible for obtaining their own maps and directions to the various locations. Please do some forward planning in this regard – do not bother the checkpoint marshals or race director on race day with questions on how to navigate around the course. **Obey all road rules.** Watch out for runners on the road – Black Mountain Road is narrow and slippery when wet.

Part of the Race Rules include:

- Support crews must follow the instructions of race officials.
- The event organiser is not responsible for the safety or whereabouts of support crew.

WATCH FOR RUNNERS. The speed limit on Black Mountain Road is 80km/hr. Go slower!

Where can support crew NOT go?

- Black Mountain Road – the section from Quaid Road to Top of the Bump.
- Quaid Road – it is closed to the public by Commonwealth regulation. Support crews and other event vehicles must not travel along Quaid Road.
- Twin Bridges Track (1 km north of Quaid Road until it joins back onto Black Mountain Road 2 km before reaching the Top of the Bump Checkpoint).
- Bump Track (from the Top of the Bump to the base of the Bump Track).

Estimated runner arrival times are provided on the table below. ***This is only a guide***.

Location	Leg	Distance of the leg (km)	Distance covered (km)	TEAMS	Front Solo runners	Early solo starters
Start			0	6.00am	6.15am	5.30am
Handover to Leg 2	0km – 13km (Leg 1): Black Mountain Road.	13	13	7.00am	n/a	n/a
Quaid Road Checkpoint	13km – 27km (Leg 2): Black Mountain Road to Quaid Road.	14	27	8.00am	8.15am	9.45am
Top of the Bump Checkpoint	27km – 47km (Leg 3): Black Mountain Road to the Top of the Bump.	20	47	9.15am	9.30am	12.45pm
Highway checkpoint	47km – 64km (Leg 4): Top of the Bump to Finish line.	17	58	10.30am	10.45am	2.45pm
Finish			64	11.00am	11.15am	3.15pm

How to get to the start

The race starts on Black Mountain Road approximately 200m from the Kennedy Highway turn off. It takes about 30 minutes to drive from Cairns Esplanade/CBD to the start of the race. There is street parking at the start.

How to get to the Top of the Bump

There is no road access along Black Mountain Road to get to the Top of the Bump. You need to come through Julatten to access the Top of the Bump Checkpoint.
Map:

Directions from Quaid Road Checkpoint to the Top of the Bump Checkpoint

Coordinates -16.688498, 145.514307

Black Mountain Road from the Quaid Road to the Top of the Bump is heavily deteriorated, with steep and very slippery hills after months of continuous rain in the region. Support vehicles are not to travel on that road.

Quaid Road is closed to all vehicles. We do not have a permit to travel on this road.

Support crews must backtrack towards Kuranda and travel through Mareeba, Mount Molloy and Julatten to reach the Top of the Bump Checkpoint.

Allow approximately 2 hours 15 minutes to 2 hours 30 minutes. The total distance is approximately 125 km.

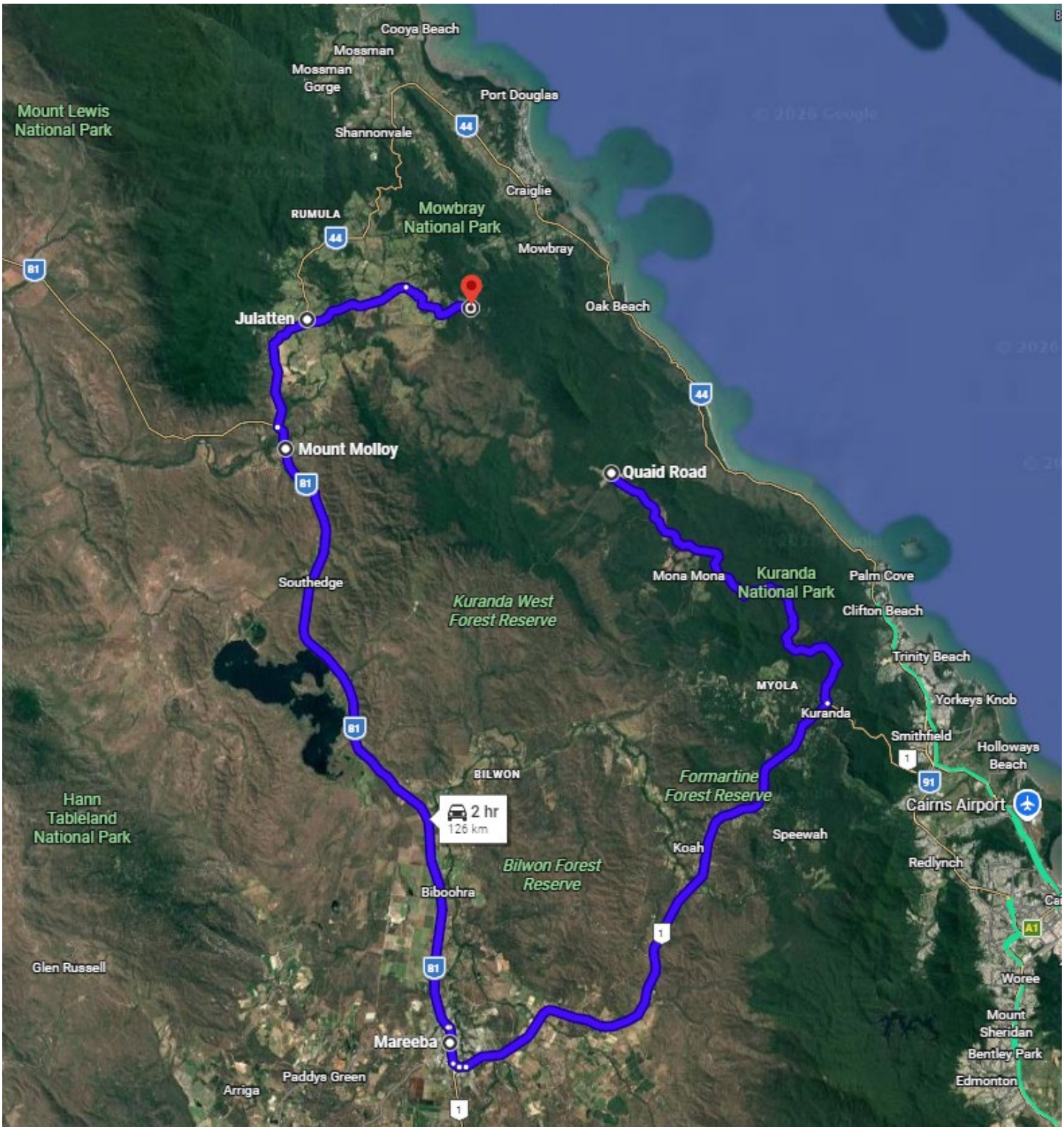
1. From the Quaid Road Checkpoint, return south along Black Mountain Road to the Kennedy Highway — approximately 27 km.
2. Turn right onto the Kennedy Highway/National Route 1 and travel to Mareeba — approximately 36 km.
3. At Mareeba, follow the Mulligan Highway/State Route 81 towards Mount Molloy — approximately 40.5 km.
4. At Mount Molloy, turn right onto Mossman–Mount Molloy Road/State Route 44 towards Julatten.
5. Turn onto Euluma Creek Road and follow it for approximately 6.6 km.
6. Turn right onto Black Mountain Road and continue for approximately 5.5 km to the Top of the Bump Checkpoint.

Destination: Bump Track upper trailhead, Black Mountain Road, Julatten
Coordinates: -16.601546, 145.435131

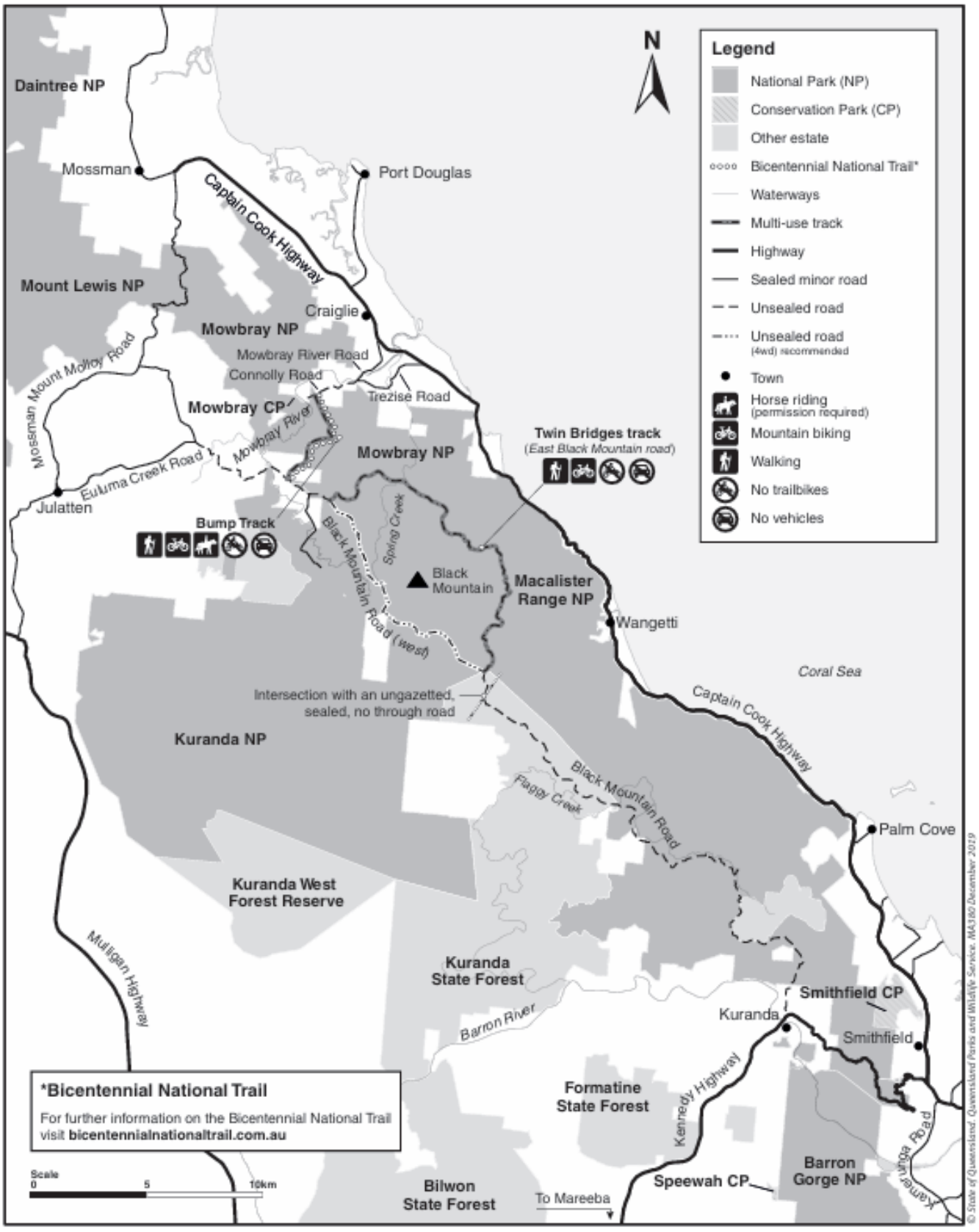
Directions from the Top of the Bump Checkpoint to the finish line

Travel time and distance: 42 min (38.0 km)
Take Black Mountain Rd to Mossman Mount Molloy Rd/State Route 44 in Julatten - 13 min (10.3 km)
Follow State Route 44 to Port Douglas Rd in Port Douglas - 22 min (22.3 km)
Follow Port Douglas Rd and Davidson St to your destination - 7 min (5.4 km)
Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club, Mowbray Street & Esplanade, Port Douglas QLD 4877
Walk onto the beach.

Map: Quaid Road Checkpoint (corner of Quaid Rd and Black Mountain Rd) to Top of the Bump Checkpoint



Kuranda and Mowbray national parks map



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