



2017

# ABOUT

## LOCATION

Prazeres – Calheta, Madeira Island

The mountains above the village of Calheta hide a secular heritage that the strength of Man and Nature carved.

The trail system that is now used for the practice of mountain biking, dates back to times when only shepherds and cattle regularly inhabited those mountains and the modern ways of transport have now thrown it into oblivion and neglect.

Nowadays, images of these trails that meander through the gentle, sunny hills of Calheta, are shared around the world and bring enthusiasts to the region every day, going from anonymity to world fame!

The area suffered a devastating fire last year.

It was an intense work to recover the trails, helped by people who are with us from day one and others that joined us on a mission to give back to the community the trails of Prazeres.

Green color is already gradually returning, whereas in some areas, decades will be needed for the vegetation to grow back.

The trails that have been recovered are ready to receive you. More stories will be written, more smiles after the sadness. Sandokan is on!

## THE RACE

Sandokan Enduro is part of two different trophies, the Madeira Regional Series and the Atlantic Enduro.

The race consists of 6 Special Stages (=PECs), for a total length of 32km, 1645m descending and 1350m climbing.

With enrollment limited to 120 participants (already sold out), we have 6 nationalities represented in 10 categories:

Elite men; Women; Junior; Cadets; Masters 30, 40 e 50; SanDUOKan; E-bikes; Open.

# SCHEDULE

## November 10, Friday

14:00 – 20:00 – Accreditation

*Engenhos da Calheta, opposite City Hall, a bit higher the street*

18:00 – 20:00 – Welcome Poncha (local drink)

*Engenhos da Calheta*

## November 11, Saturday

09:00 – 13:00 – Accreditation

*Engenhos da Calheta opposite City Hall, a bit higher the street*

10:30 – 18:00 – Free training

*You can stop and examine/repeat technical sections, without hindering the training of other athletes*

## November 12, Sunday

08:00 – 08:30 – Briefing

*In front of the City Hall of Calheta*

08:45 – Departure of the first transport toward the start

*Marginal Parking, just below.*

09:30 – First athlete on course

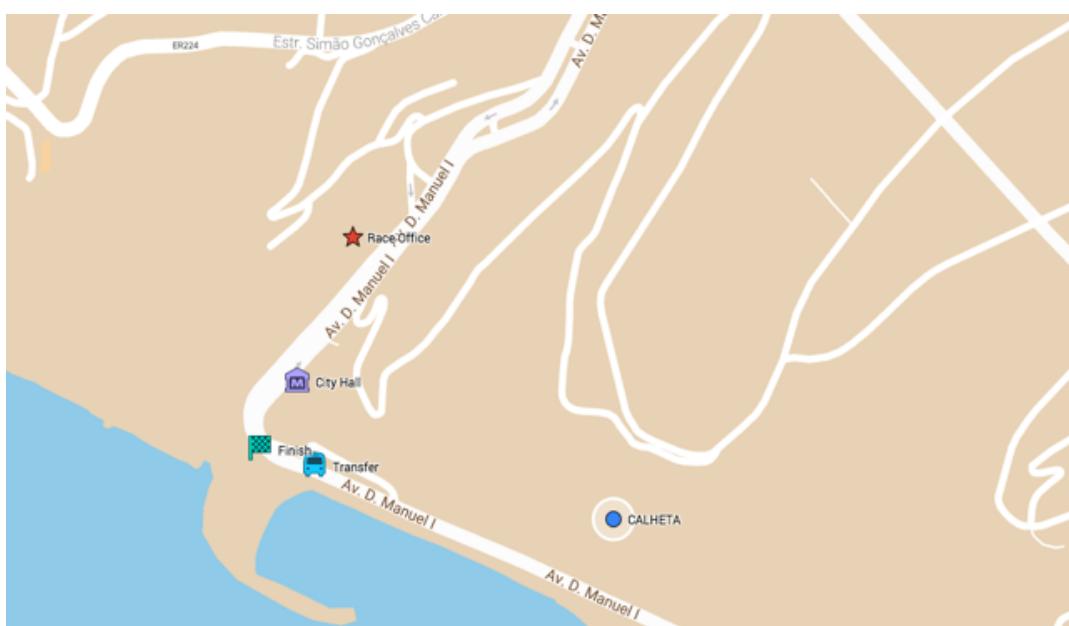
*Start Order: Master50; Master40; Master30; Cadet; Junior; Women; Elite*

15:30 – Estimated arrival of the last athlete

16:30 – Podium Ceremony

*Bar da Praia, by the beach, below City Hall.*

18:00 – Afterparty...



## TRAINING

The trainings are restricted to Saturday, at the times stipulated by the organization. You can stop and examine/repeat technical sections, without hindering the training of other athletes.

No training is allowed in the week before the race (From Sunday November 5, 0:00 till Saturday November 11, 10:00). However athletes can do reconnaissance on foot.

Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification of the athlete

## RACE DYNAMICS

After the briefing, athletes go to the shuttles, departing for Fonte do Bispo (top of the mountain). At 09:30, the first athlete leaves to the first stage.

## START

Athletes start separated by a 30 seconds gap, except for the Top10 of Elites and Masters 30, separated by a 60 seconds gap.

The order of the categories: Duos, E-Bikes, Open, Masters 50; Masters 40; Masters 30; Cadets; Women; Juniors; Elites.

In between the categories will be a gap of a few minutes, defined by the organization.

The starting order list is the organization's responsibility and takes into account the various rankings and history of athletes present.

Athletes interested in changing this order, can do so by informing the organization, who will decide at the start (always inferior to the established ranking place).

## DELAYS

In case of late arrival at a stage, please present yourself to the commissary, and wait to be given a new starting spot.

The penalties are explained in the additional rule book specific to the race.

If the transfer time is exceeded for reasons beyond the athlete, the penalty does not apply.

## FEEDING ZONES

The race provides two feeding zones, one at end of stage 3 and second at midle of the biggest transfer.

There will be available: fruits; water; isotonic drink; gels and energy bars, hot drinks.

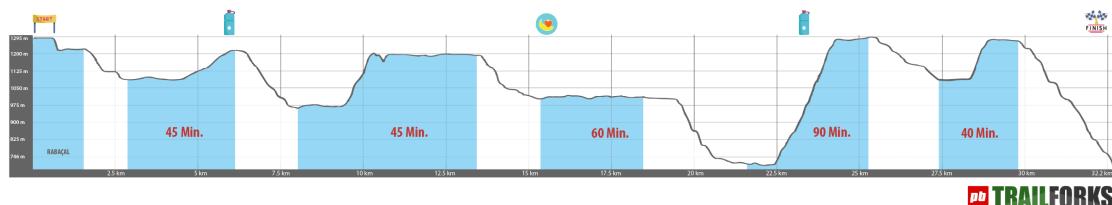
First aid

Note: It is not allowed to drop off any type of equipment, food or drink in this area. Be autonomous!

# TRANSFERS

The transfer times are counted from the end of a Special Stage till the beginning of the next. There will not be any kind of neutralization, athletes must manage these given times over the whole day.

During transfers on the road, it is mandatory to respect the traffic rules, and wear a helmet.



## TRANSFER 1

**45 min**      **2Km**      **200↗20↘**

From the final of ROLLIN' STONES, follow the dirt road up to Pico Gordo, the fat grassy hill. Ascent to the top of along the right side of the stage.

## TRANSFER 2

**60min**      **5,9Km**      **323↗67↘**

Follow the logging dirt road, staying flat, till you reach the picnic/parking area on the road.

Climb up the paved road till a corner where ends PEC1, and climb again the dirt road towards Pico Gordo.

Once back on the ER110 road, pedal West till the gate marking the start of PEC3 HUNTERS.

## TRANSFER 3

**60min**      **3,3Km**      **25↗40↘**

Climb back up the dirt road for 100m, and you will find the main feeding zone in the Hunters house.

Continue west on the flat dirt road passing two valleys.

## TRANSFER 4

**90min**      **7,1Km**      **631↗45↘**

Climb up the ER210, the main road used for shuttling the Calheta trails. There will be a small feeding zone halfway up.

At the top, turn right, direction Paul da Serra, and before the road descends again, enter on the right a bulldozed dirt road towards the epic SANDOKAN trail,

## TRANSFER 5

**40min**      **3,2Km**      **191↗53↘**

Climb back up same as before, turn also right, and start descending till the start gate of Back to Black, in a corner.

## FINAL TRANSFER

**30min**      **10Km**      **62↗766↘**

Going on the highway, through the tunnels, is forbidden)

Ride down back to the village of Prazeres, and turn left on ER222.

Follow that old road all the way down till Estrela (after a small climb), and at the GALP gas station, turn right to descend back to Calheta beach on ER224.

Download your timing chip at the race officials desk to complete the race, and enjoy a nice drink with your mates!

# SPECIAL STAGES

The six "PECs" (= timed Special Stages) are characterized by a diversity of terrain, vegetation and landscapes. The trails are exclusively descending, and lots of them follow ridges, used by shepherds to reach the high mountains. They all face South, and at the end of the day, you will witness the magic happen!




## PEC 1 - ROLLIN' STONES

800m

0 ↗ 148 ↘

*It was a surprise for us to discover this trail. Initially thought of as an addition to Cabeças, we soon realized that it had the potential to be a Sandokan Enduro stage. It's short, but intense. Technical, but fun.*

## PEC 2 - CABEÇAS

2400m

0 ↗ 271 ↘

*This stage has been in Sandokan since the first edition. Before entering the old path, the course takes place on the open grassy hill, and it is obligatory to pass through the taped "gates". The final part is in the old rocky singletrack.*

## PEC 3 - HUNTERS

1500m

12 ↗ 198 ↘

*This stage underwent a change in its route by request of the IFCN, in order to follow the original trail. The new sections appear mid-course, in rocky faces and singletrack.*

## PEC 4 - RED LINE

2150m

0 ↗ 279 ↘

*Back in Sandokan, the Red Line is a fast and flowy stage. Recovered from fires, it has some sections renovated to make it more sustainable. Its beginning is epic, atop a narrow ridge facing the ocean.*

## PEC 5 - SANDOKAN

1900m

0 ↗ 192 ↘

*Reborn from the ashes, the stage that gives the name to the event returns as promised. From a firebreak bulldozed dirt road was born a new singletrack to begin with. Once inside the famous toboggans, the rollercoaster of emotions begins. Includes new sections rescued from oblivion.*

## PEC 6 - BACK TO BLACK

2800m

0 ↗ 506 ↘

*Last year, this was for many the best stage ever. The recovery of the upper section made it very special. It's the longest, the most technical and the best way to finish the Sandokan Enduro 2017.*

# MAP

General map with more details can be found here:  
<http://www.trailforks.com/route/sandokan-enduro-2017>



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