



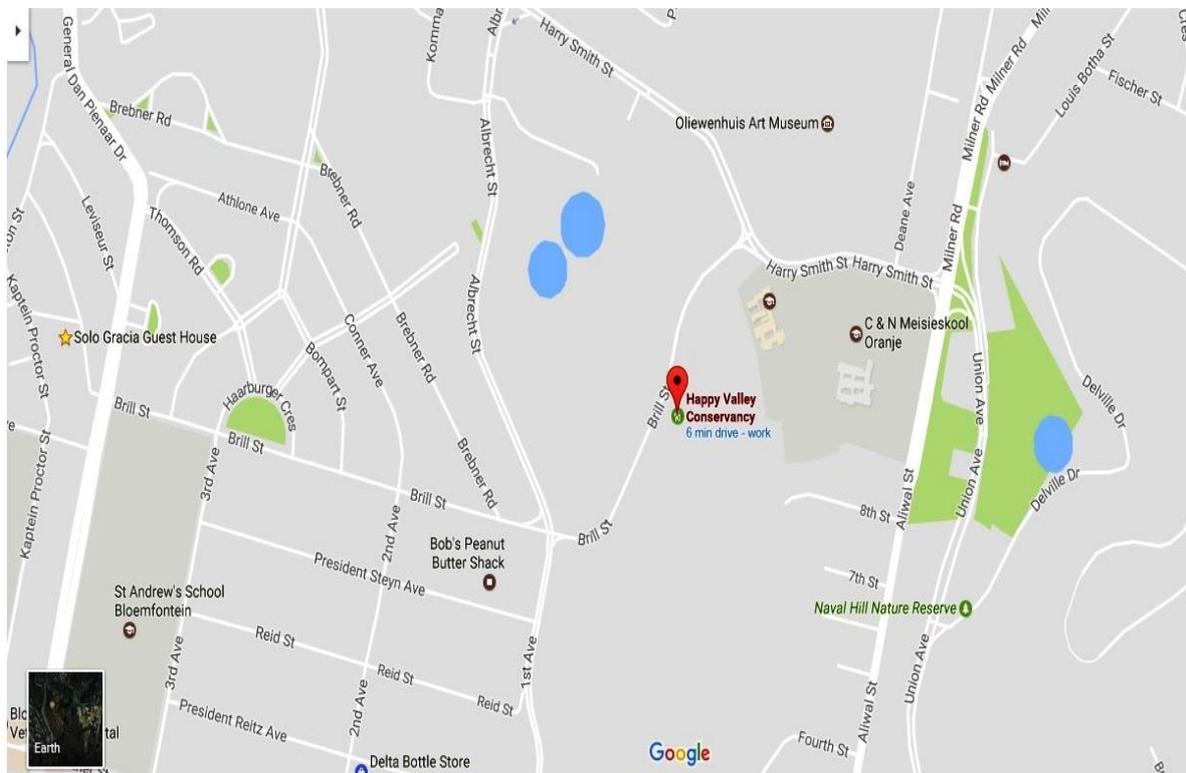
S.A MTB Cup Series 2017 – Happy Valley Conservancy Bloemfontein:

Venue and Accommodation

The third round of the Cycling South Africa’s 2017 S.A MTB Cup Series will be held at the Happy Valley Conservancy in the City of Bloemfontein. The venue is easy accessible and in the heart of Bloemfontein, and only 13km from the Bloemfontein Airport. The Happy Valley Conservancy is surrounded by a full range of accommodation facilities, with one of the best being **Solo Gracia Guesthouse**, only 1,4km from the venue.

Happy Valley Conservancy is situated in Brill Street between Harry Smith Street, Aliwal Street, Collins Road and First Avenue.

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Places Of interest

Places of interest nearby include the Loch Logan Waterfront Mall and Mimosa Mall, where the not-so-keen cyclists can visit for shopping or refreshments. Franklin Nature Reserve (Naval Hill – where the large statue of Nelson Mandela is situated) is also nearby. This nature reserve is one of the only Nature Reserves in the world to be situated within the perimeters of a city.

Other attractions include Cheetah Experience, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bagamoya Wildlife Estate and the Anglo Boer War Museum to name a few.

If there is a mechanical during practice, then we have some of the best Cycling Shops in South Africa, with **Cycle World**, **Cyclotech** and **Enduro Planet** just around the corner from the venue and will also be there to help at the venue on the 5th and 6th of May.

Route

The 2016 course was well received by most of the participants and was praised for being very “flowing”, for its natural obstacles and spectator friendly design. The only change to the 2017 course is:

- A short 100m single track climb and downhill on the last part of the course
- Some upgrades to the pump track and the “Grey’t Drop” in the beginning of the course

The 2017 course will be 5.0km in length, with 170m vertical ascent. It features hand built single track with plenty of overtaking opportunities with two challenging climbs of 660m (50m ascent) and 350m (40m ascent), natural rock gardens, pump (flow) track, gap jumps, drop offs and two technical downhill’s.

This year’s course will have one Tech/Feed Zone at the Start/Finish area and a Tech Zone just after the Rock Garden Descent.

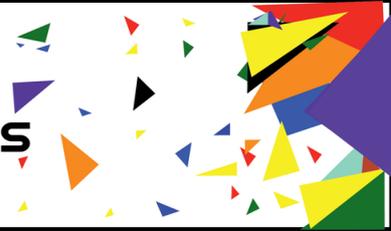
Event

There will be two food vendors on race day the 6th of May in support of Husky Rescue Bloemfontein and the Woodlands Hills Church. Gourmet Coffee will also be available for the caffeine addicts!

There will be one big entertainment area at the start/finish area with TV’s airing live footage of the event. The event can also be viewed via live streaming on **Steamit 360**.



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Route Map - Preliminary

