



# The Teva Adventure Series Goes Wild in the West!

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The Wild, Wild West played host to a day of adventure, mayhem and fun as teams lined up for the inaugural Teva Adventure

Series in Perth in 2007. In a day that included the challenge of an awesome aerial runway, an underground tunnel system, the archery range, mountain biking, trekking, orienteering and a whole lot more, teams lined up to take on the challenge of an adventure race with a difference!

Beautiful Langford Park and Manjedal Recreation Centre played host to the wild antics of the event and set the perfect back drop for a day of adventure in the outdoors! The day kicked off with bright sunshine, but the weather didn't outshine the enthusiasm of the competitors as they lined up at registration, keen to find out what was in store.



The Teva Adventure Series is an event with a difference. Participants only find out the exact race location 5 days before the event and the course is revealed just one hour before the start. Strategy and planning play a part in the outcome as well as a team's physical fitness, mountain

biking ability and navigational skills.

With basic navigation (if teams can read a street map, they usually have no problem navigating) and courses that provide alternative route options depending on your skills and abilities, The Teva Adventure Series is perfect for beginners to come along and try their hand at one of Australia's fastest growing sports, while still keeping the more experienced and competitive teams competing right up until the final checkpoint.

With only one hour to plan, Race HQ fell eerily quiet as most teams, planned, strategised and set their plans for the day, while others chose to chill out and take things as they came!

As always with the Teva Adventure Series teams should assume nothing and expect anything, and the race brief offered a few clues (if you were switched on) to help teams along the way. The race started with the first twist of the day as Captains and teams were separated in the mayhem of 'Prison Break'. It was here that team captain's found out if they really had chosen the right team mates. Most were pleasantly surprised, some were left wondering ☺



After the bedlam at HQ it was off on the first leg of the course with the Premier Mixed teams on the first mountain bike leg taking in the northern area of Langford Park, and the Male & Female teams taking on the challenge of a trekking leg with a difference.

The trekking leg saw teams having to visit 3 compulsory check points, where 2 other check points were revealed at each of these. Teams had to plan the best and shortest route to collect 6 of the 9 while also having to find a secret hidden checkpoint in the underground tunnel system. It was head torches on as teams were lowered into the tunnel system to search for the illusive check point, but most emerged smiling, wet & muddy, ready to take on the next challenge.

On the Mountain Bike leg teams arrived at TA 5 and were confronted with a few surprises, which they weren't expecting. They took on the Mountain Designs 'Gear for Places You'd Rather Be' challenge and their first road block of the day with 'Movies or Music', which saw teams performing, singing and laughing their way through the Teva Fun One Challenge.



It was back to HQ after these legs where teams slid, flung, aimed, scored and targeted their way through 'Slippery When Wet' and 'Flying Monkeys'.



There was another sneaky twist before the next leg with teams finding out they had to head back into the scout camp with a choice of 'Target It' where teams took on the challenge of the archery range to score a Teva Bulls Eye or the sheer thrill of the aerial runway system to 'Fly It!'. The brave flew through the air with the greatest of ease and the more cautious took aim!



The final leg was a beautiful mountain bike course set in the south of Langford Park, where teams arrived at TA 11 for a surprise leg, and to take on the Men's Health 'Choose Your Own Adventure Challenge'. Teams found that teamwork, attention to detail, a good memory, and some ingenious approaches saved them time and leg work in this challenge.

Then, time to head for the finish line back at HQ. Though every team looked like winners as they crossed the finish line. The teams to make it there before the rest were....

### **Premier Mixed**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Orienteering Western Australia**

*Motto: Superfast through the forest*

John Toomey, Sarah Dunnage, Pete Shanley

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> We're Nuts & Bolts**

*Motto: Engineering Killed My Inner Child*

Rachel Chester, Jason Wallington, Heinrich Williamson

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Born To Be Wild**

Jane Windsor, Greg Windsor, Pip Windsor

### **Male**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> PWC Predators**

Mark Duncan, Mark Grobricki, Guy Moore

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Ferriting Ringpieces**

Chris Hendricks, John Callie, John Van Dyk

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> The Penguinz**

*Motto: Watch Out for the Polar Bear*

Cameron Kingwell, Kent Morgan, Paul Harrison

### **Female**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Boozy Floozies**

Kirstie Macgregor, Ngaire Caruso, Nancy Caceras

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Go Hard or Go Home**

*Motto: Go Hard or Go Home*

Julie Neesam, Rachel Townsend, Lisa Booth

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Scorps**

*Motto: Pain is Weakness Leaving the Body*

Hong Tran, Naomi Hill, Lauren Hamilton

And in the most important part of the day, it was time for the **Teva Fun One Draw**. The Teva Fun One offers teams at the 'Let's Have Fun' end of the field the opportunity to choose to take on some extra challenges throughout the event to gain extra entries into a fantastic prize draw at the end of the day.

Prizes are awarded to all 3 team members and include Mountain Designs AR Starter packs valued at over \$360, Camelbak Hydration Packs, High 5 Nutrition Packs, Teva Footwear, Continental Tyre & Rudy Project Gift Packs, Mountain Designs Gift Vouchers, Men's Health Gift Packs, Race Elements Training Vouchers and Much More.



In Perth, it was great to see that teams not only know how to compete hard, they also know how to have fun along the way, and we saw an absolute

bucket load of entries in the 'Teva Fun One' Entry box!

And, in the most awaited announcement of the day it was time to see if anyone had uncovered the secret stash in '**Dash 4 The Stash**'. A secret stash was hidden somewhere out on the course and if teams deciphered the secret clue, found the location, and brought the stash back to HQ, there were some amazing prizes to be had. Team Mad Mongers were first on the scene at the stash and are now the proud owners of 3 Camelbak Hydration Packs!

Thank you to all the teams in Perth who made the Teva Adventure Series inaugural event in 2007 such fun and such a success and thank you for the many emails and fantastic feedback you have sent. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2008!

If you would like to find out more about the Teva Adventure Series and what's happening in your state check out:

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