

How to use the Margaret River Ultra Marathon downloadable .KML file on your phone

There is a downloadable GPS file of the entire Margaret River Ultra Marathon (MRUM) course on the event website and these instructions help explain how to use it on your phone so you can follow the course on a free mapping app.

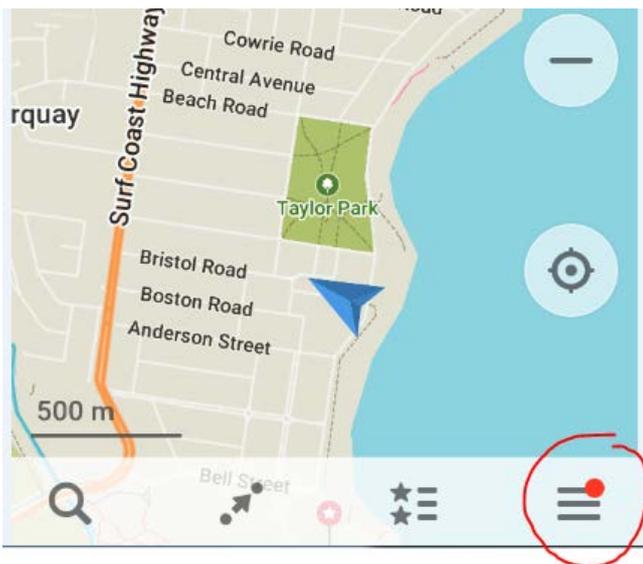
Follow this step by step guide and give us a call if you have any issues (03) 5261 5511.

STEP 1

On your smartphone install the [MAPS.ME](#) app. (MAPS.ME is a free mapping app that allows you to download maps and courses at home that live on your phone. Once downloaded it continues to work even when you are out of range or offline).



Once the app is downloaded, download the maps for Australia (or just Western Australia) so they are on your phone, do this by pressing the lower right button and selecting Download Maps...



STEP 2

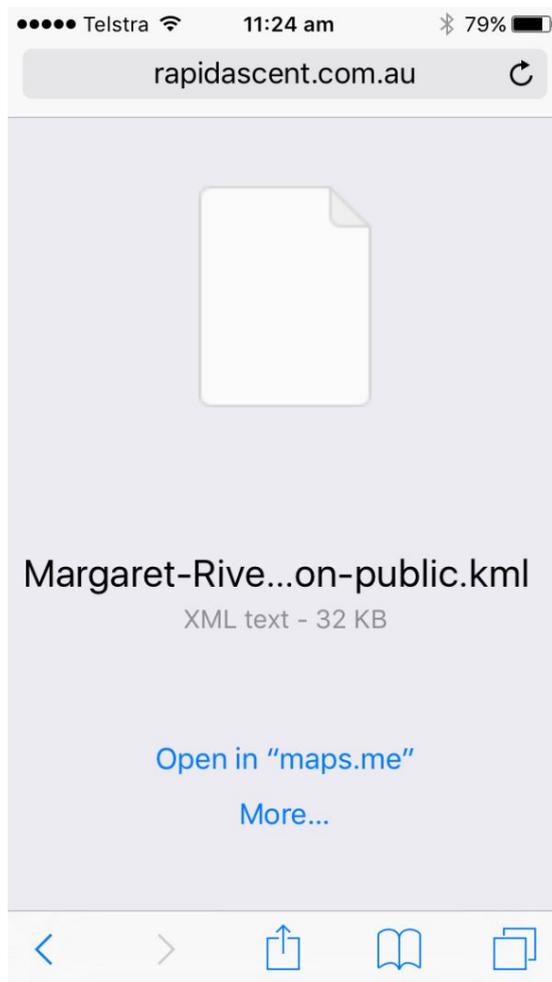
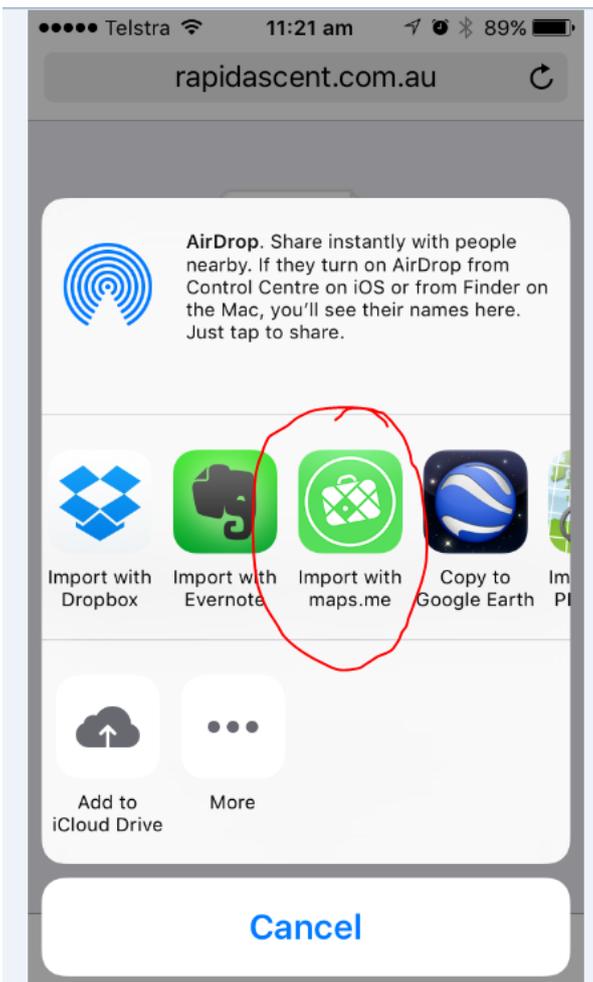
Go to event website [here](#) to download the .KML file and CLICK HERE:

<http://rapidascent.com.au/MargaretRiverUltra/eventdetails?curl=coursedescription#map%20download>

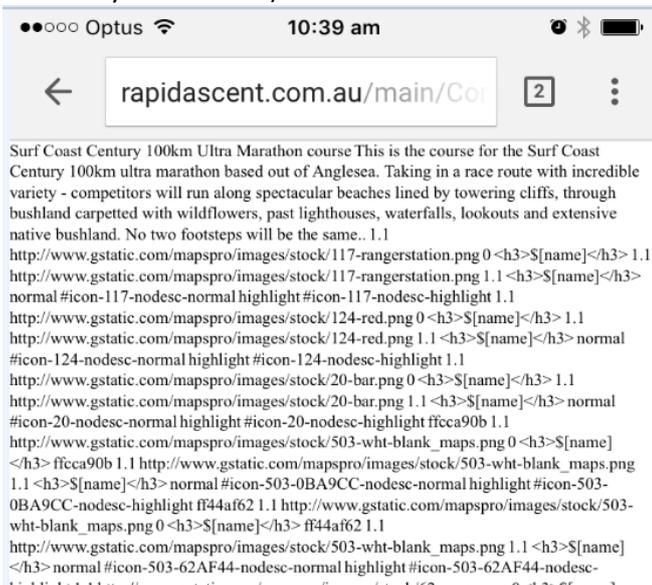
A screenshot of the event website. At the top, there is a small Google My Maps preview. Below it, the text reads "FULL COURSE MAP - DOWNLOAD HERE". Underneath, it says "Map Downloads - [CLICK HERE](#) to download a .KML copy of the full 80km course that you can import into your own device." Further down, it explains: "This link downloads a KML file to your phone / computer that can be used to help navigate the course during training / racing. It can be used on your GPS watch or mapping app on your phone ([CLICK HERE](#) for instructions how to download". The "CLICK HERE" link is circled in red.

STEP 3 – for iPhone

When you click the 'CLICK HERE' link it will download the file and open a new browser window that will look like one of these below, either way select the 'Open in Maps.Me' option.



GETTING AN ERROR? Some people seem to get a screen full of 'coding language' at this step, in this case you need to copy and paste the URL address for the page into a new browser window and then it works (especially when using Safari as your browser).



Once it has downloaded the GPS file, select 'Open in Maps Me' and the GPS track will be saved in 'Bookmarks'. Simply go to the 'Bookmarks' tab and select the Margaret River Ultra Marathon course, turn it to Visible and you will see it on the map.



STEP 3 – for Android

Note: it is a lot simpler if you have a Google account. (Most people do). If you do NOT have a Google account then you just need to save the file to your phone, there are a couple of ways to open from here. Follow these steps:

OPTION A

- 1 - Download the file to "Downloads" folder in your phone or device
- 2 - Open "Downloads" folder and press and hold on file you want to move to Maps.me
- 3 - When the file is highlighted select the icon for "share via" and select "Save to Drive"
- 4 - The document will ask if you want to "Cancel" or "Save". Select "Save"
- 5 - The file will be uploaded to "My Drive"
- 6 - Tap on the file in "My Drive" and it will ask you to open it with "Maps.Me" or "Use a different app"
- 7 - Select "Maps.Me" and it will take you to the app and you can find the file in bookmarks

OPTION B

- 1 - Download the file to "Downloads" folder in your phone or device
- 2 - Open "Downloads" folder and tap the file you wish to move to Maps.Me
- 3 - It will ask you to open it with "Maps.Me" or "Use a different app"
- 4 - Select "Maps.Me" and it will take you to the app and you can find the file in bookmarks

If you have a Google Account;

- 1 - Download the file to "My Drive"
- 2 - File automatically uploads to "Maps.Me" (If it doesn't automatically upload, follow steps 6 & 7 from OPTION A)

Final points:

- Maps.ME does NOT require reception to work. But when using it for the first time it is best to open Maps.ME when in reception as it helps it find where you are and orientate the maps.
- The map does not verbalise direction like Siri or Google Maps, eg "...run here, turn right here...!" it shows you where you are on the map and where the course is so you simply follow the line as displayed on the screen.
- When following the map and you come to a junction you are unsure about, start down one track for 10-20m and check on the map if you are in the right one, if not then backtrack and try the next
- Just remember to have your phone battery fully charged and 'Location Services' turned on in your phone settings so you can see where you are on the map!

... and that's it! The app continues to work when you are off-line or out of range and we find it to be very accurate when out and about.