



PAWS IN THE PINES

20TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

GNANGARA PINES, WA

Paws in the Pines is a single heat Canicross ONLY race and the final race hosted by the WA Sleddog Sports Association (WASSA) for the 2026 season will be held on Sunday 20th September 2026.

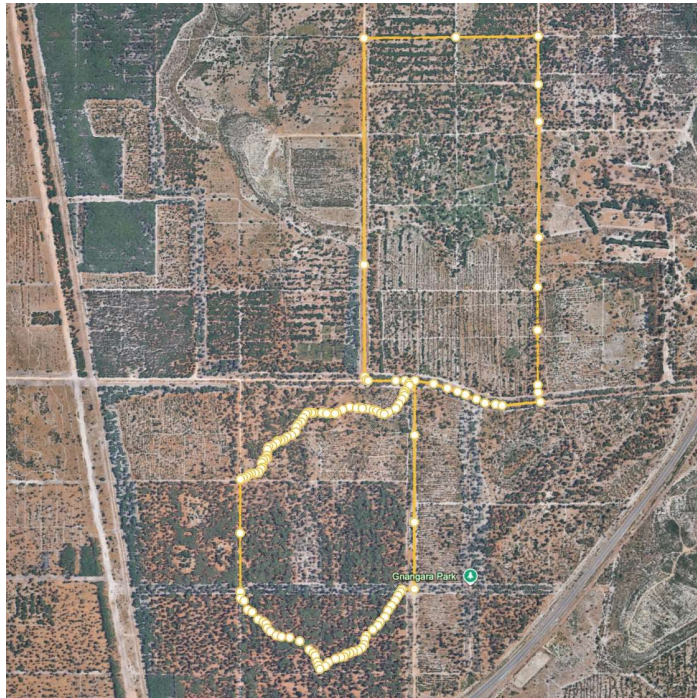
Check in at 6:30am, Race meeting at 7:00am. Race starts at 7:30am.

Two distances are offered, these distances will be run concurrently. The Long distance will start first with the short distance starting shortly after.

Short– approximately 3.7km



Long – approximately 9km



It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure their dogs have the required fitness level to run the distance entered.

Event will be run under the Australian Sleddog Sports Association (ASSA) race rules. All competitors must have appropriate equipment for human and dog.

Committee and race marshall may reduce the distance of each class if required on the day. Factors such as temperature and fitness affect this, we will follow the temperature chart outlined in the ASSA race rules. Dog and human safety is paramount.

Questions can be sent through to committee@wassa.com.au

Directions

Turn left onto Pessoa Road off Gnangara Road. Look for the WASSA signs. The turn into Pessoa Road is over a footpath. The gate will be open before 6.30am and pushed closed after this time but not locked. If entering late please close the gate behind you & drive slowly to WASSA Training car park – follow Pessoa Road to the T-intersection. Turn right and straight along until you reach the cars. WASSA HQ signs will be up. Do not park over the start or finish chutes.

If travelling from the east, the entrance is on the other side of the dual carriageway. There is a turning point opposite to the Rick Hammersley Centre turn.



Emergency Contact Info

EVH Emergency Vet Hospital 1 Chokolich St, Wangara Phone: 9200 4460 24 hours	Kingsway Veterinary Centre Kingsway Shopping Centre 168 Wanneroo Rd, Madeley Phone: 9309 9993 Saturday 9am – 4.30pm Sunday 10am – 12pm	AEC Emergency Vet Hospital 227 Great Eastern Highway, Midland Phone: 6500 3010 24 hours
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Parking

Parking will be available onsite. We ask you please ONLY park in the areas marked for parking on the day. Toilets available (portable toilets) towed near race HQ for your comfort.

Race Etiquette

All competitors and spectators are to remember the following to ensure safety of both humans and dogs on race days.

- All dogs are to remain on leads, stake out lines or drop lines at all times, if not secured in a cool car or trailer.
- All people and dogs are to remain clear of the racetracks when classes are running.
- **Do not stand in front of the start/finish line. please stay well behind the barriers.**
- Speak to owners of dogs before approaching their dogs.
- Keep a distance of at least 2 meters from staked out dogs, when walking/stretching your dogs.
- Clean up after yourselves and your dogs to ensure future use of race locations.
- For any enquiries or questions regarding the races please speak to a committee member or race official (race officials will be wearing high visibility vests).

The issued bib must be worn and visible at all times during the race.